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*Ex 18:13-18 (AMP) - **13** Next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. **14** When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, What is this that you do for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening? **15** Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God. **16** When they have a dispute they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God and His laws. **17** Moses' father-in-law said to him, <u>The thing that you are doing is not good.</u> **18** You will surely wear out both yourself and this people with you, for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it all by yourself.*

Some people get so much worth and value out of what they do that they won't let people help them. Or they have so much pride they think they're the only ones who can do it right.

One-sided relationships are not God's will.

We need to learn how to have boundaries that will keep us safe!

Is your life out of balance?

God sends people to help us and if we won't let them, even they get tired of it!

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*1 Pet 5:8 (AMP) - **8** Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.*

We have created an ADD society.

How do you keep your priorities straight?

You don't just keep your priorities straight, you're always straightening them out!

Anytime you get out of balance you're opening a door for the devil.

We have a lot of culturally imposed pressure.

Start managing your life and stop letting it manage you.

Ask God to show you everything you're doing that He never told you to do to.

*Psalm 91:1 (AMP) - **1** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand].*

The secret place is the Word of God!

The Word of God sets boundaries for our lives.

The Word of God is not a prison.

Everything single thing that God ever tells you to do is for your benefit.

We have to establish our boundaries.

"I'm going to live inside of the Word of God!"

When you live outside of the Word of God you get yourself in trouble!

Without margins or boundaries, life gets confusing.

Children are confused if there are no boundaries in their home.

People don't respect you if you let them take advantage of you.

Prov 22:7 (AMPC) - The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

You will be amazed at how fast things will turn around in your life if you'll start doing what God tells you to do.

The reason why people's lives are in a mess is they're not obeying the Word of God.

*Is 60:18 (AMP) - **18** Violence shall no more be heard in your land, nor devastation or destruction within your borders, but you shall call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.*

Don't let people take advantage of you.

Do you spend your time complaining about someone or talking about someone that you're not willing to talk to?

We talk <u>about</u> people and what they do to us and what they don't do for us. You have to be willing or bold enough to talk <u>to them</u>!

Jesus confronted people.

<u>REFLECT QUESTIONS:</u>

1) Is my life out of balance?

2) Do I need more margin? Ask God to show you everything you're doing that He never told you to do to.

3) Who in my life do I need to talk *to* and stop talking *about*?

4) How can I begin to start straightening out my priorities on a regular basis?

<u>VERSE MEDITATION:</u>

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<u>DAILY CONFESSIONS:</u>

"I live inside of the Word of God!"

"Thank you, God, that you lead and guide me in all things to make the best decisions for me and my family."