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Confrontation protects your borders.

Be careful about WHO you let into your life and how INTIMATE you become with them.

Along with borders you need border control.

Everybody who wants to be your friend doesn't have a right motive.

Do your friends add to your life or suck the life out of you?

We need to be careful about who we let into our life!

*1 Corinthians 5:9-11 (AMPC) - **9** I wrote you in my [previous] letter not to associate [closely and habitually] with unchaste (impure) people— **10** Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether! **11** But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person.*

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You are responsible for YOU!

Proverbs 4:23 (AMPC) - [23] Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

Jesus was very straight forward.

*Galatians 2:11-12 (AMPC) - **[11]** But when Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I protested and opposed him to his face [concerning his conduct there], for he was blameable and stood condemned. **[12]** For up to the time that certain persons came from James, he ate his meals with the Gentile [converts]; but when the men [from Jerusalem] arrived, he withdrew and held himself aloof from the Gentiles and [ate] separately for fear of those of the circumcision [party].*

We must be willing to speak up and be willing to confront situations.

Book – Caring Enough to Confront by David Augsburger

There is proper timing when it comes to confronting people.

We need to respect one another, treat people right, respect people's boundaries.

Decide not to be in a relationship with people who don't respect you or your boundaries.

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You'll have to confront people from time to time when they don't respect your boundaries.

It's time to grow up! We need to get to doing what God wants us to do!

*Luke 9:23-24 (AMPC) - **23** And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also]. **24** For whoever would preserve his life and save it will lose and destroy it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he will preserve and save it [from the penalty of eternal death].*

*1 Cor 15:31 (AMPC) - **31** [I assure you] by the pride which I have in you in [your fellowship and union with] Christ Jesus our Lord, that I die daily [I face death every day and die to self].*

Every single day I say yes to God no matter what it costs me personally, and no to everything else.

Stop saying YES to people when God is saying NO in your heart. And stop saying NO to people when God is saying YES in your heart!

REFLECT QUESTIONS:

1) Do your friends add to your life or suck the life out of you?

2) Are there relationship issues you're trying to pray away that you need to deal with and confront?

3) Am I respecting the boundaries of others?

4) Is there a situation where I know I need to change or grow in?

VERSE MEDITATION:

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DAILY CONFESSIONS:

"I live inside of the Word of God!"