

LESSON 27

Topic: Christian ethics and boundaries

Text: Psalm 1:1- 6; Proverbs 4:14-15

Aim: To understand the importance of living by Christian standard, how to establish and maintain them.

Introduction: We live in a world where there is a decline in moral values, standards and behaviours. This include corruption, immorality, dishonesty, selfishness, inhumanity and disregard for God's principles. Christians are called to live differently, guided by the word and Spirit of God. These widespread decline is deeply affecting Christian ethics, which are biblical principles that guide how believers should live. Christian Ethics shape how we behave, while boundaries protect our minds, hearts and relationships. Failure to set standards and respect boundaries leads to compromise and spiritual decline. This study points out the need for Christian Ethics and boundaries.

Discussion Questions:

1. (a) What are Christian Ethics and boundaries? Micah 6:8
(b) Mention some Christian ethics in these passages: Gal. 5:22 - 23; Eph.4:25; 1 Peter 1:15; Phil.2:3-4
2. Identity some practical ways Christians can set boundaries. Discuss (Phil.4:8; Prov. 13 :20; Eph.4:29; 1Thes.5:22; Prov. 4:23)
3. What are some dangers of ignoring Christian Ethics and boundaries? Discuss (1 Cor. 15:33; James 4:4)
4. What benefits do Christians get from maintaining Christian ethics and setting boundaries?

Discuss (Psalm 1:2-3; Prov. 4:18)

Conclusion: Despite the moral decay in our world, Christians are called to live differently. Christian ethics and boundaries are blessings and not burdens. They are based on God's word and not on what is popular or acceptable in the society. They lead to purity, peace, and power (PPP). When we choose God's ways we become light in a dark world. So God is looking for believers who will stand for truth, holiness, and righteousness. Christians should set boundaries in their lives to help them align with God's will and grow to maturity. Setting boundaries is a wise spiritual practice that every Christian should embrace.

Memory Verse: Psalms 1:1. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful".