



The Value of Connection

Four Basic Restraints that God has built into human life:

1. Personal, Internal Restraint

Romans 2:14-15 NLT “Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.”

2. Parental/Family Restraint

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:15 CEV “All children are foolish, but firm correction will make them change.”

Ephesians 6:4 NLT “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.”

1. Governmental/Societal Restraint

Romans 13:1-2 “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God...”

2. Church (The People of God) Restraint

Matthew 16:18 “...I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth;”

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world.”

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men...”

2 Thessalonians 2:7 “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.”