

GUARDRAILS

✓ A system designed to keep vehicles from _____ into dangerous or _____ areas.

✓ Personal Guardrails are standards of _____ that become matters of _____.

(Proverbs 27:12 NIV) "The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it."

✓ Lines _____ buffer zones.

✓ Before we hit a guardrail we have to cross a _____.

TIME TO DECIDE

✓ No matter what this fact holds true - whatever lines you _____ will not stop _____ you.

✓ As Christians, we are challenged to draw _____ that help us live a life that _____ God.

(Daniel 1:5 NIV) "The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that, they were to enter the king's service."

1. Compromises _____ erase tension. They only _____ our _____.

(Daniel 1:8 NIV) "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself in this way."

2. Daniel made up his mind _____ he knew how the story would _____.

3. Daniel made up his mind _____ he knew how the story would end _____.

(Daniel 1:9 NIV) "Now God caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel..."

(Daniel 1:17 NIV) "To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds."

(Daniel 1:19 NIV) "The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service."

✓ We have to make up our minds _____ because we _____ we won't like the end if we don't.

(Proverbs 11:3 NIV) "The integrity of the upright guides them..."

✓ Our _____ regrets _____ be avoided.

GUARDRAILS

- ✓ A system designed to keep vehicles from **STRAYING** into dangerous or **OFF-LIMIT** areas.
- ✓ Personal Guardrails are standards of **BEHAVIOR** that become matters of **CONSCIENCE**.

(Proverbs 27:12 NIV) "The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it."

- ✓ Lines **DEFINE** buffer zones.
- ✓ Before we hit a guardrail we have to cross a **LINE**.

TIME TO DECIDE

- ✓ No matter what this fact holds true - whatever lines you **CROSS** will not stop **TEMPTING** you.
- ✓ As Christians, we are challenged to draw **LINES** that help us live a life that **HONORS** God.

(Daniel 1:5 NIV) "The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that, they were to enter the king's service."

1. Compromises **DO NOT** erase tension. They only **WEAKEN** our **RESOLVE**.

(Daniel 1:8 NIV) "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself in this way."

2. Daniel made up his mind **BEFORE** he knew how the story would **END**.
3. Daniel made up his mind **BECAUSE** he knew how the story would end **IF HE DIDN'T**.

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- ✓ We have to make up our minds **NOW** because we **KNOW** we won't like the end if we don't.

(Proverbs 11:3 NIV) "The integrity of the upright guides them..."

- ✓ Our **FUTURE** regrets **CAN** be avoided.