

Healthy Hedges
Living with Godly Limitations

Robert Frost's "Mending Wall"
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- **Boundaries**
– Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend

The "Law of Sowing and Reaping"

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

Galatians 6: 7-8

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- This positions us to teach the truth of God's word - and to be a life which is a canvas truth is painted on.

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"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches."
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Cultivating God's hedges Reaping and Sowing

