



Monday Matters

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Take It to the Limit

We all know well about boundaries or limits in life. What good are they? Do they take away from your life experiences...or do they in fact add to your life, helping you structure parts of your life that are complicated and unpredictable?

We don't always like limits and sometimes they seem like a nuisance, but there are times we depend on them and know they are there to help us along in making decisions and figuring life out. They become a definition for us in many ways.

Here is a list of limits we experience frequently...some every day:

- Credit card limits
- Limits on overdraft protection on your checking account
- Limit on how far one can drive on a tank of gas
- Speed limits on the road



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Quote of the Week

- Term limits on the presidency of US presidents
- Limits on food in-take to remain healthy
- Limits on how many pills allowed in a prescription
- Limits on how fast a race horse can run
- Limits on seasonal growing times
- Limits on day light
- Age limit on voting
- Limit on how many people can board an airplane



You could probably add many items to this list. In attempting to make this list, I began to think that I am limited on my thinking about limits.

God is infinite, all-powerful, all-knowing and all-able. There are no limits restricting God. Our human nature limits God. Do we think His nature falls within limits because that is how we perceive our world?

Psalm 78 recounts that the Israelites did not remember God's power and how He redeemed them from the oppressor. In verse 41 they turned their back and tempted God and limited the Holy One of Israel. Israel diminished their expectations of an unlimited God. They put their own limitations on God. They failed to remember how He historically validated His power through signs and wonders.

When a person turns in repentance to the Lord he begins to understand what God can do - that God can do things that are unlimited. He can forgive and give grace. God can give freedom and liberty. He can do these things even when we cannot, because we often live in limited terms.

"Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you (live in Me, and I will live in you). Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine,

"In the Law of God, there is no statue of limitations."

~Robert Louis Stevenson~

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neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me."
(John 15:4) Here is the limitless part - if we live
according to His will and we allow Him to grow and
change us according to His purposes we will become
fruitful - producing fruit without limits.

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