

Law #7: The Law of Proactivity.

Law Defined: Problems are solved by actions based on your values, wants, and needs.

Common reactions to reality:

Tantrums Defiance Whining Impulsivity Fighting

Traits of Reactivity

1. Responses are _____ not actions. Responsibility is _____ upon someone else.

2. Reactions are _____. They use their freedom to _____ as a means to _____.

Gal 5:15-16 But if instead of showing love among yourselves you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

3. Reactive fences are not _____ driven.

Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Prov 14:17 Those who are short-tempered do foolish things....

Protest _____ the problem, it doesn't _____ the problem.

Five Realities of Proactivity

1. Proactive fences come from the _____ of reactive fences.

2. Proactive fences encompass what we are _____ and what we are _____.

Prov 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates – no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers.

Micah 6:8 The LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

2 Cor 9:7 For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.

3. Proactive fences mean others can't _____.

4. Proactive fences are not about _____, but about _____.

Romans 12:17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

5. Proactive fences are _____ over time.

When protest is joined with learned skills, it will produce a _____, value-based person.

Some Skills:

1. _____ instead of reacting
2. _____
3. _____
4. Problem _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. Other _____

Summary Chart

Reactive Fences	Proactive Fences
Signals something is wrong	Fixes what is broken
Focus on dislikes	Focus on likes and dislikes
Emotionally driven, impulsive, little to no reflection	Value based, reflective
Deals with the frustration no matter the consequences	Consequences matter
Motivated by justice and revenge	Motivated by responsibility and righteousness
Others control	You control
No solution	Solution