## October 19, 2016 "Three Checkpoints along your Path" Various Scriptures

- I. The Blueprint "Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)
  - a. When I'm aggravated (James 1:20) "for man's anger does not accomplish God's righteousness."
  - **b.** When my kids push my boundaries (Colossians 3:21) *"Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged."*
  - **c.** When others complain (Proverbs 15:1) "A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath."
  - d. When I'm frustrated (1 Corinthians 11:1 see above)
  - e. When I'm angry (Ephesians 4:26-27) "Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and don't give the Devil an opportunity."
  - f. When I feel overwhelmed (John 15:5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me."
- **II. Gut Check** (Psalm 25:9) *"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way."*

III. Opened and Closed Doors (Revelation 3:7) "Write to the angel of the church in Philadelphia: "The Holy One, the True One, the One who has the key of David, who opens and no one will close, and closes and no one opens says: <sup>8</sup> "I know your works. Because you have limited strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name, look, I have placed before you an open door that no one is able to close."

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