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Compromise

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Some have to bury their faith since it has been dead for long time in the morgue of compromise.

Compromise is the great wickedness of the present day church. Majority of the Christians are compromising with the world system and they have no slight idea about it.

Today most believers are no longer standing. They are no longer courageous. They no longer know what to believe, and if they do, they do not hold on to it. They let truth slip away; they seek for the middle course, they compromised their beliefs, conviction, integrity and standards. The things of the world cannot benefit the soul and yet many Christians are dying to compromise it.

They formed the unity of men at the expense of biblical standards, morals and values. Religion is the greatest opposition to the truth; it is ritual without reality, and worship in watered-down truth. A unity based on compromising strong belief is a shallow, fragile and ungodly unity. Christians (if indeed they are true believers) are selling God out of compromise for the sake of an unscriptural unity. They modified the message to meet the masses, and multiply the money.

Welcome to the age of compromise!

- The constitution of every nation is wrapped in bundles of compromises.
- Politicians compromise convictions to secure votes and pass legislation.
- Police compromise to avoid riots in the streets.
- The army compromise to avoid further bloodshed and destruction.
- Employers compromise to keep employees from unionizing and stopping production.
- Parents compromise with children to keep them under their custody.
- Couples compromise with the spouse to remain living under the same roof.

The meltdown of morals, norms, and standards:

- Broken distinction between sexes
- Lesbian and gays marry
- Broken line of authority in all levels
- Flattery of children over honors of parents

- Acceptance based on sincerity
- Socially fashionable: Give no opinion of others
- Religiously politeness: Discussion is not allowed
- Politically correct: welcome everyone
- Unity for all: accept everyone

Compromise in man's relationships with each other is a necessary means of living together in an imperfect society. Concessions are made every day by all of us, and that is very necessary, that means giving in to get along with some encumbrances. While compromise is a necessary evil that we all must live with while we live among each other, there is one area in the universe where we cannot compromise. And there is one Person that will not compromise with you or with anyone else. God cannot compromise His Person, plan, principles, power, purpose, provision, and precepts.

- Women preachers
- Churches sponsored televised bingo social
- Casual worship
- Ecumenical services
- Contemporary worship
- Church growth conference with Mormons, Catholics and others

The world is looking for Christians who are:

- Selling themselves just for anything
- Lack discipline and determination to win
- Passive and naïve regarding their spiritual life
- Lacking focus and concentration on the essential
- Love the world and things of the world more than God and Bible doctrine

The kingdom of God is looking for men who are:

- Not for sale
- Not coward but courageous
- Willing to die or become poor
- Determined to fight to the finish
- Not going to give up their faith even when intimidated, threatened or persecuted
- Unwilling to compromise even for the exchange of power, riches, glory, honor and fame of the cosmic system.

The avenue for compromise:

- Soul empty with Bible doctrine
- Muddled with wrong priorities
- Confused with false concepts of happiness
- Ignorance of Bible doctrine
- Negative volition toward Bible doctrine
- Seeking happiness in the world
- No contentment

No contentment:

- With what you are
- With whom you are with
- With what you have
- With where you are now

If the individual does not have contentment now, it means he will have no contentment in the future. True happiness does not depend on what you have. Unhappiness does not depend on what you do not have.

Our objective is for the glory of God and that glory peaks in the eternal state. So, if you are going to live in the hope that God has for you, you need to look forward to a better time than now, you need to focus on eternity. The key is in loving and glorifying God and sticking to His plan no matter what pressures arise. If you have in your soul God's hope you will be able to handle any type of problems life presents. To compromise your morals and values for the fun of today is not living in God's absolute confidence. Your estimation of the future is what gives you a fantastic edge on problem solving in time.

5 Uses of faith in the Bible:

- Misplaced faith: pseudo-faith –the compromised faith also known as the misdirected faith
- Saving faith – at the point of believing in Christ alone by faith alone
- Inhale faith – at the point of intake of Bible doctrine (Heb. 4:2)
- Exhale faith –at the point application of Bible doctrine (Heb. 13:7)
- Faith as the body of what is believed (Col. 1:23, 1 Tim. 4:1)

Pseudo-faith: the misplaced faith is rooted in three factors:

- Fake salvation due fake gospel (salvation plus something plan of salvation)
- Fake Bible doctrine due to pastors who are lazy to study the Bible from its original languages
- Fake application of Bible doctrine or wrong application due to total ignorance of doctrine

The problems we go through are designed by the god of this world (Satan) to lure us away from God's plan and the Christians without Bible doctrine in the souls, immediately give up the fight. God can take such pressure and turn the situation into a blessing for those with hope. Whatever God allows us to go through is designed for us to depend and rely on Him and give our dependency on ourselves. Actually the sufferings we go through today afford us the opportunity to strengthen our hope and glorify God.

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 describes your life as a believer if you are willing to live in God's plan. Greatness in the eternal state takes a lot of training and suffering in this life. As heirs of Christ we are not only called to His glory but we are also called to share in His sufferings for the sake of spiritual strength, (Romans 8:17). Hope and suffering are intimately related. Success based on God's standards

equals endurance in His plan with absolute confidence toward the future. The non-compromising faith is certain to receive glorious blessing both in time and eternity.

Satan hates you (Church Age believers as well as hates everyone else), and has a terrible plan for your life. And, Satan is a master at packaging sin to make it look appealing. He lures us to pursue a deadly course of action which proves to be other than what it appears. The devil plays with our minds, attempting to cause us to think wrongly about the choices we have made. Unknown to us, (those without Bible doctrine resident in the soul) he has broken into our thinking and is switching our values around. Through this subtle deception he remarks what is most valuable and sells it to us the cheap alternative. Beware: Satan knows how to make you compromise.

Satan places a high value on that which God says is worthless. He is a salesman that can easily sell anything that has no value in the eternity. He presents half-truths in the form of flaming missiles and once inside the believer's soul distorts the course of truth luring his victim to compromise his commitment to obedience to the word of God. Pray that you will not compromise with temptation of falling into trap of choosing the non-essential of the world in exchange for the heavenly things with eternal values (Matthew 26:41). "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing (positive volition), but the body is weak" (infected with old sinful nature waiting anytime to compromise).

The arrogant Christians are thinking that they can satisfy their curiosity by compromising and easily get out of it, whenever they want but that is too risky (1 Corinthians 10:12), since Satan is the master of deception. The Scripture give numerous warning related to this. Don't even start down an evil path (Proverbs 4:14-15). "Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way." "Don't let sinners influence you (Proverbs 1:10). "My son, if sinners entice you, does not give in to them. You don't have to give in to compromise, (1 Corinthians 10:13) because if you are determine not to give in, you will see the faithfulness of God in providing you victory.

We are commanded not to give the devil a chance; a room, an opportunity, a foothold in our soul (Ephesians 4:27). Compromising with the devil is like giving up everything you have for the sake of a bowl of earthly pleasure. There can be no compromise when it comes to the devil, we are either for Christ or Satan (Matthew 12:30). The ignorant or arrogant believer fall into compromise considering the gains they might benefit from it, not knowing that Satan never pay anything to traitors and compromisers of their faith. It is irrational to think that as Christians, your enemies are able to give you something that you believe that God is holding back to

you. God withhold things we do not need, He delay things we are not ready and He prohibits things that will destroy our life and our relationship with Him.

Areas where majority of the Christians compromise in dating, relationship and marriage:

- Choosing an unbeliever for date
- Choosing an unbeliever for relationship
- Choosing a married person for relationship
- Choosing sex outside marriage
- Choosing to live-in before marriage
- Choosing to marry an unbeliever
- Choosing a complicated relationship
- Choosing to allow the unbelieving spouse to control your relationship with God
- Choosing to allow a person you love or you hate to sidetrack and distract your focus on God
- Choosing the details of life to dominate and manipulate your spiritual life
- Choosing to please someone by neglecting your relationship with God

Compromise in dating: "Every time you date someone with an issue that you are selecting someone outside the fence of God's preference for you, you are under the act of compromise. You might reason that it is just dating not getting into marriage. Why go dating someone if you do not have the intention of marrying that person? The imperative command not to equally yoke with the unbeliever concern from the start of choosing your date, getting into a relationship and ends in marriage. Marriage is the state where you cannot return.

Compromise in marriage: A man's wife is his compromise with the illusion of his first sweetheart and when the illusion disappears, compromise with his wife ends and marriage falls apart. Good wives have to compromise sometimes, while good husbands are to compromise all the time. Compromise is an amiable arrangement between husband and wife whereby they agree to let her have her own way with his own money.

Fear is used in two ways in the Bible, in a positive way as in fear, respect, awe, or reverence toward God and in a negative way as in sinful fear categorized as mental attitude sinning. The sin of fear is characterized by panic when in a dangerous situation or under sudden pressure. When someone is intimidated they generally compromise their norms and standards. In such a state, principle no longer matters to the one who is panic stricken. Fear is a painful emotional distress aroused by impending pain, danger, disaster, evil, or by illusions regarding the same. Whether fear is spurred on by reality or imagination, it is still sinful. Fear is an indictment against God. It is in actuality you saying you do not trust in God coming through for you but rather, you expect God to fail you!

Personal love when misdirected toward a person becomes a dangerous gateway for compromise. Compromise divides and it cannot unite anything for good:

- Compromise conviction falls into loss of faith
- Compromise loyalty ends into betrayal of trust
- Compromise priority results to loss of worth
- Compromise of respect turns into aversion
- Compromise of values results to degeneracy

Compromise in the non-essentials is permissible but not in the spiritual realm. Every Church Age believer must stand inflexible in areas of spiritual life. When it comes to priority of relationship with God, nothing and no should be above it. Prudence and compromise are necessary means, but every man should have an impudent end which he will not compromise his relationship with God and priority of Bible doctrine though it may cost him much.

Never cut short your waiting with compromise. Simply put, the waiting's not over until the waiting's done. Doing the right thing in the right way demands God's timing. God's timing requires patience in waiting for God to do things in His own way. The cosmos diabolicus promote urgency disguised as decisiveness. Decisiveness for many means making fast, instant urgent decision when under panic. One of the first thing to manifest as evidence of spiritual maturity is the ability to wait upon God through daily intake of Bible doctrine for guidance and instruction.

Compromise common risk factors:

1. Failure to recognize our subtle enemies, their weapons, tactics, strategies, weakness and strength.
2. Failure to recognize yourself with OSN and its weakness and strength.
3. Failure to recognize your own inabilities and insufficient that you can do nothing apart from the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. Failure to recognize that we cannot compromise our belief, faith and priority of doctrine without consequential serious damages.
5. Failure to recognize that we are in the cosmic system which hostile against believers.
6. Failure to recognize that the believers can lost much when they compromise
7. Failure to recognize that we have hope to live by and compromising with a world without certainty is very stupid thing to do

With the OSN:

- Your tendencies are to compromise with the world, OSN or with the devil.
- Your inclination is to betray the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word and God.
- Your instinct is to satisfy the OSN and its lusts.

The cosmic system:

- Is a society and culture without absolutes

- Has watered-down morality
- Where situational ethic prevails and direct moral action
- Where fallible humanism triumphs and the infallible Word of God is ignored

Satan is manipulating the human race:

- Relativism with no walls (it's ok as long as your heart is right)
- Be functional being (get in touch with your feelings)
- Redesign your life for maximum expression (let feelings guide you)
- Be integrated into the world (let the world mold your belief and conviction)
- Man is the author of his own destiny (make your own legacy)
- The world is a nice place to live (be infatuated with the world)
- Serve the people (be a servant of the world – false humility)

When there is no spiritual discernment: (sound doctrine in the soul – Titus 1:13), the believers are sidetracked with:

- Truth about themselves
- Truth about God and God's word
- Truth about eternal destiny
- Truth about the hope they have in God
- Truth about personal sense of destiny
- Truth about heavenly things
- Truth about earthly matter
- Truth about anything they have questions

In almost all moral areas of life, compromise is the rule of the world where there is no absolute. Truth is knowable absolute but for the world, truth is what you make it. Right and wrong are what you perceive them to be, that is what is right for you is right. It is called scripted truth which is dependent on the mindset of the majority and therefore emotions become truth and emotional reality becomes the message. In emotion, boundaries or fences do not count, but only the direction of feelings, wherever it may lead. The compromise of belief is the result of integration into cosmic mainstream.

Your belief + you + feelings = compromise

In the churches, the results of this integration are apparent in various areas:

- Worship experience above doctrinal teaching
- Feelings over knowing God
- Sermonizing over communicating the Word
- Longer music shorter message
- Felt need over doctrinal system of truth
- Friendliness above truth
- Man made concepts of who and what God is
- Myths and traditions practices
- Books above the Bible
- No one doubt their false teachings

To be or not to be is not a question of compromise. Either you are or you don't. If you don't stand for something, you are sure to fall just for anything. The price of compromise is always at the expense of something one desire to do or what one believes. In compromise one has to give up his strong conviction for something that is inferior and fallible. By trying to settle the differences with mutual concession with home of gaining something, one accepts something that is detrimental and depreciative which may result to loss of everything. The truth about compromise is that, what you hope to gain or retain, too often ending in the loss of both and whatever you gain are something not worth keeping.

The terror of a coward pushes him to compromise, showing him all the signs of weakness, the admission of defeat, giving up his moral principles, limiting his destiny to failure and disconnecting him from what he truly want to achieve. Any person involved in the cosmic system will hate a positive believer who does not compromise his belief and conviction (1 John 3:13). The coward will give up his conviction and accept a common value for a price of weak unity, an approval based on common opinion.

Majority of Christian pastors are like politicians who are professionally dishonorable men just to attain their goals are making endless compromises without guilt or any sense of humiliation. The worst part of it; they also condition their people to compromise the Truth for many unjustified reasons. God places solid accountability on every believer to make the pre-designed plan of God work by God's power. Those who are ignorant of Bible doctrine resolves to compromise with world for worldly attainment, achievement, success, fame, riches, glory and honor. These are fake spiritual production arising from weak doctrinal conviction and wrong motivation. They wanted to find a middle ground (being lukewarm - Rev. 3:15-16) to gratify their liberal tendencies many excuses.

The only way to fulfill the plan of God is by living the Bible doctrine that is uncompromising, divisive (Mt. 10:34), radically different and which please God the Father. The Word of God is pure and anything that is watered-down, diluted and compromising is not the Word of God, no matter who is proclaiming it. There is no sugar coated Gospel or sugar coated Bible doctrine in the plan of God. We are not to preach the Gospel so that all will like it and believe it (Mark 16:15-16). We are not to communicate the Word of God so that all will be please with our teaching (Gal. 1:10, 4:16). If we could just keep in mind that we are preachers of the Gospel and nothing more or

less, then compromise would not be in our vocabulary as it is not in the Bible.

Common Signs of Compromise in Christianity:

- Adaptation and conformity to worldly trends
- Loving the world and the things of the world
- Aiming to be like someone in the world
- Following the norms and standards of the world
- Have more time for details of life
- Priority of things in the world
- Idolizing worldly celebrities
- False humility (courteous before men but not concentrating in the Word of God)
- Pleasing men more than God
- Not willing to suffer for faith and truth
- No concern for sharing the Gospel
- No desire for doctrinal truth
- Critical of doctrinal oriented believers
- Priority of church activities, programs and mission rather than studying Bible doctrine
- Religious rituals and church activities without true spirituality
- Praise and worship dominated by emotionalism
- Absorbed with contemporary Christian music

The Church needs constant reminder how emphatic is the demand for total allegiance and submission to the authority of God's word. As long as we are in the world, we are going to fail to produce perfect application of truth all throughout our life but the demand for evidential proof of the accuracy and authenticity of the Scripture in its communication cannot be minimized (Deut. 4:2). God's Word is absolute and whatever He commands must be done accordingly, no addition –no subtraction, no left turn - no right turn (Deut. 5:32), all His rules about all things are right (Psalm 119:128), no impurity accepted (Prov. 30:5-6).

Most preachers have forgotten the intense prohibition and terrible consequences to those who would take it upon themselves to alter the word of God (Rev. 18:22-23, G). Be careful not to let anyone rob you of this faith through a shallow and misleading philosophy. Such a person follows human traditions and the world's way of doing things rather than following Christ (Col. 2:8). Timothy, guard the Good News which has been entrusted to you. Turn away from pointless discussions and the claims of false knowledge that people use to oppose the Christian faith. Although some claim to have knowledge, they have abandoned the faith. God's good will be with all of you (1 Tim. 6:20-21). Then beloved, you knowing beforehand

watch lest being led away by the error of the lawless you fall from your own steadfastness (2 Peter 3:17).

If only Christians will put themselves where God designated (operative and directive will of God) them to be, based on where God assigned (geographical will of God) them to be, then there will be no room for compromise. Anyone who compromise by any demands will discover too late that he cannot satisfy everyone for there will be more demands coming up. Compromise is a crocodile that will not stop until it has fully devoured you.

The danger of compromise: it will fail, sooner or later, for it cannot accomplish its very purpose. There is no successful compromiser. The pressure to compromise will grow stronger as long as you are lacking metabolized Bible doctrine. The only way to strengthen yourself against compromise is through daily intake of Bible doctrine and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There are two types of persecution (system testing) against believers from the world:

- Severe persecution – where being a believer can cost one his freedom or his life being different from the world
- Subtle persecution – where being a believer and yet being part of the world can cost one all his escrow blessing in time and eternity because of cowardice choose the acceptance of the world

The profile of compromiser:

- Busy cultivating the acceptance and approval of the world
- Lacking spiritual stability in any area of the spiritual life
- High degree of selfishness, harboring self-interest objectives and given to the concern of his own life
- Growing toleration of potential problems and allowing them to cause damages to the spiritual life without being resolved
- Desiring the wealth of the world more than the riches of heaven
- Arrogantly boastful of his religious belief without carefully examining or evaluating them

We have not written the above to pretend we are any better than anyone else. We are simply sinners saved by the grace alone, in Christ alone with a great desire to lead God's people out of the bondage of compromise.



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