



REAL MOMENTUM

A MAN & COMPROMISE

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Text

Colossians 3

Compromise: Defined

1. To settle a dispute by mutual concession.
2. Accept standards that are lower than is desirable for both parties.

Compromise: Synonyms

- meet each other halfway
- come to an understanding
- make a deal
- make concessions
- find a happy medium
- strike a balance
- give and take

So, a New Yorker Buys a Cattle Ranch out West...

"I wanted to name it the Bar-J. My wife favored Suzy-Q, one son, and another son with a girl. They did not survive the other wanted the Suzy-Q. So I said your cattle people. After a family meeting, we decided to name it the Bar-J-Suzy-Q-Flying-W-Lazy-Y."

***The Question is NOT "IF"
you will be faced with
COMPROMISE situation, but
"WHEN".***

***The Question IS, "HOW"
will I address a
COMPROMISE Situation?***

Compromise from the World's Perspective

- The world expects compromise as a part of normal societal advance.
- Failure to compromise is seen as hardline, conservative, ultra-religious, and hateful.
- The Christian Worldview is belittled and scoffed at every level.
- Failure to lower Christian standards is seen as “Un-Christian”.

From a Young Christian Businessman This Week:

“I’m not sure that a standard of business ethics exists anymore. I am simply expected to do whatever it takes to get the sale for my company.”

Typical Male Attitudes:

- **2nd Place is the 1st loser...**
- **If you are not willing to cheat, you do not want to win bad enough.**
- **Winning is everything.**
- **He who dies with the most toys, WINS.**
- **WIN at ALL cost.**
- **FAILURE is NOT an OPTION.**

If You Are Not the Lead Dog, the View NEVER Changes



Christian Man Reality 1

A “Compromise” results in a condition or state in which God’s best for our lives is diminished, damaged, or destroyed. When I compromise, I **Choose** to lower God’s standards.

Christian Man Reality 2

A “Compromise” is a personal/intentional negotiation with God.

We try to justify/align our “options”, CHOOSING to ignore “the right thing”.

Christian Man Reality 3

Satan LOVES when we CHOOSE to compromise... Collateral damage is eminent—hurting those that we love most AND potentially triggering cascading events to cover the compromise.

Compromise has a cost...

Christian Man Reality 4

God, God's ways, God's Law, God's Word, and God's Standards are **UNCHANGING** and **UNCHANGABLE**—regardless of our current wants/desires.

Period.

For This We Must Be Thankful!

The Compromise Steps

- An event that may have a personal impact (positive or negative) on you arises, or an “opportunity” to experience pleasure arises.
- You quickly weigh the impact/opportunities, risk, risk of being caught, the potential for apparent success or pleasure—against what you know is right (“Right” being based on God’s Word and Biblical teaching).
- You CHOOSE.

Compromise Scenarios

- Work
- Family
- Relationships
- Sanctity of Marriage
- Spiritual Health
- Christian Walk
- Christian Service

*There is always a focus on “I”
in every CompromIse.*

*I want something so bad, that
I am willing to ignore what I
know is right-- risking the
consequences to achieve my
current desire/need.*

Christian Compromise

When I compromise in my life, I am declaring that:

- I am not willing to wait on God
- I am not willing to trust God
- I am not going to obey God

I want “it” now...

Again, “It” may be pleasure, gain, glory, or perceived advantage.

Solomon-The Wisest Man, A Compromising Man

- 1 Kings 11: 1-8
- Wisdom is the right application of true knowledge, and compromise erodes it quickly- Psalms 111:10
- Solomon later declared-- Proverbs 14:12
- Solomon's precedent was harmful to Israel years after.

Biblical Examples of No-Compromise Victory

- Jesus; Matt 4:1-11
- Nehemiah; Neh 2: 18-20
- Peter and John; Acts 4: 19,20
- Joseph; Gen 39: 1-12

Avoiding Compromise DOES NOT require isolation. Jesus' Example of Everyday Walk Romans 12:2

- He invited in and associated with the worst of SINNERS.
- He loved SINNERS.
- He ministered to SINNERS.
- In the process, He NEVER lowered God's STANDARDS in the process.

Preventing Compromise Requires a Strategy

- Jesus used the living Word—knowing that He was the Savior of the world.
- Nehemiah focused on his charge to rebuild the walls—unwilling to accept the condition of his countrymen.
- Peter and John were committed to God—at any cost, even at the threat of death.
- Joseph relied on God’s promise and a strong commitment to integrity.

Preventing Compromise Requires A Close Walk

- Quiet time
- Scripture memory
- Holy Spirit filled
- Obedience
- A willing heart
- A humble heart

We CANNOT WIN, if we are not equipped and provisioned!

The Ideal State of Heart-

Proverbs 30

- 7 “Two things I ask of you, LORD;
do not refuse me before I die:
- 8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
- 9 Otherwise, I may have too much and
disown you
and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.

The Ultimate Question

Matt 16:26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

- Am I willing compromise away my Christian victory?
- Am I willing to compromise away God's best for me?

The Ultimate Response

Matt 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- Trust/Seek God
- Steadfastly EXECUTE His ways
- God's BEST is the ABSOLUTE BEST

Quote from Bo's Café

Steven's wife: "Steven, do you know that because you are risking to trust God and others [accountability] with you, that you are giving your daughter a healthier life? Did you know that? You can't have any idea how much that means to me. Jenny will get to grow up knowing what a good man looks like." (Lynch, Thrail, McNicol, 2009, page 234)

***OK, I am COMPROMISED,
What Now?***

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Compromise- Fighting Favorites!

Psalm 37:25-- I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Psalm 19:14-- May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.



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Get It! Keep It! Live It!

John 10:10 (NIV), “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Neh 4:14 (NIV), “...Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”



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Table Time

1. Have I allowed compromise into my life: spiritual, home, or work?
2. Am I doing my part to “equip me” to reject compromise?
3. Do I need to yield to God and others so that I can be fully empowered to fight compromise?
4. Is God the driving force in my life?
5. Do I need to take action to correct the damage of compromise?
6. Do I need prayer regarding my personal walk?