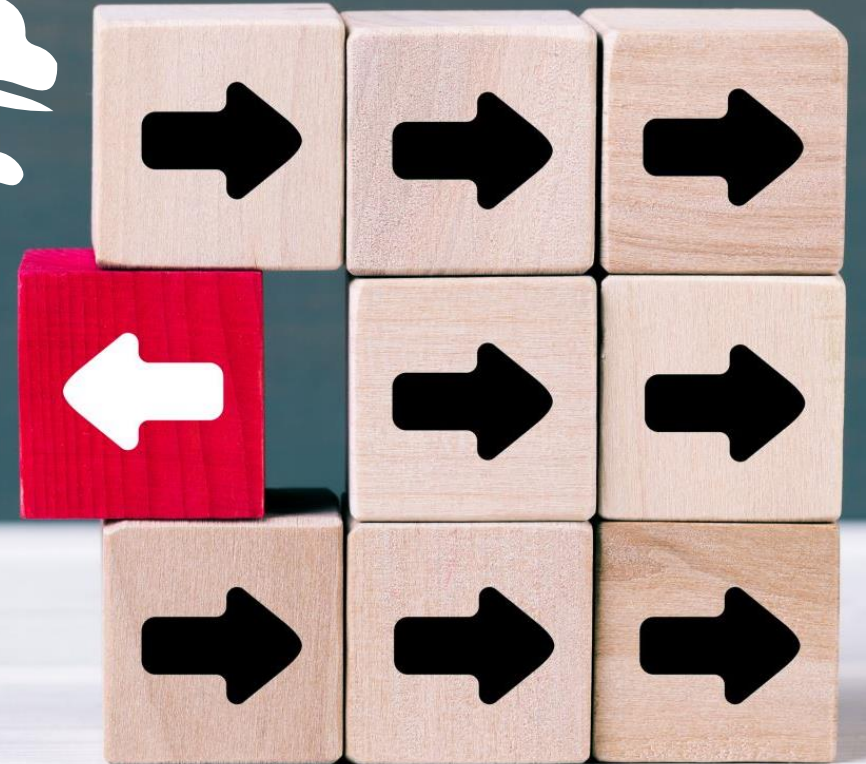


HOW TO OVERCOME COMPROMISE

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1. THE CITY and CHURCH at PERGAMUM

- “Per” means “Opposition.” “Gamos” means “Marriage.”
- **Pergamos = “objectionable marriage”**
- **PERGAMOS was mainly known for its religions and idolatry.**
- The Lord said, "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is."
- Jesus was saying, *"You are living in a city where Satan's influence is strong."*

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2. CHRIST THE CREATOR OF THE LETTER—2:12

- **Revelation 2:12 (NIV)** — 12 “To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

The “Sharp Double-edged Sword” Is The Word Of God.

- The Word Of God Can Defeat Deception, Error & Satanic Opposition.

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3. THE CIRCUMSTANCES & CONDITIONS THAT CHRIST APPROVED—2:13

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He Saw How They Bore Testimony To Him

- They Refused To Deny Him.
- They Refused To Bow Their Knee

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4. THE CONDEMNATION OF CHRIST —2:14, 15

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Compromise Corrupts A Church

- Nothing corrupts a church any quicker than a compromise with worldliness.
1. **We Must Not Compromise Our Morality (2:14)**
 2. **We Must Not Compromise Our Theology (2:15)**

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5. CHRIST'S CORRECTIVE ACTION for COMPROMISE—2:16

- **Revelation 2:16 (NIV)** — 16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
- Christ Warns Us to Repent
- Christ Warns Us of Rejection

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6. CHRIST'S CONFIRMATION TO OVERCOMERS—2:17

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A 3-Part Reward That Includes:

- 1. Hidden Manna***
- 2. A White Stone***
- 3. A New Name***