

Compromising your walk

Compromise = settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions. accept standards that are lower than is desirable. To negotiate

OUR struggle with compromise:

MY personal struggle with Compromise

A husband and wife can compromise on the color of paint for the living room.

Men...pick your battles. Don't die on a hill not worth having.

Should good compromise with evil? Holy with unholy?

Policy with opinion? Which holds more weight?

When its good to compromise = 2 equal but different opinions, an appeal to authority can help correct policy. A stubborn argument with the boss can get you fired!

Healthy compromise = Healthy compromise means **when you reach an impasse and you are not sure how to get out of it**, then both of you make adjustments to your behavior to resolve the impasse with mutual desires to make your relationship flow again. In contrast, unhealthy compromise is often one-sided.

Unhealthy compromise = go against your values, core beliefs, boundaries, or discount or invalidate your own feelings. Just remember that it is still okay and important to know when to say no.

Integrity = stay true to your values, core beliefs

Commitment = not wavering, bending, or watering down what's pure.

The "Castle Doctrine," and "Make My Day" or "Stand Your Ground" laws are all in force in Oklahoma, and these allow a person to defend himself or herself against

threats to personal safety. Acts of justifiable homicide are defined by Oklahoma's law (1983 movie with Clint E, "Dirty Harry" called sudden impact)

Molon Labe – Greek Spartans...against Xerxes

The Gadsden flag is a historical American flag with a yellow field depicting a timber rattlesnake coiled and ready to strike. Beneath the rattlesnake are the words: "DONT TREAD ON ME" The flag is named after politician Christopher Gadsden (1724–1805), who designed it in 1775 during the American Revolution. It was used by the Continental Marines as an early motto flag, Its design proclaims an assertive warning of vigilance and willingness to act in defense against coercion often used in the United States as a symbol for classical liberty, and small government; for distrust or defiance against authorities and government;

Hold your ground? Or compromise?

Compromise is simply changing the question to fit the answer.

To appease opposition, make friends with the enemy!

Christians compromise with sin – cobwebs become cables

With friends

With our convictions

With our beliefs

(non-negotiables ?)

Our boundaries (values)

Tell the world and the Devil – "I will not go quietly into the night"

4 Reason Christians compromise with culture...

1. Indulge our own desires –
2. Ignorance of God’s Word –
3. Fear of being “labeled” –
4. Misguided attempt to be relevant

Why do we make excuses and justifications ?

1. Go to church...
 2. Read our Bible...
 3. Tell the truth... (witness)
 4. Pray about our life...
 5. Tithe...
 6. Serve...
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Hebrews 10:26

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.

James 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

1 Chronicles 10:13

So Saul died for his breach of faith. He broke faith with the Lord in that he did not keep the command of the Lord, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance.

1 Kings 18:21

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word

Daniel 1:8

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.

James 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Romans 1:25

Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,

Judges 7:4

Then the Lord said to Gideon, “The people are still too many; bring them down to the water and I will test them for you there. Therefore it shall be that he of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ he shall go with you; but everyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ he shall not go.”

Luke 22:31

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.

Matt 11:7 - As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?"

I was surprised by the following true story:

The location: Pearl Harbor The date: Sunday morning, December 7, 1941. Three hundred and fifty-three Japanese airplanes began swarming all around the harbor. Within a couple of hours, America lost eight battleships, six major airfields, almost all planes and 2,400 men. What began at 7:50 a.m. was supposedly a surprised attack. But these are the startling facts:

That morning, 50 minutes earlier, at 7 a.m., while the Japanese warplanes were 137 miles (50 minutes) away, two US soldiers on a small radar station in the Pacific scanned the screen and saw dots appearing, until the whole screen was filled. These soldiers notified their youthful supervisor, a lieutenant. No other officer was around, that being a Sunday.

The lieutenant thought these must be planes from California, and without another thought, said these crucial words: "Don't worry about it." There would have been time to scramble the planes at Pearl Harbor, prepare the battleships and shelter the men, but this lieutenant, at the most responsible moment of his career, failed the nation with the words, "Don't worry about it."

In our own lives, is there something that could wreak havoc—spiritual destruction in your life—and yet you dismiss it away, thinking, "Oh, don't worry about it! It's just a 'little' sin"? It is nothing big." That is what we call spiritual compromise. Pearl Harbor may have been prevented if someone took the warning seriously. But because they didn't, they said, "Don't worry about it," and thousands of lives were lost.

Tony Evans said:

“Compromise is the cancer of the church, and we must rid Christ’s body of it. While Christians can compromise on preferences, they cannot compromise on principles. We can’t be one way on Sunday and another on Monday. This is a major problem among Christians in America today. We don’t take a stand. We don’t keep our standards. We merely shift to satisfy society.”