

How You Can Avoid Spiritual Suicide

Compromise is spiritual suicide, and this is how our enemy, Satan—and his demon, the spirit of death—come after us to steal, kill and destroy our eternal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we compromise, we lower or weaken our standards. And for Christians, God's Word, the Holy Bible, is our standard. It's God's book of rules and regulations for how we are to live life on this earth. It teaches us spiritual boundaries for healthy living in spirit, soul (mind and emotions) and with our physical bodies as well. When we obey His Word, we walk in His blessings; and when we choose not to obey, we walk in consequences for our willful disobedience.

Let's face it: In these last days, God's people are being pressured by a lost society to compromise His ways. But as disciples of Christ, should we allow society to dictate our beliefs and convictions? What does the Bible have to say to us concerning compromise?

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, it is sin" (James 4:17).

And why do many of God's people compromise, lower or weaken their standards today? Because they are fearful of what might happen if they take a stand for God's righteousness. What are some of the things they fear? They fear they might lose their position, their title, their job, finances, possessions, popularity, friends, and the list goes on and on. But according to the Bible, we are not to fear these earthly matters, but the eternal ones that do matter.

"For if we go on willfully *and* deliberately sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains

a sacrifice [to atone] for our sins [that is, no further offering to anticipate], but a kind of awful *and* terrifying expectation of [divine] judgment and the fury of a fire *and* burning wrath which will consume the adversaries [those who put themselves in opposition to God]" (Heb. 10:26-27, AMP).

Have we taken the time to weigh the outcome of compromise? Do we really want to put ourselves in opposition to our God? What happens when we do?

"Anyone who has ignored *and* set aside the Law of Moses is put to death without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. How much greater punishment do you think he will deserve who has rejected *and* trampled under foot the Son of God, and has considered unclean *and* common the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and has insulted the Spirit of grace [who imparts the unmerited favor and blessing of God]? For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine [retribution and the deliverance of justice rest with Me], I will repay [the wrongdoer].' And again, 'The Lord will judge His people.' It is a fearful *and* terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God [incurring His judgment and wrath]" (Heb. 10:28-31).

As I write in my latest work, *Conquering the Spirit of Death*, we are created to be more than conquerors and to win every battle we face; not only battles against physical death, but also spiritual death that comes to us by the way of compromise.

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37). {eoa}

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