



Purity over Compromise

Ephesians 5:1-7 (NIV)

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

Compromise weighs you down; purity allows you to travel light.

I. Dropping the Hints of Moral Compromise

1. Drop the hints of the heart.

Proverbs 5:8-9 (NIV)

Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, ⁹ lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel,

2. Drop the hints of the eyes. (Matthew 5:29)

3. Drop the hints of the body. (Matthew 18:6)

4. Drop the hints of arousal. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7)

5. Drop the hints of the mind. (Exodus 20:14; 1 Corinthians 6:18-19)

- Compromise is the art of giving your enemy that which he is not powerful enough to take. (Psalm 38:3-5)

Unless you drop the hints of immorality you will be sentenced to a cycle of guilt and shame.

II. Develop a Plan for Purity (1 Peter 5:8)

1. Always keep a weapon handy. (Ephesians 6:17; Psalm 119:9-11; 1 Corinthians 10:13)

2. Turn the lights on.

Ephesians 5:13-14 (NIV)

But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.