



No Compromise

Do Nothing to Lower your Standard of Purity

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To Compromise by Definition is:

- To accept standards that are lower than desirable.
- To allow your principles to be less strong.
- To permit your ethics or morals to erode.
- To lower, weaken or lessen your values
- To make a shameful or disreputable concession.

Compromise means to WEAKEN, LOWER, FADE, DWINDLE, FALTER or DECLINE in Values.

- It is like **breaking a promise with yourself** to hold true to your moral compass.
- You justify or allow slight but incremental baby steps closer to any line of impurity.

When you Compromise, you ...

- Endanger your goals
- Gamble with what's important to you
- Operate hap-hazardly with your values
- Jeopardize your boundaries
- Risk through complacency
- Erode your ideals
- Become complacent about your commitments
- You break your spouse/partner's heart

SCRIPTURAL CHALLENGES AGAINST COMPROMISE

- 1. RUN AS FAR AS YOU CAN FROM ANY FORM OF SEXUAL TEMPTATION!** *Flee from sexual immorality. 1 Corinthians 6:18*
- 2. AVOID EVEN THE DIRECTION OF ANY KIND OF COMPROMISE!** *Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. Proverbs 4:14-15*
- 3. KEEP FAR FROM SEXUAL TEMPTATION - DON'T GET AS NEAR AS YOU CAN.** *Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house. Proverbs 5:8*
- 4. ESCAPE IMMEDIATELY FROM ANY DIRECT TEMPTATION! LEAVE!** *And though she spoke to Joseph day-after-day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. Genesis 39:10-12*
- 5. RUN AWAY FROM YOUTHFUL TEMPTATIONS AND RUN WITH THE RIGHT CROWD.** *Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22*
- 6. JUST SAY "NO" TO ALL WORLDLY PASSIONS AND LEARN SELF-CONTROL.** *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. Tit. 2:11-12.*

10 Anchoring Truths to Guard Against Compromise

1. **VICTORY OVER SEXUAL TEMPTATION IS POSSIBLE.** Don't think otherwise. Passion and Purity can co-exist - Believe it; God says it! Caution: How can we be pure and stay pure if we continue to justify any steps to amuse ourselves with any sexual impurity?
2. **CORRUPT OR CLEAN - IT'S A MATTER OF CLOSENESS.** Change the plan: It's not how close I can get but rather how clean I can stay. Keep your distance from any distractions.
3. **GOD IS STRONGER THAN THE ENEMY'S PULL.** God and you make a majority. *"Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the World"* - 1 John 3:2. *"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."* Romans 8:31,37
4. **RETHINK THE LINE OF COMPROMISE:**
 - a. **START HERE:** It's not how close you can get to the line but how far I can stay from it.
 - b. If you dance daily near a cliff... you'll end up falling over it!
 - c. Ask not how far can I go but how clean can I stay! **QUIT ASKING – WHERE'S THE LINE?**
 - d. If you don't want to **CROSS** the line, don't go **LOOKING** to find the line.
 - e. Hover over the key long enough - you will likely press it! Don't **LINGER**.
 - f. Mindless online 'surfing' by yourself is fully dancing with trouble.
5. **STAND CLEAR to STAY CLEAN!** Seek to **AVOID** temptation not **RESIST** it! Don't put yourself in repeated places of temptation. That is **DUMB!!!** Avoid compromising settings, people or
6. **KNOW YOUR STANDARDS. WRITE OUT YOUR BOUNDARIES.** You know fully what's right and wrong in sexual purity. Be accountable. Don't doubt in the dark what's true in the day!
7. **THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY IS TO NORMALIZE EVIL.** He's all about compromise - slow, insidious, deceptive and sneaky erosion of your values! Thus, through our culture, he desensitises us to all forms of nudity and immorality. Ask the Lord to make you more sensitive to your temptations, your selfishness and your sin. *"In order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."* 2 Cor. 2:11
8. **IF YOU SMELL SMOKE - THERE'S FIRE!** Don't tolerate even a **HINT** of Sexual Immorality. No dirty jokes, sexual innuendos, flirting - **NOTHING!** *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. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.* Ephesians 5:3-4
9. **STOP ALL SCOPING, GAWKING, PEEKING, PEERING, RUBBERNECKING, GAZING, STARING, LOOKING, GLANCING, OGLING, WATCHING, RATING, CHECKING OUT** - and all forms of 2nd LOOKS! Rather, *"Treat younger women as sisters, with absolute purity!"* 1 Tim. 5:2. *"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman."* Job. 31:1
10. **DO ALL YOU CAN TO GET TO KNOW JESUS BETTER.** Take your faith seriously. His Holy Spirit will quicken your conscience and convict you of sin. He also comforts and strengthens you. Surrender your recovery to freedom fully to the Lord daily.