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Compromise

"If you set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing." – Margaret Thatcher

"The 'morality of compromise' sounds contradictory. Compromise is usually a sign of weakness, or an admission of defeat. Strong men don't compromise, it is said, and principles should never be compromised." – Andrew Carnegie

"There is no compromise when it comes to corruption. You have to fight it." – A.K. Antony

"Courage, not compromise, brings the smile of God's approval." – Thomas S. Monson

"Tragedy in life normally comes with betrayal and compromise, and trading on your integrity and not having dignity in life. That's really where failure comes." – Tom Cochrane

To achieve a compromise in anything, it involves a concession. Sometimes the concessions can be quite costly.

Granted, in some situations there is nothing wrong with compromise. If you are dealing with matters of opinion when it comes to spiritual matters, then the willingness to give and take is done so that no one person rules over others.

But when it comes to matters of doctrine, or principles set forth by God, there can be no room for compromise. No man has the right to tamper with a "thus saith the Lord."

We know in Scripture that God condemns murder. The taking of a human life is abhorrent in the eyes of God (cf. Rev. 21:8). In modern times, we have those who seek to take human life while the child is still in the mother's womb. They try to justify it and compromise their morals by convincing themselves it is only a fetus. But God will not hold them guiltless, for He hates the shedding of innocent blood (Prov. 6:17).

There is an effort to compromise in matters of marriage. We supposedly should make allowances for those who go beyond the biblical definition of marriage. But only the marriage between a man and a woman is sanctioned in the eyes of God (Heb. 13:4).

Some want to compromise and allow others to alter the way we worship. God has specified He wants our worship to be "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). He has clearly set forth in the New Testament how that worship is to be conducted. Man does not have the right to compromise just to make everyone happy. The only One we should be concerned about when it comes to worship is God!

The modern call is to compromise our convictions. We are tolerated and allowed to have our religious views provided that we keep them silent. We have already given up far too much for far too long.