

AMAZED-SHOCKED-GRIEVED

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Greetings RHM Family and Regional Church

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.” 1 John 5:3 KJV

I have been amazed.....shocked.....grieved.....when I hear that a believer has made choices that are contrary to God’s Word by bending and stretching His instructions. What is it that convinces a man or woman that a little disobedience (bending, stretching) now will work out? I have heard it said; “God knows that my intentions are to do the right thing even if my actions are not correct, or God knows my heart.” How can a pure heart towards God and actions that willfully stretch His Word into something that would be marginal to non biblical behavior be considered pure? The spirit of this world says there are no absolutes, but God’s Word is established forever and His commandments are absolute.

“So then, anyone who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it is committing a sin.” James 4:17 CJB

Lying spirits are spirits that help convince us to do things that are contrary to the Word of God, our beliefs and life practices. A lying spirit will convince you that it will be ok because your heart motives and desires are pure.....even if your actions bend, stretch or become contrary to God’s Word. To think that compromise can evolve into greater good later is, insolent, presumptuous and foolish.

“A wise man suspects danger and cautiously avoids evil, but the fool bears himself insolently and is [presumptuously] confident.” Prov 14:16 AMP

The Apostle Paul penned these words in order to help believers understand that if we improvise and make it up as we go we will reap exactly what we have made up; “Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.” Gal 6:7 AMP

Remember the enemy’s words in; Gen 3:3-4 AMP “God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 But the serpent said to the woman, **You shall not surely die.**” It was just one forbidden taste. That compromise changed the course of human history. The desires of the heart cannot will a little evil into future good! The Apostle James says this is how it happens; “But every person is tempted when he is

drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). 15 Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death. 16 Do not be misled, my beloved brethren.” James 1:14-16 AMP

This type of thinking comes from agreeing with our passions, desires and convincing ourselves that the voice we hear is the Holy Spirit. We simply become drawn away and baited by a lying spirit. Listen to what the Psalmist said; “I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.” Ps 119:113 KJV

There is a children’s Sunday School saying that goes like this; “God said it. I believe it. That settles it.” It really is just that simple. It is about character, purity and sincere devotion to the God of our salvation.

1. The collapse of character often begins on compromise corner.
2. A compromise is a deal in which two people get what neither of them wanted.
3. Compromise is always wrong when it means sacrificing a principle.
4. Many things are worse than defeat, and compromise with evil is one of them.
5. Peace won by the compromise of principles is a short-lived achievement.

The enemy wants you to think it is just a little compromise.....it won’t really affect you in a negative way, if your motive is to see greater good later. A seducing lying spirit wants you to think that doing a little evil (disobeying God’s Word) and expecting it to turn into good later is acceptable. Only a cunning and lying spirit can convince a person to believe that they can be the first exception.

“But [now] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted and seduced from wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ.” 2 Cor 11:33 AMP

Repent and God will surely restore you. Forsake and He will bring crop failure to the seeds of disobedience. I pray that if the spirit of this world is influencing you to compromise that you reconsidered.....no matter who or what it is! If you are a single person be alert and guard against whom. The heart is tricky business. Do not trust your heart unless it is hemmed in by your obedience to the Word of God and remember the Holy Spirit will never suggest or confirm disobedience to God’s Word.

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers [do not make mismatched alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, inconsistent with your faith].” 2 Cor 6:14 AMP

The union of a believer to an unbeliever becomes the recipe for years of heart ache! Only the Holy Spirit can draw someone to salvation in Christ, not you! Remain in pure devotion to Christ as your first choice.

“Samuel said, Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim (household good luck images). Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.” 1 Sam 15:22-23 AMP

The desires of your heart cannot will evil to good.

Blessings, Pastor Bob Hill

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