



Session 2- Purity Over Compromise
Ephesians 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
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MAIN POINT

In the sermon the point is made, compromise weighs you down and purity allows you to travel light. Even when Christians face morally tempting situations, there will always be a morally right solution that allows us to be obedient to God. God is faithful. He stands ready to walk with us and keep us through every circumstance and inconvenience. He doesn't just stand nearby watching to see what we will do but promises to provide a way *out* of temptation and into the joy of being made like him. He creates the way of escape and waits to reward us with more of himself. Will we live light and take the way out?

What is one task that you've wanted to complete or one hobby that you've wanted to master that you've never actually gotten around to doing?

What is it that has prevented you from succeeding?

Ephesians 5:1-6.

If you had to put these verses in your own words, how would you? What are some of the things that Paul states are the hints?

What can we learn from Jesus about loving as God loves (v. 2)?

Now read verses 3 and 4. Think about the "hints" of compromise that are a part of our lives that we allow. What are some examples that you may think of?

What's the common link among the sins listed? What purposes do these sins serve in our lives? How is God's standard for our lives different?

Ephesians 5:7-14.

What are some "fruits" that you heard in these verses?

What should characterize the lives of those living as "children of light" (v. 8)?

What characteristics are the result of "the fruit of the light" (v. 9)? How do these compare with the fruit of the darkness in Ephesians 4:18-19?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping us live in the light? What role do other Christians play?

1 Corinthians 10:6-13.

According to verse 6, what was one intended outcome of Israel's struggles with temptation?

How would Paul respond to a believer who says, "I have to learn things the hard way"?

What five negative examples of Christian behavior from Israel's past does Paul warn us against? Why?

From these five warnings, which stands out the most to you right now? Why?

How do you know if you're in danger of falling (v. 12)?

What truths do you learn about temptation in verse 13?

How is this verse an encouragement to us when temptation comes?

What are some of the ways God gives us to get out of a situation where we could sin?

APPLICATION

What needs to be a part of our "battle plan" for purity? Personally? For your family?

In the battle with sin, what roles do Scripture, prayer, and close relationships with other believers play?

Why is knowing the Word of God essential to overcoming temptation? What can you do this week to be better equipped for the temptation that will come?

Besides knowing God's Word, what are some other practical ways you can daily stand with God to withstand temptation?