

Serve the Lord with Gladness II

“The Danger of Distracted Servants”

The history of the canonized scripture is the history of compromise.

Compromise began in Genesis 3 and has continued throughout the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian Scriptures.

Several of the books by the Prophets of the Hebrew scriptures and the apostles in the Christian scriptures were corrections and confrontations of compromise.

Compromise will birth distractions.

There are dangers that come with distracted servants.

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Compromise means something intermediate between or blending qualities of two different things.

Compromise means a mixture of two different things.

I

Commingling was never God's idea.

However, commingling has existed from Genesis 3 to Revelation 20, the final judgment.

The word of God gives us principles to maintain i**ntegrity** and advance the kingdom.

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II

Is there a risk in commingling to conform to the culture?

Be very aware of commingling in this year.

To commingle means to b**lend thoroughly** into a harmonious whole.

Consider **Romans 12:1-2**

KJV Roman 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable **service**. ² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

In *Daniel 3*, many people bowed rather than co-exist **niquely** as part of the whole.

What will be your Holy Spirit-led **strategy** to avoid compromise?

- Isolation - Moses/ Essene
- Segregation - Goshen
- Separation - Pharisee/Samuel
- Assimilation - Joseph Egypt*
- Participation - Nehemiah*
- Penetration (salt) - Esther*
- Infiltration (salt) - Daniel*

*means without compromise

Individuals and the entire faith community should be uncompromised and righteous.

III

Compromise and commingling will cause...

Distractions are having one's thoughts or attention drawn away. Distractions mean being unable to concentrate or give attention to something. i.e., False teachers

Detours are deviations from a direct course or the usual procedure. i.e., problems

Delays are the act of postponing, hindering, or causing something to occur more slowly than usual. i.e., the wilderness

Disasters are sudden events bringing significant damage, loss, or destruction, i.e., storms.

Death in life, purpose, and nations, i.e. Israel, Judah

KJV Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

An undistracted life will lead to the gift of God, eternal life!

Stay focused as a servant this year!

The word of the Lord, “Watch what I do Next”.

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