

The Seed Of Compromise

Ecclesiastes 7.15-18

1. Compromise

- a. Well God understands
- b. belief in salvation no matter what happens
- c. watering down of what the scriptures say
- d. Nearly one-third of Americans believe the Bible is literally true, word-for-word, reports the Christian Post, a drop of 10 percent over the past 30 years. In the Gallup survey, more than 1,002 adults were asked to describe their view of the Bible. Here are the results: --28 percent said the Bible is the "actual Word of God and is to be taken literally." --49 percent said the Bible is the "inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally." --19 percent said it is an "ancient book of fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man." The number of people who believe the Bible is literally true increases with age with the highest number of such believers living in the South and the lowest number living in the West. Younger people are less likely to profess belief in the literal Bible, and just 10 percent of college graduates say so, compared with 39 percent of people with a high school education or less.

2. Don't try too hard

- a. **Eccl 7.16** - be not righteous over much neither make thyself over wise
- b. **Matt 23.2-7** - they do for the be seen of men
- c. **Lk 18.10-12** - I thank thee that I am not as other men are
- d. **1 John 2.3-6** - walk even as he walked
- e. **Eccl 7.16** - why shouldest thou destroy thyself
- f. **Rom 6.1-2** - how shall we that are dead to sin continue therein
- g. **Phil 3.13-14** - I press toward the mark

3. God understands

- a. **Eccl 7.17** - be not over much wicked neither be thou foolish
- b. **2 Tim 2.15** - study to shew thyself approved unto God
- c. **Hos 4.6** - my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge
- d. **Prov 1.7** - fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge
- e. **Prov 2.1-6** - for the Lord giveth wisdom
- f. **Eph 5.14-17** - wherefore be ye not unwise

4. The need for faithfulness

- a. **Eccl 7.17** - why shouldest thou destroy thyself
- b. **1 Pet 3.12** - the face of the Lord is against them that do evil
- c. **Eccl 7.18** - it is good that thou shouldest take hold of this
- d. **1 Cor 9.27** - I myself should be a castaway

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2. Don't try too hard

Eccl 7.16 - Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise:

Matt 23.2-7 - Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. 4: For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5: But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, 6: And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7: And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

Lk 18.10-12 - Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11: The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12: I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

1 John 2.3-6 - And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4: He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5: But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6: He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Eccl 7.16 - why shouldest thou destroy thyself?

Rom 6.1-2 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2: God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Phil 3.13-14 - Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

3. God understands

Eccl 7.17 - Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish:

2 Tim 2.15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Hos 4.6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge,

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I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Prov 1.7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 2.1-6 - My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2: So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3: Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4: If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5: Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6: For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Eph 5.14-17 - Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15: See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16: Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17: Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

4. The need for faithfulness

Eccl 7.17 - why shouldest thou die before thy time?

1 Pet 3.12 - For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Eccl 7.18 - It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

1 Cor 9.27 - But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.