

Ebenezer Youth Fellowship
Building a Christian Life Without Compromise (2)
– A commitment to the Word of God
Text: Acts 20: 26-32

1. Revision of Previous Lesson

(a) To know Christ intimately – the heart and soul of all Christianity is our relationship with Jesus Christ

2. The Price of Compromise: To lose something valuable in exchange for something temporary and unfulfilling

- Adam compromised God's law and lost paradise (Gen 3:6-24)
- Abraham compromised the truth and nearly lost his wife (Gen 12:10-12)
- Moses compromised God's command and lost the privilege of entering the Promised Land (Num 20:7-12)
- Samson compromised his Nazarite vow and lost his strength (Judg 16)
- David compromised God's standard in committing adultery and lost his infant son (2 Sam 11-12)
- Solomon compromised to marry foreign wives and lost the united kingdom (1 Kings 11:1-8)
- Peter compromised and denied Christ and lost his joy (Mark 14:66-72)

Note what was compromised is always the Word of God or a conviction about God.

The true price of compromise is a rejection of God's Word, which amounts to rebellion against Him and promotion of self as the final authority.

3. Guardians of the Truth – who is responsible? (1 Tim 3:15)

4. Unity and Doctrinal Integrity (John 17:17-21)

5. How to Safeguard the Truth?

- (a) Believe it (Acts 24:14)
- (b) Memorise it. (Psalm 119:11)
- (c) Meditate on it. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:97)
- (d) Study it. (2 Tim 2:15)
- (e) Obey it. (Luke 11:28)
- (f) Defend it. (Phil 1:16; Jude 3)
- (g) Live it. (Titus 2:10)
- (h) Proclaim it. (2 Tim 4:2)

Building a life without compromise can only be accomplished by those who cling to God's Word as the only source of authority and conduct.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the unscriptural relationships that lead to compromise?

2. What makes the 16th century reformers willing to die on the stake for Christ rather than deny the truth of God's Word?