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Words Uncaged Submission
Religious Memoir

Convictions without Compromise

“You shall be witnesses to Me...” (Acts 1:8). That means lives of pure, uncompromising devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. Am I devoted (committed) more to man than I am to Jesus Christ Himself?

Throughout Scripture, we find instruction (direction) on how we are to live out our lives. We all find ourselves in different environments and circumstances, but the Word of God remains the same. I can live and apply it wherever I find myself. Recent events have provided me the opportunity to stand firm in Who and what I believe in, staying obedient and unwilling to compromise my godly convictions. Thanks be to God, this is who I am today. I am finding out I cannot be otherwise. Scripture affirms this, *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure...That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.”* (Philippians 2:13, 15). Because my life has changed, and only after God got a hold of me, I am able to live and do according to His will. So I ask myself and I ask you. What convictions do you hold that guide your conduct? Convictions without compromise? The loyalty and commitment behind my convictions are the very things that enable me to have the courage to stand against threats, consequences, criticism, rejection, failure, or loss.

My current environment tells me that I am of the minority. Only a handful of individuals here revere God Almighty. And less call Him Lord and Savior. The easy and “popular” thing I (we) can do is fade into the “crowd.” I choose not to do that. Instead I choose to stand true to God. I don’t worry about those who try to persuade me; I stand in God. I stand by my convictions. I stay true to my God-given character. A strong, obedient, uncompromising child of God. I will state the obvious, I wasn’t always like this. In fact, I was the complete opposite. I cared not and wanted nothing to do with God. Let alone allow Him to transform my life and way of living. The way I lived my life outside of God, I can shamelessly admit that I did it to the fullest. I had zeal for doing the things of the world. I was avid in my ungodly lifestyle. And I was okay with it. But now that God has gotten a hold of me and has me living out my life for Him, I must bring the same, if not more and definitely not less, zeal I had for the former things of life. Having been called, chosen, and sanctified. Transformed inwardly, given a heart of flesh and a desire for the things of God. Having put off the old man, my mind renewed, and bringing all my thoughts into the captivity of Christ. Given the ability to change, and remaining changeless, has propelled me to live with a sense of who I am, what I am about, and what I value. A child and follower of Christ. Zealous for the things of God. Aiming to please God and not man. God being the center of my life, my Source of security, guidance, wisdom, and power. I am at home with Him.

My current setting, and the powers that be, as man looks to persuade me into doing the things of the world (contrary to the Word of God), are of no influence because of these simple yet profound words of Jesus, “will ye also go away?” Every single day I am asked this intimate question by Christ as I read His Word. And with this question He helps me to stay committed to my convictions, without compromising. (Without conviction, there is no commitment) *And like the Apostle Peter I find myself responding, “Lord, to whom shall I go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”* I’ve made my bed and now I must lie in it. God bless and thank you for your prayers.

In Christ Jesus,
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