

CONVICTION OR COMPROMISE

LIVING FOR GOD IN A CULTURE THAT DOESN'T - THE BOOK OF DANIEL - Part #1

Pastor Kevin Cummings – August 10, 2025

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- Three basic kinds of temptation: (I John 2:16)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

II. What will it take for me not to compromise? (v. 8-9, 21)

A. I must _____. (v. 8, 21)

1. Don’t give _____: Be _____.
(Proverbs 16:7; James 4:7)

2. Don’t give _____: Be _____. (I Cor. 15:58)

3. Don’t give _____: Be _____. (Gal. 6:9)

B. I must believe _____. (v. 9a)

III. What happens when I refuse to compromise? (v. 9b-20)

A. God will _____ me. (v. 9b-10; II Corinthians 10:13-15)

B. God will _____ me.

1. I will have _____. (v. 11-16)

2. I will have _____. (v. 18-19)

3. I will have _____. (v. 17, 20)

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ACTION POINTS:

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- 2.) Living for God in today’s culture starts with having a _____ with Jesus Christ.
- 3.) You have no idea what God could do _____ if you live with conviction instead of compromise.
- 4.) _____, we must decide if we are going to live with conviction or compromise.

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