

Radicalism

1. Introduction: one of God's attributes is Radicalism (he chooses one way and never negotiates it. We can see this in

2. God's mind and laws are radical without bargain, compromise or concessions, write down Ac 4:12

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God gave us this law 2000 years ago ,whatever happened ,is happening ,will happen ,though enormous kingdoms come ,Kingdoms go never changes his laws Ja1:17

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3. God deals with the man in radical ways with radical laws ,not gradually

- Col 1:13

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- 2 Co 5:17

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- Ga 2:20 (deal with Ego)

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- Re 3 :15,16 (concerning lukewarm)

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Attributes in Jesus's life showing radicalism

1. He have a goal he was willing to fulfill and he endured all the challenges necessary to do it

- **Joh 4:34**

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- **Heb 12:2**

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Jesus had a Goal , knew, recognized,and lived all his life momentarily and died for it

2. Jesus possessed a Radical and legitimate understanding of the divine truth and lived in accordance to it :

- **Mar 2:27** he understood the deep essence for God's commandments regarding the Sabbath ,the sinners and the publicans and are not linked to their external applications

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- **Mk 3:1-6** Jesus's acts showing that he was completely convinced with the truth application whatever this seems to be odd or rejected from the surroundings

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- **Jn 2:13-17** For declaring the truth ,he collide very hard with the falsehood or even to leave strong imprint which holds the truth and

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Acts in Jesus's life showing Radicalism

1. Jesus was not afraid to declare the Truth and endure the consequences

- When he was young Lu2:49
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- In front of Nicodemus as a religious boss Jn 3:5
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- In front of the Jews who accused him falsely as Beelzebub Lu11:15-20
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- In front of all the Jews he declared the truth regarding his father ,himself and them if even this may lead them to stone and kill him Jn 8:42-45,58-59
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- In front of the Roman authority knowing that this will lead him to be crucified Jn 18:37
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- Not intimidated from the Roman threats and stand firm on the truth and declared that he will continue to achieve his target Lu 13:31-32
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- Jesus never compromise ,bargain in the truth one minute

Obstacles in the way of Radicalism

1. Lures ,temptations :Mt 4:8-9 lure by money ,admiration of others, better social position

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2. Concessions : very tiny concessions . Luk 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. –let us put a rule ‘IF YOU RELINQUISH IN SMALL PORTION = YOU RELINQUISH IN ALL’ Ac 5:1-10

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3. Relinquish : the enemy come and say “relinquish this time only” but I’ll tell you if you do once ,you will do it always Ac 4:18-23.

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4. Slanders and fabrications :people will describe you as fanatic ,extremist ,mischief (Lu 23:2) –troubleth Israel (1 K.18:17)

5. Threats : the way of the devil to intimidate you , Lu13:31-34

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6. Absence of clear vision ,target less: Pr 29:18

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7. Ego and self esteem are enemies of God so we need to surrender to and consider daily ourselves dead because the sentence of death is working in ourselves and consequently we don’t have anything to lose Jn 12:24

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2Co4:11.....

Ro 8:36 –Ro 6:11

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8. The World : Cares and riches and pleasures of this life chock the radical life Lu 8:14
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9. The Love(giving time and attention) of the world kill the zeal of the radical life Ja 4:4
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1 Jn 2:15-17

Are you radical or extremist?

1. Difference between radical and extremist:

- The radical builds but the extremist destroys
- The radical is positive and optimistic, but the extremist is negative and pessimistic
- The radical is committed to a law but extremist is rebellious doesn't want to have commitment
- The radical loves others and wills to deliver them but the extremist condemns them and looks down to others.

2. Compromising is the opposite of Radicalism :it is the way of gray color, of holding a stick from the middle, it is the opposite of the Radical life

- Acts 5:3 (God punished this seemingly small infraction)
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- Luke 9:57-57 (conditional dependence or subordination is not good)
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- Luke 9: 59-60 (unorganized priorities)
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- Luke 9:61-62 (gradual dependence)
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- Jesus's Radical answer: No conditions or terms, no other goals and immediate ,instant to follow Jesus and obey his commandments

3. Features of compromising in following Jesus :

- Coloration or live according the circumstances
- Not ready to pay the cost (Mt 19:22)
- Live words life not actions life (Lu 6: 46-48)
- Finding other Satisfactions than God (Gal 1:10)

What is your choice? A Radical life like Jesus or compromising life like others? Radical life is a philosophy and a style of life. It is not for just a certain time or set of circumstances, but the whole life.