

Lesson Guide

National Women's Auxiliary Department

(Target Group – All Ages)

Topic: "The Danger of Compromising With the Enemy"

I. Introduction

The word danger is only written in the bible six times. Yet, as we read the Word of God, we see numerous times the Lord warns his people of danger. *Webster* defines danger as *exposure to ruin, injury, loss or other evil*. Another definition is *anything that could cause harm to your mind, body, soul, spirit, or environment*. One of the wonderful things about being saved is that God gives us wisdom to avoid the wiles of the devil. God has given us men and women of God, His spirit, His Word, and each other, to help us to avoid life's many dangers. God has a history and excellent track record of protecting His people from **ALL** danger; therefore, we should learn to take **HEED** to His warnings. The fact of the matter is, God has made us a free agent, so it will ultimately be our decision as to whether we listen to the cautions that God sends our way. Since, we are given choices in life, we sometimes feel the need to wonder whether God knows what is best for us. This is where compromising comes into play. Proverbs 3:5 tells us that we are to *TRUST in the Lord with all our heart; and lean not unto our own understanding*. In Proverbs 3:6, we are told to *acknowledge Him, and He shall direct our paths*. This is God's will for mankind, but often times we find ourselves compromising with the enemy.

II. Compromising With the Enemy

Webster is a great dictionary. It is not the book that the Holy men of God conferred with while writing the Bible. The Holy Ghost and the Word of God gives us everything we need to live a holy life.

Joshua 1:8 tell us, *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

This is one of so many verses that God has given us to live a beautiful life. We will have the victory every time if we take heed and obey the word of God. But, we do not need to look any further than Genesis 3:1 to see how the enemy often times slips in to our mind and plants seeds of doubt in our hearts concerning what thus says the Lord.

A. The First Act of Compromise

Genesis 3:1 shows us where the very first act of compromising with the enemy began. As we look at the scripture, we see that the enemy chose a woman to be the first person to receive the seed of doubt. We should also note that the enemy made it his business to get the woman alone to have her question the truth about God's instructions. Eve could have avoided a lot of trouble if she had not spent time alone with the enemy.

When we read Genesis 3:1, we see the trouble that Eve fell into when she compromised with the enemy. Just as she should have not spent time with the serpent, neither should we spend time alone with the opposite sex, even unholy affection with the same sex. It is the enemy's job to try and get us to doubt the Word of God.

In Genesis 3:4 when the serpent said unto the woman, *ye shall not surely die*. But, just as the serpent lied to Eve, he will lie to you. He will tell young women if they have sex they will not get pregnant. But can get pregnant, get an STD or get both. He will tell you that you cannot get pregnant your first time having sex. But you can. He will tell you that you cannot get pregnant if the boy does not complete the sexual act, but you surely can.

Young people see their peers at school as "boyfriend" and "girlfriend." But don't let this get you side-tracked! Take this time of youthfulness and **ENJOY** yourself. Let this time be about you and your walk with Jesus.

St. Luke 1:28 tells us of God speaking a blessing into the life of the Virgin Mary for not compromising to the young boys of her day, but keeping herself as a vessel to be used by God.

God has special blessings in store for young sisters who yield themselves to His will. Spend time in His word each day. Read the Book of Proverbs, so that you will be filled with wisdom. Proverbs speaks to everyone's heart.

The famous surgeon, Ben Carson, tells in his book "Gifted Hands," how he was a boy in the streets, with a bad temper, and one day he had a knife and attempted to stab a boy. Instead of stabbing the boy, he hit the boy's belt buckle. This event scared him so, that he went home and shut himself in a room and started to read the book of Proverbs. After reading the book of Proverbs, Ben came out that room a changed person. From this event, Ben turned his life from negative to the positive and the rest is history. Today, Dr. Carson is a noted speaker, author, and surgeon. Dr. Carson is the surgeon of choice when it comes to twins that are born conjoined. He is known around the world for the first successful operation on conjoined twins and giving them a normal life. This famous surgeon changed his negative behavior not because of a social

worker, therapist, or even law enforcement, but it was the scriptures of Proverbs that gave him the mind to change from his negative ways, and put to use his gifted hands God gave to him. As God has changed Dr. Carson's heart, he can also change yours.

Psalms 119:11 tells us that hidding the Word of God in our heart will keep us from sinning against Him. It is only through His Word that we will defeat the enemy.

We must keep Jude verse 3 in our remembrance during these changing times. Jude exhorts us to *earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints*. We must not compromise this truth that was once delivered to us. As parents, we are to teach these truths to our children, and be longsuffering in our doing so. We must continue to trust and believe these truths even when our children are going through their times of doubts. We must stay with the word, and always practice the Four Step Test of Salvation.

III. Four Step Test of Salvation

A. Step #1 - Love

The first step is *love*. It is God's will that we always walk in love. If you need to check out your love, read I Corinthians 13. Thisl give you a head-to-toe examinatkion of your love walk.

B. Step #2 – Confession

The second step is *confession*. We must never deceive ourselves to think that we are so holy that we never do anything wrong. We should regularly confess our sins to avoid them meeting us at judgment. I Timothy 5:24 states that if we don't confess our sins now they will see us at judgment.

C. Step #3 – Giving

The third step is *giving*. We all see the changes in the economy every day, but this is not the time to make excuses not to obey the Word of God. Malachi 3:8-10 makes it clear as day concerning our need to obey the Word of God concerning giving.

A wise man once said, "If you will always trust God and give him his dime, God will always make sure that your \$0.90 will always take care of your needs." But if we take God's dime, he will take back the \$0.90 that he gave us. The enemy wants us to compromise in our giving. Remember, "Everywhere God has given us a promise we should obey The enemy really fights us in doing whatever God has spoken, so he can keep us from receiving what God has promised. The devil knows the scripture, but we, as children of God, must get the Word in our hearts and believe it.

D. Step #4 - Forgiving

The fourth and final step test for our salvation is *forgiving*. Often times our flesh does not want to forgive. But forgiveness is not an option it is a MUST! We cannot pray to God if we have unforgiveness in our hearts.

Matthew 6:12-14 admonishes us to always keep the vessels of forgiveness open in our hearts. Remember our spiritual vessels are like our natural vessel. If a vessel becomes blocked in our bodies, it may cause a heart attack, stroke, or even sudden death. When we fail to forgive, it blocks the flow of prayer from our hearts to God. James 5:16 says, the effectual (producing, or capable of producing, an intended effect) fervent (exhibiting or marked by great intensity of feeling) prayer of a righteous man availed much. God has blessed us in the Progressive Church with godly men and women of God, who have a desire to prepare us for the coming of the Lord. If we listen and obey, we will hear God say, "Well done my good and faithful servant." But if we choose to compromise with the enemy, and listen to his seeds of doubt, subtlety, and lies, we will hear God's voice say "depart from me all workers of iniquities." If we hear these words from God, we will be eternally lost. These are the dangers of **COMPROMISING WITH THE ENEMY**.