

No COMPROMISE

I saw a sign posted (among others) in a secular bookstore recently that read, “Stand for what is right, even if it means standing alone.” Coupled with that, I recall another: “It’s easy to stand with the crowd. It takes courage to stand alone.” Are we totally sold out to our Lord, living a No Compromise lifestyle? Ouch! Don’t get me wrong, I don’t pose this question to you, without it not having already been posed to me by the Holy Spirit. Keith Green, a sold-out, evangelical, contemporary Christian musician in the ‘70s & early ‘80s (before Christ took him home), penned and sung about having a No Compromise lifestyle. From what I know of his life, following his surrender to Christ, he really lived this out. If you will, search the Internet for the lyrics to the “No Compromise” song that Keith sung. It’s really a heartfelt message from Keith to his Lord.

Am I; are you, really willing to pay the price to live it? Realizing your or my response to this question could cost us “world” reputation or “world” recognition, but when all is said and done and we’re standing before the throne of God, do I (do you) really want a record, of our life here on this earth, that is above reproach? For me, nowadays, I’m not willing to risk burning in hell for all eternity – totally separated from God – to save my “worldly” reputation. To put it plainly, it isn’t worth it folks. I recall the OT scripture where Joshua (speaking under God’s anointing), said to the children of Israel (like those representative of people today who often pattern a hot-to-cold (i.e., lukewarm) lifestyle), “... choose you this day whom you will serve...: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (ref. Joshua 24:15). I enjoy fellowship and camaraderie with my Christian biking family, realizing we may have differences of opinion regarding what we should or should not do as a chapter at times. Compromises are often made to maintain unity within our group; a good thing but one thing we should never do – individually or collectively – is to compromise our standing with the Lord, in any manner. By doing so, we tarnish and/or can destroy our witness individually or as a body of the church. I encourage you, as I am, to stand for what is right, even if it means standing alone. Yeah, that takes courage but scripture says: “He (Christ) will never leave us or forsake us.” (ref. Deuteronomy 31:6, Hebrews 13:5). Suited with the armor of God, we can indeed stand up to the higher calling; that being a *No Compromise* lifestyle.

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