

"CHARACTER ISN'T INHERITED. ONE BUILDS IT DAILY BY THE WAY ONE THINKS AND ACTS, THOUGHT BY THOUGHT, ACTION BY ACTION. IF ONE LETS FEAR OR HATE OR ANGER OR GREED OR LUST TAKE POSSESSION OF THE MIND, THEY BECOME SELF-FORGED CHAINS."

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"EVERY MORAL COLLAPSE BEGINS WITH
A PRIVATE COMPROMISE."

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"MAY THE INNER MAN AND OUTER BE ONE."
—SOCRATES

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WHOEVER WALKS IN INTEGRITY WALKS SECURELY,
BUT HE WHO MAKES HIS WAYS CROOKED
WILL BE FOUND OUT. —PROVERBS 10:9

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I. HOW IS OUR CHARACTER COMPROMISED?

• UNCHECKED DESIRES

¹⁴BUT EACH PERSON IS TEMPTED WHEN HE IS LURED AND ENTICED BY HIS OWN DESIRE. ¹⁵THEN DESIRE WHEN IT HAS CONCEIVED GIVES BIRTH TO SIN, AND SIN WHEN IT IS FULLY GROWN BRINGS FORTH DEATH.

—JAMES 1:14-15



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I. HOW IS OUR CHARACTER COMPROMISED?

• UNCHECKED DESIRES

²⁴BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE WAS GROWN UP, REFUSED TO BE CALLED THE SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, ²⁵CHOOSING RATHER TO BE MISTREATED WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD THAN TO ENJOY THE FLEETING PLEASURES OF SIN. ²⁶HE CONSIDERED THE REPROACH OF CHRIST GREATER WEALTH THAN THE TREASURES OF EGYPT, FOR HE WAS LOOKING TO THE REWARD. —HEBREWS 11:24-26



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³FOR THE LIPS OF A FORBIDDEN WOMAN DRIP HONEY, AND HER SPEECH IS SMOOTHER THAN OIL, ⁴BUT IN THE END SHE IS BITTER AS WORMWOOD, SHARP AS A TWO-EDGED SWORD.

⁵HER FEET GO DOWN TO DEATH;

HER STEPS FOLLOW THE PATH TO SHEOL;

⁶SHE DOES NOT PONDER THE PATH OF LIFE; HER WAYS WANDER, AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW IT.

⁷AND NOW, O SONS, LISTEN TO ME, AND DO NOT DEPART FROM THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH.

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⁸KEEP YOUR WAY FAR FROM HER, AND DO NOT GO NEAR THE DOOR OF HER HOUSE, ⁹LEST YOU GIVE YOUR HONOR TO OTHERS AND YOUR YEARS TO THE MERCILESS, ¹⁰LEST STRANGERS TAKE THEIR FILL OF YOUR STRENGTH, AND YOUR LABORS GO TO THE HOUSE OF A FOREIGNER, ¹¹AND AT THE END OF YOUR LIFE YOU GROAN, WHEN YOUR FLESH AND BODY ARE CONSUMED, ¹²AND YOU SAY, "HOW I HATED DISCIPLINE, AND MY HEART DESPISED REPROOF! —PROVERBS 5:3-12

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"THE GREATER THE MAN, THE GREATER THE PRICE
HE PAYS FOR A SHORT SEASON OF SINFUL PLEASURE."

—CHUCK SWINDOLL

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I. HOW IS OUR CHARACTER COMPROMISED?

- **UNCHECKED DESIRES**
- **UNWISE DECISIONS**

¹²THEREFORE LET ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT HE STANDS TAKE
HEED LEST HE FALL. ¹³NO TEMPTATION HAS OVERTAKEN YOU
THAT IS NOT COMMON TO MAN. GOD IS FAITHFUL, AND
HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND YOUR ABILITY,
BUT WITH THE TEMPTATION HE WILL ALSO
PROVIDE THE WAY OF ESCAPE, THAT YOU MAY
BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT. —1 CORINTHIANS 10:12-13



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I. HOW IS OUR CHARACTER COMPROMISED?

- **UNCHECKED DESIRES**
- **UNWISE DECISIONS**
- **UNSEEN ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS**

KEEP YOUR HEART WITH ALL VIGILANCE, FOR FROM IT
FLOW THE SPRINGS OF LIFE. —PROVERBS 4:23



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I. HOW IS OUR CHARACTER COMPROMISED?

- **UNCHECKED DESIRES**
- **UNWISE DECISIONS**
- **UNSEEN ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS**

"THE ULTIMATE PROOF OF THE SINNER IS THAT HE DOES
NOT KNOW HIS OWN SIN." —MARTIN LUTHER



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I. HOW IS OUR CHARACTER COMPROMISED?

- **UNCHECKED DESIRES**
- **UNWISE DECISIONS**
- **UNSEEN ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS**
- **UNDERUTILIZED GIFTS AND RESOURCES**



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2. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE COST OF COMPROMISE?



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- **YOU LOSE YOUR CREDIBILITY**
- **YOU RISK YOUR FAMILY**



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WHEN YOU COMPROMISE YOUR CHARACTER...

- **YOU LOSE YOUR CREDIBILITY**
- **YOU RISK YOUR FAMILY**
- **YOU SUBVERT GOD'S PURPOSE**



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3. HOW CAN WE RECOVER WHEN CHARACTER IS COMPROMISED?

THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT;
A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART, O GOD,
YOU WILL NOT DESPISE. —**PSALM 51:17**



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3. HOW CAN WE RECOVER WHEN CHARACTER IS COMPROMISED?

- **HONESTY: ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR REALITY**

"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE,
BUT FIRST IT WILL MAKE YOU MISERABLE."
—**JAMES A. GARFIELD**



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3. HOW CAN WE RECOVER WHEN CHARACTER IS COMPROMISED?

- **HONESTY: ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR REALITY**
- **HUMILITY: CHANGE YOUR POSTURE**



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3. HOW CAN WE RECOVER WHEN CHARACTER IS COMPROMISED?

- **HONESTY: ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR REALITY**
- **HUMILITY: CHANGE YOUR POSTURE**
- **RESPONSIBILITY: OWN YOUR MISTAKES AND SEEK RESTITUTION**

"FORGIVENESS DOES NOT CHANGE THE PAST, BUT IT DOES ENLARGE THE FUTURE."

—PAUL BOESE



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3. HOW CAN WE RECOVER WHEN CHARACTER IS COMPROMISED?

- **HONESTY: ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR REALITY**
- **HUMILITY: CHANGE YOUR POSTURE**
- **RESPONSIBILITY: OWN YOUR MISTAKES AND SEEK RESTITUTION.**
- **CONSISTENCY: ESTABLISH NEW HABITS**

"WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. EXCELLENCE, THEN, IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT." —WILL DURANT



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3. HOW CAN WE RECOVER WHEN CHARACTER IS COMPROMISED?

- **HONESTY: ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR REALITY**
- **HUMILITY: CHANGE YOUR POSTURE**
- **RESPONSIBILITY: OWN YOUR MISTAKES AND SEEK RESTITUTION.**
- **CONSISTENCY: ESTABLISH NEW HABITS**
- **ACCOUNTABILITY: SEEK SUPPORT**



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FOR THE RIGHTEOUS FALLS SEVEN TIMES AND RISES AGAIN, BUT THE WICKED STUMBLE IN TIMES OF CALAMITY. —PROVERBS 24:16

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