

## Courage in a Culture of Compromise

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

***“Discernment is not the difference  
between knowing **right and wrong**.***

It is knowing the difference  
between **right and almost right.**”

Charles Spurgeon

- I. We are called to ***live*** out our ***convictions***. (Romans 12:1)

***Therefore I urge you, brethren,*** by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1. Our convictions must come out of the ***Word*** of God. (James 1:22)

***But be doers of the word,*** and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

2. Our convictions will be fleshed out in our ***work*** for God. (Col 3:23)

Whatever you do, ***do your work heartily,*** as for the Lord rather than for men,

3. Our convictions will stand out in our ***worship*** of God. (1 Thess. 1:5)

Our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also ***in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;***

- II. We are challenged not to ***lean*** toward ***compromise***. (Rom. 12:2a)

And ***do not be conformed to this world,*** but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

1. We must not be conformed to this world ***mentally***. (Phil 2:5)

***Let this mind be in you*** which was also in Christ Jesus,

2. We must not be conformed to this world ***physically***. (1 Cor. 6:19)

***Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit*** who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

3. We must not be conformed to this world ***socially***. (John 17:16-18)

***"They are not of the world,*** even as I am not of the world. " Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

4. We must not be conformed to this world ***spiritually***. (Isa 1:13)

"Bring your worthless offerings no longer, Incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and Sabbath, the calling of assemblies —***I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.***

III. We are confronted with the ***law*** of ***consequences***. (Rom. 12:2b)

***So that you may prove what the will of God is,*** that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

1. You reap ***what*** you sow. (Gal 6:7)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for ***whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.***

2. You reap ***more*** than you sow. (Gal 6:8)

For the one who ***sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption,*** but the one who ***sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.***

3. You reap ***later*** than you sow.(Gal 6:9)

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for ***in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.***

***"It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error."***

Adrian Rogers