

## **No Compromise**

### **Ready:**

<sup>2</sup> Happy are those who keep His decrees and seek Him with all their heart. <sup>3</sup> They do nothing wrong; they follow His ways. <sup>4</sup> You have commanded that Your precepts be diligently kept.  
Psalm 119.2-4

### **Set**

On February 16, 2005, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman cancelled what little was left of the 2004-- 2005 hockey season exactly five months after the NHL lockout began. No compromise was reached between players and owners, and the NHL received the shameful distinction of becoming the first professional sports league in North America to miss an entire season due to a labor dispute.

Check out the verses above. "No compromise" is a philosophy we should use when dealing with sin and disobedience to God's commands for us. Compromise is something we encounter every day in our normal course of life, and it's plainly necessary in many of life's dealings. But when addressing sin against obedience to God, we should never let pride lead us to compromise. We should choose obedience every time. If we take an honest look, we might be surprised at how often we're tempted to compromise what we know is right. We say things like "Only this one time," "Everybody else is fine with it," "It's normal. What does it matter?" or "Surely there's no harm in this." But if we know something to be contrary to God's will for us, then we must not steer off course, but rather walk straight ahead doing what's right. When we compromise with sin, we reach an agreement with it, and the outcome will be dreadful and dangerous.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. God's ideas for how we should live aren't simply rules to follow. They're guidelines that protect us and help us live the best life we can live. There's no better place to be than in the center of God's will.

### **Go**

1. In what areas of your life are you tempted to compromise today?
2. What do you think God is asking you to do instead?
3. How can you fortify your life so you are more likely to make the right decision?

### **Workout**

Joshua 24:15

Proverbs 25:26

1 Corinthians 10:13

James 1:13-15

**Bible Reference:**

James 1



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