

SERMON NOTES

Date: March 4, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: How to Avoid Moral Compromise

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:6-13

Big Idea: The cost of godliness can be great, but not as great as the cost of compromise. Paul teaches us how to avoid moral failures in the church and in our personal lives.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

How does moral compromise in the church effect its worship, work, and witness? _____

What does the Bible say about the cost of godliness (Luke 14:25-33; 1 Timothy 4:7-8)? In what ways are the costs of moral compromise greater (Psalm 32, 51; Romans 8:13)? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Considering who Jesus is and what he has done to secure your salvation, what does it mean and look like practically to live for Christ with sincerity and truth? How will that guard you against moral compromises?

Paul says that our purity concerns should be greatest for believers, not the people of the world. How should Paul's teaching affect the way you treat unbelievers who live godless lives and the expectations you have for believers to live godly lives? What extreme perspectives might you need to guard against? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Big moral failures often begin with little moral compromises in thought, word, and deed. Fill in the blanks below:

- "A little _____ in my life could lead to _____."
- "A little _____ in my life could lead to _____."
- "A little _____ in my life could lead to _____."

What is going to keep you from making those little compromises? _____
