

## **Beware of Compromised Living**

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*Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Colossians 3:9-10*

### **Case Study**

Kristy is a young Christian girl. Both of Kristy's parents love the Lord and devote their lives to living for Him. They take her to church on Sundays and to bible study during the week. She listens to worship music at home and reads her bible with her family. When Kristy is at school, however, she is a totally different person. She skips class sometimes to hang out with her friends. During lunch, Kristy and her friends listen to worldly music and talk about boys. Furthermore, she exchanges phone numbers with boys at school and fails to tell her parents that she did so. At dinner when her parents ask her how school was, Kristy talks about what she has for homework and tell her parents that she had a good day.

### **Discussion**

We all experience challenges as young adults with compromised living. So often, we never think that we are living dishonest lifestyles. To be dishonest is displaying or speaking one thing while showing something else. In this case, Kristy led her parents to believe that she lived one way when

she really acted another way at school. We all have experienced the temptation or urge to do something that we know would not glorify God. At times, do you find it challenging to live an honest life or make the right choices when no one is looking?

Too many young people are struggling with telling the truth. Instead, hide the things they are ashamed of, especially when they think there will be consequences for their actions. We all hid certain things about our lives from our parents. We showed our parents what we wanted them to see and kept our true feelings and mistakes hidden. In the case with Adam and Eve (*Genesis chapter 3:7*), They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons to cover an embarrassing situation. This action of hiding is common for young people, due to fear of rejection by their parents.

### **God wants to help**

Many of us young people do not understand the dangers of living a compromised life. We show one face at school and another face at home. Hiding your feelings, thoughts, emotions and temptation from your parents is not beneficial for you. Parents cannot pray, protect, and help you deal with areas of your life when you keep things hidden from them. When you live a compromised life and show two different faces, it is dangerous because you

have no guidance or direction. Without guidance and direction, you can make a decision that is unhealthy for your life.

When you accept Jesus Christ into your heart, at the center of your being is the ability for truth. God loves you so much and does not want you trapped by deceit, dishonesty, and compromise. You do not have to feel cornered or trapped into living out the urges of your body (*Romans 8:12*). You do not have to show two different faces to win the approval of others. Through God's love, you will find acceptance and approval. It is then you will discover the freedom to live a life without compromise.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9*

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