

**Nehemiah: Building a Life of Faith**  
***The Danger of Compromise***  
**Nehemiah 13:1-31 (page 346)**

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**I need to beware of compromise:**

- In my decisions  
(Neh 13:4-9; 1 Sam 15:24; Prov 1:7; Jas 4:17)
  
- In my giving (Neh 13:10-14;10:32-39; 1 Cor 16:2;  
2 Cor 9:6-8; 1 Tim 5:17-18; Matt 6:21)
  
- With my priorities (Neh 13:15-22;10:31; Matt 6:33-34;  
Eph 5:8-9; Phil 3:13-15; Heb 10:24-25)
  
- In my relationships (Neh 13:23-31;10:30; 1 Ki 11:1-8;  
1 Cor 15:33-34; 2 Cor 6:14-16)

**Thinking it through...**

Do I honor God with:

*My decisions?*

Are my decisions based on God's truth or on worldly criteria?

Do I make decisions to please others or to please God?

*My material possessions?*

Do I give regularly, systematically and proportionately as God has blessed me? Am I faithful to provide for the ministry of God's kingdom?

*My priorities?*

How much time do I give to God compared with everything else each day? How much time do I invest in encouraging and building up other believers? What would Jesus say if He were to evaluate my priorities?

*My relationships?*

Do the relationships I am involved in honor God? Do they lead me closer to God or further from Him? Do they make me think more about God's will or less about what God thinks?

What is *one action step* I can take this week to grow stronger and *prevent compromise* from occurring in *one or more* of these areas of my life?

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