

The Attack of the Compromising Christian

“It was your average morning with people heading off to work, kids walking to school, and toddlers riding their tricycles, under their mothers watchful care. But all that was going to change in the blinking of an eye.

At 2:00 AM that very morning, a plane carrying its deadly cargo called, ‘Little Boy’ began its historic mission.

And as expected, the ground radar detected incoming aircraft but since there was no sign of bombers, the people on the ground thought the danger had already passed. Therefore, the plane continued on.

In fact, exactly one hour later the radar again spotted two B-29’s and issued yet another warning for the people to head for shelter. However, the people ignored it because they thought for sure that this was just another false alarm

And so precisely, 16 minutes later, Little Boy was dropped and unlike his name he left behind a massive mushroom-shaped cloud near the center of this thriving city.

The destruction was instantaneous and unbelievable, with 90% of the buildings being obliterated by 1,000 mph winds.

And the loss of life was absolutely inconceivable with 140,000 people being incinerated by temperatures above 9000 degrees Fahrenheit.

The year was 1945. The plane was the Enola Gay. The bomb was atomic. The city of course, was Hiroshima.”

Now, we all know about the Bombing of Hiroshima was one of the worst disasters of all time, right? But what if I were to tell you that I know of a disaster that makes the bombing of Hiroshima look like a mere **firecracker**. And what if I were to tell you that **this disaster** didn’t occur in

just one city, but it's going on **right now today** all over the world and it's been leaving a trail of death and destruction for centuries. That's right. I'm talking about **The Attack of the Killer C's**.

People of God, as American troops have gone off to war to fight an external enemy, so the American Church needs to go to war to fight the **internal enemy** of our souls, satan. Why? Because whether you feel it, see it, or believe it or not, the moment you got saved you entered a spiritual war against a **demonic host** whose sole purpose is to destroy you and extinguish your effectiveness for Christ. Therefore, in light of these wars raging all around us, we're going to continue on our study, **The Attack of the Killer C's**.

We've already seen that the **first weapon** the enemy fires at us is the attack of the **Casual Christian**. And there we saw that the devil tricks us into weakening the Church and the gospel by being casual in our attendance and in our witness. And in the last chapter we saw that the **second weapon** the enemy fires at us is the attack of the **Cultural Christian**. And there we saw that the devil will actually trick us into wasting away our strength and wasting away our lives. How? By longing for created things more than the Creator and longing for the word of man more than the Word of God.

Oh, but that's not the only thing. The **third weapon** the enemy fires at us is the attack of the **Compromising Christian**. But hey, don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's.

Matthew 16:21-24 “From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. Never, Lord! he said. This shall never happen to you! Jesus turned and said to Peter, Get behind me, satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men. Then Jesus said to his disciples, If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Now according to our text, Jesus doesn't even hesitate to rebuke Peter for suggesting that He should refrain from a life of personal pain and possible death. And oh, I'm sure Peter thought he was helping the Lord. But in reality, this suggestion to pamper your life instead of sacrificing your life **didn't come from God**. It actually came from satan. Therefore, Jesus declares that if anyone is going to be His disciple then they must emulate His behavior. They must deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow Him, suffering and all.

And people that's why the **first sign** to indicate a when person's become a **Compromising Christian** is **When They No Longer Believe In Denying Sin**. Folks, the **first definition** of the word **compromise** means “to

make a shameful agreement or to follow the middle ground.” And people this is one of the very first things the devil does to keep Christians from becoming a mighty army. He throws out the bait and says, “You don’t want to be labeled as one of those boring religious types do you? No! I mean, surely there’s nothing wrong with having a little fun once in awhile, right?” And folks you might think a **compromising behavior** is no big deal because after all it doesn’t hurt anyone, right? Wrong! People of God, this is a lie from the pit of hell because the devil knows that a **compromising behavior** leads to **calamities**.

And the **first calamity** is that it **You No Longer Become Shocked At What Sin Is**.

Acts 19:18-20 “Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. A number of them who had been practicing magic brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.”

Now according to our text here, these Christians were under such a **strong conviction** that they even sacrificed personal gain just to get rid of the sin in their lives. And as a result, the Gospel spread like wildfire. And people, the devil knows that it’s a life of **self-denial** that adds fuel to the Gospel. So here’s what he does. He gets us to no longer deny ourselves from sin, but to become **desensitized** to sin. How? By **the media**, of course. You

see, the media not only seduces us into wasting our time but it puts waste in our mind. And before you know it, just like a person gets addicted to drugs, you get addicted to entertainment. And this **addiction process** is so seductive that most of the time we don't even realize it's happened to us until it's too late. In fact, it's so common that even **secular researchers** have traced process of becoming an entertainment junkie.

PHASE #1: A junkie is consumed with his “fix.”

Daily Television Usage

Children: 2-11	:	2 hours 43 minutes per day.
Teens : 12-17	:	2 hours 52 minutes per day.
Men : 18+	:	3 hours 52 minutes per day.
Women : 18+	:	4 hours 28 minutes per day.
Daily home usage	:	6 hours 59 minutes per day.

“With TV sets turned on in the inner city for eleven hours a day and multiplying satellite, cable, and broadcast channels, television has become the closest and the most constant companion for American children. It has become the nation's mom and pop, storyteller, baby sitter, preacher, and teacher. Our children watch an astonishing 5,000 hours by the first grade and 19,000 hours by the end of high school—more time than they spend in class. The question more and more concerning parents, psychologists and public officials is this: What is all this viewing doing to them?”

PHASE #2: A junkie becomes addicted to his “fix.”

“Once people are exposed to the spectacle of blood and sex, they want more and more as they become hardened to the titillation of the last violent or sexual act they see. Just as a drug addict who becomes less and less responsive to a drug keeps looking for the initial ‘ideal’ rush, so those who are addicted to the sex and violence in films seek increasing doses of sex and violence to appease their lust.”

PHASE #3: A junkie will destroy his mind for his “fix.”

“Movies are one of the bad habits that corrupted our century. Of their many sins, I offer as the worst their effect on the intellectual side of the nation. It is chiefly from that viewpoint that I write of them—as an eruption of trash that has lamed the American mind and retarded Americans from becoming a cultured people.”

PHASE #4: A junkie will eventually kill himself with his “fix.”

“We often forget that there is a war raging around us. It is a war being waged inside our minds, a spiritual war for our souls. The adversary is using every possible tactic to control our minds: materialism, secularism, humanism, and all the other *isms* that conflict with Christianity. He is using the most effective weapons to win: the power of the mass media of entertainment. With the corrupted movies and television programs of our age, the adversary is fueling our sinful propensity to lust and hooking us on our desires. Once hooked, he drags us down to hell.”

People of God, let’s be honest with the facts. The majority of the material in the media today can no longer be called entertainment, but **sinnertainment**. All it does is distract us from Christ & desensitizes us to sin! And when is the American Church going to realize that every package from hell comes disguised in ecstasy. Oh, you’re being entertained alright. You’re being entertained to death! Oh, people, do you see the cunningness of the enemy? Do you see what he’s up to?

Oh but that’s not all. The **second calamity** of a compromising behavior is that **You No Longer Know What Sin Is**.

Hebrews 11:24-25 “By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.”

Folks, the Bible declares that Moses the man of God made an incredible decision to be persecuted with the people of God instead of enjoying the pleasures of this world. And because of this, God used him mightily. And people, the devil knows this. He knows it's a life of **self-denial** that enables us to be used mightily of God, so here's what he does. If he can't get us to become desensitized to sin, he gets us to no longer know what sin is. How? Thanks for asking. He does it in **three ways**.

The **first way** is by getting us to **rationalize** our sin. For instance we make excuses like, "I just can't help it, it must be a hereditary thing" or "This must be the cross I have to bear." Sound familiar? Do we really think God is going to fall for this? I don't think so!

Or the **second way** the enemy gets us to become desensitized to sin is by getting us to **redefine** our sin. For instance, we're told we shouldn't call alcoholism a sin. No! Let's just call it a social disease. And we shouldn't call adultery a sin. No! Let's just call it stepping out or fooling around. And we shouldn't call homosexuality a sin. No! Why everybody knows that's just an alternative lifestyle. Once again, do we really think God's going to buy into this? I don't think so! Call it what you will but sin is sin!

Oh, but people it gets worse. If satan can't get us to rationalize or redefine our sin he'll get us to resort to **relativism**. And for those of you

who may not know, relativism teaches that there are no absolutes. You yourself get to decide what's right and wrong, not God. But people, relativism is not only unbiblical, it's absolutely illogical. Why? Because the moment you say there are no absolutes, you just made an absolute statement!

And people you can call it what, but again, sin is still sin. And the Word of God is **absolutely** sure about it. And when is the American Church going to realize that rationalizing, redefining, and relativism is just another trick of the enemy to keep us from living a life of self-denial? People, a powerful Christian life comes not in flirting with sin but in fighting sin! And this is precisely what Billy Sunday was trying to say.

“He said, ‘I am against sin. Therefore, I’ll kick it as long as I’ve got a foot and I’ll fight it as long as I got a fist.

I’ll butt it as long as I’ve got a head and bite it as long as I’ve got a tooth.

And when I’m old and fistless, footless, and toothless, I’ll gum it until I go home to glory!’”

People of God, we can't compromise and make excuses for sin. We've got to fight it all the way to the end! Do you see the cunningness of the enemy? Do you see what he's up to? He knows that if he can get the American Church to treat sin like a cream puff instead of a rattlesnake then they'll not only get bit, but they'll actually end up poisoning their walk with Christ!

The **second sign** to indicate when a person's become a **Compromising Christian** is **When They No Longer Believe in the Forgiveness of Sin**. Folks, the **second definition** of the word **compromise** means "to expose to suspicion or to discredit." And here's how the devil uses this one. He throws out the bait and says, "You don't mean to tell me that every single one of your sins are forgiven? No! Surely there's a catch somewhere. I mean come on everybody knows that nothing in life is for free. And folks you might think a **compromising belief** is no big deal because after all it doesn't hurt anyone, right? Wrong! People of God, this is a lie from the pit of hell because the devil knows that **compromising belief** leads to calamities.

And the **first calamity** is it **Keeps You From Grabbing Hold of Your Savior**.

Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

People, the Bible declares that the moment you got saved, you not only had your sins forgiven by God, but you were made into a **mighty warrior** for God. Every single Christian is given the armor of God for one reason and one reason alone. **To do battle against the enemy of our souls**. And people, the devil knows this. But since he can't take away our armor to

fight with, he gets us to stop fighting. How? By getting us to doubt God's forgiveness!

You see, he not only tempts us to sin, but **once we sin**, he whispers in our ears, "God won't forgive you for that one. Look at you! You're not a mighty warrior. You're a good for nothing failure." And people, if we start doubting God's forgiveness, it will stop us dead in our tracks. And the next thing you know, you're sitting down on the battlefield of life in a heap of despair. Why? Because **we listened to a pack of lies** instead of the Word of God! One author puts it this way.

"The Christian life is like standing at one end of a long, narrow street lined on both sides with two-story houses. At the other end of the street stands Jesus Christ, and as we walk towards Him we grow in maturity. There is absolutely nothing in the street which can keep me from reaching Jesus.

But since this world is influenced by satan, the row of houses on either side are inhabited by beings committed to keeping us from growing strong. So they hang out the windows and call to us,

'Hey, look over here! I've got something you really want!' or 'Hey, try this, there's nothing wrong with it. Or maybe it's this one, 'You're a worthless idiot and boy you failed big this time. God can't use you now!'

And even though these voices have no real power to block our path, the strategy works all too well. You see, many Christians treat life's journey like a stroll through a shopping mall, instead of a race through a battlefield! And instead of staying focused on Christ, they give in to window-shopping at the enemy's stores!

And the longer they linger, the easier it is for satan to keep them from running to Christ! The whole tactic is to simply get our eyes off of Jesus,

slow down, sit down, stop, and if possible, give up on our journey to Jesus Christ.”

People of God, whatever you do, don't compromise by going window-shopping at the enemy's stores. Don't give an ear to his lies about not being forgiven by God. Why? Because if you do, you'll be tricked into thinking that God can't use you anymore. And the next thing you know, you'll stop fighting on the battlefield of life.

People of God, **stop and think about it!** Do you see the cunningness of the enemy? If the **American Church** is going to be all that we can be, then we've got to stand back up on the battlefield of life, shake off the lies of the enemy, and start fighting again for Jesus Christ! We've got to open our eyes to the tricks of the enemy, or we'll never become that mighty Army for God Almighty.

Therefore, if you're suffering from an **Attack of the Killer C's** and you've actually become a **Compromising Christian**, what do you? It's called repent, and ask for God's forgiveness. And people this is the great news. Once you do, because God loves you as His child, He's going to go right to work and turn you from a Compromising Christian into a **Committed Christian**. And folks a committed Christian isn't that hard to spot. You see, they'll not refuse to compromise with sin, but they'll trust in the Savior's forgiveness of sin all the way to the end, like **Polycarp** did.

“The year was 165 AD and Polycarp’s crime was that he refused to deny Christ and accept Caesar as Lord. So Polycarp was put to death.

As he entered the stadium, the proconsul told him, ‘Repent and swear by the Genius of Caesar and I will release you.’”

And Polycarp replied, ‘For 86 years I have been his servant, and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me? If you vainly suppose that I will swear by the Genius of Caesar, as you request, and pretend not to know who I am, listen carefully: I am a Christian. Now if you want to learn the doctrine of Christianity, name a day and give me a hearing.’

So the proconsul replied, ‘I have wild beasts. I will throw you to them, unless you change your mind.’

But Polycarp said, ‘Call for them! For the repentance from better to worse is a change impossible for us.’

The proconsul now angered said, ‘I will have you consumed by fire, since you despise the wild beasts, unless you change your mind.’

But Polycarp replied, ‘You threaten with a fire that burns only briefly and after just a little while is extinguished, for you are ignorant of the fire of the coming judgment and eternal punishment, which is reserved for the ungodly. But why do you delay? Come, do what you wish.’

And so Polycarp was burned at the stake.”

People of God, search your heart and ask yourself, “Would you, like Polycarp, be willing to follow Christ and **burn out your life** in a passionate flame for Him? Or are you still being tricked by the enemy to **burn up your life** in a flaming passion for sin?

People of God, there’s a war going on and its not just abroad but its right here in our own country. It’s a cosmic battle for the souls of men and

women all around us. The stakes are high and millions of lives are at risk. And if we're ever going to win this war then the American Church needs to once again shine for Jesus Christ. People, this is no time to be a **Compromising Christian!** Why? Because the alarm has sounded. We're under attack, **The Attack of the Killer C's**. Don't let the enemy get you! Amen?

To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to receive the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

“Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.”
