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*What we compromise to keep, we lose*

Most people have a good character and a fairly decent set of morals. We learn from our childhood that stealing, cheating, lying and such are wrong. Generally our behavior is curbed by our morals and guided by our sense of values. Occasionally we are tempted to compromise our integrity in order to gain some advantage for ourselves.

There is a law of compromise however, it says that what one compromises to keep, they will lose. Interestingly enough, this is also a principle found in God's Word. In order to be a Christian we are admonished to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus. We are further told that if on the contrary we seek to preserve our own life then we will only end up losing it. We cannot have what we compromise to obtain ... it has us!

*Prayer for Today*

O God, give me strength to live my values ... values which I have adopted from Your Word. Help me to be honest in all my dealings and to never sell my integrity for meager, temporary advantage.

*Scriptures for Today*

Mark 8:34-35 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it." (NKJV)

Matthew 16:26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (NKJV)