



SUMMIT

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Being spiritually strong in one area while being extremely weak in another can leave you vulnerable.



How to cultivate well balanced spiritual strength



The commendation, the case against, and the challenge given to the church in Pergamum.



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Learning or Application

- a) Your commitment to Christ is not going unnoticed (Hebrews 6:10)**
- b) Faithfulness in challenging times is commended by Christ**

The case against the church in Pergamum

Revelation 2:14-15

¹⁴ “Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality.¹⁵ Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

Learning or Application

- a) The teaching of Balaam is that compromising your convictions for the sake of avoiding conflict is a great option (**religious compromise**).
- b) The teaching of the Nicolaitans is that because God is gracious, we can do whatever we want (**moral compromise**).
- c) You can courageously stand for truth while at the same time be permitting ungodliness to take root in your life.

The challenge given to the church in Pergamum

Revelation 2:16-17

¹⁶ "Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it."

We must aggressively root out the compromise & false teaching from among us, or God Himself will be opposed to us!



Learning or Application

Personal application:

What compromise or false teaching am I letting slide in my own life?

Corporate application:

What compromise or false teaching are we letting slide in our Community Groups or circle of friends?



Announcements

- Please be sure to sign in and print a name tag. It has your small group room in the corner.
- If you do not have a small group, stay in here and come to the front where Hil Bowman and Rob Heath will lead the Open Group.
- If your group meets in the West Tower, please use the skybridge.

