

HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM COMPROMISING IN MINISTRY?

Learning from our Lord's Commands to His disciples

Matthew 10:24-42

- I. WE ARE TO ***UNDERSTAND WE SERVE HIM THE CONTEXT OF OPPOSITION*** meant for Him: Jesus reveals His disciples and bondservants will be opposed **(24-25)**

- II. WE ARE TO ***FEAR HIM NOT MAN*** by declaring His truth: Jesus commands His disciples not to fear those who will persecute, but to fear Him, speaking His Word **(26-31)**
 - A. **We are not to fear men, but speak His Word because Christ and His truth will be vindicated:** All will be revealed **(26-27)**

 - B. **We are not to fear men, who at worst can only kill, but rather fear God because He can destroy both body and soul in Hell (28)**

 - C. **Do not fear men, but fear God because He greatly values you (29-31)**

- III. WE ARE TO ***BE ENCOURAGED, YET HEED HIS WARNING***: **Confess Him, He will confess you. Deny Him, He will deny you (32-33)**
 - A. **An Encouragement not to fear men:** Genuine confession of Christ through obedient sharing of His Word reveals a genuine relationship **(32)**

 - B. **A Warning to fear God:** Denying Christ by not sharing His Word because of fear of men reveals a lack of a true relationship with Christ **(33)**