



Sermon Title: Relentless Devotion

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Scriptures: Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing. [Acts 19:18-20]

1. While the Spirit shows great patience with us as we grow, He shows absolutely no patience with our sin.
2. Compromise with sin is like compromise with cancer. It only allows it to spread.
3. We want God's blessings on our terms. But if God is who He says He is compromising His terms compromises our blessings.
4. We may compromise with sin but sin will never compromise with us! If our devotion doesn't overrule our compromise our compromise will eventually overrule our devotion.
5. Idolatry is the habit of attaching our deepest hopes and loyalties to someone or something other than God.
6. Difficulty is often the price of devotion. Convenience is usually the death of it.
7. Doctrine isn't the enemy of love; it defines love, inspires love, and informs love.
8. Maturity takes time, but faithfulness must be immediate.
9. When Jesus' followers abandon their idols, sinners are more likely to abandon theirs.

Growth Group Questions
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KICK-OFF

1. What good books are you reading these days? In what ways are they adding value to your life?
2. Do you like to study doctrine? Why or why not?

THE GAME PLAN

1. What points from today's sermon challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention and why?
2. Has the Holy Spirit been making you aware of any "magic books" (idols) that you need to expose publicly and throw into the bonfire? If so, what are they?
3. Are you aware of any blessings you may have forfeited in your life as a result of compromise with sin? If so, explain.

OVERTIME

1. **Read 1 John 1:7** - Are there any areas of your life where you continue to compromise with sin? If so, consider confessing your sin to others as a way of breaking free from demonic strongholds.

