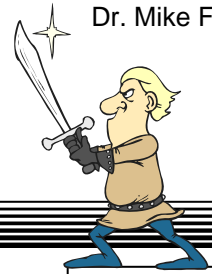


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part 9

# Ambitious Faith

## Courage to Do the Right Thing



*Do the Right Thing and...*

**1. Don't** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.23)

*Do the Right Thing and...*

**2. Gladly** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.24-26)

*Do the Right Thing and...*

**3. Get Used to** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.25b, 26b)

*Hebrews 11:23-26*

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

<sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. <sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. (NIV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the temptations to compromise that Christians face in today's world?

What are some of the greatest temptations to sin that you face?

2. Describe a situation when you stood up for what is right and it cost you. What were some of the consequences?
3. Read **Psalm 94:16-19**. To what extent could you testify to a new Christian that God does indeed sustain and support those who call on him and stand up for him in the midst of their temptation to compromise? What examples could you give someone of this truth in your own life?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 10:13**. What is the most encouraging aspect of this oft quoted verse?

5. Read **Galatians 1:10** and **Proverbs 29:25**. On a scale of 1 to 10, how badly do you secretly desire the approval of others? What can you do to lessen that inclination?

6. What practical advice could you give to someone wanting to learn to look past the lure of "short-lived pleasures" of sin to the "eternal rewards" of obedience to God's rules?

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this  
week's schedule:

July 1<sup>st</sup>  
*2Chr. 7-9 & Ps. 35-36*  
July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
*2Chr. 10-12 & Ps. 37*  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
*2Chr. 13-14 & Ps. 38-39*  
July 4<sup>th</sup>  
*2Chr. 15-16 & Ps. 40-41*  
July 5<sup>th</sup>  
*2Chr. 17-18 & Ps. 42-43*  
July 6<sup>th</sup>  
*2Chr. 19-20 & Ps. 44-45*  
July 7<sup>th</sup>  
*2Chr. 21-22 & Ps. 46-47*  
July 8<sup>th</sup>  
*2Chr. 23-25 & Ps. 48-49*

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0535 – **Key Ingredients for Being Loyal to Christ**  
CD # 9930 – **A Time for Severity: Dealing with Sin in Your Own Domain**  
CD # 9940 – **Essential Strategies for Beating Temptation**  
CD # 0330 – **Help & Hope When Doubt Creeps In**  
CD # 0536 – **Pursuing Loyalty to Christ as a Team Effort**  
CD # 0114 - 0118 – **Internal Warfare (a four-part series on fighting temptation from Col.3)**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org))

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