

The Dangers of Settling for Less  
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Scriptures:

- 2 Corinthians 8:12, 13, *Mirror*
- 2 Corinthians 8:12, 13, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 2 Corinthians 5:17, *Mirror*
- Galatians 5:1, *NIV*
- Galatians 5:1, *Mirror*
- Romans 6:1, 2
- Ephesians 4:22-24, *NIV*
- John 10:10
- Hebrews 3:19
- Genesis 25:29-34
- 2 Corinthians 9:7, *NLT*

Summary:

*We must beware of the serious spiritual and practical dangers of choosing to settle for less than God's best in life. Settling is defined as forfeiting His best by clinging to what is lesser. This compromises our identity in Christ and leads to living below our supernatural potential. God encourages us to recognize our unique wiring and purpose and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us daily. By avoiding trading God's abundance for survival mode, we can thrive rather than merely survive. Biblical examples such as Esau and the Israelites teach us how settling can result in missed blessings. Ultimately, the call is for us to reject mediocrity and embrace the abundant life promised through grace.*

Notes:

1. Accepting less than what God wants for us hurts us in the long run. It starts a downward spiral.
2. To settle means to forfeit God's best by clinging to the lesser.
3. The four dimensions of settling are a compromise of identity, lowered expectations, choosing to be comfortable instead of growing and developing, and exchanging abundance to stay in survival mode.
4. We must examine the reasons why people compromise and settle. They include fear, comfort, impatience, and unbelief.
5. Biblical examples of settling for less include the Israelites in the wilderness, and Jacob's brother, Esau. Compromising carries dangers to our spiritual development.

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