

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I once saw a movie in which the dean of students at a prestigious university was involved in a scheming, murderous cover-up. He had everybody fooled. Under the pretense of sincerity and concern he won the loyalty and trust of students and the faculty. He was the last person you'd suspect of such a vicious crime. He almost pulled it off, but in the end he was caught. He'd been corrupted. He started well, but he traded truth and integrity for personal gain.

It's a sad truth, but not everyone will remain true to the end. Not everybody who starts off well, not everybody who knows the word of God, who knows the Christian language, who has great experiences in the faith will end up well. Sadly, just as in combat, casualties are a part of the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged.

We should be sobered by the words in 1 Timothy chapter 4, verses 1 and 2; “But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron.”

Those are some hard, strong words! But the Apostle Paul didn't mince words. In other words he says, “Look not everybody who starts off well is going to end well.” Continual compromise damages our spiritual sensitivity. Our consciences become seared. We no longer are sensitive to the things of God because we have continued to compromise, to reduce the truth, to wander away from it.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Let's examine our hearts to make sure we are not being lured astray by the deceitfulness of sin and Satan. Let's ask God to keep our consciences sensitive to His truth and the Spirit of God.

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