

## **COMPROMISE OR NOT TO COMPROMISE** by Ms. Marlene Legasi-Munar

Is it always wrong to compromise? The answer it depends. It depends on the situation and it depends on what you will compromise too. Tingnan iyong kaibahan ng compromising and negotiating. Compromising and negotiating both have the same end goal – the greater good for all parties involved. Let us look at Daniel 1:8. Daniel made up his mind not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief official for permission to eat other things instead. What did Daniel do? Daniel was able to negotiate a settlement without compromising his convictions. Both the king and Daniel got what they wanted. Whenever you negotiate, never give up your Christian convictions. Marami ang nagtatanong - Can a Christian salesman remain Christian if he wants to succeed in sales. The answer is yes. It is difficult but it is possible. When is compromise inappropriate? Romans 6:12, “Do not let sin control the way you live. Do not give in to its lustful desires.” Compromise is inappropriate when it involves sin of any kind. 1 Samuel 15:25, “So finally admitted, yes I have sinned, I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord’s command for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded.” Compromise is inappropriate if motivated by people pleasing or following the bad example of others. Are you compromising your faith as a Christian because you want to belong, you want to please your colleagues? Are you compromising because you want others to think that you are a cool person, that is people pleasing, and when we compromise motivated by people pleasing or following the bad examples of others, it is inappropriate. Meron bang lugar ang compromising sa buhay ng isang Christian worker o ng isang Christian professional. When is compromise appropriate? Romans 14:15, “If another Christian is distressed by what you eat, you are not acting in love if you eat it. Do not let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died.” Maintaining unity in the body of Christ may require compromising personal preferences. Notice here that you are encouraged to compromise only your personal preferences or personal comfort but not your Christian convictions. When else is it appropriate to compromise. We must be willing to compromise what pleases us for the sake of other’s doubts and fears. Romans 15:1, “We may know that these things make no difference but we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves. We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of those who think these things are wrong.” Lastly, compromise is appropriate when agreement may mean giving up something I want for the sake of what we want. When is it inappropriate to compromise? Compromise is inappropriate when it involves sin of any kind and when compromise is motivated by people pleasing or following the bad example of others. When is it appropriate to compromise? When you compromise to maintain unity in the body, but you compromise only personal preferences and comfort and not your convictions. We must be willing to compromise what pleases us for the sake of other’s doubts and fears and lastly agreement may mean giving up something I want for the sake of what we want. To compromise or not to compromise that is a big question and a big challenge for many Christians in the workplace.

I hope that today’s Protips will help you become a blessing in the workplace today.