

Act Like Men, Love Like Christ

Sermon Questions

1. It take courage not to give in to fear or hopelessness or to let them interfere with one's duty. (Yes/No)

2. What do you think, does it take courage to be a Christian today? (Yes/No)

Why? _____

3. In telling the church to "act like men" the Bible affirms that men are better than women. (Yes/No)

4. Match what we need to be watchful about and where that issue is found in 1 Corinthians:

- a. Be watchful and stand firm against C (found in 1 Corinthians a)
- b. Be watchful and stand firm against _____ (found in 1 Corinthians _____)
- c. Be watchful and stand firm against _____ (found in 1 Corinthians _____)
- d. Be watchful and stand firm against _____ (found in 1 Corinthians _____)
- e. Be watchful and stand firm against _____ (found in 1 Corinthians _____)

A. Man-Centered Worship	a. Chapters 1 through 4
B. Skepticism	b. Chapters 5 through 7
C. Celebrity Influence	c. Chapters 8 through 10
D. False Religion	d. Chapters 11 through 14
E. Prosperity Teaching	e. Chapter 9
F. Sexual Immorality	f. Chapter 16

5. Christian boldness, to count for anything, must be present with love. (Yes/No)

6. Fill in the blanks as the sources of courage are discussed:

- a. We receive courage from _____
(see Phil 1:14).
- b. We receive courage through _____ in new _____ realities
(see 2 Cor 3:12).
- c. We receive courage through _____ promised _____
(see Matt 28:20).
- d. We receive courage through _____
(Eph 6:18-20).
- e. We receive courage through _____ in God's sovereign _____
(Rom 1:16-17; Isaiah 46:10).

Following Christ is NOT for cowards.

Lunch Questions (Food for Thought)

Open your Bible, pick a partner, pick a question, and dig in!

1. Why do stories of courage (e.g., from WW2 or from Christian martyrs) give us such a sense that such courage is noble and good? It is important to live courageously ourselves and not simply to discuss the courage of others. Think of and share together of a time when you were bold for Christ.
2. Compile together what you believe to be important issues facing the church today in which clarity, boldness, and uncompromising proclamation of truth is essential. What Scriptural truths do these dangers jeopardize?
3. Think of and list other biblical sources of courage. Be sure to include the reference from Scripture.

Heeding God's Word Today and This Week

" let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

1. **Today:** Consider how you can encourage a fellow family member in Christ to be courageous this week. Consider the different challenges people in our congregation face as you offer love and encouragement: being a Christian husband or wife; being a Christian father or mother; being married to an unbeliever; facing difficulties that come with age or sickness; facing pressure at school; facing pressure from friends; facing pressure at work; facing a difficult decision or transition; etc.
2. **This Week:** Meet a fellow church member for coffee (or before work or during lunch break). Ask them what issues they are facing that require prayers for courage. Pray for one another.