

Boldness

Why is boldness so important?

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And they realised that they had been with Jesus.

Boldness is one of the characteristics of a follower of Christ.

When Peter and John spoke boldly, it was through this that the priests, elders and rulers of the Jews recognised that they had been with Jesus.

What is boldness needed for?

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Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

2 Cor 3:12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech;

2 Cor 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

1 Thes 2:2 But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.

Overwhelmingly, the most common need for boldness in the New Testament is in speaking the word.

No doubt, this is still true today as Christians generally struggle with the idea of stepping out and sharing the gospel with unbelievers.

Eph 3:12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

We also have boldness to enter the presence of God (the Holiest) because Christ has given us confident access through His blood.

How can I get boldness?

Ps 138:3 In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.

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Boldness comes through sincerely praying for it as the disciples did in Acts 4:29; their prayer was answered in Acts 4:31 with the direct result that they spoke the Word of God.

1 Tim 3:13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Boldness comes through serving well.

1 John 4:17-18 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. (18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Boldness comes through perfect love which casts out fear.

Prov 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Boldness comes by avoiding sin, and living a righteous life.