

BOLD, BOLDLY, BOLDNESS, EMBOLDENED, EMBOLDENETH

Job asked his friends what gave them the **boldness** to answer him.

- **Job 16:3:** "Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?"

Before Elihu told Job and his three friends his opinion of the matter, he first told them they lacked wisdom and understanding (which was a **bold** move).

- **Job 32:9:** "Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment."

Those who are saved can confidently and **boldly** approach God, for He will have mercy upon us.

- **Psalms 5:7:** "But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple."

Those who sin with **boldness** and pride don't fear the Lord, and aren't wise.

- **Proverbs 14:16:** "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident."

Lions are **bold**.

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but the righteous are bold as a lion."

The righteous should be **bold**.

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There are four things that go out **boldly**, with style and determination: a lion, a greyhound, a goat, and a king.

- **Proverbs 30:29-31:** "There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going: A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up."

A sign of great strength is not turning away from others, but **boldly** confronting them.

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Those who are wise have a certain **boldness** about their face that other people don't have.

- **Ecclesiastes 8:1:** "Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed."

Joseph of Arimathaea **boldly** went to Pilate and asked that the

body of Jesus be given to him.

- **Mark 15:43:** "Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus."

Some of the people marveled that Jesus taught **boldly** in the temple, in spite of the fact the rulers wanted to kill Him. People wondered if the rulers knew that Jesus was the Messiah.

- **John 7:25-26:** "Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?"

The religious leaders were amazed at the **boldness** of Peter and John.

- **Acts 4:13:** "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

After the disciples were persecuted by the religious leaders, they prayed that God would give them **boldness**.

- **Acts 4:29-30:** "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus."

The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit *again* when they prayed for **boldness** after Peter and John were arrested. It seems that even though they were given the Holy Spirit before and hadn't lost Him, it was possible for them to receive even *more* of the Holy Spirit.

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

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When Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) was in Jerusalem trying to join the disciples, Barnabas told them how Saul had preached the gospel **boldly** in Damascus.

- **Acts 9:27:** "But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus."

At the beginning of the ministry of Saul (who later became the apostle Paul), he preached the gospel **boldly** in Jerusalem.

- **Acts 9:28-29:** "And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him."

When the Jews contradicted the word of God and blasphemed, Paul and Barnabas didn't become silent. Instead they became more **bold**. (In other words, reacted to opposition by becoming *more* bold, not less.)

- **Acts 13:45-46:** "But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles."

When the apostles were persecuted, they didn't become silent. Instead they continued to **boldly** proclaim the gospel.

- **Acts 14:2-3:** "But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren. Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands."

Apollos **boldly** taught in the Jewish synagogue in Ephesus.

- **Acts 18:24-26:** "And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the

scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."

Paul believed that his letter to the Romans was **bold**.

- **Romans 15:15:** "Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,"

Paul spoke to the Corinthian church with great **boldness**.

- **2 Corinthians 7:4:** "Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation."
- **2 Corinthians 10:1:** "Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:"

Paul spoke **boldly** to those who needed to hear it.

- **2 Corinthians 10:2:** "But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh."

Paul didn't just speak **boldly**. He also acted boldly when he

visited the churches. He did what he said he would do, and he backed up his words with actions.

- **2 Corinthians 10:11:** "Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present."

Since Paul didn't want the Corinthian church to be led away from the gospel, he spoke **boldly** about his qualifications.

- **2 Corinthians 11:21:** "I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also."

Some false apostles had been **boldly** bragging about how great they were.

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The reason we have **boldness** is because of the faith of Jesus. (It's because of *His* faith, not ours.)

- **Ephesians 3:11-12:** "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."

The gospel needs to be proclaimed with great **boldness**.

- **Ephesians 6:19:** "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make

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Paul believed that in order to **boldly** proclaim the gospel he needed grace from God.

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After Paul was cast in prison, he didn't change his approach to preaching the gospel. Instead he sought God's grace so he could continue speaking **boldly**.

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Because Paul was in prison, other people preached the gospel with greater **boldness**.

- **Philippians 1:14:** "And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to

speak the word without fear."

Paul's desire was that he would remain **bold**.

- **Philippians 1:20:** "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."

Persecution must not cause us to lose **our** boldness when we preach the gospel.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:2:** "But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention."

Boldness is a good quality for church leaders to have.

- **1 Timothy 3:13:** "For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

The testimony of Jesus is good, and is something Christians should **boldly** proclaim. We must not be ashamed of it.

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We should **boldly** approach the throne of grace.

- **Hebrews 4:16:** "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Because of the blood of Jesus, we can **boldly** enter into the presence of God.

- **Hebrews 10:19:** "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,"

Christians can act **boldly** because God is the one who helps us.

- **Hebrews 13:6:** "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

If we love one another then we may have **boldness** in the day of judgment. We may be assured of our salvation.

- **1 John 4:16-17:** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that delleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."