

Boldness

Boldness in face of adversity, persecution, sickness, disease is one thing that we all need to be believing God for. There will be a time where we will be required to step out in boldness.

One of the best examples of a bold person is King David. Right before David became king, he displayed one of the greatest levels of boldness known to the children of Israel by taking on a Goliath. This was not a task for the cowards. Running toward Goliath and moving on cutting off his head was no timidity. David was bold. However, I believe all this was birthed by a relationship with God. This did not just fall upon David unawares. (1 Samuel 17)

It is only the bold that will do the remarkable. Unfortunately, many believers have what I call the chicken spirit. They are afraid. They are not bold. It is going to take boldness to stand up and make a difference in the world we are living in. Take an example of Meshack, Shadrack and Abednego, Daniel, Moses and so forth. All these folks displayed boldness on the highest level (Daniel 3 and 6).

Acts 4:13 And when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled: and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

- a) Boldness can be seen.
- b) Boldness is connected to being with Jesus. It is contagious. As we spend time with Him, we will become bold and bolder.
 - i) Actually, we have not been given the spirit of timidity. We have boldness on the inside of us. We should be releasing it and letting it flow out of us.

Ephesians 6:19-20 *“And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”*

- a) We can pray for boldness. This is a way to release it to flow in our lives.
 - i) Proverbs 28:1 *The wicked flee when no man pursueth :but the righteous are bold as a lion.*
- b) The righteous are bold. If we want to be bold, we need to be “as we ought to be”—in right standing with God.

1 John 4:16-19

- a) Perfect love = love of the Father for us. If we lack boldness, we lack our love has not been made perfect.
- b) Boldness is a fruit of a revelation of God's perfect love for us.