

IronWorks
Relentless: Never Give Up!
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COURAGE

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. I Corinthians 15:58

Disciples of Jesus are the first beachhead for grace, and the last stronghold of truth.

The pressure to capitulate to the popular narrative is relentless. Media spin and societal changes are coming at us so fast it's easy to throw up our hands and think the demise of sanity, civil discourse, and true justice is irresistible. NOT SO! We have a voice, and an authority from God's word. Christian men stand in the gap to resist the onslaught of falsehood and evil, but to do it in such a way that brings the focus and honor to Jesus. Be relentless with truth and grace.

Courage is the ability to do something difficult even when there's risk. Courageous people do and say what they think is right despite opposition.

Moral courage: standing for what is right; resisting injustice

Physical courage: feeling fear, but choosing to act

Intellectual courage: challenging assumptions & willing to change

Disciplined courage: being steadfast in the face of setbacks

Empathetic courage: vicariously entering the pain of another person

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Matthew 5:10-11

American Christians no longer have “home field” advantage.

The Secular Left (Social Marxists) are seeking to capture five cultural institutions:

- ⇒ Social
- ⇒ Political
- ⇒ Educational
- ⇒ Religious
- ⇒ Family

Discussion Questions:

1. What would Jesus see, say, and do about the latest school shooting?
2. How has my courage been challenged in one of the five settings listed?
3. What good is courage when the people who shout the loudest, and twist the truth, seem to win all the contests?