

INTRODUCTION

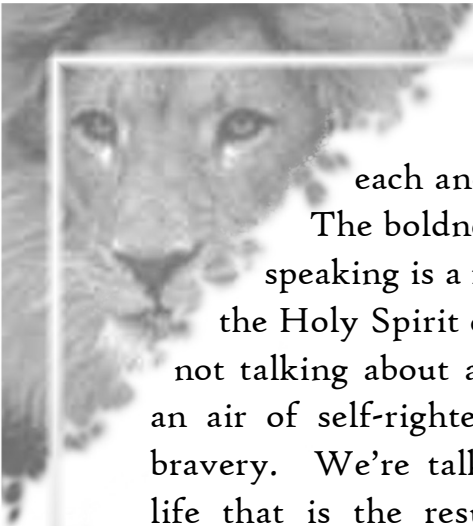
EPHESIANS 6:19-20 says, “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

Paul’s personal prayer request to the Christians at Ephesus was for boldness. Paul did not desire boldness for his own purposes, but that he might make known the mysteries of the Gospel boldly.

The need for boldness that Paul saw in his own life is the same need we Christians have in our lives today. What we need today in our witnessing is the faith to claim the boldness that God has for

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each and every child of God. The boldness about which I am speaking is a result of the power of the Holy Spirit on one's life. We are not talking about a phony pushiness or an air of self-righteousness or a put-on bravery. We're talking about a way of life that is the result of walking with King Jesus.

There are three areas of the Christian life that are vital to the secret of power or powerlessness—of boldness or timidity in witnessing for Christ. As we dwell upon these one at a time, let each one of us examine his own heart. As God shows you where you stand in reference to His will, if you are outside the will of God, decide now that you will set the matter straight. Decide today that you will immediately set out to obey the King's Commission to "go and tell"...that you might "open your mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel."