

(Isaiah 26:3-4)."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" (Acts 4:13).

"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" (Acts 4:29-30).

"Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:9-10).

"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" (Ephesians 3:11-12).

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 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" (Ephesians 6:18-20).

"But I would ye should understand,

brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear" (Philippians 1:12-14).

"Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed" (Hebrews 12:13).

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BOLDNESS

Overcoming The Lie That We Are To Be Shy

The lies of the enemy which we come to believe about ourselves are attacks upon our identity and may effect the way we live our lives.

One day, the Lord revealed in me another lie of the enemy. Here is the lie, "I am just a shy country boy." Yes, I grew up on a farm and have that background, but I had been using the lie that I was shy as an excuse not to be bold in getting acquainted with especially people who I did not know. Seeing myself as being shy had kept me in a bondage of fear of meeting and getting acquainted with new people. When I would try to push myself just to speak to a person who I didn't know,

my stomach would tighten up and I would break out in a cold sweat. My jaws would tighten and I would find it difficult to speak. The reality was I was in a spiritual bondage.

Now where in the Bible does it say that I am just to be "a shy country boy"? It doesn't! Since this doesn't line up with God's Word, it must be a lie from the enemy which I had come to accept as truth. However, the lie had become my reality. In contrast, what does the Scripture say about me as a Believer? The reality is that neither I nor any other Believer is to be shy! One thing that Bible say is that I have been made righteous through my faith in Jesus. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Corinthians 5:21). "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Romans 10:4). Therefore, I am to see myself as being righteous although I don't always live a perfectly righteous life and you as a Believer should do the same. So again, what does God's Word say about those who are righteous? It says that they are bold as a lion. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1). Amen and Amen!

Here are some additional Scriptures:

This what the LORD said to Moses. "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the

LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

"Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:6-7). This is what the LORD said to Joshua.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9). This is more than a suggestion, it is a **command** of the LORD to Joshua, but it is also to us as Believers.

Although Gideon was hiding in a wine press from the enemy, the angel of the LORD wanted Gideon to see himself as a mighty man of valor. "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour" (Judges 6:12).

When Joab, David's military officer, was facing the army of the Syrians, he encouraged the people. "Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do

that which is good in his sight" (I Chronicles 19:13).

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower" (Psalms 18:2). David often encouraged himself to be bold.

"A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalms 27:1).

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD" (Psalms 27:14).

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD" (Psalms 31:24).

"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust" (Psalms 91:2).

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe" (Proverbs 29:25).

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength"