

# Only the Few—the Task of the Courageous

Paul's example and exhortation to be BOLD, 2 Timothy 1:12-14. Chris Mueller 7-29-2018

Introduction:

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I am convinced that He is able to guard  
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which you have heard from me,  
in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

14 Guard,  
through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us,  
the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

## #1 **C** \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ <sup>12</sup>

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Suffering <sup>12a</sup>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Shameless <sup>12b</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sureness <sup>12c</sup>

Matthew 6:8 Your Father KNOWS what you need, before you ask Him

1 John 2:13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Jeremiah 9:23 Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

Romans 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. John 10 no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand

2 Timothy 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## #2 C to the truth 13

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## #3 C for the truth 14

**14 Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.**

Romans 8:9 if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him

**1-Be one of the FEW: Don't be timid, be \_\_\_\_\_**

**2-Be one of the FEW: Grow courageous by learning \_\_\_\_\_ **DOCTRINE****

**3-Be one of the FEW: \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ in salvation**

### Questions for Growth in Christ

1. What does courage look like to the non-Christian? How is courage different for the Christian?
2. What examples of courage by Christians have you personally witnessed?
3. In what ways did Timothy need to manifest courage in his current ministry in Ephesus?
4. In what ways would you like to grow in courage in your walk with God?
5. What steps will you take this week and month in order to grow more COURAGEOUS for Christ?
6. Why is teaching the authorial intent of the Bible and teaching sound doctrine so important to the church?
7. Why would believers prefer to attend a church which does not teach authorial intent teaching or sound doctrine?
8. In what ways should you grow as one who guards the truth of God's Word?
9. What steps will you take this week to stand firm on sound doctrine?

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