

CHARACTER QUALITY STUDY FORM

1. CHARACTER QUALITY **Boldness**

“An exhibition of courage and fearlessness; bravery; willingness to move ahead confidently in the face of danger.”

2. OPPOSITE QUALITY **Timidity, Fearfulness**

“To shrink back from a difficult or dangerous circumstance; to be hesitant.”

3. SIMPLE WORD STUDY

Old Testament word:

Bâtah means “to be confident.”

Example: Proverbs 28:1 — “The righteous are as *bold* as a lion.”

New Testament words:

Tharreo means “to be confident, bold, or daring.”

Example: Hebrews 13:6 — “So that we may *boldly* say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (KJV).

Parrçsiazomai means “to speak boldly or freely.”

Example: Acts 19:8 — “Paul entered the synagogue and *spoke boldly* there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.”

Reference tools used:

- *Young’s Analytical Concordance to the Bible*
- *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*

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4. CROSS-REFERENCE INSIGHTS

- Christ spoke boldly in the face of opposition (John 7:26).
- Our confidence and boldness come from knowing that the Lord will help us in difficult situations (Hebrews 13:6).
- Peter and John were bold because they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).
- When the Holy Spirit fills our life, we will be able to speak the Word of God boldly. The first Christians prayed for boldness in witnessing and God answered their prayer by filling them with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:29–31).
- When Christ's love is in us, we will be bold because there is no fear in love. Perfect love casts out all fear (1 John 4:17–18).

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5. SIMPLE BIOGRAPHICAL STUDY

The apostle Paul is a major example of boldness. His entire life seemed to be characterized by this quality:

- As a young Christian in Damascus, he witnessed boldly for Christ (Acts 9:27).
- Everywhere he went, he shared his faith boldly in spite of opposition and persecution:
 - ▶ in Jerusalem (Acts 9:28–29)
 - ▶ in Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:46)
 - ▶ in Iconium (Acts 14:3)
 - ▶ in Ephesus (Acts 19:8)
 - ▶ in Thessalonica (1 Thess. 2:2)
- He wrote bold letters to the churches (Rom. 15:15).
- He asked people to pray that he would continually preach and teach with boldness (Eph. 6:19–20).
- His Christian testimony while in prison caused others to speak boldly for Christ (Phil. 1:14).
- He even faced death boldly: “According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death” (Phil. 1:20 NASB).

6. MEMORY VERSE(S)

“So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?’” (Heb. 13:6).

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7. A SITUATION OR RELATIONSHIP

(where God wants to work on this quality in my life)

I have been afraid to witness to my friend Ted, who works with me at the office.

8. MY PROJECT

First, I will ask my wife to pray with me about overcoming my timidity in witnessing to Ted. Then, each day this week I will pause before going into the office and ask the Holy Spirit to fill my life and give me boldness to witness to Ted (Acts 4:31).

9. PERSONAL ILLUSTRATION

Monday and Tuesday of this week I prayed for boldness to witness to Ted, but the opportunity just didn't arise. Tuesday night I decided that I needed to be more earnest in my prayers, so I asked my wife to pray with me specifically for a chance to share my faith with Ted on Wednesday.

Wednesday morning, I paused at the office door before going in, and I prayed silently that Ted would sense that I "had been with Jesus," like Peter and John (Acts 4:13). Then I went in and placed my Bible on top of my desk, hoping Ted would recognize it.

During the coffee break, Ted came over to talk to me. He noticed my Bible and said, "Is that a Bible?"

I answered, "It sure is. Have you ever read it?"

"Not lately," he said.

I said, "Well I've been reading it a lot lately, and I've discovered some neat things in it." I then shared a brief testimony of what God was doing in my life. Ted seemed mildly interested—at least he wasn't turned off. It's a start, and I thank God for giving me the boldness to go this far.

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