

# **BOLD AS A LION**

## **Part 7**

During this series we've talked about looking at our lives, by measuring, testing and observing it to see do we live by God's Word or the World? are we being righteous or doing what is right according to God's Word. Our conduct needs to align with our new nature, the nature of God.

Doing what is right or righteous is the foundation on which our faith is built. When we live out God's Word by our conduct, how we speak, act and even our thoughts, we are doing what is right. Doing what is right is accomplished by Faith, by action, to go be a witness, to go make disciples, to go and do "What Would Jesus Do". The only thing when we stand before God that we are going to be judged by is how we lived for Him - were we righteous, were we Godly, did we witness, did we make disciples, did we do the "things" in God's Word habitually.

### **1 Timothy 6:1-5 AMPC**

*1 Let all who are **under the yoke as bond servants** esteem their own [personal] masters worthy of honor and fullest respect, so that the name of God and the teaching [about Him] may not be brought into disrepute and blasphemed.*

*2 Let those who have believing masters not be disrespectful or scornful [to them] on the grounds that they are brothers [in Christ]; rather, they should serve [them all the better] because those who benefit by their kindly service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties.*

*3 **But if anyone teaches otherwise and does not assent (agree and comply) to the sound and wholesome messages of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and the teaching which is in agreement with godliness** (piety toward God),*

4 He is puffed up with pride and stupefied with conceit, [although he is] woefully ignorant. He has a morbid fondness for controversy and disputes and strife about words, which result in (produce) envy and jealousy, quarrels and dissension, abuse and insults and slander, and base suspicions,

5 And protracted wrangling and wearing discussion and perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth,...From such withdraw.

### 1 Timothy 6:11-16 AMPC

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee from all these things; aim at and pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart.

12 Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.

One of the areas in our lives that stops us from doing what is right or righteous and being Godly or showing Godliness is our character and integrity.

Let's look at what God said through the apostle Paul to the church...to the church...to the imitators of Christ....to the body of believers.

This is not to the unbelievers, the ones who say I'm not walking with Christ. They don't care about what you think and how they are living according to God's Word. They have their own rules....

### Acts 1:8 KJV

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

We can't be witnesses or righteous witnesses if we don't have integrity, a bad reputation or a bad character which manifests itself by many different ways. One of those ways is our tongue...

Let's look at the perfect witness over in Revelations 1:5.

**Revelation 1:5-6 KJV**

*5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

*6 And hath made us **kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Priests** are in the 5 fold ministry. In the Old Testament they were the ones that took care of the temple. They prayed for the nation, took care of the strangers, widows and orphans. They received the tithes and also took care of the sacrifices.

The **kings** were the ones who went out to battle, who went out and fought to bring back the spoil. The priests took care of the spiritual activities and the kings took care of the secular activities.

So when you start talking about kings and priests and bringing them over to the New Testament you would say that these particular verses are a New Testament revelation of what God is doing in the End Times to bring the body of Christ **to the fullness of who we are and can be.**

**We as a church need to move on and get to the level we are supposed to be: in power, healing, finances and in ownership of who we are in Christ.** We haven't gotten to those places because we have had the wrong model. We haven't come together for that divine partnership and operated the way God said to operate it in order to take possession here on this earth.

But now, we are coming together with the knowledge of who He is and from you and I deciding I am going to do it God's Way!!

## 2 Peter 1:2-3 AMPC

2 May grace (God's favor) **and peace** (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and **freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts**) be multiplied to you in [**the full, personal, precise, and correct**] **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.**

3 For **His divine power** has bestowed upon us **all things** that [are requisite and suited] **to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him** Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

**The priests hear the direction, timing, to what is happening from God and speak...the kings hear it and move according to the Word of God from the direction of the priest.** The kings go out and fight the battles, be salt and light in the dark world to advance the Kingdom.

The whole idea is to replenish the earth. To replenish comes from the book of Genesis chapter 1 verse 28. It has to do with: to stock with abundance to recover a former fullness, it has to do with finish or complete. We are out there to complete something here on this earth – we are to spread the kingdom of God on the earth.

## Genesis 1:28 KJV

28 And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, **multiply,** and **fill the earth,** and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

How are we going to do this? By being righteous or doing what is right according to God's Word. In order to multiply and fill the earth by making disciples we have to have **character and integrity** in order for the message to be heard. The message of Jesus Christ and especially now, the End Times message.

Integrity means: the entire unimpaired state of anything, particularly the mind. It means a moral soundness, purity, uncorrupt, uprightness, honesty, or honest people.

**God develops in us integrity, man promotes off of skill. But God waits until you develop integrity in order for you to fulfill His Plan the right way at the right place at the right time.**

God is not bringing you up somewhere so you can fail. **God is making it so you will prevail.** So character and integrity must be developed inside of us. Our Character manifests our integrity... who we are, what we do and say reveals our moral soundness, our purity.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5 AMPC**

*1 But understand this, that **in the last days will come (set in) perilous times** of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].*

*2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.*

*3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.*

*4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.*

*5 **For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].***

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5 TLB**

*1 You may as well know this too, Timothy, that **in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian.***

2 For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad.

3 They will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel, and sneer at those who try to be good.

4 They will betray their friends; they will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshipping God.

5 **They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that.**

My job as a priest, as a pastor is to equip you to be that witness and make disciples. **My job is to make you a Lean mean fighting king. cut off all the unbelief, the things that way you down.**

Paul instructs the church to become lean - to get rid of or cut off sin and the junk in their lives so they can be that righteous witness for the Kingdom of God. Remember, Paul is writing the church, the born again believer. This is not to the unbeliever, so don't get so appalled when the ungodly are ungodly but do when those who proclaim to be godly are.

### **Hebrews 12:1 AMPC**

12 Therefore then, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], **let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us,** and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,

Paul gives instructions to the church all throughout the New Testament on how we are to **conduct** ourselves in this **new nature**. What are to cut off...

### **Ephesians 5:3-12 NLT**

3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.

4 *Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.*

5 *You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.*

**6 Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins,** *for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.*

7 *Don't participate in the things these people do.*

**8 For once you were full of darkness,** *but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!*

9 *For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.*

10 **Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.**

11 *Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.*

12 *It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.*

13 *But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them*

### **1 Corinthians 5:9-13 AMPC**

9 *I wrote you in my [previous] **letter not to associate [closely and habitually] with unchaste (impure) people—***

10 *Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether!*

11 *But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person.*

*12 What [business] of mine is it and what right have I to judge outsiders? Is it not those inside [the church] upon whom you are to pass disciplinary judgment [passing censuring sentence on them as the facts require]?*

*13 God alone sits in judgment on those who are outside. Drive out that wicked one from among you [expel him from your church].*

There is 2 parts to this message. The first is the instruction for what is not right and what not to say. To turn from it and be Godly and righteous.

The second is for us to show love (God's Word, God is love 1 John 4:16 ), if we love God, we will keep His commands (John 14:15). So we need to choose, if the Word says we need to withdraw from someone and not even eat with them, we do it. Or to be disobedient is giving approval by our lack of saying and doing something for those who call themselves believers or imitators who still do these things.

In order for those who are in the dark, dark knowledge, without Christ to see Jesus in us, we have to cut these things/people out of our life so they can see the difference and we can prove it ourselves that we are changed. One of these areas that separates us from our old man or old natural man is our words. What we speak is an indication of what is in the heart - God said so. So, what is profane or foul ?

Foul or Profane means: to reference: a sexual body part, bodily function , sexual act used in a (n): angry, funny or way to cause hurt, demean or make light of.

**Luke 6:45 AMPC**

*45 The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.*



**1 Corinthians 13:11 AMPC**

*11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside.*

**1 Corinthians 13:11 GNT**

*11 When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways.*

Stop being around people who are habitually sinning - living in iniquity...and if you are the one doing it, STOP !

**Proverbs 13:20 GNT**

*20 Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make friends with stupid people, you will be ruined.*

**Proverbs 12:15-25 GNT**

*15 Stupid people always think they are right. Wise people listen to advice.*

*16 When a fool is annoyed, he quickly lets it be known. Smart people will ignore an insult.*

*17 When you tell the truth, justice is done, but lies lead to injustice.*

*18 Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal.*

*19 A lie has a short life, but truth lives on forever.*

*20 Those who plan evil are in for a rude surprise, but those who work for good will find happiness.*

*21 Nothing bad happens to righteous people, but the wicked have nothing but trouble.*

*22 The Lord hates liars, but is pleased with those who keep their word.*

*23 Smart people keep quiet about what they know, but stupid people advertise their ignorance.*

*24 Hard work will give you power; being lazy will make you a slave.*

*25 Worry can rob you of happiness, but kind words will cheer you up.*

**My actions are measurable, testable and observable**...foul needs to be addressed by Gods family - kings should be mentoring other kings. You are hurting Christ's image by saying you are like Christ and then doing something ungodly and letting those in the family do it as well.

Sin weighs us down and we can't do what God has called us to do when we are being hindered by our old way of thinking and acting. People will not receive any word from us as a believer when we don't act like one. God can't bless the impure - those who habitually practice will sin not enter the kingdom. This a heart issue, a faith issue an obedience issue - from such people withdraw.

The Kingdom of God is within you and you are sent out to the world. As you are training and changing, God raises you up, tells you to cut the sin out of your life, reminds you and I to cut off the close relationships in our life where people are living in iniquity. Why? so you will have influence for the Kingdom to everyone around you and those who are watching from a distance.

**John 12:32 KJV**

*32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

**Matthew 5:13-16 AMPC**

*13 You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltiness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men.*

Why do we use salt? (especially back then). Remember, Jesus is giving His followers illustrations that they could understand easily. The salt is to preserve things. So one of the reasons for the Christian (full of integrity) to be in the world is to preserve the world or conserve. Why? Because the world is headed for self destruction. Why? Because they are disobedient to God's Word because they don't know it or don't care - these are works of the flesh.

The Bible says if you sew to the flesh what will you reap? You will reap corruption or as the Amplified says it – destruction. It's not God's wrath being poured out unto the earth, it's the destruction from the seeds that have been sown through the flesh that are coming back as a harvest of destruction... that's anybody's life who doesn't know Christ,

What we are supposed to do is... provide salt and preserve them. Why? Because if they aren't born again they don't know - they don't have the light. We are supposed to be the light.

*14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

*15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

We are supposed to direct the way for people (that's why character and integrity are so important).

*16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven*

The church is designed for the world. We are designed to go hear and learn something from the message that is spoken and go back out there to our assignments and be the Word - be salt and light.

They, (the world ) is supposed to see your good works or righteous acts of obedience of works unto God. The people of this world have gifts and you have gifts – but we have gifts that are anointed from God. They have natural gifts but when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you have just got some super added to your natural. Now when you go into those places of your assignment you can perform at a level of excellence (like Daniel) that the world can not achieve.

**Psalm 25:21 AMPC**

*21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for and expect You.*

**Psalm 26:1 AMPC**

*VINDICATE ME, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity; I have [expectantly] trusted in, leaned on, and relied on the Lord without wavering and I shall not slide.*

**Psalm 26:11 AMPC**

*11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful and gracious to me.*

**Psalm 112 KJV**

*1 Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.*

*2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.*

*3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.*

*4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*

*5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.*

*6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.*

*7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.*

*8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.*

*9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

*10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.*

**Proverbs 28:1 AMPC**

*28 The wicked flee when no man pursues them, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous are bold as a lion.*