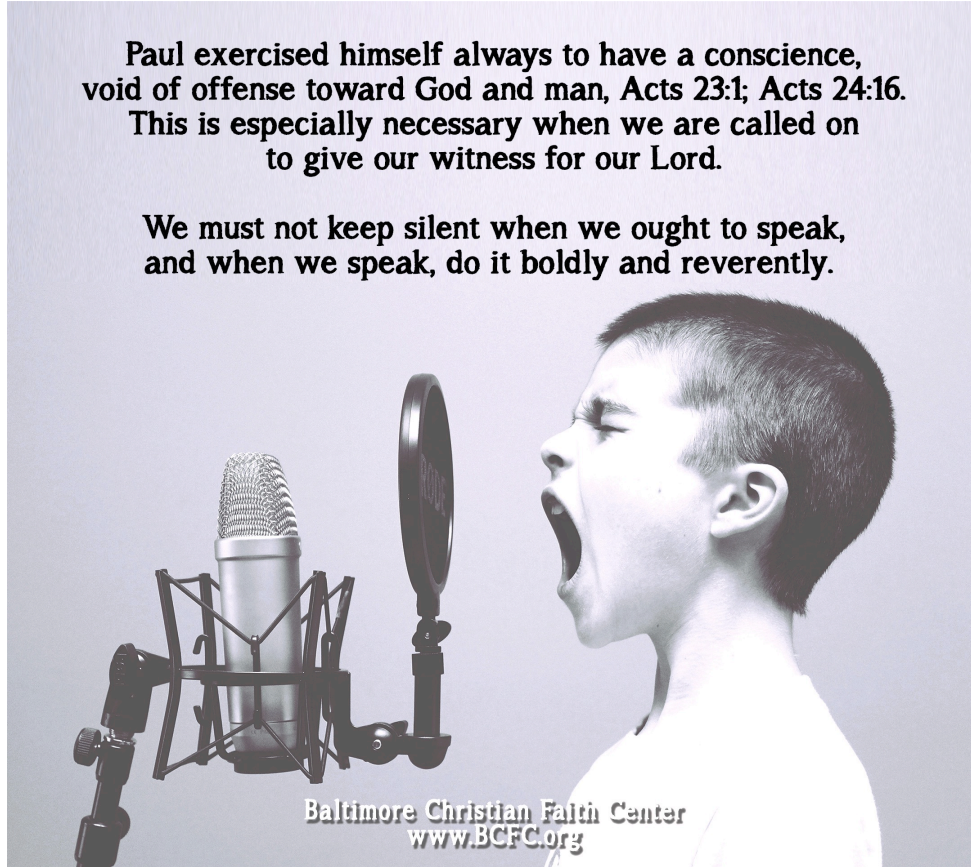


Courage to be Faithful and Bold!

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We live in a world that is evolving gradually towards a secular society where godly values are no longer tolerated, nor accepted. Many of our young couples, youth and now even our children are under constant pressure to assimilate the prevailing culture and mentality out there today. I've heard of brothers and sisters who were threatened by people above them in the work place, for refusing to go with the culture of the day! So, what do we do whenever our faith and good conscience are pushed against the wall? The apostle Peter tells us to be bold, and be ready to give an answer about what we believe! We read in 1 Peter 3:13-15 the following words: "But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So, don't worry or be afraid of their threats. Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." (NLT) This is a clear reminder us that sometimes we will suffer for doing what is right-whether for sharing the gospel or

for living godly that are against today's values. The apostle encourages us not to be frightened, but to worship Christ as Lord in our hearts!

I believe when we make the decision to worship "honor" Christ in our hearts, He will help us to be bold and overcome fears amidst opposition! We must keep a good conscience! Remember we have to live with ourselves! A good conscience is the best bedfellow! Paul exercised himself always to have a conscience void of offense toward God and man, Acts 23:1; Acts 24:16. This is especially necessary when we are called on to give our witness for our Lord. We must not keep silent when we ought to speak, and when we speak, do it boldly and reverently.

Let's keep in mind that there is a reward for all the faithful ones on earth. We should never be tired of doing what is right, and what is good in the eyes of our God. We must never worry nor be afraid of threats, but rather ready to give an answer for our faith and behavior; and God in the due time will honor us. Please Be BOLD!

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