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## We Are In Good Company

*"Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months."*  
(James 5:17)

As we can see from the examples of Peter and Paul... we are in good company. The Bible even tells us that Elijah was a man like us.

A lack of **boldness**... timidity... and other such human frailties are not unique to us.

The "spiritual giants" of the Bible were not naturally **super believers**.

They needed prayer... we need prayer.

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## Are We Praying For Boldness

The problem is not in being timid... the problem is allowing our fear to be an **excuse**!

Herein lies the difference. The apostles **prayed for boldness**... many times we allow our lack of **boldness** to be our justification to be silent.

Let's be like the early church and **ask God**

for His help to **speak boldly** the way that we should.

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## **Conclusions:**

**Filled with the Holy Spirit** - as we saw with the apostles, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. This is a mandate for godly **boldness**.

**Prayer** - this is a key to being **bold** or being successful in Christ in any endeavor. We repeatedly see prayer in the examples of the apostles.

**Purpose** - it is interesting to note what **boldness** they specifically prayed for... **to speak the Word of God!**

**Desire** - the apostles had a zeal to obey God and preach His Word. They stated that they would preach in the Name of Jesus... even in light of the threats.

*Dear Lord, please grant me the **boldness** to speak as I ought... to share your Gospel with everyone I meet.*

*In the mighty Name of Jesus... Amen*

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# Boldness

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*"The wicked flee when no man pursueth:  
but the righteous are **bold** as a lion."*  
(Proverbs 28:1)

## Bold As A Lion

The truth of salvation should include a **boldness** for the believer. As a born-again Christian we have the **Holy Spirit** living in us. This being the case, it is easy to see that we should be **bold as a lion** as the above Proverb proclaims.

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*"Even the **righteousness of God** which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:"*  
(Romans 3:22)

## Boldness? Why Not?

Why are we often not bold? Frequently we fear telling others about the glorious salvation that is found in Jesus. Why are we afraid?

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Based on the previously cited Scriptures, there should be no excuse for this fear. Proverbs 28:1 tells us that the **righteous** are as bold as a lion, and Romans 3:22 declares that we are the **righteousness of God** via the faith of Jesus.

Thus, it is impossible for us to be more righteous and as such...we should be very bold.

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*“For God hath not given us the spirit of **fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*  
(2 Timothy 1:7)

### What Is Wrong With Us?

Is there something wrong with us? Is this timidity common amongst most people?

When we read the Bible we often admire and look up to the people we read about. We consider them to be spiritual giants and deem ourselves to be spiritually inept.

The reality is that those Biblical “giants” that we often put on pedestals are more like us than we know.

Did you know that the Apostle Peter and

the Apostle Paul prayed for boldness? That is correct. The two most prominent apostles in the Bible **needed prayer** in regards to **boldness**.

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### Peter Prayed For Boldness

*“(29) And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and **grant unto thy servants**, that with all **boldness** they may speak thy word... (31) And **when they had prayed**, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with **boldness**.”*

(Acts 4:29 and 31)

This passage follows Peter and the others being arrested, preaching to the religious leaders, threatened, and told not to preach in the Name of Jesus.

Did the threats intimidate the disciples? Maybe even a little?

The Bible does not indicate that there was any such intimidation; however, it does tell us that they prayed God would help them to **speak boldly**.

**Peter prayed for boldness.**

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### Paul Prayed For Boldness

*“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (19) 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, (20) For which I am an ambassador in bonds: **that therein I may speak boldly**, as I ought to speak.”*

(Eph 6:18-20)

After teaching about the **armor of God** the Apostle Paul asks for prayer. He seeks prayer for “all saints”, but he also desires prayer on his behalf for **boldness**.

Not only does Paul request his audience to pray for him in regards to **boldly speaking** God’s Word... he makes this request **twice** in **two verses**!

Consider this, Paul’s depiction of the **armor of God** is of infinitely powerful spiritual weapons and defenses. One properly suited with this armor would be invincible.

Yet the armor is not complete without **prayer**. Constant **prayer**. **Spirit led prayer**.

Still, after all of this, Paul earnestly desires **prayer** that he would be **bold** and speak as he ought to!

**Paul prayed for boldness.**