

**“The Bold Life” part 3**  
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**Proverbs 21:29-** Boldness is not a façade—rather, it is borne out of purposeful thinking (“**gives thought to his ways**” NIV) ; taking a “clear, principled course of life” (“**directs his ways**” KJV).

**PROP-** There are three principled dimensions to this “bold life.”

1. **We are SEATED in heavenly places with Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-7)**  
[The posture of our heart; who we are internally]
  - Resting, trusting—confidence through “confiding in”
  - Listening to His voice
    - i.e., stereo headphones tuned to the intercession of Jesus and the intercession of the H.S.
    - Prayer becomes “prophetic declaration”—i.e., “When you pray, say...”
    - Luke 11- Bold in our interaction/intimacy with Him—as the direct result of knowing the strength of our friendship
  
2. **We are WALKING worthy of His call (Ephesians 4:1)**  
[Our daily lifestyle; who we are as we interact with others]
  - “Led by the Spirit”—living proof we are “sons (and daughters) of God”
  - WALK, not just “talk.” Because we are not “mere talkers” (Titus 1:10) due to the fact that we are “not mere men” (1 Corinthians 3:4)
  - “This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike: ‘What’s next, Papa?’” (Romans 8:15 The Message)
  - It’s “keeping in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25) (*i.e., Exodus 14:13-15, Moses: “Stop and watch”; The Lord: “Move forward”*)
  
3. **We have learned to STAND OUR GROUND in the middle of battle (Eph. 6)**  
[An upright, active position; far from being passive or defensive]  
**NOTE: Four times the command is given: “Stand” (v. 11-14)**

**(Ephesians 6:14ff) Vital components of our STAND:**

**a. Be truthful**

“Truth”—“real”; be honest, live with integrity—be real with God and others (*NOTE: The enemy works in darkness*)

**b. Be righteous**

- “Righteousness”—the “capacity to live with integrity”

- It's "a gift" (Romans 5:17) It is not produced by us—it is the God-given capacity to live right
- But it is also the "fruit" of yielding to the training (*gumnazo*) of the Lord (Hebrews 12:11)
  - Not condemnation: "*You behaved badly—because you're still a 'bad person'.*"
  - Rather conviction: "You are way too awesome to behave like that. Address, confess, and repent (get a new mindset)!"
- c. Be peaceful (Remain in the place of peace)
  - The sandals had cleats—kept you from losing your footing in battle
  - Knowing that "flesh and blood" are not our enemies—we respond to people from the place of peace
  - The "God of peace" crushes the enemy under our feet (Rom. 16:20)
- d. Be full of faith
  - Remember, this is a "fight of faith"
  - Since faith comes by "hearing the (proceeding) word"—refuse to believe anything that is contrary to the Word of God and His promises to you
- e. Be confident
  - Always remember: HE saved you. HE keeps you.
  - Root your confidence in His ability to work mightily within you!
- f. Be attentive to His voice
  - *Logos*- God's standard of truth (Hebrews 4:12) "able to judge..."
  - *Rhema*- "*God-breathed*" revelation—timely, prophetically revealed by the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)
  - **NOTE**: He loves to breathe on the "logos" and make it "rhema"!
  - "Take the prophecies spoken over you, and with them—fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 1:18)

## RESPONSE

Psalm 138:3- "When I called, You answered. You made me bold and stouthearted (gave me strength in my soul- KJV)."

- He is the ultimate BOLD ONE
- He will teach you to boldly sit (trusting Him), walk (following Him), and stand (resisting the enemy—watching him flee)!