

Learning Courage from Ananias

We are often inspired by stories of courage. We most often think of great battles won or situations where extreme danger and fear are overcome. While courage is needed at those times (*Deut. 31:6; Joshua 1:6-7*), it is very much a trait that every follower of God should grow in, so we can advance the work of our Lord. Ananias is a real, practical example of a man who shows us that courage.

1) It takes courage to live as a Christian

- a. Sometimes we confuse courage with _____ (*Luke 12:4*)

- b. The apostle Paul makes it clear that we are _____ (*1 Tim. 1:18, 6:12; Eph. 6:10-13*)

- c. Jesus talked about needing _____ (*Luke 9:51, 57-62*)

2) We can develop the same courage that Ananias had (*Acts 9:10-22*)

- a. He was _____ because of his courage (*Acts 9:10*)
(Consider - *1 Sam. 3:10; Isaiah 6:8; Rom. 1:15; 1 Peter 3:15*)

- b. His courage took him to _____ places. (*Acts 9:11-12*)
(Remember - *2 Tim. 1:7*)

- c. He used his courage along with _____ (*Acts 9:13-14*)
(Read - *1 Kings 19 & John 8:59*)

- d. Courage helped him be _____ to God's purpose (*Acts 9:15-17*)
(Think About - *Isaiah 55:8-9*)

- e. _____ happened because of his courage (*Acts 9:18-22*)
(Our part - *Matt. 13:3-9*)