

Boldly Pray, Boldly Speak

Ephesians 6:18-20

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1 Timothy 4:12-16

Ephesians 6:18-20 (NKJV)

- ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

1 Timothy 4:12-14 (NLT)

- ¹² Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. ¹³ Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

Prayer & Supplication

- *Prayer* in the Greek means *prayer or earnest prayer*.
- The prayer must be earnest because we as a people are helpless. – 2 Chronicles 20:12 - ¹² O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes *are* upon You.”
(Jehoshaphat)

Prayer & Supplication

- Supplication takes earnest prayer one step further. In the Greek *supplication* means *a petition*, but its root word means *to beg (as binding oneself to)*.
- Supplication is Jacob wrestling with God. It is blind Bartimaeus refusing to be silent. It is the woman with the issue of blood persistently pushing through the crowd.

Prayer & Supplication

- If prayer is urgency, supplication is desperation.
- Supplication pleads for Jesus' help. It refuses to stop praying. It will not be discouraged or dissuaded from continuing until the Holy Spirit responds.
- Prayer is the weapon and counter-attack. However, prayer should be our offensive attack on the enemy.

Utterance

- *Utterance* in the Greek is *Logos*, which means *something said including the thought; the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ Jesus)* – Strong's Concordance
- Logos is used in John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word (Logos – Jesus), and the Word (Logos – Jesus) was with God, and the Word (Logos – Jesus) was God.

Utterance

- *Rhema* means a *matter of topic*. Its root word means *to utter, speak or say*.
- The sermon is rhema and the topic is the Logos (Jesus).
- Ephesians 4:19 - ¹⁹ And *pray* for me, that words may be given to me when I open my mouth, to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news [of salvation], (AMP)

Utterance

- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 - When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. ² For I decided that while I was with you, I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. ⁴ And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. ⁵ I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. (NLT)

Utterance

- I am here to only preach Jesus.
- All I have and all I can preach is Jesus Christ.

Utterance

- Ephesians 4:12-15 - ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. (NLT)

Utterance

- “The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.” – A.W. Tozer

Boldly

- *Boldly* in the Greek means *to be frank in utterance; confident in spirit and demeanor; to be bold.*
- I am here in weakness, fear and much trembling. (Paul and me)
- I can only preach Jesus Christ if the Holy Spirit is in me and with me.

Boldly

- Boldness does not speak in conceit or judgment, but rather in truth and love (Ephesians 4:15)
- There is no place for opinions and personal diatribes. We need God's Word and only God's Word and we need it spoken boldly and without apology.

Boldly

- Acts 4:29-30 - ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”
- Bold speaking should have powerful results.

Boldly

- If we preach boldly, let us love boldly. Let our lives match the gospel and the Jesus we preach.
- 1 Timothy 4:16 - 16 Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you. (NLT)
- 1 John 3:18 - 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.