

"Courage To Be and To Do"

- To Be Hospitable
- To Be Evangelistic
- To Accept Change
- To Forgive
- To Do Things God's Way
- To Be Vulnerable
- To Keep My Commitments
- To Be Optimistic
- To Act With Kindness
- To Lead My Family
- To Be Willing to Yield
- To Be A Soldier



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- ESV: “Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus”
- NLT: “Be strong through the grace God gives you in Jesus Christ”

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Courage to be a soldier

- As soldiers we are ready to endure hardship (:3)
 - A compound word that means “to suffer alongside another”-see 1:8 *“share with me in the sufferings of the gospel”*
 - ✓ We are in this together!
 - This is not “reserve” duty

Courage to be a soldier

➤ As soldiers we have a singular focus (:4)

- This is an absolute! *“No one engaged in warfare entangles himself in the affairs of this life”*
- Entangle: lit. “to weave”. We must be careful not to get “caught up” in this world!
- Christ must be the primary concern of our lives (Mt. 10:37; I Cor. 10:31; I Cor. 6:20)

Courage to be a soldier

➤ As soldiers there is one person we aim to please (:4)

- The reason for our single mindedness is to please Him
- Who do we aim to please? (Gal. 1:10)
- Paul's aim was always to please the Lord (2 Cor. 5:9)
- *"We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts."* 1 Thess 2:4