

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. . . . Pleasant words *are* as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. . . . Finally, all of *you* be of one mind, having compassion for one of another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous:" *Galatians 6:10; Proverbs 16:24; 1 Peter 3:8*



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... grant to Your servants that with all **boldness** they may speak Your word, ... And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with **boldness**.

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2 - DEVOTIONAL:

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." *Hebrews 10:22*

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Yesterday, I shared the following message in the daily devotionals that are sent out. For a few of you, this will be a repeat. Barnabas Ministries sends out two e-mailings. One is a daily devotional; the other is this (E.C.H.O.). Only about 3 people are on both mailing list, otherwise, the few others who receive the devotionals (on a regular basis) and different than the handful who have applied to E.C.H.O. IF you do not receive the devotionals on a regular basis, and would like to, please reply an e-mail to XRT8N@juno.com, and request "Devotional."

BOLDNESS!

Thursday, Aug 30, 2001 ~ Acts 4:23-31 (NKJV)

... grant to Your servants that with all **boldness** they may speak Your word,

... And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with **boldness**. (4:29 & 31)

BOLDNESS!

all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance:--bold (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, X freely, X openly, X plainly(-ness).

A few months back I went to visit my eye doctor. The annual visit was a bit late this year, partially due to busy schedule, and partially due to why visit if you can't buy any glasses anyway? The doctor examined my eyes, and as always, found that my prescription had changed a bit. Afterwards, he sent me to the torture chamber - a room filled with hundreds of frames, a few small mirrors, and no lenses in them. Then the staffing asks me to pick out a pair of glasses. Now realize, first, my eye's are bad enough that without lenses, I am virtually "legally blind." Secondly, I had just finished having my eye's dilated, and this causes the blurry effect to act even worse, plus cause sensitivity to light & bright things. Now, they ask me which pair of glasses looks best on me? Then they plump these tiny, ugly looking frames into my hands, which cost (with lenses) \$300 and more! That's the torture room!

He's blunt. I like that.

All the frames are similar in appearance (from what I could see). They all look square, about 1 inch tall, and 1 - 1/2 inches wide. Ugliest things I had ever seen, besides, these were expensive... \$300 (or more, depending on which pair you purchase) for these tiny specks. I need glasses that will aid my blindness to help me see better, not tiny pieces of plastic that limit my viewing even less....

I told the workers there what my likes were, and the style of frames I prefer.

"Oh, those frames are old... these are what's in today, it's the style...you look better in these.... They make you look younger..."

Wrong words! I have looked "young" all my life. And for one who has looked young, you don't want to look younger, you appreciate looking older! Gray hairs are a blessing!

Without being rude, I was **blunt**... I stated exactly how I felt and did not let them make their sell on my expense. "I don't like these tiny frames... and I don't want to look younger" was the idea I returned back.

The gals left me alone, went back to their desk, and I overheard one say to the other, "He's blunt. I like that."

He's blunt. I like that.

Blunt. That's the idea behind what Peter & John was. *An all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance:--bold (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, X freely, X openly, X plainly(-ness).*

They were bold with a blunt personality. They did not make excuses, did not sway from the point at issue, and did not let the group make them think any different from the truth. They were **bold**. And they did this with a blunt statement.

"But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.'" (4:19-20 NKJV)

Blunt doesn't necessarily mean rude, and bold doesn't necessarily mean dangerous. But these men stood firm and stuck with the truth in **courage** that the Lord was in control and that they were required to share the truth no matter what.

Oh, that I might have this courage, that I might be bold as these two were. That when others confront me, I will stand firm on God's Word and share HIS truth for HIS glory. Oh, that I might be bold for HIM!

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
Sincerely yours,
Daniel McIntosh
Philippians 1:6*

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