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1. Pertaining to or concerned with right conduct or the distinction between right or wrong
2. Concerned with the principles or rules of right conduct; ethical

Moral Courage

- Dan. 3:17-18 – “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us...But if not... we will not serve thy gods.”
- 1 Chron. 28:20 – God...will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.
- Heb. 13:6 – “So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?”
- 1 Cor. 15:33 – “Evil companionships corrupt good morals.”

Synonyms of Morals

- Phil. 4:8 – Virtue
- Matt. 5:20 – Righteousness
- Rom. 12:17 – Honor
- 1 Pet. 3:17 – Do you have the moral courage to stand up for your principles, in the face of shame, ridicule, or death?

That Which is Right

- Acts 4:10, 12 – “in none other is there salvation”
- Eph. 4:5 – There is but “one faith”...one system.
- Would you be willing to unashamedly affirm these facts in the face of adversity?

Morals Require Consistency

- Matt. 5:14-16 – Light of the world
- Matt. 7:15-23 – By their fruits
- Making a judgment concerning morals:
 - If we have a high moral standard then our actions will be in harmony with what we believe.
 - Rom. 14:22 – “Happy is the man that judgeth not himself in that which he approveth.”

The Results of Good Morals

Dan. 3:1-30

- 3:18 – Maintained self-respect
- 3:28 – Gained favor with man
- 3:28 – Found favor with God
- 3:29 – God was glorified.

Results of Bad Morals

Lk. 22:3-6

- Matt. 27:3-4 – Loss of self-respect
- Acts 1:15-20 – Loss of favor with man
- Lk. 22:22 – Loss of favor with God
- Rom. 2:23 – God is not glorified.

Men Who Lacked Moral Courage

Pilate

- Matt. 27:1-2 – Governor
- 1 Pet. 2:13-14 –Obligation of a governor
- Jn. 18:29-31 – Power and responsibility (Pilate had a moral and civil obligation to protect Jesus.)
- Mk. 15:10 – Pilate knew of the reasoning of the Jews: envy, i.e., jealousy.
- Matt. 27:17-26, (24) – Pilate’s attempt to escape his responsibility

God's View of Lacking Moral Courage

- 2 Tim. 4:16 – Paul toward those who forsook him
- Heb. 10:32-39 – “if he shrink back, my soul hath no pleasure in him”
- Do we have the moral courage to stand up for our principles?

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- Acts 4:18-19 – The lack of moral courage can be overcome.

Men Who Exercised Moral Courage

Nathan

- David and Bathsheba
- 2 Sam. 12:1-9 – Nathan comes to David.
- Why it took moral courage:
 - David a king
 - David had already killed Uriah
 - How would David respond?

Paul

- Gal. 2:3-5, 11-12 – Resisted Cephas to his face
- Acts 24:24-27 – Fearlessly preached to Felix

**Do Your Morals Agree With
Your Actions?**

In Reference to Your Belief in God?

- Acts 4:19 – Do you believe man ought to obey God?
 - 1 Jn. 3:23 – Have you obeyed?
- Mal. 1:6 – Do you believe man ought to honor God?
 - Jn. 5:23 – Do you honor his Son?
- Jn. 21:15 – Do you believe man ought to love Jesus?
 - Jn. 14:15 – Do you love Jesus?

In Reference to Your Life

- Eph. 4:28 – Do you believe man should not steal?
 - Rom. 2:21 – Do you steal?
- Rom. 2:22 – Sayeth thou a man should not commit adultery?
 - Matt. 5:27 – Doth thou commit adultery?

What of Your Spiritual Service?

- 1 Cor. 6:19-20 – Do you believe you are not your own?
 - Rom. 12:1-2 – Do you present your bodies a living sacrifice?
- Rev. 2:10 – Do you believe a man must be faithful unto death?
 - Lk. 16:10 – Have you been faithful in that which is little?

Moral Courage

- Jude 3 – Contend for the faith.
- 2 Tim. 3:10-12 – Suffer persecutions.
- 2 Tim. 4:5 – Suffer hardships.
- How is your moral courage?