

## Courageous Christians

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### Introduction

1. Luke 12:4-10
2. This is a description of disciples set for the defense of the faith and Christians who are filled with Courage and Conviction.
3. Christians should never be a people to run scared
4. We would never think of Christ as one who ran scared 1 Peter 2:21; Revelation 5:5
5. Chapter 11 closes with the description of the red hot tempter of those against Christ.
6. Chapter 12 opens with the vast audiences gathered to hear Christ preach
7. Let us notice then why we are to be courageous and how we manifest this courage.

### II Discussion

1. Why be Courageous?
  1. Because of the fear of God
    1. God is love and there is no fear in love 1 John 4:18
  2. Because God can do all things
    1. He created all things Genesis 1:1
    2. He created man Genesis 1:26
    3. Therefore He knows man
  3. Because God can destroy it all
    1. He can destroy both body and soul in hell Luke 12:5; Matthew 10:28
    2. He will destroy it all one day 2 Peter 3:10
  4. Because God cares
    1. He cares enough to send His Son John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9
    2. This Son is the mediator for us 1 Timothy 2:4-5
    3. This Son knows our every care Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 5:17
    4. He cares so much that even the hairs on our head are numbered Luke 12:6-7, 24
  5. Because Christ was courageous
    1. He did not run from His work John 9:4
    2. He did not run from His death Isaiah 53:7
    3. We are to follow in His steps 1 Peter 2:21
2. How to manifest this courage?
  1. By confessing that Jesus is the Christ Luke 12:8-9
  2. This is obedience to God
    1. Is faith something you do or something God does Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6
    2. How do we walk in them and do nothing? 1 John 1:7
    3. This is not meritorious works Titus 3:5

### III Conclusion

1. Will you be a courageous Christian?
2. First you must be a Christian.
3. Have you love a courageous life?
4. Now is the time to begin

Source: sermon preached in 1991