

# Character Trait for January 21-25 is Boldness (courage)

## Ephesians 5:1, "Therefore, be imitators of God"

CHARACTER: qualities built into our lives that determine our responses, regardless of circumstances.

**Boldness:** The confidence to do or say what is true, right and just.

**Weekly Verse:** Deut 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

**Bible Story:** In 2 Samuel 12:1-14, the prophet Nathan rebukes David for his sin.

**Quote:** Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

### Leadership:

Courageous leadership wells up from the depth of our soul. It is not a learned skill, but rather infuses our God-given skills and gifts with the courage that comes only from God and our walk with him.

"A man's courage can sustain his broken body, but when courage dies, what hope is left?" Prov. 18:14  
"So lead on with courage and strength" Josh. 1:18

### Application:

Establish rules so that your children know the boundaries.

Trust each child with responsibility, teach him or her how to make good decisions, and help him or her face the consequences of poor decisions.

Be open about your failures and the consequences you experience.

Recognize when children stand for truth, and praise their boldness.

### Discussion Questions:

How did each of the following Bible characters specifically demonstrate boldness?

- Moses
- Joshua and Caleb
- Esther
- Daniel
- John the Baptist
- Jesus