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There are two ways of living. Living either from heaven to earth or from earth to heaven. Both looks the same, yet they are completely different.

Proverbs 28:1 (NKJV)¹ *The wicked flee when no one pursues, But **the righteous are bold as a lion.***

Boldness is key! Boldness defined: *Being who you are (in Christ) when there is great opposition.* ****The challenge is to be bold when the pressure is on.**

The one you fear is the one that will define you. Fear God, and He will define you. When we fear God, then we will be bold under any circumstance, in the presence of any person or even in the presence of evil.

Who is forming you? Circumstances, man's opinions, the lies of the enemy or God? Are you bold under any circumstance or do you buckle under pressure?

Key to boldness: righteousness by faith

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)²¹ *For He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God **in Him.***

Righteousness: The word entails both the judicial and the gracious side of God. **God declares the believer righteous**, in the sense of acquitting him, and imparts righteousness to him. **When the Father looks at us He sees the perfection of Christ** (when we put our trust in Jesus Christ). Through faith we become as righteous as Jesus Christ.

Living from heaven to earth

Living from earth to heaven: This is relying on our own ability. Trying to do what Jesus has already done for us, already accomplished for us. ****To live from earth to heaven is to try and earn the gift of God, which offends God.** This leads to powerless living.

Romans 4:3–5 (NKJV)³ *For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham **believed** God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith is accounted for righteousness.***

- **The trap:** Are you going to work for what is a gift and offend God? Or are you going to receive it by faith and please Him?

Living from heaven to earth: **Is living by faith.** Receiving what Jesus has already accomplished for us. Receiving the gift of God by faith. "I am accepted in the Beloved because of the blood of Christ." This is Spirit filled living.

Approach the throne boldly

Hebrews 4:14–16 (NKJV)¹⁴ *Seeing then that we have a **great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us*

therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- **Our great High Priest** - Jesus is our confidence! I'm not confident because of anything I have done or not done or should have done. I am confident because of Christ. His sinless perfection gives us confidence for He has imparted His perfection to us!

Seeds of doubt

What are we planting in the soils of our hearts?

James 1:21 (NKJV) ²¹ *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

- Planting ungodly thoughts or dreams?
- Planting worldly seeds? **What entertains you, enters you.**
- Weeds growing in our hearts or the word of faith?

Anchored in Heaven

Philippians 1:19–21 (NKJV) ¹⁹ *For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance **through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**,* ²⁰ *according to my earnest expectation and hope that **in nothing I shall be ashamed**, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.* ²¹ *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

- **The Accuser usually works through people and often leads to shame, to guilt or condemnation. Don't allow those lies to affect you. **Pray:** "Lord give me a thick skin, but a soft heart."
- This is a call to a life of prayer and living by the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ!
- **Boldness is not a product of personality but of the Spirit.**

John 3:13 (NKJV) ¹³ *No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.*

- Jesus walked on the earth, but was seated in the heavenlies at the same time. We should live as He did!