
Three Moments of Decision

(A critical or decisive time on which much depends.)

Peter and the apostles answered and said, "We must obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:29

HAVE COURAGE

We need courage when we face our adversaries, be they rulers, friends, or family. Obeying God is more important than obeying anyone else.



"If you [Cain] do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:8

CONTROL ANGER

When anger is allowed to linger in the mind, it grows restless and must be put to rest or it will be put into action.

"Be angry, and yet do not; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity."

Ephesians 4:26-27



When Cephas came to Antioch, Paul opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

Galatians 2:11

CONFRONT WHEN NECESSARY

Confrontation is never pleasant, but sometimes it is necessary. Inappropriate conduct among church leaders (or members) can be devastating. Hoping that by putting off addressing the problem it will go away only makes matters worse.

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.

1 Timothy 5:19-20

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."

Matthew 18:15