



Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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Today's Word: courage

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Lesson 18: "Be Strong and of a Good Courage"

Are You:

- Saying Your Individual Prayers Every Day?
- Reading Scriptures Daily?
- Praying Together as a Family?

Today's Scriptures

Joshua 1-6

Joshua 23-24



Questions to Ponder

- What challenges do we face today that require strength and moral courage?
- How has regular scripture study strengthened you?
- Why is it important to choose *today* to serve the Lord?
- How can we show that we have chosen to serve the Lord?

Next Week

Lesson 19:

"The Reign of the Judges"

Judges 2

Judges 4

Judges 6-7

Judges 13-16

"The Historical books tell the story of the Covenant People from the entry into the Promised Land to the return from exile, and the Maccabean revolt . In the Hebrew Bible, six of these books—Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings—are gathered in the section known as Nebi'im (Prophets) and are known as the Early or the Former, Prophets. This draws attention to their character of making God's purpose and action in history known. Ruth, Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 and 2 Chronicles are in the section known as the Kethubim (Writings). In Christian Bibles, the Historical books are not given a separate name but are distinguished from the books of the Prophets (the Wisdom books come between the two). There are also differences in Christian Bibles about the books to be included, because the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Bibles include books that others place in the Apocrypha. The two major lists, in the order in which the books will be found are as follows: "

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 and 2 Samuel

1 and 2 Kings

1 and 2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 and 2 Samuel

1 and 2 Kings

1 and 2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Tobit

Judith

Esther

1 and 2 Maccabees

Elder James E. Faust:

"Private choices are not private; they all have public consequences. . . . Our society is the sum total of what millions of individuals do in their private lives. That sum total of private behavior has worldwide public consequences of enormous magnitude. There are no completely private choices." (*Ensign*, May 1987, 80).

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The Historical Books of the Bible

Source: Bowker, John. *The Complete Bible Handbook: An Illustrated Companion*. NY: Dorling Kindersling.

President Thomas S. Monson:

"A moral coward is one who is afraid to do what he thinks is right because others will disapprove or laugh. Remember that all men have their fears, but those who face up to their fears with dignity have courage as well." (*Ensign*, May 2004, 55-56).