

STANDING COURAGEOUSLY FOR THE TRUTH

Uncommon Courage – Rick Warren
Parts 1-4

"No one had the courage to speak favorably about Jesus in public." John 7:13 (NLT)

"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: 'Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.'" Acts 18:9 (NIV)

Jesus: "If you stand up for me against world opinion, I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32 (The Message)

POPULAR ANTI-CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEWS

1. _____
Jesus: "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
Luke 12:15

2. _____
"Are you addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied." Proverbs 21:17 (The Message)

"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong." Exodus 23:2

3. _____
"It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself." Proverbs 18:1 (CEV)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:4-5

4. _____
Jesus: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."
Matthew 22:21

"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name . . . ' Then Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than men!'" Acts 5:28-29

UNPOPULAR TRUTHS IN GOD'S WORLDVIEW The sanctity of . . .

1. **LIFE:** _____
"You Lord, made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb . . . Your workmanship is marvelous. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every planned day of my life was recorded in your book and every moment was laid out before a single day had passed!" Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

2. **SEX:** _____
"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." Hebrews 13:4

3. **MARRIAGE:** _____
Jesus: "From the beginning, the Creator made male and female. This is the reason a man is to leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two become one flesh. They are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:4-6

HOW CAN I LIVE WITH UNCOMMON COURAGE?

1. _____
"God has given us both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can take new courage, for we can hold on to his promise with confidence." Hebrews 6:18 (NLT)

2. _____
"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and could see that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

"After they had prayed . . . they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke God's word without fear." Acts 4:31 (NCV)

"Do not lose your courage, because it brings with it a great reward."
Hebrews 10:35 (GNT)

Next Step

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