

Unashamed

*"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." Psalm 118:8,
English Standard Version*

Can a Christian become _____ of his faith? Could I do this?

Attempts To Silence Christ's Followers:

- A. An early attempt to silence the apostles:
 - 1. Acts 4:17-20 – The apostles were _____ to not _____ in the _____ of Jesus.
 - 2. Acts 4:23-29 – The apostles prayed to the _____ Lord and asked for _____ to _____ His word.
 - 3. Acts 5:18 – They were _____ and put in _____ overnight.
 - 4. Acts 5:27-29 - _____ and the apostles answered, "We must _____ God rather than _____."
 - 5. Acts 5:40,41 – After being _____, the apostles _____ that they were counted _____ to _____ for the name.
- B. In 21st century America we don't face _____ persecution but verbal _____ on our faith. "The New _____" believe that religion should not be _____. Because of such attacks, some Christians renounce their _____.

A Christian's Response To Attempts To Silence Their Message

- A. A strong determination to continue trusting in the Lord:
 - 1. Psalm 118:8 – Better to take _____ in the Lord than to _____ in _____.
 - 2. Hebrews 3:4 – The logic in this is tight – but ignored by many who proclaim to be wise. Should we _____ such "experts"?
 - 3. Luke 9:23-26 – Anyone who is _____ of the Lord and His _____ will find that Jesus will be _____ of them.
 - 4. 2 Timothy 1:8,12 – Don't be _____ of the testimony of our _____, but share in _____ for the gospel. We won't be ashamed if we _____ whom we have _____.
 - 5. 1 Peter 4:16 – If we suffer as a _____, let us not be ashamed, but _____ God in that name.
- B. Edwards: "Boldness enables Christians to _____ all rather than _____."

Matthew 16:22,23 – Are our _____ on the things of _____ or _____?

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