

Moral Strength:

Standing for What is Right



I think you can agree that we don't see "moral strength" often in today's world. People stand for a lot of things; and I must say that they probably think they are standing for what is right, but are they really? God and His word must be the standard for what is "right." Not what I feel or think or see around me in the world today - only God determines what is truly right. I think of a recent devotion Carmen and I read about the compass. There is true north and magnetic north. Magnetic north can shift depending on where you are at a certain point. True north is where "north" really is.

Likewise, there is a way that seems right to a man, but according to Scripture, it's end is death. We must use the compass of the Bible to determine what is *right* and then stand strongly for that. One writer said; "Moral strength refers to the ability and courage to act ethically and uphold one's values, even when faced with challenges or pressure to act otherwise. It's about having the inner fortitude to do what is right, regardless of potential consequences." And I might add, *even if no one is looking*. Those values must line up with the Word of God. Friends, it is time for Christians to stand up for what is right and live it out in our own lives.

This is especially true our marriages! So often husbands or wives (or both) act out of their feelings, their pain of the past, or what *they* consider to be right, rather than acting out of what is truly *right* according to Scripture. Our spouse is the one person who can hurt us deeper than anyone on the planet, but even if they commit the horrendous sin of adultery, we do not have a *right* to act in hurtful, unbiblical ways. Being a *Christian* means that we are imitating Christ; who according to Philippians 2:5-8 set the example for us in acting in humility no matter what happens to us. Jesus humbled Himself to the point of dying a horrible death He did not deserve so that we could have life. Friends, we are to also be humble; to completely depend on God - to be fully occupied with God and not self. That dependency will bring about the humility God desires for us and the moral strength to stand for what is right.

Helpful Resources:

Fortified Marriages Resource page: www.fortifiedmarriages.com - The Fortified Marriages Manual & Workbook is a great resource to help you and your spouse work together.

Articles to check out:

5 moral principles of marriage — the truth about God's model by Sam Rohrer