

No. 18 Be a Courageous . . . (Symposium)
 -Bible Student

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes two videos. After the second video is shown, use it to illustrate the points that follow]

ALL OF JEHOVAH'S SERVANTS NEED TO BE COURAGEOUS (1 min.)

All of us battle Satan, his world, and our own imperfections

The specific tests we face depend in part on our age and circumstances

This symposium will discuss eight different groups of people

We will consider why these need courage and how they can show it

Each talk will include a video featuring a real-life example of courage

[Video crew begins 20-second video showing a preview of the videos to follow]

WHY BIBLE STUDENTS NEED COURAGE (2 min.)

If you are studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses, we commend you for your desire to learn the truth

Your efforts indicate that you may be among those "rightly disposed for everlasting life" [Read Acts 13:48]

To gain life, you must eventually become dedicated and baptized (Mt 16:24; 1Pe 3:21)

You need courage to conform your life to Jehovah's standards despite any pressure to do otherwise

In the following video, note how a Bible student responded when faced with a choice that called for courage

VIDEO (2 min.)

HOW BIBLE STUDENTS CAN CULTIVATE AND DISPLAY COURAGE (4 min.)

Strengthen your relationship with Jehovah

Reflect on Jehovah's love for you, and consider how you have benefited from learning the truth (Ps 116:12; Joh 6:44; cl 247 ¶17)

Attend Christian meetings, where you will learn more about Jehovah and be encouraged by good associations (Heb 10:24, 25)

Act decisively [Read Acts 8:35, 36] (w06 4/1 26-27 ¶1-3)

Do not allow anything or anyone to come between you and your relationship with Jehovah

Do not delay in making needed adjustments

As world conditions worsen, it may become more difficult for you to take your stand for the truth

As you take further steps to do Jehovah's will, you will no doubt experience God's help; this will strengthen your faith

May you soon join those who have decisively taken their stand on Jehovah's side!

Brother _____ will now present the next talk of this symposium, "Be a Courageous . . . Youth"

TO BE COVERED IN 9 MINUTES