

How to Live and Die with Honor

A Memorial Day Message

Joshua 1:1-9 NIV

There are four virtues that guide us to live and die with honor.

1st Virtue

Love in Action

For love to fulfill its dynamics, it must be expressed through actions and behaviors.

v. 1:2b “. . . get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.”

- John 15:13 NLT “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

2nd Virtue

Loyalty to Persevere

Loyalty is a virtue of character which measures a person’s faithfulness.

v. 1:5 “. . . As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

3rd Virtue

Courage

Courageous people live in honor because they have developed mental and moral strength to venture and persevere through fear.

v. 1:6 “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people.”

- Thomas Wolfe said, “Perhaps this is our strange and haunting paradox here in America . . . that we are fixed and certain only when we are in movement.”

4th Virtue

Lifetime of Learning

Knowledge ripened with wisdom then exercised through faith will guide Christians to live a life with honor.

v. 1:8 “Do not let this Book of Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night . . .”

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