

19-Courage

The source of courage and power is the promotion of the Word of God, and steadfastness in His Love.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 156

In the treasuries of the knowledge of God there lieth concealed a knowledge which, when applied, will largely, though not wholly, eliminate fear. This knowledge, however, should be taught from childhood, as it will greatly aid in its elimination. Whatever decreaseth fear increaseth courage.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, p. 32

[T]he root of the exaltation of man is the good attributes and virtues which are the adornments of his reality. These are the divine appearances, the heavenly bounties, the sublime emotions, the love and knowledge of God; universal wisdom, intellectual perception, scientific discoveries, justice, equity, truthfulness, benevolence, natural courage and innate fortitude; the respect for rights and the keeping of agreements and covenants; rectitude in all circumstances; serving the truth under all conditions; the sacrifice of one's life for the good of all people; kindness and esteem for all nations; obedience to the teachings of God; service in the Divine Kingdom; the guidance of the people, and the education of the nations and races. This is the prosperity of the human world! This is the exaltation of man in the world! This is eternal life and heavenly honor!

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Some Answered Questions*, pp. 79-80

I hope that you may become assisted and confirmed, and never lose courage in the promotion of the divine teachings. Day by day may you add to your effort, exertion, and magnanimity. Day by day may you add to your effort, exertion, and magnanimity.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Tablets of the Divine Plan*, 3.2

“They that have forsaken their country,” is Baha'u'llah's own testimony, “for the purpose of teaching Our Cause - these shall the Faithful Spirit strengthen through its power.... By My life! No act, however great, can compare with it, except such deeds as have been ordained by God, the All-Powerful, the Most Mighty. Such a service is indeed the prince of all goodly deeds, and the ornament of every goodly act.” Such a reward, it should be noted, is not to be regarded as purely an abstract blessing confined to the future life, but also as a tangible benefit which such courage, faith and perseverance can alone confer in this material world.

Shoghi Effendi, *The Advent of Divine Justice*, p. 68

In this day there are women among the Baha'is who far outshine men. They are wise, talented, well-informed, progressive, most intelligent and the light of men. They surpass men in courage. When they speak in meetings, the men listen with great respect.

'Abdu'l-Bahá *Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 175

O Friend! the Kingdom of God is infinite in its power, but the ‘army of life’ must be courageous in order that (the Kingdom of God) may give them continual assistance.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *The River of Life* (compilation), p. 60

Strive as much as ye can to turn wholly toward the Kingdom, that ye may acquire innate courage and ideal power.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá*, p. 206

You who are the servants of God fight against oppression, hate and discord. .. Only have faith, patience and courage--this is but the beginning, but surely you will succeed, for God is with you!

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, p. 101

Do not despair! Work steadily. Sincerity and love will conquer hate. How many seemingly impossible events are coming to pass in these days! Set your faces steadily towards the Light of the World. Show love to all; `Love is the breath of the Holy Spirit in the heart of Man'. Take courage! God never forsakes His children who strive and work and pray! Let your hearts be filled with the strenuous desire that tranquillity and harmony may encircle all this warring world. So will success crown your efforts, and with the universal brotherhood will come the Kingdom of God in peace and goodwill.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, p. 30