

ADVICE FROM FATHER

HAVE COURAGE, MY BOY, TO SAY NO!

You're starting, my boy, on life's journey,
Along the grand highway of life;
You'll meet with a thousand temptations,
Each city with evil is rife.
This world is a stage of excitement,
There's danger wherever you go;
But if you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage, my boy, to say "No."

Chorus

Have courage, my boy, to say "No."
Have courage, my boy, to say "No";
Have courage, my boy, have courage, my
boy,
Have courage, my boy, to say "No."

In courage alone lies your safety,
When you the long journey begin,
Your trust in a heavenly Father
Will keep you unspotted from sin.
Temptations will go on increasing,
As streams from a rivulet flow,
But if you are true to your manhood,
Have courage, my boy, to say "No."

Chorus

Be careful in choosing companions,
Seek only the brave and the true;
And stand by your friends when in trial,
Ne'er changing the old for the new;
And when by false friends you are tempted,
The taste of the wine-cup to know,
With firmness, with patience and kindness,
Have courage, my boy, to say No!

Chorus

"Oh Lord Keep the Door of my Mouth"

Boys, Don't Swear!

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This tract, to another.

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BOYS, DON'T SWEAR!

Take the advice of an old soldier.

It is useless, demoralizing, degrading, sinful.

It makes you less a man and a brave soldier.

It is cowardly to yield to any temptation, especially one so foolish and hurtful.

"A man may steal to satisfy his hunger, a liar may hope to gain by deceiving another, a glutton or drunkard gratifies his appetite; but what profit or gratification can there be to any man in swearing?"

It takes brave men to stand up and resist evil influences.

Profanity yokes you up on the side of the devil.

Your comrades who hear you count you on that side.

It is painful to the ears of Christian soldiers.

Young soldiers and small boys, who hang around the camp, are influenced by you.

What has the devil ever done for you that you should become a missionary of evil?

What promise does he hold out for you in the future?

"Most sinners serve the devil for pay, but swearers serve the devil gratis; whom he rewards by dragging them down to hell."

"This sin opens the door to and is the promoter of other sins."

"It is notorious that drinking and gaming, and other vices, cluster in deadly embrace upon the swearer."

"God puts swearers in company with liars, murderers and adulterers."

IT IS UNGENTLEMANLY.

"Some persons seem to think it genteel, a special accomplishment, a mark of fine breeding and high gallantry, to interlard their conversation with oaths and curses. But it is a scurvy fashion, a gross rudeness, an outrage upon all rules of decency. It will be admitted that General Washington, himself the flower of gentility, understood what was good breeding. And he regarded profanity as highly indecent and unbecoming. On a certain occasion a number of his officers were dining with him, when one of them uttered an oath. In an instant the General dropped his knife and fork, and in a firm undertone, said: 'I thought we all supposed ourselves gentleman,'—a thrust which the swearer keenly felt. When a favorite General protested that 'by God' he could take such a point in an attack, Washington rebuked him to his face, replying, 'Don't say 'by God,' General, but 'with the help of God.' His order against 'the foolish and wicked practice of cursing and swearing' in the army is well known. In this order (issued in 1776), he denominates the habit as 'so mean and low that every man of conscience and character detests and despises it.'"

God says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Exodus 20:7.

"Even heathens regard the name of their gods as too sacred to be treated with irreverence."

"The wages of sin is death; but The Gift of God is Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Boys, get on God's side; Don't Swear.