

MORALE

How To Play Your Part

"Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

—THE KING'S MESSAGE, Empire Day, 1940.

In days of tension forget yourself in helping your neighbours. Give them friendship. This casts out your own fears and worries. Help them to carry out all Government instructions about air-raids, evacuation, rationing and waste as thoroughly as you have yourself.

Keep the standards of the nation high. Don't weaken the home front by trying to wangle something for yourself on the quiet. Make a break with all the personal indulgence and selfishness which undermine national morale and unity. Everybody has his part to play in the moral re-armament of the nation.

Be a rumour-stopper. Those who love their country sacrifice the luxury of being the ones to pass on the "news." Any patriot shoots a rumour dead on sight. Face the facts, but don't exaggerate them. Prepare to meet them instead.

Faith, confidence and cheerfulness are as contagious as fear, depression or grumbling. Be certain which you are spreading: there is so much you can do to give people fresh heart and courage.

The secret of steadiness and inner strength is to listen to God and to do what He says. God speaks directly to the heart of every man and woman who is prepared to listen and obey. His voice can be heard wherever you are—in the home, in the factory, in the air-raid shelter, in the first-aid post.

In a time of listening God takes away fear and fortifies against uncertainty, hardship or bereavement; He brings fresh energy and hope; He gives foresight and cool judgment. To listen to God first thing **every morning** provides a clear plan for the day and carries with it the power to work with other people to the full.

A British General who has fought through two wars said this:

"Telephone wires may be cut, wireless stations be destroyed, but no bombardment can stop messages from God coming through if we are willing to receive them. To listen to God and obey Him is the highest form of national service for everybody everywhere."

Copy of a message issued by: The Lord Mayor of York, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, the Lord Mayor of Hull, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham.

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