

The Christian and Embarrassment

2 Tim. 2:15

Introduction:

- A. Timothy was to behave so as to have no need to be embarrassed.
- B. Can you recall your most embarrassing moment of your life?
 - 1. Should you have been so embarrassed?
 - 2. Could you have avoided that moment?
- C. We need to know what it feels like to be embarrassed.
 - 1. To live in a sinful world (Gen. 2:25ff)
 - 2. To prevent and correct sin (cf. Jer. 6:15; 1 Tim. 4:2).
- D. We reveal a lot about ourselves by what does or does not embarrass us.

Discussion:

I. Things That Should Be an Embarrassment to Christians.

- A. Our past life of sin (Rom. 6:21)
 - 1. Because we were aliens without hope (Eph 2:12-13).
 - 2. Because we were really nobody (1 Pet. 2:9, 10).
 - 3. Because we were slaves to sin (Rom. 6:20-22; Tit. 3:3; 1 Pet. 4:3,4).
- B. Our lack of Bible knowledge (2 Tim. 2:15; cf. Hos. 4:6).
- C. Our shameful behavior as Christians.
 - 1. Shameful adornment (Rev. 3:18; 1 Cor. 11:14)
 - 2. Shameful speaking (Eph. 5:12; 1 Cor. 14:35)
 - 3. Walking disorderly (2 Thess. 3:14).

II. Things That Should Not Be an Embarrassment to Christians.

- A. The gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16; Mark 8:38).
- B. Persecution.
 - 1. Of own persecution (1 Pet. 4:16).
 - 2. Of others' persecuted (2 Tim. 1:16).
- C. Brethren of "low estate" (Rom. 12:16 see NIV)
 - 1. Materially (Jas. 2:1-10).
 - 2. Ethnically and socially (Gal. 2:11-13)
 - 3. Jesus not ashamed to call us brethren (Heb. 2:11-12)
- D. Our appearance before Christ at the judgment (1 John 2:28).
 - 1. Because of our lost and undone condition.
 - 2. Because of our failure to have obeyed the gospel (2 Thess. 1:7-8).
 - 3. Because of our ill treatment of others (Matt. 25:41-46).

Conclusion:

- A. We need the ability to be embarrassed.
- B. Yet, we need to be people who try to have no reason to be embarrassed.