

Would You Be Embarrassed?

None of us likes the idea of being embarrassed. Many of us remember our days in school and the memories of awkward occasions where we were humiliated or embarrassed before our peers or family. Who among us likes that feeling? Today, we often take pains to make sure we do not do something that would embarrass ourselves in all manner of situations be it work, home, or wherever we might find ourselves. While it is good sense to take such care in regard to temporal things, should not we be just as diligent about spiritual things? Are we making sure we have no reason to be embarrassed spiritually?

Would you be embarrassed if it were known what you were really thinking? The thoughts and intents of our hearts reveal who we really are. Jesus said, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man" (Matthew 15:18). This is where sin emanates from (Proverbs 23:7). Make sure you are thinking on the right things (Philippians 4:8).

Would you be embarrassed if it were known what you say about others? Words have power and we must be careful what we say (James 1:19). Gossip, backbiting, and such are not to be named among God's people (1 Peter 2:1). We can do good or evil with our words (James 3:9). Make sure you are speaking things that are right and good (Matthew 7:12; Ephesians 4:29).

Would you be embarrassed if it were known what goes on at your home? Sometimes people have a double life when it comes to their home. They have a persona in public, but it is a completely different picture in private. Parents are to be honored and obeyed by children and the father must set the proper example before his children and family, particularly in regard to spiritual matters (Ephesians 6:1-4). The husband is to love and appreciate his wife, the wife is to love, appreciate, and submit to her husband (Ephesians 5:22-25). Make sure your home is the kind of place God would have it to be.

Would you be embarrassed if it were known what you know of the Bible? There was a time when God said His people were destroyed for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6) and there was a time of famine for the word of God (Amos 8:11). Do you know the word of God? Do you know the story of redemption? Do you have hope of salvation and heaven? If so, can you give an answer for the hope that lies within you (1 Peter 3:15)? Some have been in the kingdom a long time but have little knowledge (1 Corinthians 15:34).

Make sure you study diligently so you may know the will of the Lord (2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 5:17).

Would you be embarrassed if it were known what you give? Paul told the brethren in Corinth and Galatia to give as they had been prospered (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). He even wrote that it should be done cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7). Are we laying up for ourselves treasures in heaven or treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19-20)? Make sure your giving is with heaven in view (Matthew 6:33).

Would you be embarrassed when you must meet Christ? Do not be deceived, He is surely coming (Acts 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10). No one knows the day or the hour and so the Lord said we should always be ready (Matthew 24:42-45). Make sure you are prepared (Matt. 25:11-13). Labor for the Master daily so we are not spiritually embarrassed.

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