

Are You Ashamed?

I. Introduction: This is a question. A question that is **not** intended to be an indictment. It is a question that begs of you to examine things in light of what we are going to discuss. Are there things you “have to” talk to people about. For example, a great roofing company you have found, a great product you use, an awesome TV show, etc.? Do you retweet, share social media posts, etc. because you want others to see them? Do you teach your children math, reading, etc.? Do you push fund raisers for things you are involved in? Do you tell your neighbor that shingles are missing off of his/her roof because you’re a good neighbor? Are there things you cannot help but tell others for good reasons? Well, what about the Gospel? What about Jesus? What about sharing information about the Gospel, a website with the truth contained therein, a Podcast like mine, etc.? This is a think on your ways lesson (cf. **Haggai 1:5; 1:7**).

A. What is the most valuable information for someone in need of salvation (**Acts 20:32** and **James 1:21**)?

1. Who is revealed in the word of God that must be known for the lost to be saved (**John 5:39** and **I Thessalonians 5:9**)?
2. What do the Scriptures inform us about (**II Timothy 3:15-17**)?
3. So, why don’t you share it with others (if you don’t)? Again, a question. Not an indictment.

B. How important is a CAPABLE messenger (**Romans 10:14-17**)?

1. If you are not able or capable, can you point someone to a person who is (**II Timothy 4:12**)?
2. Remember the importance of one hearing the truth taught correctly by faithful men (**Luke 11:28, II Corinthians 2:17, I Thessalonians 2:13, II Timothy 2:2**, and **Titus 1:3**).

II. Body: Are you like Paul (**Romans 1:16-17**)?

A. Think about being ashamed for a moment (**Mark 8:38**).

1. What that means... (**Matthew 10:32-33** and **Luke 12:8-9**).
2. Yes, if we deny Him we can expect Him to do so to us (**II Timothy 2:12**).

B. No, I am not urging you all to go out and act as evangelists. Even with spiritual gifts, not all first century saints were evangelists (**Ephesians 4:11**).

1. Having said that, wherein you are capable (**I Peter 4:11**), why would hide what you know at least on an elementary level (**Psalms 40:9-10, Psalms 71:15-16, Acts 2:46-47**, and **I Peter 2:1-12**)?
2. We are all expected, in times of persecution, to give a reasoned statement of the hope within us (**I Peter 3:14-16**). With that in mind, shouldn’t you be able to give a reasoned statement about Jesus in a simple manner (i.e. He is my Savior)? At least enough to cause someone to ask questions even if you have to get someone else to answer them? *If you can refer someone to a doctor or some other professional, can’t you refer them to a teacher, congregation, etc.?

C. Remember, teaching is not just verbal either (**Titus 2:7-8**).

1. Think about what was said to the believing woman who could not win her husband through the word (**I Peter 3:1-4**).
2. That includes us living blamelessly before the world (**Philippians 2:14-16**).
3. Be wise in how you handle yourself in the world (**Colossians 4:5-6**).
4. Remember, you can show forth the light just as walking as children of the light (**Ephesians 5:8**).
5. If we are fruitful, we can glorify God before men (**Matthew 5:14-16** and **John 15:8**).

III. Conclusion: Think on this one... **John 4:3-30; 4:39-43**