

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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IT IS A SHAME

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The Bible talks a lot about things that are shameful or disgraceful. To be, have, or involve ourselves in anything the Bible calls shameful is wrong and ought to cause us to blush (Jer. 6:15).

LAZINESS. *“He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame”* (Prov. 10:4-5).

PRIDE. *“When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom”* (Prov. 11:2).

REFUSING INSTRUCTION. *“Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured”* (Prov. 13:18). When a person refuses reproof or instruction, they are refusing life and choosing shame (Prov. 6:23). Such is not wise, but a scorner (Prov. 9:7-9).

ANSWERING A MATTER BEFORE HEARING IT. *“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him”* (Prov. 18:13). To answer before listening and

hearing all of the facts is foolish and shameful.

A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF. *“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame”* (Prov. 29:15). Shame is the result when parents fail to use the rod and reproof!

REVEALING NAKEDNESS. It is a shame that we live in a society of people who shamelessly reveal their nakedness. It is a shame when members of the church are conformed to the world and do the same! To reveal my nakedness is to expose my shame (Is. 47:3; Rev. 3:18). To wear attire that exposes our buttocks (Is. 20:4), breasts (Ezek. 16:7), or our thigh (Is. 47:2-3) is to expose our nakedness or shame. A man or woman who wears apparel that reveals rather than conceals is not godly but ungodly (1 Tim. 2:9-10)!

GOING TO LAW WITH A BROTHER. The Corinthian brethren were going to law with one another, before unbelievers, when they should have taken wrong and allowed themselves to be defrauded. Paul said, *“I speak to your shame...there is utterly a fault among you”* (1 Cor. 6:1-8).

FOR A MAN TO HAVE LONG HAIR. *“Doth not nature*

itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?” (1 Cor. 11:14). No matter how hard man tries, he cannot change the natural laws God has created. God created man and woman with distinct characteristics and roles. Today, the world is trying to do that which is against nature (Rom. 1:26-27). Homosexual behavior, changing and blurring the natural characteristics of male and female, men trying to be women and women trying to be men, is against nature. This is wrong. A man wearing long hair blends in and encourages this agenda, and it is a shame!

HAVING NOT THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. *“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame”* (1 Cor. 15:34). The Corinthians’ ignorance of the knowledge of God led them to believe and teach error concerning the resurrection.

It does not matter what we think about it; such is shameful! We must conform our lives and thinking to the word of God and develop the ability to blush at these things! It is a bad thing when we, like Judah, can do shameful things without blushing (Jer. 8:12). Such people will fall!

**GOSPEL MEETING
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A STRONG FAITH

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It is said of Abraham, “...being not weak in faith...but was strong in faith...” (Rom. 4:19-20). Faith can be weak or strong. A strong faith will:

Prevent worry (Mt. 6:25-34).

Trust the Lord and obey (Lk. 5:5)

Keep you from dying in sin (Jn. 8:24; Mk. 16:16).

Stand for the Lord, even to the taking of your life (Acts 6:8-7:60).

Help you to be glad and exhort others to cleave unto the Lord (Acts 11:22-24).

Stagger not at God’s promises, be fully persuaded, justify (Rom. 4:16-5:6).

Stand in the power of God, not the wisdom of men (1 Cor. 2:5).

Help you not to faint and be renewed, be confident, labor (2 Cor. 4:8-5:10).

Let Christ live in you (Gal. 2:20).

Be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked (Eph. 6:16).

Forget those things which are behind and reach forth (Phil. 3:7-14).

Walk in Christ, rooted and built up, stablished, abounding (Col. 2:6-8).

Fight the good fight (1 Tim. 6:12).

Hold fast the form of sound words (2 Tim. 1:13).

Flee lusts and follow after (2 Tim. 2:22).

Fight a good fight, finish the course (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Not depart, stedfast to the end, labor to enter into rest (Heb. 3:7-4:11).

Not waver (Heb. 10:23).

Cast not away your confidence, have patience, not draw back, live by it (Heb. 10:35-39).

Please God (Heb. 11:6).

Lay aside every weight and sin, run with patience, consider Christ (Heb. 12:1-3).

Stay strong and learn patience during temptation (Jas. 1:2-4).

Not be ignorant, live holy and godly knowing the Lord will return, look for a new heavens and new earth, be diligent, not wrest the Scriptures, beware, grow (2 Pet.3:8-18).

Keep the commandments, overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:1-4).

Do you have a strong faith? “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 Jn. 5:4-5).

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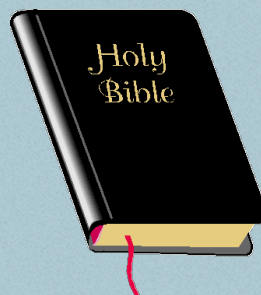
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