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.
      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).

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.