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# INTRODUCTION

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***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” – ROMANS 1:16***

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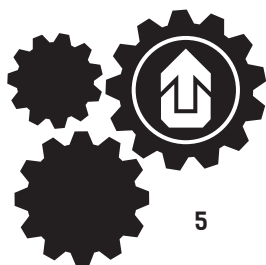
All of us have done things in our lives that we are ashamed of, and the very thought of those things being brought up is terrifying. Shame is a very powerful emotion; when you feel it, you can't really feel much of anything else. We all know what it's like to be ashamed. It saddens you. It embarrasses you. It hurts you. Shame makes you want to bury your face in your pillow and hide from the world.

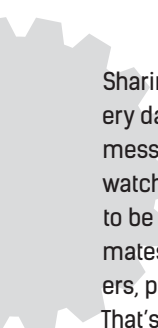
Shame isn't always a bad thing, though. In fact, the Bible tells us that we as Christians should be ashamed of certain things—things like our foolish and sinful pasts (Romans 6:21). However, the Bible also tells us that there are things we should be completely unashamed of. The message of the gospel is one of those things. We shouldn't be timid, embarrassed, or afraid to share this message—we should be *unashamed*.

Most Christians know why we should be unashamed of the gospel: it “is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” In other words, the gospel is powerful enough to save people from hell and give them a place in heaven. There's nothing to be ashamed of, embarrassed about, or fearful of with a message like that.

So that's the *why*, but what about the *how*? How are we to be unashamed of the gospel? What does that look like in our daily lives? That's what this book is all about. It is designed to help us learn how to live out the gospel in every area of our lives in a shameless, bold, bright way.

To put it simply, to be unashamed means to share and to show the gospel in our lives. We share the gospel with our words by telling people about Jesus. We open our mouths and we lovingly explain the message of the gospel to them when the opportunity is before us. We show the gospel with our actions. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14, 16). We show the gospel by living and behaving the way that Jesus did. To put it another way, we share the gospel with our words and show it with our works.





Sharing and showing the gospel reaches every area of our lives. All around us, every day, are people who don't know Jesus and who need to hear the life-changing message of the gospel. We exist to share it with them. And those same people are watching our lives and taking their cues about what God is like and what it means to be a Christian by the way we live. Whether they are our friends, families, classmates, coworkers, church family, social media connections, neighbors, or strangers, people in every sphere of our lives are seeing and hearing the gospel from us. That's a big calling; but, it's our calling. This study is designed to help you live out your calling more effectively and more powerfully than ever before by sharing and showing the gospel.

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#### **SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- Malachi 2:6
- Matthew 9:37–38
- Mark 16:15
- 1 Corinthians 9:16
- 2 Corinthians 12:15
- 2 Timothy 4:2

#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Some people argue that they are all about sharing the gospel while others say they are all about showing the gospel. Why is it important that we do both? Is it OK to only do one or the other? Why or why not?
2. Is it easier for you to share the gospel with others or to show the gospel to others? Why?

#### **APPLICATION:**

This week, be intentional about sharing and showing the gospel. If sharing the gospel is more difficult for you, take the opportunity to talk to at least one person about Jesus. If showing the gospel is more difficult for you, do something Christ-like for someone.



"God has not called us to isolate; He has called us to infiltrate. That is our mission field. God wants us to reach out to that grumpy neighbor, to that inquisitive coworker always peppering us with questions, and to all the other people in our day-to-day living."

– **GREG LAURIE**

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered, but a command to be obeyed."

– **HUDSON TAYLOR**





# UNASHAMED AT HOME

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***“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land’” – EPHESIANS 6:1-3***


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Home is where the heart is, at least, that’s how the expression goes. However, home is also where the heartache is. It’s ironic how the place where we should be most loved is oftentimes the place where we have the most frustration and irritation.

For that reason, the home becomes the number one place where we have an opportunity to shine the light of the gospel brightly. If we come from Christian homes, we probably don’t have to do much sharing of the gospel. Our families already know and believe the message and are in the family of God, the church. But even though we don’t have to do much sharing of the gospel with our words, we need to do a lot of showing the gospel with our works.

If we come from non-Christian families, we’ll need to do both. But here’s the thing: we’ll need to focus on showing the gospel with our works more than sharing it with our words. The reason for this is because we can only earn the right to share the gospel with our families when they can visibly see the gospel in our actions. In other words, our opportunities to share the gospel with our families hinge on our faithfulness in showing the gospel by the way we live.





With this in mind, how do we show the gospel through our works at home? For starters, we need to focus on our attitudes toward authority. Our parents are the authority in the home. “Honor your father and mother” (Exodus 20:12) is one of the Ten Commandments. It is very serious to God, and the brightness of our witness hangs on it. If people see us disobeying God by dishonoring and disrespecting our parents, they’ll never be attracted to Jesus. Most teenagers today are doing a great job at being disrespectful, rude, disobedient, and talking badly about their parents to others. Although this can be said of teens in general, most Christian teens aren’t much better. They argue with their parents rather than submit to them. They roll their eyes, they ignore, and they isolate themselves from them.

God is calling us to do much better. Do you want to stand out among your peers? Then honor and respect your parents; obey them in all things, whether you agree with them or not (unless they are asking you to do something sinful). You can express your opinions, but don’t be argumentative.

In addition to honoring our parents, we need to focus on our attitudes toward our siblings. God calls us to put them above ourselves. Paul tells us to follow the example of Jesus by doing “nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3–4). To humble ourselves and serve our siblings will cause us to be a bright light of the gospel in our homes.

Do you want to have a radical life for the Lord? Before you think about going and dying on the mission field in the four corners of the earth, worry about dying to yourself inside the four walls of your house. Sharing and showing the gospel begins at home, period. If you aren’t doing it there, it doesn’t matter much if you are doing it anywhere else.

**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- Ephesians 6:1–3
  - Proverbs 1:8–9
  - Psalm 101: 2
  - 1 Timothy 5:1–2
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Does your family have any doubts as to whether or not you are a Christian? If so, why?
  2. Are you a different person at home than you are anywhere else?
  3. In what ways are you succeeding in sharing and showing the gospel in your home and in what ways are you failing?
  4. Why is it often difficult for people to get along with their siblings?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, do something for your parents that would bless them without being asked to do so (for example, mow the lawn, wash the dishes, wash the car, or run an errand).



"A man ought to live so that everybody  
knows he is a Christian...and most of all,  
his family ought to know."

**– D.L. MOODY**

"No service for God is of any value  
which is contradicted by life at home."

**– G. CAMPBELL MORGAN**



# UNASHAMED AT SCHOOL

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***“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” – 1 PETER 3:15***

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The average student in America spends around 6.5 hours at school every weekday. While some may feel that this is a complete waste of time, God calls us to use it wisely. Every day at school, there is a great opportunity for us to tell people about Jesus through our actions and our words.

While many students try their best to do the least amount of work in school, this shouldn't be the attitude of Christians. Solomon writes, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might” (Ecclesiastes 9:10). This means that we should not be the person who never does the homework, never goes to school, or never gives any attempt at success. When we work hard, as unto the Lord, it will be a witness to teachers and fellow students. Growing in knowledge is a good thing; we should work hard to learn all we can because it can be used to help us further the kingdom of God.

However, Paul warns us about being taken captive by empty philosophy and worldly ideas while we pursue our education (Colossians 2:8). Most of the world mocks the authority of Scripture, the deity of Christ, and the exclusivity of Christianity. They believe it is all foolish and ridiculous. Instead of



being discouraged by this, see it as an opportunity. There are many books, websites, videos, and other resources out there that can help us to defend our faith to those who believe differently. We know that we have the truth, so we shouldn't be afraid of talking about it. Engage in conversations with fellow students and teachers who oppose Christianity; show them the love of Christ and share why you believe the message of the gospel. Most people will be blown away by a student who will stand for Christ in a class full of those who reject Him.

There are so many people at school, for such a long amount of time, that we have great gospel opportunities in and outside of the classroom there. If dirty jokes, gossip, and countless other ungodly things are the main topics of discussion at school by the students, how much do those students who don't participate in these things stand out? If we are always loving to everyone rather than tearing others down, talking about church that weekend instead of some party, helping others as much as possible rather than ignoring them, people will wonder what is different about us. They will see that we don't need the parties, the sex, or any other thing to be happy. We have something far greater, and that is Jesus Christ.

We need to take every opportunity to explain the gospel to everyone, but our actions must show it first. People at school will have no problem figuring out if we're fake or not, so it's important that we are living out and showing the gospel with our actions, as well as sharing it with our words. School can be an incredible platform to proclaim the gospel message through a life that is unashamed.



**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- Ephesians 5:6–11
  - Philippians 2:14–16
  - Colossians 2:8; 4:6
  - 1 Timothy 4:12
  - 2 Timothy 2:15, 22–26
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. What are some practical ways that you can show the gospel to people at school?
  2. How equipped are you to deal with those who oppose Christianity, whether they are teachers or students?  
How equipped would you like to be?
  3. What message does your conduct—what you talk about, how you act, how hard you try—at school send to those around you?
  4. In what ways are you connecting with other Christians at your school?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, be intentional about sharing the gospel with one of your classmates and do all you can to demonstrate the love of God for them with your actions.



"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

– *C.S. LEWIS*

"There is one thing that both Christians and non-Christians have in common: they are both uptight about evangelism. Non-Christians are uptight about being evangelized, and Christians are uptight about evangelizing."

– *GREG LAURIE*



# UNASHAMED AT WORK

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***“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” – EPHESIANS 2:10***

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“In the beginning, God worked.” That’s not exactly what Genesis 1:1 states, but that is what God was doing. In our first encounter with God in the Bible, we see Him as a Creator who is working. And as the Creator, He has created us in His image and after His likeness (Genesis 1:26). Therefore, we need to consider ourselves as workers who take after God.

Adam took this as one of his first responsibilities, as Genesis 2:15 shows, “The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.” But soon to follow, Adam’s work became tainted by sin through the Fall. Ever since, work has become an endless cycle of sweat, toil, and labor. Because God created us to work, work is not a result of the Fall; but, the difficulties that come with it are. However, the good news is that we can redeem work and use it to be a witness for Christ.

Work is something that most consider as a duty from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. just to make money and buy stuff. Although that’s one aspect of work, there’s more to it; work should enable us not just to survive, but to thrive and to fulfill God’s plans and purposes in our lives. Work serves as a unique area of life where we are given the opportunity to show determination,



perseverance, and strength. Our work can point others to the ultimate Worker, Jesus.

The Bible tells us that we are the workmanship of God—meaning that our lives reveal the works of God—and that we can show this truth to others through our good works. We were created for good works, and God has given us the opportunity to do such acts, but we must be willing to walk in them. This means that as we work jobs, prepare for careers, or do chores around the house, there are countless opportunities to shine the light of Jesus through our day-to-day work; we will especially do this as we rise above and beyond the required responsibilities and work hard as unto the Lord.

Unfortunately, many employees are content to only do what is expected of them at their jobs. Beyond that, many people disrespect their bosses by talking bad about them behind their backs. Paul warned us against only paying lip-service to our employers, and encourages us to work from sincere motives with a pure heart before God and man (Colossians 3:22). As Christians we should be a blessing to our bosses and coworkers by looking for ways to become more productive and improve the company that we work for.

If there is one thing this generation has lost, it's a strong work ethic. Many young people are lazy; they expect everything to come quickly and easily. But as Christians, God has called us to a higher standard. Colossians 3:23–24 says, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Whatever our jobs or careers may be, we are to work at them in such a way that our work becomes worship to God, where we love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37–39). Treat work as God designed it. Be unashamed for Christ as you work!

**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- 1 Corinthians 10:31
  - Colossians 3:17, 22–24
  - Ephesians 4:28
  - Acts 20:34–35
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:6–12
  - Proverbs 6:6–11; 13:4; 21:25–26
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Why do so many people consider work as a burden when God created it to be a blessing?
  2. Your actions today will drastically affect how you'll work in the future. How can you build a strong work ethic in your youth, even if you don't currently have a job?
  3. Does this generation have a different attitude toward work than previous generations? If so, why is that?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, whether it's through doing chores at home, assignments at school, or tasks at a job, go above and beyond what you are asked to do. Work in such a way that others will see God working through you!



"We need people today who walk and talk with Jesus Christ, people who, before they even speak a single word, give evidence that there is something different about them. We need people who, through their godly lifestyles, have earned the right to be heard. What we need today are people who have been with Jesus."

– **GREG LAURIE**

"Too many Christians worship their work, work at their play and play at their worship."

– **ANONYMOUS**

"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity."

– **JOHN WESLEY**





# UNASHAMED AT CHURCH

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***“Let no one despise you for your youth,  
but set the believers an example in speech,  
in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” – 1 TIMOTHY 4:12***

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As those called to be witnesses for Christ, we know that we are to make a bold stand for Him and His kingdom in every area of life. Most of the time, we recognize the need to be unashamed when we are around non-Christians, but we must also remember to share and to show the gospel with other Christians, especially as we worship and fellowship at church.

When most people think of church, they immediately think of a building. But according to the Bible, the church isn't a building; it's a body. It's not a location, but rather, a participation in the kingdom of God. The word *church* means “assembly” or “congregation.” It refers to a gathering of people who have been “called out.” So, when we go to church, we are joining with a community of Christians and a body of believers to worship God, study the Bible, fellowship, and encourage one another (Acts 2:42). As we do this together, we need to interact with one another in such a way that we help others grow spiritually.

Paul told Timothy, a young leader in the church, to be an example for other believers. He was to be an example in every way: in speech, conduct, love, faith,



and purity. Timothy's character and conduct was meant to encourage and motivate others toward godliness. As people spent time with Timothy, his godly characteristics and conduct would cause a ripple effect throughout the church. And God has also called us to be an example and encouragement to other Christians at church. As we strive to do this, our friendships will thrive and our faith will flourish.

Godliness is contagious, and the only way to spread it is to be actively involved when we meet together at church. This means that we can't be passive and just sit down, but we must be active and stir up! Hebrews 10:24–25 states, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Ways of doing this would include: taking notes during Bible study, being engaged during worship, praying for the needs of others, befriending those who aren't well-known, giving and receiving accountability, encouraging others, and serving in the ministry.

The only way we can continue to stay unashamed together is if we are actively meeting together and staying connected. When coals are packed together, they remain red-hot; but if one coal is isolated, its fire will burn out. And the same is true for us. We must meet together often. And when we do, we must be intentional about giving and receiving spiritual encouragement. We need each other, and when we are serious about our faith together, the church will be edified, the world will be evangelized, and God will be glorified.

Sharing and showing the gospel is just as important inside the walls of the church as it is outside. Make the most of your time at church and make a spiritual impact on your brothers and sisters in Christ!

**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- Acts 2:42–47
  - Romans 12:6–8
  - 1 Corinthians 12:4–6
  - Hebrews 3:12–13
  - 1 Peter 4:10–11
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Who are your spiritual examples that you learn from?
  2. In what ways can you prepare yourself to be engaged in fellowship, worship, and Bible study at church?
  3. Based on your speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, would you be an example to imitate or to avoid? How can you improve in these areas?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, when you go to church, make it your goal to encourage and pray for at least one person, to be engaged in worship, and to take notes during the Bible study.



"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spine of others are often stiffened."

**– BILLY GRAHAM**

"The church has nothing to do but to save souls; therefore spend and be spent in this work."

**– JOHN WESLEY**

"Jesus did not say that the whole world should go to church. But He did say that the church should go to the whole world. We want to invade our world with the gospel."

**– GREG LAURIE**



# UNASHAMED WITH FRIENDS

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***“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens  
the countenance of his friend” – PROVERBS 27:17 NKJV***

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God created us to live in community with each other. He has placed us in a specific country, state, city, family, school, and community, and desires for us to relate with those around us. Those who live life with us—the people we see and communicate with often—we usually consider to be our friends. We have best friends, close friends, acquaintances, people that we like but don’t really hang out with, and of course, “friends” through social media that we may not even know. Essentially, a friend is anyone whom you have mutual care and concern for. Whether they are really close friends or friends you only talk to or see from time to time, these are people whom you genuinely care for and have meaningful conversations with.

Jesus is the best example of a true friend. He was able to spend lots of time with a variety of people and minister to their needs. His friends included the twelve disciples, three of which He was especially close to (Peter, James, and John), a large number of followers that didn’t live with Him, and He was even considered a friend to the outcasts of society, known as the sinners and tax collectors (Luke 7:34). Jesus ultimately proved to be the best of friends through His sacrifice, as John 15:13–14 states, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” Jesus lived in such a way



that He was able to “sharpen” all of his friends, meaning that He helped them grow spiritually. And God has called us to do the same.

Think about all the different types of friends you have. Some are Christians and some aren’t; some are really close and some are distant; some are easy to be unashamed around and some aren’t. Knowing this, we need to be careful not to make our closest friends those who could pull us down spiritually. We have great opportunities to influence others, but we need to realize that others can greatly influence us. Unless a piece of iron is sharpened by another piece, it will become dull and rusty. And the same is true of our friendships—we need to sharpen our friends, and our friends need to sharpen us. That’s why our closest friends need to be those who encourage us spiritually.

Our friendships present us with unique relationships where we can live life together and be open and honest with each other. The best thing we can do is to lovingly share the truth about God with our Christian friends by encouraging them in their faith, and share with our non-Christian friends by explaining how they can put their faith in Jesus. “A friend loves at all times” (Proverbs 17:17), and the most loving thing we could do for our friends is to point them to the greatest of friends, Jesus Christ.



**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- John 15:12–15
  - Proverbs 12:26; 17:17; 27:6
  - Job 42:10
  - James 5:16
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Do all of your friends know that you are a Christian?
  2. How can you and your friends “sharpen” each other?
  3. Are there any friends that you struggle to be “unashamed” around?  
If so, how can you change that?
  4. What are your closest friendships based on?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, encourage a friend every single day. Pray for them, send them encouraging verses, and talk with them about the Lord.



"You are a Christian because somebody cared. Now it's your turn."

– **WARREN WIERSBE**

"A man is known by the company he shuns as well as the company he keeps."

– **C.H. SPURGEON**

"Our job, if you will, is to proclaim the gospel faithfully, lovingly, accurately, clearly, and understandably, and then let the Lord do His work with His message in His way."

– **GREG LAURIE**



# UNASHAMED WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

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***“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” – EPHESIANS 4:29***


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To be unashamed is to take a bold stand in the public square. But today, more than ever before, Christians have the opportunity to represent Christ in a different kind of square: the square of their computers and mobile devices.

Between Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, billions of people are staying connected globally. These outlets provide instant communication to a massive audience. Technology is neither good nor evil, but the messages it can send are. Social media is only a bad thing if it is used in ungodly ways, but it is a very good thing if we use it correctly. As Christians, we should use this technology to communicate messages that are good and honoring to God.

While many people use social media to tell the world things they would never say in public, we should be wise in the things that we post. Proverbs 29:11 says, “A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back” (NKJV). It’s easy to be the fool that lets every negative feeling out, but God calls us to be wise and to hold much of it back. When a Christian continually posts negative things, it will show the world that Christ is not enough for them. On the other hand, if your social media networks reflect good attitudes and hope, people might just be drawn to Jesus through them.





The focus of social media is always self. People post pictures of themselves and try to show everyone what a great time they are having. They write about what they think and how they feel, all the while disregarding the effect it will have on others. Anyone can sound smart, fun, or happy, if they know how to say the right things on the Internet. Or they can attempt to gather attention to themselves by complaining about their lives. Instead of placing all the attention on ourselves, wouldn't it be better to shift the focus to something greater?

The more we focus on ourselves, the less happy we'll be. God has not made us to be self-focused but to be Christ-focused. In taking our eyes off ourselves, we will find a greater and lasting joy. Jesus tells us that in losing our life we find it, in dying to ourselves we're made truly alive (Mark 8:35). We can demonstrate this as we point to someone greater than ourselves.

We have the potential to reach hundreds of people right from our computers or mobile devices. Write a post on Facebook about a verse that you read in your devotion time. Post a picture on Instagram of what God is doing through your church. Tweet things that are positive and encouraging. Let your social media networks show what good friendships look like. When used correctly, social media can open up doors to share the gospel and encourage countless people toward godliness. Let's stand for Christ through technology and social media!

**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- Luke 6:45
  - 1 Corinthians 10:31
  - Ephesians 4:29
  - Colossians 4:6
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Jesus says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). Based on what you find yourself talking most about on social media, what is in your heart?
  2. What are ways that you can communicate the gospel to people through social media?
  3. Are there any unwise ways to preach the gospel through technology and social media?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, post things through social media that will bring glory to God and cause people to think about spiritual realities.



"There are many of us that are willing  
to do great things for the Lord, but few  
of us are willing to do little things."

*– D.L. MOODY*

"The gospel is only good news  
if it gets there in time."

*– CARL F.H. HENRY*



# UNASHAMED IN PURITY

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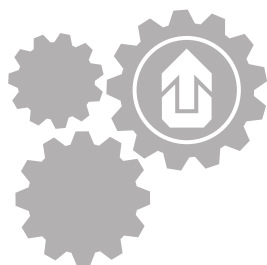
***“So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart” – 2 TIMOTHY 2:22***

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Young people often do things because they want to stand out from the crowd. Some are rebellious and others are just desperate for attention, but they stand unashamed in their effort to be different from the norm. However, the problem is that most of the things they are unashamed about are shameful, and are harmful rather than helpful. But as Christians, we have the opportunity to stand above the standards of society and be unashamed about something that is helpful and holy: sexual purity.

There is no single topic for Christians today that’s as counter-cultural as sexual purity. The statistics of young people who are engaging in sexual activity, viewing pornography, and approving sexually immoral lifestyles are staggering. Because the overwhelming majority of young people approve of sexual sin, those who rise against it and stand for purity will truly shine as lights in the midst of a dark world. But, as always, when we go against what everyone else is doing, we will face opposition; ridicule and rejection will come as we preach “save sex” for marriage while the world promotes “safe sex” for lust. We must stay strong and remain unashamed in our purity, knowing that we are avoiding what’s wrong and pursuing what’s right.

The apostle Paul tells us to flee youthful passions and to pursue godly living. He doesn’t just tell us



what to run from, but also what to run to. Instead of participating in the sexual practices of our generation, we are to pursue purity and godliness with the people of God—"with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." If we are going to live lives of purity, then we must pursue righteousness and strive to be above reproach; we must pursue faith and stay committed to biblical values; we must pursue love while holding to the truth about marriage and deny the lies of lust; and we must pursue peace and not rob each other of our purity.

There's no sin that produces more guilt and shame than sexual immorality. It damages the soul and the body, and pollutes God's plan for sexuality. So how can we be unashamed about purity if we've fallen into sexual sin? It's because of what Jesus has done for us and what He can do in us. Isaiah 53:4 says that Jesus took our grief and carried our sorrows. Jesus "bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus' sacrifice gives us the healing we need from sexual sin and the hope we need to persevere in purity.

Living lives that are unashamed about sexual purity will be difficult, but it's worth the fight. In Matthew 5:8, Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." If we pursue purity, we will see God, meaning that we'll have His presence and we'll see His work in our lives. And not only will we see God, but others will see Him in us. They will see that God is the source and sustenance for our purity, and that's what causes us to be set apart from everyone else (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5). Rise up and take a stand against the sexual standards of our society. Be unashamed about sexual purity!



**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- Psalm 119:9–11
  - Romans 13:11–14
  - 1 Corinthians 6:13–20
  - Ephesians 5:3
  - Philippians 4:8
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Why does God hold sexual purity at such a high standard?
  2. What should you do when you fail in sexual purity?  
How can we remain unashamed about this topic?
  3. Sexual purity is an intentional pursuit. What are some helpful strategies for this battle?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, make a list of the ways in which you are most easily tempted by sexual sin. Describe how you can flee from the sin, and what you can pursue instead of giving in to it.



"Give me 100 men who hate nothing but  
sin and love God with all their hearts and  
I will shake the world for Christ!"

**– JOHN WESLEY**

"Either sin will keep you from the Word,  
or the Word will keep you from sin."

**– JOHN BUNYAN**



# UNASHAMED IN COMMUNITY

***“For even the Son of Man came not to be served  
but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many”***

**– MARK 10:45**

Every day as we walk around school, the mall, or the grocery store, we pass by hundreds of people—people just like us, people who need a Savior. Whether they are a friendly acquaintance or the man standing on a street corner with a cardboard sign, God has placed us in our specific community to be a gospel witness to those around us. As we have seen, in order to be effective witnesses, we need to share and show the gospel. To best serve our community, we need to express the gospel not just with words, but with works too.

One way to *show* the gospel message is by helping those in need within our community. Historically, Christians have built more hospitals, opened more soup kitchens, and cared for more orphans and widows than any other religion or organization. Those who follow Christ see the incredible sacrifice He made for them on the cross and are compelled to sacrifice their comforts for the sake of their neighbors.

Wherever there’s a church, the hungry should be fed, strangers welcomed and the poor cared for. George Müller was a man who was unashamed of the gospel by caring for the needs of others. As he looked around his community,



he saw thousands of orphans wandering the streets—children who had no parents, no food and no hope. Being reminded of the way God takes care of the needy, Müller built several homes to feed, care for, and share the gospel with these orphans. As a result, thousands of boys and girls came to know Christ and in turn had a major impact on their communities.

In the midst of showing the gospel to our community, it's important to take advantage of the opportunities to share the gospel with those we come in contact with. This means that every time we interact with someone—whether at a coffee shop, a restaurant, or the store—we have the potential to engage in spiritual conversations, invite others to church, and share the message of the gospel.

Along with the many opportunities God gives us in our daily lives, it is important for us to be more intentional in sharing the gospel with those in our community. We can do this by going to public places with our friends or youth group for the purpose of telling people about Jesus. Just as Paul discussed spiritual matters in the marketplace with the people of his day (Acts 17:17), we can do the same in the popular places in our cities. God can use even small conversations to make a big impact on someone; we just need to be willing to share the message.

By doing uncomfortable, sacrificial things for God's glory, our community will see a real-life demonstration of the gospel and be drawn to it. God may not be calling you to open several orphanages, but He may ask you to help your neighbors move, to babysit a friend's kids for free, visit a retirement home, or go to the mall (not to shop, but to share the gospel) in order to be a witness for the Lord. Just as Christ came to serve us, we must serve others by helping them with their temporal and, more importantly, their eternal needs.

**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- Matthew 22:36–40; 28:19–20
  - Acts 1:8; 17:16–34
  - John 4:28–30
  - Galatians 6:9–10
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. How does helping those in your community display the gospel?
  2. What are some ways that you can serve others and share the gospel in your community?
  3. What are the major needs of your community? What can you do to meet those needs?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, show the love of Christ to your community by volunteering at a homeless shelter, visiting a retirement home, helping out a neighbor, etc.



"Are you a laborer in the harvest?  
The complainers are many. The observers  
are many. The spectators are many. The critics  
are many. But the laborers are few. We need  
laborers in the harvest. Will you become one?"

– **GREG LAURIE**

"Too many Christians are stuffing themselves with  
gospel blessings while millions have never had a taste."

– **VANCE HAVNER**

"We are the Bibles the world is reading;  
we are the creeds the world is needing;  
we are the sermons the world is heeding."

– **BILLY GRAHAM**



# UNASHAMED IN THE WORLD

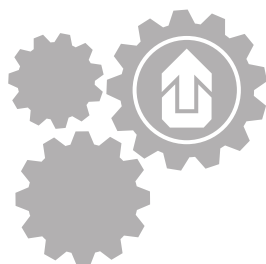
***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”***


– MATTHEW 28:19–20

There are currently around 7 billion people in the world. To put that into perspective, only about 312 million of those people live in the United States—that’s about 4% of earth’s population. There is a massive amount of people who live life in an entirely different way than we are used to. Not only does much of the world lack the amount of prosperity we enjoy, but they lack the amount of spiritual knowledge we take for granted.

Did you know that there are more than 2 billion people on the planet who have not been reached with the gospel? Let that sink in. The Bible tells us that “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Jesus is the only hope for all of humanity—not just countries like the United States, but Kazakhstan too.

Our mission is clear: to go into all the world and preach the gospel (Mark 16:15). With so many people waiting to hear it, it’s obvious that our task is not complete; we still have much to do. So, what exactly is our role in this great mission Christ has given us?





There are three things we can and should do to help tell the world about its rightful King: pray, support, and go! Jesus shows the importance of praying for evangelism when He said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2). The mission is too big for any one person to accomplish, so we should pray that God would send many. Not only that, but the people who are on the mission field now need our prayers. As they minister to people, we need to pray that Christ’s message would spread quickly and be honored, as Paul exhorts us to pray in 2 Thessalonians 3:1.

In addition to praying, God calls us to support missionaries financially. Moving to a foreign country and living there long term is expensive and therefore requires help. All of us spend our money on things that have no significance; what a great opportunity we have to “lay up treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:20) by helping someone proclaim the gospel message to the ends of the earth.

Finally, some of us are called to go—to sell everything we have and live among people who have never heard the gospel. It will be hard, uncomfortable, and tiring, but the rewards will be greater than anything we can imagine. To see God open eyes and change hearts and do mind-blowing things will be a reward in itself. Even if our calling is not for life-long missions, there are plenty of opportunities to spend shorter amounts of time on the mission field. Doing these kinds of trips will give you a new perspective on life and help spread the gospel to all nations.

Not all of us are called to go, but all of us are called to help. Whether that’s through praying, supporting, or going, God has given us a great gift in allowing us to participate in the expansion of His glorious kingdom. Let us be unashamed in the way we desire to see the nations worship and honor their Creator as we fulfill the Great Commission.



**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES:**

- 1 Chronicles 16:24–27
  - Psalm 46:10
  - Matthew 5:14–16
  - John 3:16–21; 8:12
  - Acts 1:8
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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Read Matthew 28:19–20 again. What exactly is Christ commissioning us to do?
  2. Why is the Great Commission important?
  3. Out of the three ways to participate in the Great Commission, which do you think is the most neglected? Why?
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**APPLICATION:**

This week, pray for missionaries around the world, begin to support missions, and pray about whether or not you are called to the mission field.



"The Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 has never been called the Great Suggestion. It was never a suggestion of Jesus that we, His redeemed servants, make disciples of all nations. It was—and is—His command. If I am His disciple, then I am commanded to go and make disciples of others. If I am not making disciples of others, then I am not really being the disciple He wants me to be.

But for many of us, it is the Great Omission instead of the Great Commission."

– **GREG LAURIE**

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

– **JIM ELLIOT**



## **UNASHAMED TOGETHER**

This section is intended to give youth pastors and leaders some ideas on how to practically share and show the gospel in their ministries.

### **UNASHAMED TOGETHER INTRO:**

Analyze the culture of evangelism in your youth group. Is there an emphasis on sharing and showing the gospel in the sermons, small groups, and community involvement? Discuss the strengths and weaknesses with the leaders in your ministry and strategize ways that you can create a culture of evangelism in your youth group as you go through each chapter of *Unashamed: Sharing and Showing the Gospel*.

### **UNASHAMED TOGETHER AT HOME:**

Host a "Parent Night" at your youth group, where parents can attend and learn about the ministry. Create opportunities for parent communication, such as monthly newsletters, e-mails, and social media. Additionally, encourage small groups to meet in the students' homes.

### **UNASHAMED TOGETHER AT SCHOOL:**

Be involved in the Christian clubs at your local schools. If the school doesn't have a club, mobilize students to start one. This is a great opportunity for students to be a witness on campus and to collectively reach out to their school, and the church can help by strategizing various school events that are designed for students to hear the gospel. Also, place an emphasis on apologetics so students can learn how to deepen and defend their faith.

### **UNASHAMED TOGETHER AT WORK:**

Host a "Career Day" and discuss topics such as God's will, career planning, college, and work ethic. Also, consider having some experienced men and women from the church come and share about their experiences with evangelism in the workplace.

**UNASHAMED TOGETHER AT CHURCH:**

Create small groups to encourage fellowship and accountability within your ministry and to be a catalyst for evangelism and service in your community. Additionally, host an outreach night that is specifically designed for students to bring their friends to hear the gospel.

**UNASHAMED TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS:**

Evaluate the friendships being created in your youth group. Make it your goal to create uplifting and God-honoring friendships through small groups, activities, and service opportunities. Try to bridge the gap between “cliques” and get students out of their comfort zones.

**UNASHAMED TOGETHER WITH SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Use technology and social media platforms to promote your ministry, provide encouragement for your church, and proclaim the gospel. Be creative and take advantage of the ability to reach countless people through this means of communication.

**UNASHAMED TOGETHER IN PURITY:**

Organize a night to talk about the topic of sexual purity where students can ask questions and learn about the biblical view of sexuality. Provide resources, encourage accountability, and address the topic regularly.

**UNASHAMED TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY:**

Establish regular service opportunities to help those in need within your community. Contact your city and find out how you can better serve those around you. Mobilize students to volunteer and to be actively involved within the community.

**UNASHAMED TOGETHER IN THE WORLD:**

As a youth group, sponsor a missionary or child who lives in a foreign country. Organize a night to pray for missionaries, and consider where your youth group can go and what they can do for the Great Commission.

## **THE GOSPEL IN FOUR WORDS**

Here are four simple words to help you remember the gospel.

### **1. GOD**

God is the creator of all things and the source of all life. This one God in three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is perfect, worthy of all worship, and is the Judge of the universe (see Genesis 1:1; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 4:11).

### **2. MAN**

God made mankind to be in a relationship with Him. We were created to know, love, and be loved by God. However, our sin has broken this connection with Him. We've become separated from the very purpose of our existence and our source of true life, so we are spiritually dead in our sin. Because people are unable to rid themselves of the guilt for sin and punishment they deserve, all are condemned and deserve eternal separation from God in a place called hell (see Genesis 1:26–28; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1–3).

### **3. CHRIST**

Out of God's great love, Jesus came to fix this problem. He is fully God and fully Man, and He lived a life without sin. On the cross, He bore the death sentence that we deserve. He not only died, but came back to life, proving that He was God in the flesh. Jesus, in His death and resurrection, conquered man's greatest problems: sin, death, and eternal separation from God. Though all mankind is born spiritually dead and disconnected from God, trusting in Jesus' accomplishments gives hope beyond the grave (see John 1:1; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:26; Romans 3:21–26; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22).

### **4. RESPONSE**

Our response to this message is to repent and believe in Christ in order to be saved. Doing this restores the relationship with God that had been lost because of our sin and allows us to fulfill the purpose that we were made for: to know God and make Him known (see Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Romans 10:9–10).



"The gospel is simply this: The message that we are all separated from God because of our sin. But because God loved us in spite of our rebellion, He sent His own Son to die in our place and bridge the gap between Him and us. Don't underestimate the gospel's appeal. Don't be ashamed of its simplicity. Don't add to it or take away from it. Just proclaim it and then stand back and watch what God will do."

– **GREG LAURIE**

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..."

– **ROMANS 1:16** *ESV*



