

# JUST TELL THE TRUTH!

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**LUKE 9:26 NKJV – (26)** For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels.

What does it mean to be ashamed? It is being unwilling to identify yourself as a follower of **Jesus** because of fear of embarrassment, humiliation, ridicule, or disapproval.

Paul wrote to Timothy, "Therefore do not be ashamed *of the testimony of our Lord . . .* but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel . . ." (**2 Timothy 1:8**, emphasis added). It is the testimony of Jesus that *causes* "sufferings for the gospel." The apostle John was banished to the Isle of Patmos "for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (**Revelation 1:9**). Revelation also tells us that it is those who "have the testimony of Jesus Christ" who receive persecution in the last days (**Revelation 12:17**).

Look carefully at what Jesus told us about being ashamed of Him. He said, "Whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (**Mark 8:38**). Notice that He said, "Whoever is ashamed of Me *and My words*." No, we don't have a problem with Jesus. It's ***His words*** we have a problem with.

Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." It is time for us to stop being ashamed, passive and simply, "**JUST TELL THE TRUTH!**"

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 PETER 4:16**

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Don't be ashamed of your story, it will inspire others.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"