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## UNBLUSHABLE



When was the last time you blushed? Was it when you were embarrassed because of something you said? Was it when someone complimented you and you felt really awkward. Maybe your parents starting talking about all those cute things you did when you were a baby. There are certainly many things that can make us blush. But when it comes to sexual innuendos, raunchy shows and racy sex scenes it seems like almost nothing makes people blush anymore.

Just a glance at the titles or thirty seconds of listening to almost any top ten list in the music industry will indicate just how trashy our culture has become. And then what about those television shows? The commercials for some of the programs are amazingly smutty. It seems like every producer is trying to outdo the other by pushing the edge just a little bit further to get just a little more shock value. Do you watch such things? Are we entertained by late night comedy and do we laugh at the off color jokes in the break room? Are we not losing our sense of decency and any concept of modesty? It seems that our culture is so inundated with evil that nothing is sacred and no evil is off limits. Sad to say, we often become calloused by the corruption around us.

The prophet Jeremiah encountered this condition in his country and he writes of God's concern. "Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; They did not even know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time that I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the Lord. (Jeremiah 6:15 and see 8:12 as well).

We need to learn to be ashamed. We must confess our abominations. You and I need to pray for a true sensitivity to righteousness, holiness, godliness and purity. We should seek a renewed sense of decency. We must discipline our ears and eyes. We must seek what is good and pleasing in God's eyes and forsake all that is not.

Do we blush at evil acts? Are we embarrassed by our abominations or do we embrace them? May God help us to behave and blush!

Looking Up!

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