

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Have you ever been caught off guard? You know—you're relaxing in your family room after a long day, and the house is not in “company” shape. Wouldn't you know it, the doorbell rings, and you have unexpected company! You frantically pick up a few things and close a door or two. When you greet your surprise guests, you apologize because you weren't expecting company. My mother often said, “We need to keep this house clean because we never know who's going to drop by.”

How about you? Is your house clean? I'm not talking about where you live; I'm talking about your spiritual house.

Listen to 2 Corinthians chapter 12, verses 20 and 21; “For I am afraid perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps there will be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances. I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality, and sensuality which they have practiced.”

In other words, Paul says, “I don't want to come and be caught off guard. I might be caught off guard in terms of what I see. You see, not only does sin embarrass us, it also embarrasses those who believe in us, those who show up, those who think better of us. When we keep clutter around and let it build up in our spiritual houses, then when the doorbell rings we don't have enough time to hide the stuff.

Here's what I want you to remember today. In the words of my mother, if we keep the house clean, we don't have to be embarrassed when someone drops by.