## Devotional: A Woman's Beauty

Christian Women's Devotion on The Beauty of Christ Within

## Read: <u>1 Peter 3:3-5</u> (NKJV)

Contrary to what we get told by our culture and the media, the beauty of a woman is not in the outer appearance. We are forever bombarded with products that are supposed to make us more beautiful—as if we are not beautiful the way we are. Creams to either hide or eliminate wrinkles, hairstyles and dyes to colour our hair to hide the 'grey', makeup that masks our real faces, and jewellery & clothing to make us more attractive.

None of these really matter. They're not wrong in themselves, but our attitude behind it should not be in the need of these things to make us more attractive. If we are concerned with the way we look and care more about grooming our outward, it may be that we are discontented with who we really are. God wants us to be concerned with the inside—the real us. This is where the real beauty is. Having a pretty face, a perfect figure and all the accessories that go along with it, means nothing in the light of eternity. It only reflects the culture we live in, and I think that culture needs to be challenged. After having my daughter (after 3 boys), I noticed the kinds of toys available to 'girls'. A lot have to do with 'Beauty' & 'Glamour'. I had to ask myself, what kind of message is this sending?

I believe we need to get passed being overly concerned with our outward appearance and concentrate more on what's inside. Allow the Holy Spirit to beautify the inside. For when we have God's beauty inside, it reflects on the outside—and then we won't need the creams and makeup to make ourselves beautiful. We will have the natural beauty of a Godly woman, and that beauty is eternal.

Charm and grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently and worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised! - Proverbs 31:30 (AMPC)

Lord, may I reflect your beauty, The beauty of a Godly life And to care not about what's on the outside, But rather on what's inside.

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