

Beauty In God's Sight Part 2

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"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight" 1 Peter 3:3-4, (NIV).

There is nothing wrong with looking good and wearing nice clothes, but we should not be made to feel that we must look a certain way. God desires us to be in tune with Him. God is more interested in how we look on the inside. Our thoughts, feelings, emotions, and behaviors reflect what is going on at the core of our hearts. He wants us to be quick to love and slow to anger. He wants us to be peacemakers, and to have gentle and quiet spirits. He looks at our hearts and desires us to be humble, gentle, and full of love for one another. What are some ways in which we can demonstrate hearts of humbleness and love to those around us?

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" Proverbs 4:23, (NIV).

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good" Romans 12:9, (NIV).

"Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing" 1 Timothy 2:8, (NIV).

Dear Lord, we ask that you will guide our thoughts. We thank you for loving us with an unconditional love when we are so undeserving. We know sometimes we let our thoughts, feelings, and emotions get in the way of honoring Your word. We ask that You help us remember Your instructions throughout the scriptures and let seeds of love and reconciliation grow in our hearts that lead us closer to You and Your will for our lives. Help us to appreciate all of Your beauty, and to be beautiful according to Your word. In the name of Jesus. Amen.