

INNER BEAUTY

1 Timothy 2:9, 10, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which be cometh women professing godliness) with good works."

1. What you think cannot be seen, male or female, but the result of what you think is apparent.
2. Emphasis in 1 Peter 3:3, 4 is on the inner life.
 - A. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the inner heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."
3. If you depend on outer attractiveness to appeal to your husband, or anyone else, and exclude inner beauty, you cannot succeed in witnessing for Christ, to him or to anyone else.
4. When you stay filled with the Holy Spirit, you have an inner mental attitude of love, minus jealousy, hatred, envy, implacability, etc., and this results in inner beauty.
5. Part of a woman's inner beauty is her love for her husband.
6. Inner beauty survives the attacks of time, while exterior beauty is corruptible and destroyed by time.
7. The Bible tells us the emphasis should not be on the outer appearance to the exclusion of inner beauty.
 - A. 1 Peter 3:3.
 - B. 1 Timothy 2:9, 10.
8. There is no prohibition of the outward appearance, but if you are beautiful on the outside and have bitterness, hatred, envy, jealousy on the inside, there is no impact for Christ on the unbelieving mate or anyone else.
9. Inner beauty is in the mind. It is what you think. Inner beauty is ageless.
10. A woman cannot win her unbelieving husband to the Lord apart from inner beauty, which is accomplished through the filling of the Holy Spirit and knowledge of the Word of God. This results in a relaxed mental attitude, GRACE orientation, mastery over the details of life, and the capacity for love and life associated with inner happiness.

11. This is the woman's charm, but it also belongs to all believers who will be controlled by the Holy Spirit and have the mind of Christ.
 - A. 1 Timothy 1:9, 10, 15.
 1. Verse 9, "Modest apparel," well-arranged apparel associated with:
 - a. "Shamefacedness," mental attitude GRACE,
 - b. "Sobriety," stability of mental attitude,
 - c. "Not with," emphasis should not be outside of.
 2. Verse 10, "Godliness," God-likeness.
 3. Verse 15, "If," a third class condition,
 - a. "In faith," faith in the promises of God,
 - b. "Charity," the filling of the Holy Spirit,
 - c. "Sobriety," mental attitude stability.

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