

Adornment

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth as set forth in God's word, and not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

We must as children of God look for truth in what scriptures tell us on how we are to present ourselves before the world. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, if so it would seem reasonable that the way we look can set the tone for the way we are received by others. Then should we not look to scriptures to find what the acceptable appearance for God's people is. Let us consider the instructions from the apostle Peter.

1 Peter 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the 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.

It has been said many times that true beauty is not ones looks, but the inward beauty that comes from their heart. This is what Peter is speaking about in verse 4. The things of our heart are to be true. A good looking person often will use those looks to get things without sincerity of goodness. A person should act out of their own feelings, of the heart, whether it is to do for another or ask for a favour. These types of actions are as the scriptures teach us the way we ought to be, we are to be clear in our communication, and say yea or nay. We then couple that with a person of humble appearance, and you have a person described by Peter.

Matthew 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Let us look at what God compares the conduct of painting our face and dressing in the over fancy apparel.

Ezekiel 23:39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

Ezekiel 23:40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

God is displeased at the making up of ourselves for the purpose of lewdness, and the whole purpose of makeup and jewelry is to be attractive to others in a physical way we use clothing and make up to impress others. We should be using our personality of good cheer and honesty to impress others with.

Jeremiah 4:30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

The flesh will not endure, but a kind and truthful heart will long outlast ones life.

1 Timothy 2:9 ¶ 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;

1 Timothy 2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

We see that the New Testament continues to set the way that God's people should appear.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 1:31 ¶ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Let us finish on this text that God said at the completion of creation he saw everything and it was very good.