

Beauty in the Eyes of God

Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging of the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.—1 Peter 3:3-4

We are celebrating another Mother's Day and I am so glad God gives us the opportunity to honor Mothers. I have been blessed with a godly mother and grandmother. My grandmother was the most beautiful women I know and my mother followed in her footsteps.

When we pick up magazines or watch television, we see outward beauty emphasized. It may be the latest hair styles, striking clothing and accessories, or make-up that can make us look ten years younger but have you ever seen an advertisement for a gentle and quiet spirit? Probably not, and most women spend far more time worried about how they look than the incorruptible beauty of a sweet spirit.

Beauty in the eyes of God is not the beauty prized by society. God says that a woman's inner beauty, the gentle and quiet spirit is treasured in His sight. I have not known many people who say they came to the Lord because of a woman's outward appearance, but many have come to the Lord because they have seen God working in and through the kind, considerate, loving spirit of one who is selfless and seeks the good of others in an unobtrusive way. "Biblical beauty goes far beyond 'skin deep'" (D. Jeremiah).

Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.—Proverbs 31:30