

God's Beauty Contest

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I. Introduction.

A. Christian women are daughters of the king and should always act accordingly.

B. Many women try to be beautiful on the outside because they have an inward desire to be seen as beautiful. Sometimes women try to cover up a lack of inward beauty with outward beauty.

C. It is not wrong for a woman to want to be beautiful, but it must begin on the inside. (1 Timothy 2:10; Revelation 21)

II. Women should take off the dirty spiritual clothes. (Zechariah 3:4; Isaiah 61:10; Ephesians 4:22-24)

III. Women need to be clothed with righteousness. (Proverbs 31:25; Isaiah 61:10; 1 Timothy 2:10)

IV. Women need daily cleansing through the Word of God. (1 John 1:9; John 13:10)

V. Women need to dress modestly according to their gender. (Romans 12:2)

VI. Women need to control their tongues. (Colossians 4:6; 1 Peter 3:10; Psalm 63:3)

A. Flattery is lying. (Proverbs 26:28)

B. Speech should not be harsh but full of grace. (Proverbs 15:1)

VII. Women should have spiritual poise.

A. Industrious hands. (Proverbs 31)

B. Servant's hands. (Acts 20:34)

C. Clean hands. (Job 17:9)

D. Diligent hands. (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

VIII. Women's walks needs to be carrying the gospel in light and in love before the Lord. (Proverbs 1:15; Romans 10:15; Psalm 40:2; Ephesians 4:1)

IX. Women should have a cheerful countenance and not a bored or dissatisfied one. (Proverbs 15:12)

X. Women should be looking daily for time with God. (Isaiah 6:5; Job 42:5; Psalm 25:15; Psalm 119:18)

XI. Women should have a poise in the heart that experiences God's grace. (1 Peter 3:3-4; Proverbs 14:30; 15:3; Psalm 57:7; Luke 1:47-49)

XII. Women should exercise spiritually.

A. Stooping. (Mark 10:45)

B. Bathing.

XIII. Dating.

A. Tests of love.

1. Time.
2. Separation.
3. Companionship.

B. Petting is the prelude to marriage and leads to a dangerous progression.

1. Petting does not reduce desire.
2. It is subject to the law of diminishing returns.
3. Touch should be restricted and properly agreed upon in dating.

XIV. Conclusion. (Proverbs 31)

Application questions:

1. What are some of the chief characteristics of inner beauty?

2. What are the top two areas of inner beauty you would like to grow in?

3. What is your plan for growing in inner beauty?
