

Adornment: Inside And Out

1 Pet. 3:1-4

Introduction:

- A. Adorn from “kosmeo” (verb); “kosmos” (noun).
 - 1. “To arrange, to put in order.”
 - 2. Adorn, trim, garnish, decorate. (Matt. 12:44; 23:29; 25:7; Luke 21:5).
 - 3. English: Cosmetic.
- B. Outward important, inward more important.
 - 1. A “Not...but...” passage. (cf. John 6:27; Matt. 6:19,20; 1 Cor. 1:17).
 - 2. If no hair arranging, jewelry, then no clothes.
- C. A close look at both kinds of adornment: Inward and Outward.

Discussion:

I. The Nature of Our *Inward* Adornment.

- A. Are to “put on” (enduo) or be clothed (cf. Mt. 6:25; Mk. 1:6) with:
 - 1. Christ (Gal. 3:26,27).
 - 2. New man. (Col. 3:5-17)
 - 3. Whole armor of God. (Eph. 6:11-17).
- B. Clothed with:
 - 1. Strength and honor. (Prov. 31:25).
 - 2. Humility. (1 Pet 5:5).
- C. A gentle and quiet spirit. (1 Pet. 3:4-5).

II. The Nature of Our *Outward* Adornment.

- A. Adornment as a *signal sender*.
 - 1. Socio-economic standing. (Jas. 2:1-4)
 - 2. Attitude occasions.
 - a. Joseph. (Gen. 41:14).
 - b. Esther (Esther 5:1).
 - c. Wedding garment. (Matt. 22:11,12).
 - 3. Personal character.
 - a. Lazy and careless.
 - b. Ungodly. (Gen. 38:14,15; Prov. 7:6-10,19).
 - c. Godly. (1 Tim. 2:10).
- B. Signals Christians should send.
 - 1. One governed by modesty, propriety and moderation. (1 Tim. 2:9,10)¹
 - 2. One governed by chastity (1 Pet. 3:2) - not sensuality (reserves this for marriage).
 - a. Conceals rather reveals nakedness (cf. Ex. 28:42, Rev. 3:18; 16:15).
 - b. Refrains from all seductive gestures and clothing. (Prov 7:10,11,21-23).
 - c. Avoids being a stumbling block. (cf. Matt. 5:28; 18:6-9).
 - d. Cf. Clothing publicly worn by some Christians(?) even at worship.

Conclusion:

- A. Why not be adorned with Christ today?
- B. Then, reflect Him in both your inward and outward adorning.

1. MODESTY” - “orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest”...”of good behavior (1 Tim. 3:2 KJV)”. (Vines)
“PROPRIETY” (NKJV) - “Shamefacedness” (ASV) - “Shamefastness”: “that modesty which is ‘fast’ or rooted in the character” - Vines.

“MODERATION” (NKJV) - “Sobriety” (KJV): “Habitual inner self-government, with it constant

rein on the passions and desires ...” (Vines)