

How To Adorn Yourself Part 2

Teaching Against Makeup, Painting and Perfumes

To face the struggles of life, we need God on our side. The Word of God tells us the following: **“5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.” (Psalm 34:5 KJV)** God wants us to turn to Him, to come back to Jesus and to His Word that gives light, hope and life. Nowadays, many Christians wear a mask to hide their spiritual emptiness. They are wearing mask of boasting, mask of makeup, showing off and worldliness to face the challenges of life. **They should have thought of repenting and coming back to God.**

Proverbs 7:10-20 KJV tackles an adulterous wife who was living a double life: **“10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: 12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) 13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, 14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. 16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. 19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: 20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.”** Early in the day, that woman was in the temple (the church today) offering her peace offering vows. Later on, she attracted a man by (harlot attire as in verse 10, always outside as in verses 11 and 12, with physical connection as in verses 13 and 18, and with perfume as in verse 17). Many they do now the same, they go to the church, they pay their tithes and their offerings and after the church worship they will go with the man for dating. **A double life is not acceptable before God.**

Deodorants or other lotions can be used to combat the bad smell that sweat produces, but it should be mild and should not draw the attention of people for the wrong reasons.

“6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.” (Amos 6:6 KJV) The corrupted Israelites women at the time of the prophet Amos, they **anoint themselves with the chief (expensive) ointments**, to please the people with their smell, and to make them more in love with their own bodies. What they did even reached the prophet Amos and he wrote about it in the Word of God. They were not using ordinary ointments that would serve the purpose but used expensive ones. **Anything for the body should be used in moderation. Smell should not go beyond the body so men or women shall not be enticed, and should not be expensive crippling our budget as we are aware that certain types of them are expensive.**

“6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.” (Amos 6:6 KJV) Prophet Amos was delivering his message to the Israelites not only to criticize them for the expensive thing they were using, but also draw their attention to other sins they needed to repent from:

1. That drink wine in bowls: They were indulging in drinking wine for pleasure. They were so concerned about feeding their flesh and to consume of all that they liked to ingest.

2. And anoint themselves with the chief ointments: Part of their pride, boasting and worldliness was to anoint themselves with the most expensive ointments. They were glorifying their own flesh using them.

3. But they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph: But those same people were not concerned about the house of Joseph, the lost Israelites, who were living in sin, in painful bondages, in idol worship, in wrong practices adopting the same worthless practices of the heathen nations around them.

The same can be reflected today when the Christians and the church spend much on food, drinks, parties, and on makeup, lipsticks, nails painting, hair styles, and many things to pamper the flesh, with lack of prayer and fasting, lack of reading God’s Word, lack of humility and lack of concern for others who are lost and in the torment of sin.

Mary anointed Jesus’ feet, by using her ointment, **“3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.” (John 12:3 KJV)** Mary gave up her expensive ointment for Jesus.

If you want to look beautiful and your face to shine with God’s glory, go to the Bible and learn new things more than what is mentioned here in this message. The Bible further contains Godly methods to do that. Removing this make up and perfumes routines from your daily life will actually help you and draw you near to God to do His ministry, and help you to focus on sharing the Gospel. It is high time for you to give up expensive make up and the face painting.

Lipsticks, painting the eyes, the nails and the face might attract people but not the Holy Spirit. When God created you His work was marvelous; fearfully and wonderfully He created you as you claim His promise in **Psalm 139:14 “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.”** It is time for you not only to give up the worldliness of makeup but to employ all what you have and have received from God in God’s Kingdom and reach new souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. What Mary gave to Jesus equaled one year wages, **“5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?” (John 12:5 KJV)** At the time of Jesus, the payment of a worker for a day was one penny. **“2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.” (Matthew 20:2 KJV)** So the value of her ointment that she poured on Jesus’ feet, which cost 300 pennies, was equal to one year’s salary. Imagine how many people are wasting expensive perfumes and make up on their bodies and spending huge amounts of money instead of using their resource for more important things and for the extension of God’s kingdom!

God wants us to go forward and preach the gospel to the lost and save them from sin and death. The Word of God tells us, **“7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!” (Isaiah 52:7 KJV)** **“15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15 KJV)** The Word tells, **“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”** It does not tell us how beautiful the painted eyes, nails and faces look. It talks about the beauty of Jesus radiating from people who preach the gospel

and remove the darkness of sin in people's lives. But, if they are so concerned to eat, drink and wear the best, then, what they will preach and what they will teach? If they are so worldly they will not preach about repentance and will not help the people to come out of their sins.

Let us continue through the Scripture and found out how we can make ourselves beautiful and find the favor of God.

Moses' face shone without any make up because he was always in God's presence. *"27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. 28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. 29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. 32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. 33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. 34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him."* (Exodus 34:27-35 KJV) A woman who spends more than an hour to paint her face should rather spend this time to read the Bible, and to kneel down and pray in His presence. The message is not only directed to the women but to the men as well. Spending time every morning on facebook, listening to breaking news, instead of beginning the day reading the Word of God and praying at the feet of the Lord will be spiritually crippled by this wrong routine. Our attitude in the morning will determine the outcome of the day. If you follow the pattern of Moses, then you will be the manager of the day. But when you manage your morning contrary to what we read from the pattern of Moses, then the day will slave you and you will be the office boy and you will not know from where you are receiving orders. When we read the above Scripture we can discern what Moses did:

1. Moses was listening to God: *"27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel."* (Exodus 34:27 KJV) Moses obeyed what God asked him to do. We need to listen every morning to the voice of God. Some people are interested to listen to the praise and worship songs, but that should not replace listening to the voice of God through the reading of His Word and the meditation on them.

2. Moses prayed and fasted: *"And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. "* (Exodus 34:28 KJV) Praying and fasting will make you hear better the voice of God and that will help you to be healthier and more renewed in spiritual strength. Our faces will shine with the flow of the Holy Spirit and that will be manifested through our lives, to others.

3. God here wrote the Word of the covenant: *"And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments."* (Exodus 34:28 KJV) Writing and copying the Scripture was a command as the king who sat on the throne was commanded to do, *"18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel."* (Deuteronomy 17:18-20 KJV) Reading, meditating, writing the Word of God and spending time on studying it will disclose truths and secrets, promises and blessings contained in it, to those who believe. That humble attitude of Christ in us after we read daily in the mooring God's Word, will be of such nutritional value spiritually that will change us, transform us and enable us to receive more of His grace and mercy.

4. Moses kept the Word of the covenant: The following are the Ten Commandments: *"3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 13 Thou shalt not kill. 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15 Thou shalt not steal. 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."* (Exodus 20:3-17 KJV) Following the pattern of Moses as the Scripture teaches us; reading the Bible, writing the Scripture, praying, fasting, and listening to His voice, will remind us about our covenant with God and how we need to serve Him and walk in all His ways, doing the whole will of God, and will enable us to receive the following benefits:

A. Confidence, assurance and peace: *"29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him."* (Exodus 34:29 KJV) Listening to the voice of God gives us assurance of His precious promises contained in the Bible. The voice of God will give us peace, remove anxiety and offer us rest. Just as Moses found himself going down to where God wanted him to be, we in the same way will have the peace to go in the direction toward the people that the Lord wants us to move to.

B. Receiving the Word of God and giving it to the people: Moses was carrying the Word of God when he came down after meeting the Lord. **What a great blessing it is when we too can carry the Word of God to the lost world after being in His presence!** *“32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.” (Exodus 34:32 KJV)*

C. Physical strength: Communion with God gives the physical strength that we need to go and face the people around us with God's truth. Moses was not very aware of the radiance of his face after meeting with God, but the crowd around him noticed it.

D. Authority: *“30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.” (Exodus 34:30 KJV)* People feared Moses after he met with God. **In the same way, if we cherish the Word of God and the voice of the Lord, then we will have the authority of God over the people through the Word of God that the Lord would give to us to transform their lives.**

E. Favor: *“31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.” (Exodus 34:31 KJV)* People listened when Moses called them and came to him. **When we follow God as Moses did, we will find people listening to us and we will have the favor of God and the people around us.**

Jesus said, *“6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:6 KJV)* **We face life and challenges with prayer and supplication to God. We face them with fasting;** Jesus said, *“17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:17-18 KJV)* **Jesus recommended that we anoint our head with oil; not with perfume but with olive oil, so that we do not appear to men that we are fasting.**

My dear and beloved: To face the struggles of life, we need God on our side. The Word of God tells us the following: *“5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.” (Psalm 34:5 KJV)* **God wants us to turn to Him, to come back to Jesus and to His Word that gives light, hope and life, “16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:16-18 KJV)** When there is repentance, there is freedom from sin, freedom from bondages, freedom from limitations, and there will be more of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. In this way we can face problems with the assurance that God is with us. Therefore, we need to submit ourselves to walk in His ways.

This message is not only for women, but as well as for men and for everyone, for many men today are using make up to beautify themselves out of narcissism, that they will cover certain moles, acne and creases by using make up, gold and jewels, or expensive watches, mobiles, cars, etc., to attract others toward them. Those men they need to repent of all such, the same as we instructed women in this regard. As well as many men and women are doing plastic surgery and spend much finances in order to beautify themselves with fuller lips, round cheeks, straight noses, well placed dimples which are just some of the looks they are after. This has given rise to insurance companies who offer payment plans for these very expensive elective surgeries and procedures, so that others can afford to get the work done. Our men and women, children,

youths and young adults should not get involved in all such corruption in the world. The Church of God should be aware of all such schemes and corruption of the devil that wants to introduce into the church as Jezebel introduced Baal worship in Israel.

My prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word and the teaching I received in this message.

Let us repent from our sins. Renounce your lack of trust in God, your fear of man and your trust on people. Renounce your make up and perfumes that you are using to have a prestige and attract others. Renounce your pride, your arrogance and stubbornness. Confess your sin of not reading the Word of God and lack of prayers. Renounce your worldliness and your love to be famous. Renounce your bad stewardship and wasting your money on makeup, perfumes, accessories, mobiles and other non necessary things. Renounce your immoralities and your extramarital relationships. Renounce your non willingness to humble down and go along the plan and the will of God. Renounce your bad example to others and the wrong lifestyle that you are living. Renounce your non willingness to serve God, your non willingness to suffer for Him and your non willingness to preach God's Word. Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins _____.

Lord I humble myself before you and before your Word that I heard today. Lord I commit myself to come out from all the worldliness of makeup, lipsticks, nail painting and perfumes. Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message to apply and to teach my family, and others, and help them to follow Christ. Lord I commit myself to read my Bible daily and meditate on your Word, to pray and be at your feet every morning before I start my day. Lord I commit myself to fast, asking you to give me your Word that I need in my life, that I will also share it to the people who are around me and who are in need of it. Lord continue to provide for me and to protect me so I will continue to serve you in reaching new people and making new disciples for you.

Lord continue to bless our church. Touch each and every member to come out from worldliness and start to understand how to invite more of the Holy Spirit in their lives, so that their faces will be shine to others around them, and will reflect to them the glory of God so they will turn to you. Lord make them read their Bibles more and let them pray more and to listen more to your voice while they are at your feet. Lord help us to evangelize and empower us to reach new people with the gospel and to make new disciples. Lord I pray for more Bible study gatherings will be added to the church and more new souls got converted and more workers will be added to the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not fear pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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