

## How To Adorn Yourself Part 3

### Teaching Against Makeup, Painting and Perfumes

The message for today will help us to understand how we can face the struggles of life and trials and how to overcome with the help of God and with the help of His Word and commands in our lives. This teaching of the message will help us also to take the right stand against excessive makeup and perfumes.

*“1 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? 2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing floor. 3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. 5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do. 6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. 7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman. 10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.” (Ruth 3:1-11 KJV)*

Ruth did not need to put perfume and apply make up to achieve God’s will for her life: Ruth was a widow and she was living in a land not of her own but was successful in facing her problems and solving them when she humbled herself and find refuge in God’s Word and God’s will.

**1. Ruth listened to the advice of her mother in law:** Naomi repented from her sins and was willing to go back where God had placed her. **Repented people are the best people that you can listen to, in advising you and in giving you the council and the will of God.**

**2. Ruth obeyed the plan of God that she received through her mother in law:** *“1 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? 2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing floor.” (Ruth 3:1-2 KJV)* She accepted the plan of God for her to get marry from Boaz. He was elder than her and she was young in age, but she was willing to obey the Word of God to marry the kinsman redeemer to preserve their line and their inheritance, *“10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.” (Ruth 3:10-11 KJV)*

**3. She obeyed the instruction that she received from her mother in law:** *“3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor.” (Ruth 3:3 KJV)* Ruth did not paint or color herself to attract the man. She did not put perfume or entice him with her smell. She washed herself and she anointed herself with oil and clothed herself decently. The NIV translation exaggerates the advice of Naomi to Ruth and put it in a worldly way as the following: *“3 Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don’t let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking.” (Ruth 3:3 NIV)* Ruth did not put perfume, but the truth is that Ruth was instructed to wash herself, put her own dress and use olive oil to anoint herself. The olive oil was used for anointing. *“40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.” (Deuteronomy 28:40 KJV)* God granted her His perfect will when she obeyed Him. Women with their makeup and perfume they will not attract the Godly men but they will attract the worldly people who have no God in their lives.

Speaking about ointments and external preparations, there are also other trees and plants that can be beneficial to the skin and hair, natural and without chemical effects, which can be applied externally without side effects.

Daniel and his friends surpassed the others because they determined not to defile themselves with the King’s delicacies, and they were sustained just by eating vegetables and drinking pure water: *“11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. 14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. ” (Daniel 1:11-15 KJV)* **I am not saying that we need to eat vegetables and pulses and drink water to look good, but what I want to say here is that if we obey God doing His will and living away from defilement, then we will be radiant and receive the favor of God and man.** When Daniel and his friends were obedient to God, they received the favor of God. Their faces were of better countenance than others. They were able to convince Melzar who was over them to take away the king’s food and give them pulses and water. *“16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.” (Daniel 1:16 KJV)* Their faces were of good countenances even after ten days of eating that kind of food. **The meaning of Melzar is dubious, and it will be really dubious to put our faith and trust on people, food, or makeup to gain things in life, and not on God alone.**

God will give us the appearance that He wants us to have. It is not the makeup or the expensive food that will make us look good. What is important is how God wants us to appear. God made the face of Daniel look good to enable him to continue by not defiling himself with the food from the king’s table, and that was a good testimony to others and challenged other Jews there in Babylon to separate themselves from the idols of the Babylonians and not to eat the food that was sacrificed to them.

Another example that we have about how God wants us to appear is in the book of Nehemiah. When Nehemiah heard the news about the broken walls and the burnt gates of Jerusalem, he resolves to fast and pray to petition God to restore the city of Jerusalem. At that time Nehemiah was a cup bearer to King Artaxerxes: ***“1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. 2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, 3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? 4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.”*** (Nehemiah 2:1-5 KJV)

Nehemiah was in prayer and fasting and he had a sad countenance while he was serving the king with the cup of wine. The job description of the cup bearer we can read in ***Genesis 40, “11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.”*** (Genesis 40:11 KJV) The cup bearer is responsible to prepare a cup of grape juice for the king in his presence and give it to him. The purpose of preparing the cup in the presence of the king was for security reasons in order to ensure that no poison is added to his drink. So Nehemiah was responsible to prepare the cup of wine for the king and to put it in his hand. While he was in fasting and mourning for Jerusalem the king noticed his sad face. ***“2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,”*** (Nehemiah 2:2 KJV) Nehemiah was afraid that the king had noticed his sad face. He was afraid because he was not supposed to look sad while being on duty in the presence of the king. The sadness on his face could be interpreted as unhappiness in his work to serve the king. Therefore he was afraid when the king confronted him. The Lord allowed the face of Nehemiah to appear sad, to draw the attention of the king that day so that the mission of Nehemiah to start rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem will come to pass. It was a direct answer to the prayer and fasting of Nehemiah.

Based on what we come to know from the Scriptures, we can certainly come to the conclusion that we don't need to worry about of how people estimate our external appearance; because as we surrender our will and life to God and as our heart and mind are knit with Him, then He will be the one to give us a certain appearance that would finally be used to serve God's purpose and will in our lives, as we observed in the example of Daniel and Nehemiah.

Paul said to the Corinthians, ***“15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?”*** (2 Corinthians 2:15-16 KJV) If we delight in God, then we are the sweet fragrance of Christ, even though we might look ugly and have the smell of death to the world.

If we set our minds and hearts on the things above, then we are hid with Christ in God. Our countenance will be determined by God of how it will be manifested to the people who are around us. If God would like us to appear sad for a certain purpose, then the makeup that

people put on will work against the purpose of the Holy Spirit. And if God wants us to appear fresh and of bright countenance, then God, the Holy Spirit will achieve that in us even if we are fasting or even if we are surviving mainly on vegetables.

***“8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 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; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. 11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”*** (1 Timothy 2:8-15 KJV) Paul started to talk here about the order of worship inside the family.

1. ***“8 I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”*** (1 Timothy 2:8 KJV) He spoke here about how a man needs to lead prayer as a leader over his own family without a doubt and with a good attitude, away from anger and pride.

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 2:9 KJV) Paul stated here how women need to adorn themselves, with modest dress, ***“with shamefacedness”*** which means a sense of shame or honor, modesty, bashfulness, reverence, regard for others, respect, and with ***“sobriety”*** which means self-control and soundness of mind. Paul instructed women not to use braided hair, gold, pearls, or costly dress. So it is very clear that the writing of Paul is agreeing with the writing of Peter, ***“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; 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.”*** (1 Peter 3:3-4 KJV)

3. ***“10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”*** (1 Timothy 2:10 KJV) The beauty and the attraction of women are their good deeds that the Lord had prepared in advance for them to do; to care for their homes, to bear children, and raise them in a Godly way.

4. ***“12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.”*** (1 Timothy 2:12 KJV) In the Godly family, the man is the one who leads the family into following God's will and he is the one to teach the wife the Word of God. ***“11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.”*** (1 Timothy 2:11 KJV) Paul was not speaking here that the woman should not teach the Word of God in the church, He was speaking here in the context of the family. In front of her Godly husband she needs to keep silent and obey God's instruction that comes from God's Word.

5. ***“13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.”*** (1 Timothy 2:13 KJV) God created Adam first and instructed him with God's Word, and then He created the woman and brought her to him

to be under the responsibility of the man to teach her God's Word and to instruct her with God's commands.

**6. "14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." (1Timothy 2:14 KJV)** Paul explains here why he doesn't allow a woman to teach her husband because she was the first one who sinned. God's Word reminds us that in the family of Adam, the woman who was put under the authority of man was the one who had sinned first when she was enticed with the lies that Satan had told her. This also confirms that Paul was speaking here in the context of the family and not the church. The woman in **Genesis 3** instead of following her husband's instruction, she enticed her husband to follow her wrongdoing. Husbands need to be careful not to be enticed with their wives' requests that will lead them to disobey God. Instead, they need to be firm with their wives and lead them out of sin and rebuke them when they found them enticed by the devil so they will not be sinning against God.

**7. "15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." (1Timothy 2:15 KJV)** When the woman sinned and let her husband also to eat from the fruit of the forbidden tree, the Lord announced curses to fall on the serpent who had enticed the woman and on the woman and on the man. To the serpent God said, **"15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."** (Genesis 3:15 KJV) So God put enmity between Satan and the woman, and between Satan seed and her seed; the seed of the woman is the Lord Jesus Christ. **"4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."** (Galatians 4:4 KJV) Jesus was born of a woman and bruised the head of the serpent on the cross of Calvary, **"15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."** (Colossians 2:15 KJV) Now the enmity between the woman and Satan and between their offspring continued even to this day. But what the Word of God says of the woman is, **"Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."** (1Timothy 2:15 KJV) This will come true if the woman continues to raise Godly offspring, the disciples of Jesus, who will carry the mission of the Lord all over the world and even to the next generation.

**"15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." (1Timothy 2:15 KJV)** The application of that does not just refer to the mere physical pregnancy and childbearing, but the woman needs to raise her children as disciples for Jesus Christ.

As well as, like the woman who will nurture her children as true disciples of Jesus, the church being the wife of Jesus, the Lamb of God, will raise Godly disciples. Here we can read about the Lamb's wife: **"9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."** (Revelation 21:9 KJV) Therefore the responsibility of the church toward Christ, being His wife, is to go and to raise disciples of all nations, who are true followers and workers for Jesus.

**My dear and beloved:** That is how the church today should beautify and prepare herself for her husband and the wedding supper of the Lamb that will take place when Jesus will come back.

**"7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." (Revelation 19:7 KJV)** \* The church will beautify herself not by parties, idols, feasts to demons, makeup and indecent dress, but the church will beautify herself by taking the great commission of Jesus our redeemer, in making new disciples, to the very ends of the earth and to continue to the next generation until He comes back to take us to Heaven. \* In the same way, our women when they obey the Lord and His Word and apply them in their lives and in the lives of their families that will be the way for them to adorn themselves before God and before man.

**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, I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message to apply and to teach others and help them to follow Christ. Lord continues 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.

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 anger, rudeness and your lack of gentleness. Renounce the sin of bribing other using your beauty and make up. Renounce your worldliness and your love to be famous. Renounce your bad stewardship and wasting your money on makeup and 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, nail painting, face painting and perfumes. Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message to apply and to teach my family, my wife and my daughters, 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 continues 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 continues 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 shining to others around them, and will reflect to them the glory of God so people will turn to you. Lord help my Brothers and Sisters to read their Bibles more and let them pray more and to listen more to your voice while they are at your feet.

Lord helps us as a church 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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