MIRRORS
LOOKING GLASSES FOR WOMEN

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EVIDENTLY WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS USED LO OKINGGLASSES,MIRRORS OF SOME KIND.WE HAVE ALL AS CHILDREN BEEN FACINATED,SEEING OUR FACES REFLECTED IN WATER,OR IN POLISHED METAL.IT HAS BEEN SO FOR A LONG TIME.OF COURSE,WE OF TODAY,HAVE OUR GLASS MIRRORS.WE USE OUR MIRRORS TO CHECK OUR OUTWARD APPEARANCE:ARE WE PRESENTABLE? OR,YOU YOUNGER ONES CHECK TO SEE,ARE WE BEAUTIFUL?

WHEN I WAS A GIRL,I REMEMBER AN OLD LADY WHO DID NOT LIKE FOR GIRLS TO USE MIRRORS.SHE SAID IT WAS VANITY,SIN.BUT EVEN IN CONSTRUCTING THE TABERNACLE,THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES OF THE "LOOKING GLASSES OF THE WOMEN ASSEMBLING;WHICH ASSEMBLED AT THE DOOR OF THE TABERNA CLE OF THE CONGREGATION"(EXOD.38:8).AND IN 1 TIM.2:9,PAUL TELLS CHRISTIAN WOMEN TO "ADORN THEMSELVES IN MODEST APPAREL". THE LORD APPROVES OF OUR MAKING AN EFFORT TO BE ADORNED WITH MODEST PRESENTABLE CLOTHING.BUT IN ISA. 3:16-24,THE DAUGHTER OF ZION HAD BECOME CARRIED AWAY WITH THEIR BEAUTY AND THEIR ORNAMENTS,AND THEIR LOOKING GLASSES.THE LORD DISSAPROVED.

THEN,TOO, THERE ARE DIFFERE NT STANDARDS OF BEAUTY.THE WORLD HAS STANDARDS OF BEAUTY.WE SEE THEM IN THE WAY THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD DRESS, MAKE UP, ADORN THEMSELVES WITH JEWELRY,WEAR THEIR HAIR,AND SO ON.

GOD,ALSO,HAS A STANDARD OF BEAUTY FOR HIS DAUGHTERS.I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A CHILD:WHEN MOTHER MADE ME A NEW DRESS,THE IMPORTANT TIME CAME WHEN I TRIED IT ON FOR MY FATHER TO ADMIRE.IF HE APP ROVED,I LIKED MY DRESS,AND ENJOYED WEARING IT.IF HE FOUND FAULT WITH IT:NO MATTER HOW MUCH I HAD THOUGHT I LIKED IT BEFORE,I NEVER FOUND ANY PLEASURE IN IT.

WE AS DAUGHTERS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, SHOULD BE JUST AS ANXIOUS AND HAP PY TO WIN HI S APP ROVAL IN EVERYTHING.IN FACT,THOUGH OUR EARTHLY FATHERS DISCIPLINED US FOR A FEW DAYS FOR OUR GOOD;THE DISCIPLINED OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS TO FIT US FOR ALL ETERNITY WITH HIM. (HEB.HEB.12:6-10.

OUR NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ARE COMPARED TO A MIRROR.

2 COR.3:18,"BUT WE ALL,WITH AN 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 GOD."

WE LOOK INTO OUR MIRRORS TO SEE OUR OWN IMAGE.BUT THIS MIRROR, WHICH THE LORD HAS PROVIDED FOR ALL HIS DAUGHTERS,SHOWS US THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.LOOKING LOVINGLY AND STEADFASTLY WITH ADMIRATION AND WORSHIP AT THIS PERFECT IMAGE WE ARE MADE AWARE OF OUR OWN FAULTS AND IMPERFECTIONS. BUT IF WE USE OUR MIRROR CORRECTLY,WE ARE CONSTANTLY STRIVING TO REMOVE ALL THESE FAULTS AND BLEMISHES,AND GROW MORE AND MORE LIKE THE IMAGE OF THE LORD OF GLORY.THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD.ROM.8:29,"FOR WHOM HE DID FOREKNOW,HE ALSO DID PREDESTINATE TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON". IF WE FAITHFULLY DO THIS ALL OF OUR LIVES,ELIMINATING WORLDLY TYPES OF BEAUTY,REPLACING IT WITH THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS:WE WILL WITH EACH YEAR OF OUR LIVES BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKE THE IMAGE OF OUR LORD.

1 JNO.3:2,"BELOVED,NOW ARE WE THE SONS (DAUGHTERS) OF GOD,AND IT DOTH NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE":(HOW OUR SPIRITUAL BODIES WILL BE). "BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR,WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM;FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS." COL.1:27,"TO WHOM GOD WOULD MAKE KNOWN WHAT IS THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES;WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY." THIS THEN IS THE GOAL OF OUR LIVES,TO PLEASE OUR FATHER.THIS IS THE BEAUTY WE MUST PRIZE AND SEEK TO M AKE OUR OWN. THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.CHRIST IN US OUR HOPE OF GLORY.CONFORMED TO HIS IMAGE,BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS HE GAVE FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

WE KNOW EVEN BEFORE WE START LOOKING AT THE IMAGE IN OUR BIBLE MIRROR THAT AS A CHRISTIAN WOMAN,OUR STANDARD OF BEAUTY (GOD'S STANDARD OF BEAUTY FOR US) IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE STANDARDS OF THE WORLD,SATAN'S STANDARDS OF BEAUTY.REMEMBER THAT THE WORLD SO VIOLENTLY DISSAPROVED OF THE LORD THAT THEY KILLED HIM.CAN WE THEN EXPECT TO CONFORM TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST,AND AT THE SAME TIME STAND APPROVED AND BE ADMIRED BY THE WORLDLY PEOPLE? IT IS FOOLISH TO EVEN ASK THIS. IF WE ARE REALLY "IN" WITH PEOPLE OF THE WORLD,WE HAD BETTER CONSCIENTIOUSLY SEARCH THE IMAGE IN THE MIRROR OF THE LORD,COMPARING OURSELVES TO IT,MERCILESSLY.ETERNAL LIFE IS AT STAKE.

THE NEW TESTAMENT IS THE MIRROR IN WHICH WE CAN LOOK TO SEE THE IMAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.BUT IN ORDER TO BEHOLD IT PROPERLY,AND BECOME CHANGED IN IT'S IMAGE,WE MUST READ AND STUDY THE NEW TESTAMENT OFTEN, EVERY DAY,TO MAKE SURE WE ARE REFLECTING THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.NOT THE IMAGE OF THE WORLD.BUT WE MUST ALSO BE CONSTANTLY "DOING" TO BE AS MUCH LIKE THE IMAGE OF CHRIST IN OUR BIBL E MIRROR AS POSSIBLE.

JAS.1:22-27,"BUT BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY,DECEIVING YOUR OWN SELVES.FOR IF ANY BE A HEARER OF THE WORD,AND NOT A DOER,HE IS LIKE UNTO A MAN BEHOLDING HIS NARURAL FACE IN A GLASS:FOR HE BEHOLDETH HIMSELF,AND GOETH HIS WAY,AND STRAITWAY FORGETTETH WHAT MANNER

OF MAN HE WAS.BUT WHOSO LOOKETH INTO THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY,AND CONTINUETH THEREIN,HE BEING NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER,BUT A DOER OF THE WORK, THIS MAN SHA LL BE BLESSED IN HIS DEED.IF ANY MAN AMONG YOU SEEM TO BE RELIGIOUS,AND BRIDLETH NOT HIS TONGUE,BUT DECEIVETH HIS OWN HEART,THIS MAN'S RELIGION IS VAIN.PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED,BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS.TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION,AND TO KEEP HIMSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD." IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT A DUTY TO KEEP OURSELVES UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD AS IT IS TO HEAR THE WORD,SHOW CHARITY TO THE NEEDY,OR EVEN TO BRIDLE OUR TONGUES.TO KEEP OURSELVES UPSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD,WILL MEAN THAT WE WILL WHOLLY FOLLOW THE RULES GIVEN US FOR OUR CONDUCT IN EVERY THING.NOT PARTLY LIKE CHRIST AND PARTLY LIKE THE WORLD.OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS MUST NOT BE SPOTTED BY ANY KIND OF WORLDLINESS.I KNOW THAT PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WILL LOOK AT US LIKE WE WERE CRAZY WHEN XXXXXX THEY LEARN THAT WE TAKE THE NEW TESTAMENT AS OUR AUTHORITY IN EVERY THING.THEY WILL SAY THAT IS "CORNY",BEHIND THE TIMES,RIGID,TOO STRICT,AND SO ON.BUT IF WE ARE SEEKING TO PLEASE GOD AND NOT MAN:THEN IN THE JUDGEMENT,THEY WHO SPOKE EVIL OF US WILL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT WE ARE RIGHT.

1 PET.2:12,"HAVING YOUR CONVERSATION HONEST AMONG THE GENTILES, THAT,WHEREAS THEY SPEAK AGAINST YOU AS EVIL DOERS,THEY MAY BY YOUR WORKS WHICH THEY BEHOLD,GLORIFY GOD IN THE DAY OF VISITATION." IT IS BY KEEPING OURSELVES UNSPOTTED WITH THE WAYS OF THE WORLD,THAT WE LET OUR LIGHT SHINE.WE ARE ASKED WHY WE DO OR DO NOT DO CERTAIN THINGS.THEN WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GLORIFY GOD BY GIVING THEM BIBLE REASONS.

MATTH.5:16,"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN,THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS,AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.IN OUR OWN GOD-GIVEN BIBL E MIRROR WE LEARN THAT:"CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY" (COL.1:27).HOW DO WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS IN US OR NOT? IN JNO.3:8,CHRIST TEACHING NICODEMUS HOW HE WOULD KNOW WHETHER A PERSON HAD BEEN BORN OF THE SPIRIT,SAID THAT EVEN AS YOU CAN'T SEE THE WIND,BUT CAN SEE THE TREES XXXXXXX MOVING AND KNOW THAT THE WIND IS BLOWING.EVEN SO,BY THE WORDS, BEHAVIOUR,DRESS,AND WORKS OF A PERSON,YOU CAN KNOW WHETHER CHRIST IS DWELLING IN HER OR NO T.BY THE SAME TOKEN,YOU CAN KNOW IF SHE IS SPOTTED BY THE WORLD.WHETHER SHE IS PARTLY OR WHOLLY INFLUENCED BY THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD,THE SPIRIT OF SATAN.LOOK INTO YOUR BIBLE MIRROR.

PROV.11:22,"AS A JEWEL OF GOLD IN A SWINE'S SNOUT,SO IS A FAIR WOMAN WITHOUT DISCRETION." A DISCRETE WOMAN IS ONE WHO IS MODEST AND SHOWS GOOD JUDGEMENT IN CONDUCT AND SPEECH.AND THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE WE CAN GO TO BE SURE IT IS THE IMAGE THAT THE LORD APPROVES OR DISSAPROVES.A JEWEL OF GOLD IN A SWINE'S SNOUT IS A RIDICULOUS AND UGLY THING.BUT THAT IS HOW THE BEAUTY OF A WORLDLY WOMAN LOOKS TO THE LORD.BECA USE SHE LACKS THE DISCRETION TO CONFORM HERSELF TO BIBLE INSTRUCTIONS.SHE FOLLOWS WORLDLY VANITY INSTEAD.IN ORDER NOT TO BE DIFFERENT

ISA.5:18,"WOE UNTO THEM THAT DRAW INIQUITY WITH CORDS OF VANITY, AND SIN AS IT WERE WITH A CART ROPE," 1 COR.15:33,"BE NOT DECEIVED EVIL COMMUNICATIONS CORRUPT GOOD MANNERS," AND 1 JNO.2:15,"LOVE NOT THE WORLD NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD.IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD,THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD,THE LUST OF THE FLESH,THE LUST OF THE EYES,AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE,IS NOT OF THE FATHER,BUT IS OF THE WORL D." THESE ARE SERIOUS THOUGHT-PROVOKING SCRIPTURES.BUT THEY WON'T DO US ANY GOOD IF WE DO NOT EACH APPLY THEM INDIVIDUALLY TO OURSELVES.

LOOKI NG INTO OUR MIRROR IN 1 PET.3:2-4,WE FIND THIS IMAGE FOR US TO CONFORM TO:"WHILE THEY BEHOLD YOUR CHASTE CONVERSATION COUPLED WITH FEAR.WHOSE ADORNING LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD ADORNING OF PLAITING THE HAIR,AND OF PUTTING ON OF GOLD,OR OF APPAREL;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 IN THE SIGHT OF GOD IS OF GREAT PRICE."IF IN LOOKING AND COMPARING OURSELVES TO THIS SCRIPTURE,WE SEE A MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT MADE EVIDENT IN OUR WORDS,MANNERS,AND DRESS:FINE. WE KNOW THAT IN THE WORLD TODAY CHASTITY IS OUT OF DATE.SO IS MEEKNESS AND QUIETNESS.YOU HAVE ONLY TO LOOK AT THE WOMAN ON THE STREET,OR ON TELEVISION,NOT HEARING THEM SAY A WORD TO KNOW THIS.BY THEIR DRESS. BOLDNESS AND IMMODESTY ARE THE KEY NOTE OF TODAY'S FEMININE FASHIONS AND MANNERS.BUT THESE ARE ALL LIKE SWINE WITH GOLDEN JEWELS IN THEIR SNOUTS, IN THE EYES OF THE LORD.AND SHOULD APPEAR THE SAME TO US.WE SHOULD CULTIVATE A TASTE LIKE GOD'S,IF WE ARE TO PLEASE HIM.BECAUSE WE ARE TO LITTERALLY "ABHOR THAT WHICH IS EVIL"(ROM.12:9).

1 TIM.2:9,"THE WOMEN ADORN THEMSELVES IN MODEST APPAREL WITH SHAMEFACEDNESS AND SOBRIETY." THESE BOL DLY,IMMODESTLY DRESSED WOMEN,DO NOT PRESENT A PICTURE OF SHAMEFACEDNESS,CHASTITY AND MODESTY.RATHER THEY ARE COPYING THE ATTIRE OF HARLOTS (PROV.7:10-11).THEY ARE DRAWING INIQUITY WITH CORDS OF VANITY,AND SIN AS IT WERE WITH A CART ROPE.(ISA.5:18). READ OR LISTEN TO THE ADVERTISING OF THIS TYPE OF CLOTHING:"GIRLS THAT

GIRL WATCHERS WATCH." "BOLD,UNHIBITED." "SEXY." "IRRESTIBILE." ALL THIS IS DIRECTLY THE OPPOSITE OF THE TYPE OF CLOTHING GOD HAS INSTRUCTED US TO WEA R.THE LORD SAID IN MATTH.5:28,"BUT I SAY UN TO YOU,THAT WHOSOEVER LOOKETH ON A WOMAN TO LUST AFTER HER HATH COMMITTED ADULTRY WITH HER ALREADY IN HIS H EART." DRESSED IN THE TYPE OF CLOTHING THAT THE GIRLS THAT GIRL WATCHERS WATCH,WEAR:BOLD,SCANTY,TIGHT CLOTHING SHE IS DRAWING INIQUITY WITH CORDS OF VANITY AND SIN AS WITH A CART ROPE.WHEN HE COMMITS ADULTERY WITH HER IN HIS HEART BECAUSE OF HER TEMPTING DRESS SHE IS EQUALLY GUILTY WITH HIM.SHE IS SPOTTED WITH THE WORLD,OR SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO DRESSED.WEARING THE HARLOT'S ATTIRE.GOD HAS PLAINLY SAID FOR HER TO DRESS MODESTLY,CHASTELY,DISCREETELY,AND WITH SHAMEFACEDNESS.BUT,SOME ONE SAYS,THERE ARE DIFFERENT IDEAS AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES MODEST DRESS.AND WHAT IS MODEST ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. THERE CERTAINLY ARE DIFFERENT IDEAS ON WHAT IS MODEST IN DRESS.BUT GOD7S IDEA IS THE ONLY ONE THAT COUN TS WITH A CHRISTIAN WOMAN.

ANY ARTICLE OF DRESS THAT EXPOSES THE THIGH IN ANY POSITION,IN THE EYES OF THE LORD UNCOVERS YOUR NAKEDNESS.IS A SHAME.THE THIGH BONE REACHES FROM THE HIP TO THE KNEE.ISA.47:2-3,"TAKE MILL STONES AND GRIND MEAL:UNCOVER THY LOCKS,MAKE BARE THE LEG,UNCOVER THE THIGH,PASS OVER THE RIVER,YEA THY SHAME SHALL BE SEEN." REMEMBER IN GEN.1:7,& 1:21, WHEN ADAM AND EVE MADE THEMSELVES FIG LEAF APRONS.BUT STILL KNOWING THAT THEY WERE SCANTILY CLOTHED,HID THEMSELVES,SAYING THEY WERE NAKED. THE LORD MADE COATS OF SKINS AND CLOTHED THEM.UNDOUBTEDLY THE LORD COVERED THE SHAME OF THEIR NAKEDNESS.HE DIDN'T LEAVE THEIR THIGHS EXPOSED. SISTER,EVERY ARTICLE OF CLOTHING YOU WEAR MUST CONFORM TO THE IMAGE THE LORD PLACED IN OUR MIRROR.WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE SPOTTED WITH THE WORLD IN THIS MATTER;WEARING THE ATTIRE OF AN HARLOT;DRAWING INIQUITY WITH CORDS OF VANITY,AND SIN AS WITH A CART ROPE.

IN THE 11TH CHAPTER OF 1 COR.(A PART OF OUR MIRROR),THE LORD TEACHES THAT LONG HAIR IS A SHAME FOR A MAN.BUT,IN THE EYES OF THE LORD A GLORY FOR WOMEN.FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING.IN THE PLACE OF A VAIL AND SO ON.IN SPITE OF ALL THE EXPLAINING SOME PREACHERS CAN DO:THE LORD STILL SAYS,"BUT IF A WOMAN HAVE LONG HAIR IT IS A GLORY TO HER:FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING."HOW LONG? THE LORD DIDN'T SAY HOW MANY INCHES LONG.OUR HAIR DOSEN'T ALL GROW TO THE SAME LENGTH. THE LORD SAID,"LONG HAIR;THE LONG HAIR HE HAS GIVEN HER (IF SHE DOSEN'T CUT PART OF IT OFF) IS FOR HER GLORY AND HER HEAD COVERING(READ THE WHOLE CHAPTER).ANY AMOUNT OF IT CUT OFF IS DISCARDING JUST THAT MUCH OF THE GLORY AND COVERING THAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US.CERTAINLY WE WANT TO PLEASE THE LORD.AND WHEN HE SAYS HE THINKS OUR LONG HAIR IS A GL ORY TO US:SISTER,LET'S WEAR IT JUST AS LONG AS IT WILL GROW.LET US NOT DEFY GOD IN THIS MATTER.

LET US NOT TRY TO LOOK LIKE THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD,ATTIRED LIKE HARLOTS.LET US NOT BE LIKE SWINE WITH GOLDEN JEWELS IN THEIR SNOUTS.LET US NOT DRAW INIQUITY WITH CORDS OF VANITY,AND SIN AS WITH A CART ROPE. BUT RATHER LET US TURN OUR BACK ON THE WORLD,AND SEEK TO AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL WAYS REFLECT THE IMAGE THE LORD HAS SET IN OUR MIRROR TO HIS HONOUR AND GLORY.

1 COR.4:16-18,"FOR WHICH CAUSE WE FAINT NOT;BUT THOUGH OUR OUTWARD MAN PERISH,YET THE INWARD MAN IS RENEWED DAY BY DAY.FOR OUR LIGHT AFFLICTION,WHICH IS BUT FOR A MOMENT,WORKETH FOR US A FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY;WHILE WE LOOK NOT AT THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN,BUT AT THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN:FOR THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN ARE TEMPORAL:BUT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL."

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