

Should Christian
women wear
makeup or
jewelry? By Erica
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There is a false doctrine going around that if women wear makeup or jewelry, they are going to hell. But I believe that is legalism and being judgmental. I believe that every Christian woman's life is different. We are all at different stages in our lives. We all have different convictions. God may be leading one woman to wear makeup, but for a different woman not to wear it. There are some women who idolize makeup or their appearances. Some women love makeup so much that they cannot see themselves without it. Many women think that they are not beautiful in their own skin or naturally without makeup. So, they feel the need to wear makeup all the time or every day. That is when it becomes a problem, and it may even become the sin of vanity.

Proverbs 31:30 says, "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised."

God wants us to see ourselves the way He sees us. He wants us to love ourselves, not by being in love with ourselves. God does not want us to obsess over our appearances. He wants us to love ourselves for who He created us to be and not for who someone else

wants us to be. Sometimes, women wear makeup to impress others or to make themselves look more beautiful to others. Some women will even wear makeup to seduce a man to have sex with her. Not just her makeup, but even her clothing and the way that she is dressed. Women may not be dressed modestly. A woman may not have on appropriate attire, so she is attracting attention from the opposite sex. Men are being made to stumble, because a woman has her breasts, thighs, and buttocks all out and in the open. God wants us to cover ourselves up, and not have everything out and open for all to see.

1 Peter 3:3-4 says, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on 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 is in the sight of God of great price."

God wants our beauty to reflect what is in our hearts and not so much on the outside. It is important to dress in modest apparel because we do not want to show off our bodies. We do not want to get attention from men because we are half-naked. We do not want to cause another man to stumble and the same with men too.

We want beauty to be a reflection of our hearts. We want our hearts to be pure. So, if our hearts are pure, then the way we dress on the outside will be pure too. When we are holy inside, then holiness will show in our outward actions as well.

Every woman is different when it comes to wearing makeup. God may be leading one woman to stop wearing makeup, but for another woman to start wearing it. I know there are women who are more tomboyish. These women do not like wearing anything that pertains to a woman. That may have been the way they were brought up or the society they were brought up around. They may have had friends who were boys or girls who dressed like boys, so that is why they dress like a boy. Or maybe these women have had an identity crisis growing up. They did not know who their identity was in Christ, so they looked to the world to define them, instead of looking to Jesus Christ and the Bible.

So, God may be changing that in these women. He may be having certain women wear makeup or jewelry because they have no desire to wear it. God may want certain women to wear makeup because He wants them to learn to love themselves and value who they

are in Christ. God may also want a woman to take care of herself by wearing makeup. Taking care of your temple is important because that is how God is able to use you for His glory. When you take care of your temple, you are showing God that you not only love yourself, but that you love Him.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

It may be God's will for a woman to wear makeup for a season and after that season is over, He may have them stop wearing it. There are different seasons where we grow in holiness. One season we may be wearing pants all the time, then God leads us to transition into wearing long skirts and dresses. God may want us to reflect Him and His holiness not just on the inside, but also on the outside. If we are already holy on the inside, that is when He will start to change us on the outside to where we dress more modestly. He will make us stand out from the world by changing the way we dress because we do not belong to this world.

So, He will want us to change our appearance so that we reflect our Heavenly Father both inside and outside. But it is all about the motives behind what we are doing and why we are doing it. One woman may wear makeup to get attention or to become popular or because other women are wearing it. That is not the right heart posture for wearing makeup. But if you wear makeup because God is leading you to wear it, and because you feel more feminine and beautiful with it on, then that is different. Many women wear makeup because it makes them feel better about themselves. But wearing makeup is not to attract the opposite sex or to make people look at them. So, it is all about the heart and motive behind why a woman is wearing what she wears.

1 Timothy 2:9-10 says, "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; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

What is important is not just how we look on the outside, but the good works we do for the kingdom of God. We do not do good works to try to earn our salvation, but we do good works because we are saved

and because we love God. We love Jesus Christ, so we want to obey Him and His commands. Good works are evidence that our faith is genuine and real. Our faith will produce good works in our lives.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."