

Ornaments of the Beautiful Woman

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES: *“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.”* (I Peter 3:4)

There are some things that God values, and are of a great price in His sight. The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is something which God values. An ornament is something that makes beautiful the object on which it adorns. (Example: a Christmas tree) As Godly, Christian women, we should desire to be made beautiful and of great value to the One who has bought us with such a great price. Proverbs 31:10 says, *“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.”* God’s intention and desire is to see women living for Him in such a way that we are valuable to Him and His service - after all, we have been entrusted with God’s valuable property. Our husband and children belong to God and it is our responsibility to let Christ be seen in us.

Prayerfully study the scriptures and these lessons, and let the fruit of the Spirit abound and adorn you, giving you that ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Are you of value to your Saviour?

Lesson 1

Love

Scripture: I Corinthians 13 - (v 13) *“...but the greatest of these is charity.”*
Galatians 5:22 - *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

LOVE - *“unselfish concern that freely accepts another in loyalty and seeks his good.”*

INTRODUCTION: The love that God expects us, as Christians, to have is the type of love that expects nothing in return - unconditional. Unconditional love is easy to express when it comes to our Saviour or our children. But, many times it stops there and does not extend to the lost, other Christians, or maybe even your husband. God put no conditions on unconditional love.

I THE LOVE OF GOD (John 3:16; I John 4:7-8, 19)

“For God so loved the world that He gave. . .”

- A. Unconditional
God loves us no matter what we do. He loved us before we ever thought about loving Him. He accepts us without condition, just as we are.
- B. Giving
The greatest gift God gave was His only Son to die for us who did not

even care about Him. After we have accepted Christ as our Saviour, He keeps giving. There is never a day that passes that God did not, in some way, bless us.

C. Example

When Jesus came as God's *Love-gift*, He became our Example. As Christians we are to be *Christ-like*. We are to strive to show others the love of Christ through our lives. The way we live may be the only connection someone else has with being introduced to the Saviour.

II **THE LOVE OF A WIFE** (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind. . ."

There are so many things a wife can do to show her love. There are ALSO many ways a wife can show a bitter spirit to her family. The little things often show your attitude even better than a major instance. Always remember to say *I love you* and then SHOW it with your actions. (*actions speak louder than words!*) Words are meaningless if they are not backed up with actions. The wife sets the temperature of a home, warm your home up with your love.

III **THE LOVE OF A MOTHER** (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

"Charity. . .beareth all things. . .endureth all things."

A mother's love is something that cannot be understood by anyone except another mother. It makes a woman sacrifice, willingly, for another pair of gym shoes, turn over her living room to a battleground for dinosaurs and GI Joe, turn off the TV to listen to *Old McDonald* for the 100th time on the piano, dig through boxes in the attic to cloth the "*poor, naked, baby doll*," get up at 3:00 a.m. to find the cough medicine, or make room for one more small body in her bed at night. God has given a mother a unique love for her children. But, many times, through the trials **with** our children, whether toddlers or teens, we forget to go to God. Who knows and understands the heart of a mother more than the One Who created it!??!

IV **THE LOVE OF A CHRISTIAN** (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

"Charity. . .is not easily provoked. . ."

A. To other Christians (James 3:11; Proverbs 6:19; I John 4:11; John 13:34-35) God has commanded us, in His Word, to love each other. It is so sad, but those with whom we have the greatest common interest, laugh with, shed tears with, fellowship with, and supposedly love the most – fight among

each other more than any other group of people in the world. Why is that? One reason is that we leave ourselves wide open to Satan's attack. It does not need to be that way. If we allow God's love to fill our hearts, and busy ourselves in His work, there will be no room for the poison darts of anger, bitterness, grudges, jealousy, pride, and criticism which Satan hurls at us.

B. To the lost world

With our lives in one accord with God and each other, we can get on with the REAL reason we are left on this earth in the first place. There is a world around us, crying for the love we know and are selfish in sharing. We are obligated to share it! This can be done, of course, by witnessing by mouth. But, it can also be done by passing out a tract, doing for others, living so that Christ will be seen in us, and by showing a real Christ-like love to our family, friends, and the lost.

*Our love toward God, our family, and each other should be shown by our deeds. God told us in His Word that He loved us but then He PROVED it when Christ died for our sins. There has never been, and never will be, a greater act of love. *"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."* (I John 3:18, James 1:22)