



Beauty is in the eye of our Creator

[2 Corinthians 4:16 \(ESV\)](#)

So we do not lose heart. Though our **outer self is wasting away**, our **inner self is being renewed** day by day. [2 Corinthians 4:17 \(NASB\)](#)

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

[2 Corinthians 4:18 \(NASB\)](#)

while we **look not at the things which are seen**, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the **things which are not seen are eternal**

[Romans 12:1 \(ESV\)](#)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God**, which is your spiritual worship. **Do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Until you have given up yourself to Him, you will not have a real self.

[C. S. Lewis](#)

We are God's temple

Think of your bathroom counter, or your 'vanity' top- all those toiletries come in vessels. A vessel has a purpose: to give access to what it contains. We are Gods vessel!!! His Temple — the Holy of Holies !! We have the ability to give others access to God!

[1 Corinthians 3:16 \(ESV\)](#)

Do you not know that **you are God's temple** and that **God's Spirit dwells in you**?

[1 Corinthians 6:19 \(NASB\)](#)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? [1 Corinthians 6:20 \(NASB\)](#)

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being (Temple) will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 7:38

[1 Corinthians 13:12 \(ESV\)](#)

For **now we see in a mirror dimly**, but **then face to face**. Now I know *in part*; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

[2 Corinthians 5:1 \(ESV\)](#)

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal *in the heavens*.

For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

[2 Corinthians 5:4 \(ESV\)](#)

For while we are still *in* this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so *that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life*.

REMEMBER: We were not created for our own image! We are created in the image of God, Imagio Deo We are to bear His image and be His witness to the world. He is the mirror we look into to find our own face. Ask God to test your heart and see if you have put an idol up with body image.

[2 Corinthians 6:16 \(ESV\)](#)

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

[1 Peter 1:17 \(NASB\)](#)

If you address as Father the *One* who impartially judges according to each one’s work, **conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;**

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17And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So *you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here* as “temporary residents.” 18For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. 19 **It was the precious blood of Christ**, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

[2 Corinthians 10:5 \(NASB\)](#)

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are **taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,**

[2 Corinthians 4:18 \(NASB\)](#)

while we **look NOT at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen**; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the **things which are not seen are eternal**.

[2 Corinthians 12:9 \(NASB\)](#)

And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

[Hebrews 4:12 \(NASB\)](#)

For the **word of God is living and active** and sharper than any *two*-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart**.

[Proverbs 31:30 \(NASB\)](#)

Charm is deceitful and **beauty is vain**, But a **woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised**.

Godliness

[1 Timothy 4:8 \(NASB\)](#)

for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but **godliness is profitable for all things**, since **it holds promise for the present life** and also for the life to come.

[James 4:8 \(NASB\)](#)

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded.

[1 Timothy 6:17 \(ESV\)](#)

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may **take hold of that which is truly life**.

[1 Timothy 4:7 \(NASB\)](#)

But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, **discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;**

"for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

1 Timothy 4:8 NASB

[1 Timothy 6:6 \(ESV\)](#)

But **godliness with contentment is great gain,**

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to **renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,** and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,"

Titus 2:11-12 ESV

"But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. **Pursue righteousness, godliness,** faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness."

1 Timothy 6:11 ESV

"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may **lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,**"

1 Timothy 2:1-3 NASB

"seeing that **His divine power has granted to us EVERYTHING pertaining to life and godliness,** through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence."

2 Peter 1:3

"But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness."

1 Timothy 6:11 NASB

WARNING - form of godliness

"But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NASB

Beauty

[Psalms 139:14 \(NIV\)](#)

I praise you because **I am fearfully and wonderfully made;** your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

[1 Samuel 16:7 \(ESV\)](#)

But the Lord said to *Samuel*, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because *I* have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

[Romans 8:6 \(ESV\)](#)

For to **set the mind on the flesh is death**, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

[Genesis 29:17 \(ESV\)](#)

Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance.

[James 5:1 \(ESV\)](#)

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.

Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten.

Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.

"For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

1 Timothy 6:10

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18

The most beautiful thing in All creation! Do you agree?

Jesus is the *Man of Sorrows*. When the soldiers crushed a crown of thorns on His head, the crown left gashes on His forehead, and blood obscured His vision. When they scourged Jesus with a whip—39 times—the beating left Him in agony. They mocked Him, stripped Him of all dignity and made Him carry His cross to Calvary. Besides the physical torture, Jesus suffered His disciples' abandonment, Peter's denial and Judas's betrayal of Him. But Jesus suffered this all for you.

When soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross, Jesus knew it was only a matter of time before He would die. He cried, "*I thirst!*" ([John 19:28](#)). When Jesus took on the sins of the world, He suffered all the spiritual agonies of Hell and cried out, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*" ([Mark 15:34](#)). The greatest suffering of all was for the Son of God to be separated from the heavenly Father. There was nothing beautiful in the *Man of Sorrows* on the cross—except the beauty of salvation it secured. There was nothing lovely—except the salvation of countless souls. There was nothing wonderful—except the praise of the ages to the Lamb who was slain for the sin of the world.

The most vile and outrageous of all this world has seen or can image is ultimately the most beautiful thing in all creation because it is ONLY through this action we can be called 'forgiven' 'children of God' 'beloved' ...

What story do your scars tell?