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IS IT WRONG TO WEAR ORNAMENTS? NO, CERTAINLY NOT. *"Why,"* you say, *"I thought the Scriptures forbade the wearing of ornaments."* Well, if you have so read the Bible, you will need to look more closely into its teaching; it is the KIND of ornamentation against which it speaks.

But while a certain kind of adorning is spoken against, the Bible admonishes [*instructs*] us to put on another kind, which is of infinite value. THIS ALL TRUE CHRISTIANS SHOULD MAKE HASTE TO DO. Let us notice a few texts:

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the

word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation [life/behavior] of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation [life/behavior] coupled with fear. 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."

1 Peter 3: 1-4.

This scripture condemns the wearing by Christians, of gold and costly array for the purpose of ornamentation. Outward adorning for mere show and an exhibition of pride, God hates, and IT SHOULD NOT BE DONE BY HIS FOLLOWERS. But an inward

adorning is urged. He speaks of the *"ornament of a meek and quiet spirit."* This is a precious ornament; IT IS WORN BY FAR TOO FEW.

This ornament is of such value as to be beyond the power of all the gold and costly jewels of earth to purchase. And THOSE WHO HAVE THIS HEAVENLY ORNAMENTATION NEED NO OTHER; THEY DESIRE NO OTHER; SHALL I SAY THEY WEAR NO OTHER? By its side some jewel dug from the dirt of a mine of this earth seems but a worthless thing. The Saviour, when on earth, was adorned with precious jewels of a heavenly character, but one cannot think of Him as going about decked with golden trinkets. And HE IS OUR EXAMPLE.

Of some in ancient times we read: *"They had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites."* **Judges 8:24.** Observe, they wore gold *"because they were Ishmaelites."* The heathen in many lands do this yet, in, their ears, in their nose, on their arms and ankles. They wear these *"because they are heathen."* MANY IN MORE CHRISTIAN LANDS FOLLOW QUITE CLOSELY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THOSE WHO *"know not God."*

WE BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE — YES, WILL BE A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IN THIS RESPECT BETWEEN GOD'S TRUE PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT HIS. In the spring, when a new life appears in all nature and the sap is carried to the end of the utmost twig on the tree, the dead

leaves fall off. So it will be in the life of a sincere Christian. IN DRESS, OR IN OTHER THINGS, HE WILL REPRESENT THE HUMBLE NAZARENE. When the new life appears, bringing the inward adorning, the cheap ornaments of death and decay fall off.

There is another scripture which speaks of the wearing of ornaments that we will notice here:

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck."

Proverbs 1: 8, 9.

HERE IS A SCRIPTURE OUR CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK. There is a craze in the world for jewelry. It

is seen on every hand. Store windows are embellished with it; and while it may dazzle the eye, it is of no real value. As we go about we see the young bedecked with rings on their fingers and chains about their necks, perishable ornaments which only serve to advertise the fact that the true ornaments, whose value is beyond that of the ruby and diamond, are not worn. O, how sad!

No diadem [*crown*] a young man or a young woman could wear would so adorn them as a disposition to honor father and mother by listening to their instruction and giving heed thereto. The parents have learned much from study and experience. Untold heartaches and lasting disgrace have many

times come because their wise counsel was disregarded.

We are in a time when "*disobedience to parents*" [2 Timothy 3:2] is a sign of the times. BUT LET IT NOT BE SO AMONG US. Father and mother are growing old. Their hair is being silvered by age and the cares of life. Their step, perchance, is growing slow, and adversity has furrowed the cheek. Their shadows are lengthening, and ere long their sun will set. Resolve that you will put on the ornament spoken of by the wise man, that their sun may not go down clouded with regret and remorse that their children are numbered among the disobedient.

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