



Her Crown: God's Approval

Main idea

More than what people say about us, it is what God says that matters.

Warm-up

What was the best compliment you have ever received?

introduction

Words are important for women. It feels good to receive compliments from people. "Nice hair", "I like your outfit", etc... Sometimes, it gets a little embarrassing but it feels nice. When someone compliments your outfit or hair, you would probably keep using that style because of what people say. There are times though that people will not seem to notice how we look, what we do or how we are. But at the end of the day, we need to realize that it's not about what people think or say about us, it is what God says and thinks about us.

message

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:30-31

[Illustration]

Picture of an iceberg (google it, print and show to the group)

The iceberg is not as big as it looks on the outside. The tip of the iceberg (the external) is only a small portion of what it really is. In the same way, external beauty is something people may see but real beauty lies in who we really are. It is something that lies unseen for people to notice.

Most people are more concerned about the externals of beauty. They tend to praise physical beauty more than anything else. But for God, you

may look haggard, wear the wrong clothes, look like you just got out of bed, but He would still call you "beautiful". Because the beauty that He sees is the beauty of your heart and your character.

Inspiration

[Illustration] Diamond

A diamond may look nice the moment you see it. But what makes it very expensive and totally beautiful is when a diamond hits the light. It sparkles and forms patterns that are unique to every single diamond.

God looks at us that way. People may not see what makes us truly beautiful, but God does. He sees every woman truly unique and wonderful. More than winning a beauty pageant, it is God's compliment that matters. And when God compliments, He rewards!

Application Question

What have you learned and how will you apply it?