

His Workmanship at Westside

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

—Ephesians 2:10

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Modesty and a Well-Ordered Heart, by Nancy L. DeMoss

If you are a Christian, you will have appearance, attitudes, and actions that confirm your profession of faith. A person who claims godliness will be modest (chaste, humble, moderate, appropriate) in appearance, in attitudes, and in actions—this is how you prove that you are a child of God; this is the evidence of your true heart and character. It is not enough to claim to be a Christian. There are millions and millions of people who claim to be Christians, but they don't have a relationship with Christ. The evidence is in their appearance, in their attitudes, and in their actions. Paul taught that even orderliness in worship will demonstrate that we belong to Christ. He said, "I desire therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that women dress themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works," 1 Tim 2:8-10.

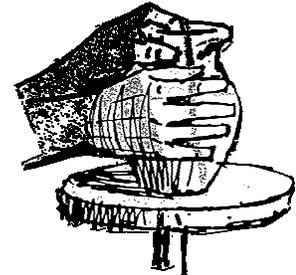
Three words from v. 9 will help women understand the passage. "Women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel." The first word is adorn and is from the Greek *kosmeo*. The second word respectable is translated from a similar the Greek word *kosmios*. *Kosmeo* means "adorn," and *kosmios* means "respectable." What English word do *kosmios* and *kosmeo* make you think of? The word cosmetics: makeup, putting

on a face or appearance. *Kosmeo* literally means "to put in proper order." It's used of decorating a house, of arranging furniture, "to order, to arrange, to decorate, to make ready." So when we are with the people of God, particularly when we come together for worship, we should make sure that we arrange ourselves appropriately in terms of our outward appearance.

Now the outward appearance isn't the only important part of our preparation. We need to make sure our hearts are prepared above all. But an important part of our outward preparation is the wearing of "proper clothing or respectable apparel." The third word, apparel, is the word *katastole*. It speaks of loose-draped garments—it goes along with the concept of modest dress, dress that is not form-fitting or tight, loosely-fitted. But Paul was talking not only about clothing but also about our whole appearance and demeanor. When we come to assemble in worship, we are to come ready to face the Lord—ready to face the Lord as He is in His people.

- We are not to be slovenly.
- We are not to be in disarray.
- We are not to be exhibitionists.
- We are not to be extreme.

We are not to be in any way unbecoming of us as believers. We are to dress in respectable apparel, to adorn ourselves in proper clothing. Remember, respectable is the word *kosmios*, which



Isaiah 64:8

means "orderly, proper, or decent." John MacArthur says the Greek word means the opposite of chaos—not chaotic, but well-ordered, put together. A certain image comes to mind when a person's hair and clothing are chaotic or out of order—she just didn't get put together. Moreover, we are not to be extreme. We are not to be obsessed with our clothing, and yet we are to be dressed in a way that is arranged, put together, thought through, not just thrown together. It's orderly; it's decent; it's modest. Remember, Paul was talking not only of our dress but also of our attitude, our demeanor, the way we carry ourselves, and even our inner spiritual life. The inner spiritual life will always express itself outwardly. A woman Christian should be ordered both inwardly and spiritually but also outwardly.

Modesty and clothing issues are first and foremost heart issues. If a woman has an orderly, decent, well-arranged, and appropriate heart, then her outward appearance will show that. And not only her physical appearance but also her environment will be well arranged. I was convicted of this around midnight last night when I looked around at my study and thought, "Chaotic would describe what this looks like right now. This is not well-ordered. This is not decent." God is not saying here that we should be perfectionists or obsessive about having everything perfectly neat, but that our lives should be characterized in

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 general as being orderly and arranged properly. John MacArthur says, "Proper adornment on the outside [how we dress, the outside of our environment, the way we keep our homes] reflects a properly adorned heart, a heart that is well-ordered." So when we go to be with the people of God, are we prepared? Are we appropriately attired? Do we arrange ourselves so we reflect well on the Lord? Have we given thought to our physical appearance, to make sure that it is appropriate? To paraphrase Paul: "When you come to church make sure you've been arranged, ordered, in respectable clothing, modest clothing."

- Is your inner life well-ordered?
- Do you have a well-ordered heart?
- How about your emotions? Do you live on an emotional roller coaster?

God says, "If you have a well-ordered heart, if you are adorned with respectable, well-ordered apparel, that will be a reflection of a heart that is well-ordered."



Do you want to have a mind that is well-ordered, to be thinking God's way and to have all your thoughts brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 2

Cor 10:5? Is God whispering to you about your need for greater mental discipline in your study and work? Have you been distracted lately? Do your ideas become garbled, jumbled, and erratic? Ask God to order and arrange your heart, to direct it to Him. In your schedule, in your use of time, ask Him to fill you with His Spirit and to ground you in His Word so that your heart, will, mind, and emotions are well-ordered. Then your heart will be reflected in your outward appearance: hair, makeup, clothing styles, environment, home, workspace will all reflect the beauty of a well-ordered heart.

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hopeless and there was nothing left to do but die. Job could take us to monuments in his life when God took care of his needs. He could take you to the

graves of his children and tell you that God was with him through it all. Look back. What monument to God's work do you need to see?

B. Memorials Link Us to the Future.

Joshua commanded twelve men, one from each tribe, to take up stones from the Jordan to set up in Gilgal, Josh 4:4-8. This pillar not only reminded them of where they had been, but also where they were headed. Israel knew that ahead of them would be war for them to claim the land of promise from occupiers. God had promised them victory in this war. "And Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites,'" Josh 3:10.

1. Monuments remind us that we are winning a war.

Six months after the terrorist attacks on 9-11, there were two brilliant sets of lights illuminating the night sky of New York. Two focused beams shot straight into the heavens. This tribute was built to remind us that we had suffered a great loss that day, but also served as a look ahead to our resolve to do whatever it would take to ensure that it never happens again.

God has also promised us victory. "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 Jn 5:3-4; see also Rev 3:21; Rm 8:35-37. We are not called to an easy life, but one of combat against the darkness. Each battle has its monument. It reminds us to be vigilant, to be obedient, to stay away from sin, and to follow the path God has laid out. That is where we meet the battle. God has already won the war. It is our responsibility to fight our daily battles.

2. Monuments remind us that we are headed for heaven.

The nation of Israel was promised peace and fruitful living if they obeyed God and conquered the land. If they had obeyed God, they would not have fallen into idolatry so easily, they would not have had to battle

countless enemies repeatedly, and they would have had peace in the land of promise.

Just as Israel had a land of promise, so do we. Our promised land has everything to do with conquest, warfare, and strife—our conquest of sin and bad habits, our spiritual battles against temptation, our strife against sin in the world. Our promised land is heaven. Aren't you glad that your land of promise comes with total peace? Aren't you glad that God has promised heaven to His children and we can rely on His faithfulness to get there? Remember that this wilderness we live in is temporary. We have a permanent home in heaven waiting for us.

C. Memorials Last.

Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan River, "...and they are there until this day," v. 9. A memorial isn't set up to last only a day, a week, or a month. A memorial is built to last for generations. Mount Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower were built to last. The memorial stones in Gilgal were meant to last forever: "that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever," Josh 4:6-7; see also vs. 21-24. Monuments stay in place for when we need to look at them. God has established several memorials for His people:

1. The rainbow: "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth," Gen 9:13-16.

2. Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread.

"So this day shall be to you a mem-

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Psalm 133:1

God's harvest we'll glean in 2016 "Please let me go to the field and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." —Ruth 2:2

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orial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance... Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance... And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever," Ex 12:14, 17, 24; cf. Ex 12:25-27. "No leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.' It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year," Ex 13:7-10; see 13:3, 14-16. See also Israel's other feasts, Lev 23: **Pentecost** (firstfruits), "it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings," Lev 23:14, 21; **Day of Atonement**, "it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings," Lev 23:31; **Feast of Booths** (tabernacles), "that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I AM the LORD your God," Lev 23:43, ; cf. Ex 10:2; Lev 22:33; Deut 31:13; Ps 78:5-6.

3. Manna, Aaron's rod, and the tablets of the covenant. "...behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant," Heb 9:3-4; "to be kept for your generations," Ex 16:32-34; see Ex 25:21; 40:20; Num 17:10; Deut 10:4-5; 1 Kg 8:9.

4. Mary's anointing of Jesus. "And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of

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Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil; she poured it on His head as He sat... [Jesus said,] 'Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her,' " Mt 26:6-13; Jn 11:2; 12:3.

4. The Lord's Supper. "The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He come,' " 1 Cor 11:23-26; cf. Mt 26:28-29; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:15-20.

These monuments were established by God to remind us of what He does and how He works in our lives. He wants us to remember Him and take that memory with us to motivate us in our good fight.

The personal memorials is your life are also enduring: your day of baptism (salvation), your marriage, births and deaths of family members, and God's deliverances in your life. We need to look back periodically at some of those times and remind ourselves that if God was willing to work His work for me then, what is He willing to do for me now? Let us thank Him when we remember.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Christian Harrod; Addison Tope; Rocco Jr.; Ann Cox; Joel Walker; Logan Corray—asthma
Orchid Cox—chronic blood clot condition
Autumn Hadders—epilepsy; celiac disease
Jonathan Hadders—RA
Delmer Hice, Lynda Szymanski—COPD
Kirk Johnson—MS; **Amanda Mailoux**—IBS
Sarah McMurray's mentee **Lakeisha Griffin**, age 12; missing from school, not located
Eric Perry—pre-diabetes
Judy Sartin—rotator cuff injury; spinal stenosis
Judy and Mike Strand—hepatitis treatment; Judy preparing for liver transplant in Sept
Cheryl Reames—fibromyalgia; diverticulitis
Travel Sarah Hadders in AR w/kids visiting her sister; **Howells** to OK Fri 6/3; **Mina Gonzalez** in TX this week on her WI-TX-AZ trek; **Letha Fink** on 3-week trip to NM and GA; **River and Forest Cox** on 3-week camping trip with their mother in western states

PRAY FOR healing, protection, help

- **Mike Strand**—in ICU #220 St. Anthony's, bleeding, spasms, all of right side injured from fall and cut from trimming tree; broken ribs, tibia, fibula, ankle, collapsed lung, surgical repair
- **Sandra Perry**—room 560 Lutheran Hospital 3-4 days to drain fluid in lung
- **Janelle Hall**—chemo for breast cancer
- **Jennifer Clayton**—battling Lyme disease for 18 mos. symptoms from Lyme co-infections worsened in April, including muscle & joint pain, neurological issues; pray 2-mo regimen to kill babesia, bartonella, and parasites will be effective, not require additional treatment, and not prevent Jennifer from work and worship
- **Brittany Tope's** grandmother—on dialysis, in ICU recently in Colorado Springs; **Brittany's** mother **Gayle**—breast cancer spread, 3 tumors on liver
- **Sarah Hadders**—recurring chest pains
- **Brett Witherington's** mother **Cheryl**—last week's lumpectomy ;successful; radiation; **Sylvia Chapman, Brett's** grandmother—3rd stage pancreatic cancer; grandmother **Sue** recent heart attack; **Sue & Aunt Connie Doss**—cancer
- **Mike Menard, Virginia's** son—pancreatic cancer; home, weakening; **Virginia** wrenched leg; macular degeneration
- 10-year-old **Benjamin Hymel**, of Longmont church—brain cancer; at home, school after surgery; now starting year's chemo and radiation cycles; eye patch
- **Valerie Greenwalt**—recovering from surgery to remove broken needle in elbow
- **Michael Bennett's** son **Jett**—in NICU, hemorrhage on skull
- the **Boyd's** extended families are undergoing hardships: **Wendy's** father, **Dan Gutierrez**, back in care center with cognitive problems; pray for **Eileen and Dan; Kenny's** sister and brother-in-law—divorce; pray for family **Jennifer, Kevin, Chloe, & Elijah Whittemore; Kenny's** employee, **Damon Todd**—great grandson killed and great granddaughter injured in collision recently
- **Sheryle McNeill**—boil removed recently; pinched nerve
- **Berney Charo's** brother **Eliud**—prostate cancer
- **Ian Anderson, Mina Gonzalez's** nephew—rehab
- **Letha Fink's** brother **Kenneth Morrison** of GA—liver disease, diagnosed with neuro-muscular disease
- **Bill Dennis**—improving; recurrent infections
- **River and Forest Cox's** great grandmother **Martha Rowe**—in rehab for knee strengthening
- **Kim Howell's** coworker **Rachel Daniels**—new baby **Titus**, genetic disease; **Howells'** 19-year-old neighbor **Savannah Svensen** has leukemia
- **Noah Hadders's** teacher **Sharolyn Elmore**—radiation for breast cancer; **Randy Reames's** coworker **Diane Estes**—ocular melanoma

Rejoice **Witheringtons** expect their first in Oct, and **McClellands** their first in Nov
Remember Campbells and **Thompsons** in Pekin, IL, for **Mark Campbell's** memorial this weekend



Exposing current trends *holidays and holy days*

Memorial Day *by Patrick Wraight*

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1873 New York officially recognized the holiday. After World War I the holiday was changed to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. Since the late 1950s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day all weekend to ensure each flag remains standing. Today, the meaning of Memorial Day is almost lost in summertime travel, barbecues, and visits with family and friends. But in almost every town, there will be a memorial to fallen warriors and a ceremony honoring dead servicemen.

A. Memorials Link Us to the Past. Memorial Day is a time to reflect on those whose bravery and dedication caused them to give the final sacrifice. Joshua similarly called his people to build two memorials to remind their children about what God had done in the past, Josh 4:1-9. God showed him that as time passes, memories fade. There would be a time when people, even the nation, would need to remember God's provision. We're still like that today. Without memorials, we quickly forget about our past. Monuments take us back so that we can remember our past.

1. Every Person Must Establish Memorials. Personally, too, we need to find our own memorials and remember the work that God has done in our lives. Otherwise, we lose sight of God in our lives and become discouraged, cold, and prayerless. Joshua put stones in the middle of the Jordan as well as on its banks as his personal reminder.

Memorials link us to the past. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan, they took stones from the river to build a monument, representing the day they crossed over, Josh 4:1-3. Then they were to tell their children what those stones meant to them, vs. 6-7, linking them to the past event worth remembering. Every person has a past. The day we were saved is worth remembering and telling others what it means to us. This was when Jesus made a U-turn in our lives, when we changed direction.

2. What does God want us to remember about our past? Remember: we were children of Satan, Jn 8:44; see also Mt 13:38; 1 Jn 3:10; Eph 2:2-3. Remember: we were clueless about God. During the years in the wilderness, Israel had learned many things about God. They had learned of His provision and His judgment. They had learned that He meant business with them and with all who would oppose them.

God uses the hardships of life to teach us about Him. What I knew about God the day I was saved was very small. What He's taught me as He's held my hand through the dark days of my life has been more than any book lesson. Israel could take their children back to the monument and tell them about what they experienced in the desert, the days when it seemed

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Assembly Schedule

Sunday

Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

Wednesday

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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Sunday morning

- **adult Bible class**, "Courage to Live Holy Lives," DeWayne Howell

- **sermon**, Preaching Through First Corinthians (PTFC): chapter 14, "Tongues and Prophesying Compared," Jim Reingrover

Sunday afternoon

- **sing, read, pray**