



JEWELRY, MAKEUP & THE CHRISTIAN

— PART 1 —

— A SAVED TO SERVE STUDY GUIDE —

Adornment & the Christian

We let the Bible interpret itself, comparing Scripture with Scripture and rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). The study runs in one continuous sequence — from Point 1 through Point 22. Read each reference in your Bible and write your answers on the lines provided.

- I. PURPOSE** In this series of doctrinal lessons we will confirm from scripture that God does not condone the wearing of jewelry and cosmetics.

In This Study

1	Who created jewels & gold?	John 1:3
2	How God clothed Adam & Eve	Genesis 2:25
3	Lucifer's pride of appearance	Ezekiel 28:13-17
4	What the Bible calls jewelry	Genesis 35:2-4
5	Take off thy ornaments	Exodus 33:5, 6
6	The adorning God enjoins	1 Timothy 2:9, 10
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◆ BEFORE YOU BEGIN

“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning... but let it be the hidden man of the heart.”

1 PETER 3:3, 4 (KJV)

Keep your Bible open and let each text speak for itself. Lay aside tradition, weigh every passage in the light of the whole of Scripture, and answer honestly. Ask the Spirit to make you a wise and watchful Berean — from Point 1 to Point 22 — that you may know what the Bible truly teaches about jewelry, makeup, and the adorning that is precious in God's sight.

2. **Who created jewels, gold, and precious stones?**— *Read: John 1:3; Colossians 1:16*
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3. **NOTE** Since God created jewels, gold and precious stones, that means there is nothing innately evil about them; rather, they were created for a specific purpose. The question we have to ask ourselves is, did God intend for us to wear jewels, gold, and precious stones? In order to answer this question we must first go back to the beginning to see how God created man.

4. **How did God create Adam and Eve?**— *Read: Genesis 1:26, 27; Genesis 2:25*
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“This sinless pair wore no artificial garments. They were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear. While they lived in obedience to God, this circle of light enshrouded them.”

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5. **NOTE** Adam and Eve were both created perfect, in the image and likeness of God and were clothed with glory and light. Notice that there is no mention of God adorning them with jewels, gold, or any other precious stones.

6. **Who did God create with jewels and precious stones in him?**— *Read: Ezekiel 28:13-15*
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7. **What was one of the primary reasons why Lucifer fell?**— *Read: Ezekiel 28:15, 17*
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8. **NOTE** Pride of appearance was a large factor in Lucifer’s fall and rebellion. Unfortunately, Lucifer chose to misappropriate God’s gifts. Filled with pride, he decided he was beautiful enough to have God’s place on the throne of the universe. Pride led to rebellion. Rebellion led to war in heaven. And war in heaven led to sin on earth. It is none other than Satan that inspires people to put on jewels to make themselves appear more attractive and to foster pride in their hearts.

9. **What does the Bible call jewelry?**— *Read: Genesis 35:2-4; Exodus 32:2-4*
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10. **What is the first commandment?**— *Read: Exodus 20:3*
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11. After Israel sinned in God's sight, what did He instruct them to do so that they would not be destroyed?— *Read: Exodus 33:5, 6*

"Those who have bracelets, and wear gold and ornaments, had better take these idols from their persons and sell them, even if it should be for much less than they gave for them, and thus practice self-denial. Time is too short to adorn the body with gold or silver or costly apparel."

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12. What is another name the Bible gives to jewelry?— *Read: Judges 8:26; Jeremiah 4:30; 2 Samuel 1:24; Isaiah 3:18*

13. Since God counsels us to take off jewels, gold, and precious stones, how should we adorn ourselves?— *Read: 1 Timothy 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:1-4*

"The Bible teaches modesty in dress. 'In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel.' 1 Timothy 2:9. This forbids display in dress, gaudy colors, profuse ornamentation. Any device designed to attract attention to the wearer or to excite admiration is excluded from the modest apparel which God's Word enjoins."

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14. **NOTE** In the majority of cases, the wearing of makeup goes along with putting on jewelry. Does the Bible condone wearing makeup? Let us briefly study this subject.

15. Read Jeremiah 4:30. As we discovered earlier while studying wearing jewelry, putting on makeup is also connected to pride and vanity. The Bible condemns both. What does God say in Proverbs 6:16, 17 about pride?— *Read: Proverbs 6:16, 17*

16. When wicked Jezebel knew that Jehu was coming to slay her, what did she do?— *Read: 2 Kings 9:27-30*

17. **NOTE** Based on the context, Jezebel put on makeup to seduce and to deceive Jehu (see Revelation 2:20). Nowhere in scripture is Jezebel referenced as being a faithful woman of God. Wearing makeup was not a practice that holy women of God did. In fact, God said that His people would receive judgment because of it (see next question).

18. Scan Ezekiel 23:27-40. You will notice that God is pouring out judgment upon His people for their sins (adultery, lewdness, wearing jewelry, etc.) which they picked up from Egypt and the surrounding heathen nations. Into what place did God's people bring these sins?— *Read: Ezekiel 23:38-40*

19. **NOTE** In many churches today (including the Seventh-day Adventist Church), we see that wearing makeup and jewelry is prevalent amongst professed Christians (both in and out of the church).

20. To further augment the point that God's people should not wear jewels and adorn themselves with makeup, let's compare and contrast the true church and the false church. Compare Revelation 12:1 & Revelation 17:1, 4, 5. What differences in appearance do you notice between the whore and the pure woman?— *Read: Revelation 12:1; Revelation 17:1, 4, 5*

TWO WOMEN, TWO CHURCHES

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.”

REVELATION 12:1 (KJV)

21. For those who may be self-conscious about their appearance, what encouragement does God give to us as we seek to follow His counsels regarding adornment?— *Read: Psalm 139:14-18*

22. How will Christ adorn those who are faithful in this life and make it to heaven?— *Read: 1 Peter 5:4; 2 Timothy 4:7, 8; Revelation 2:10*

A CROWN THAT FADETH NOT

“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

REVELATION 2:10 (KJV)

“Never can the cost of our redemption be realized until the redeemed shall stand with the Redeemer before the throne of God.... Then we shall cast our crowns at His feet, and raise the song, ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.’ Revelation 5:12.”

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The Adorning God Prizes

From Eden to the New Jerusalem, God's desire is the same: a people clothed not with gold and gaudy ornament, but with the meek and quiet spirit that is in His sight of great price. The world urges us to adorn the outside; heaven works from the heart outward. Lay the idols of pride at Jesus' feet, and He promises an adorning that never fades — a crown of glory placed by His own hand.

1 PETER 5:4 (KJV)

"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Will you exchange the ornaments of earth for the crown of glory Christ longs to give you?

REFERENCES

Sources & Notes

CROWNS AT HIS FEET

"Those who enter the city of God will have the golden crown placed upon their heads.... We shall cast our crowns at the feet of Jesus, and again and again we will give Him the glory, and praise His holy name."

E. G. WHITE · IN HEAVENLY PLACES {HP 216.6}

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- 4 Strong's Hebrew #5716, "adi" — ornament, adornment, jewelry. biblehub.com/hebrew/5716 ↗

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