

“I thought {recalls Screwtape} what better way to head off any appreciation of, or desire for, Beauty than to produce...a craving after ugliness. Impossible, you say! On the contrary, it is very possible. Indeed, it has been done. Throughout America (and Europe as well), girls whose physical beauty might have been used to celebrate the glory of the Creator have purposely and self-consciously ‘uglified’ themselves...They live by their own choice, in a world of ugliness; their music, their art, their literature, their language, even their cartoons reinforce their degraded view of humanity and (the real goal, here) themselves. True, their media people are continually assaulting [them] with images of beautiful women. But the “beauty” of these women has little to do with what the Enemy [that’s Christ remember] calls Beauty; indeed, one might almost use the word ugly to describe them. Their figures are unnaturally thin, their features distorted, their expressions narcissistic. They have neither charm nor grace nor modesty, but a primitive and devouring aggressiveness that is finally more masculine than feminine. It was we, of course, who first taught their media people how to create and market this infernal beauty and who then taught [the women] either to seek after it or embrace instead the ugliness just described. Either way, they end up severed from the Enemy’s notion of Beauty. Either way, we win.” *C.S. Lewis Screwtape Letters*

“This apostle of Jesus Christ instructs the Christian...wife, a role that is normally the prerogative of the husband. This direct instruction...implies...a measure of moral responsibility and choice unprecedented in Greek thought. The husband...cannot object, since Peter does indeed affirm the man’s authority. On the other hand, he also sees in that affirmation that wife’s...submission is motivated no longer by the expectations of Roman society... or the principles of Greek moral philosophy but instead by the authority and example of the crucified and resurrected Christ... In a masterful move, Peter both upholds and subverts the social order.” *Karen Jobes*

“inward nature” our “true personality.” “It is not visible in itself, but is revealed through words and actions that reflect inner attitudes.” *Wayne Grudem*

“Perhaps till now we have heard the word quietness and thought only in negative terms: Quietness means not speaking...Quietness is absence and hollowness, a vacuum and a hole. The apostle Peter could hardly have described quietness more differently: far from an empty nothing, quietness is an adorning...It means not a silent life, but a life calm and well-ordered, “godly and dignified,” a life that advances God’s kingdom without clamor...the inner outfit of a woman who hopes in God and fears him only. When we hear quietness, we ought to imagine not the absence of speech, but the presence of calm and peace, of fearless hope and endless beauty.” *Scott Hubbard*

“Man looks outward. The gap between what man judges by and the very real consequences for us is what requires faith.” *Dale Ralph Davis*

A gentle and quiet spirit, explains Scott Hubbard, “does not mean standing on the sidelines of life, walking through the world without making a whisper of difference. It means, rather, refusing to believe that the noise of self-assertion is the best way to get God’s work done. It means trusting that a quiet life under God is itself a weapon, a danger, a threat to the kingdom of darkness ever blaring with the uproar of sin.” *Scott Hubbard*

“If they do indeed dress to their true self, these women will not be alone. They have the example of the OT heroines.” *Peter Davis*

Their very voices and faces are different: stronger, quieter, happier, more radiant....They are, I say, recognisable; but you have to know what to look for...They do not draw attention to themselves. You tend to think that you are being kind to them when they are really being kind to you. They love you more than others do, but they need you less...When you have recognised one of them, you will recognize the next one more easily. And I strongly suspect (but how should I know?) that they recognise one another immediately and infallibly...In that way, to become holy is rather like joining a secret society. To put it at its very lowest, it must be great fun.” *CS Lewis Mere Christianity*

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