

Adorning The Doctrine Of God

Paul tells Titus to give this exhortation to servants or slaves (Titus 2:10). The word "adorn" means "to display the beauty or excellence of, to beautify." We give diligence to adorn our homes and our bodies; as Christians, we should also adorn the doctrine of God in our lives.

The devil knows the value of adorning sin; he does not hold sin before people with all of its miseries. Neither does he show people their remorse of conscience after they have sinned. He does not hold up the many unhappy years of reaping that can be one's lot after a few moments of sinful pleasure. He knows these will not entice but repel people from sin, so he adorns sin and makes it appear to be something that will bring happiness and pleasure without ill effects on one and his life (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

The doctrine of God must be adorned in our lives because it is abstract and only becomes concrete in the lives of Christians. Men can see what the doctrine really is by observing a Christian (Philippians 2:15; Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 3:2). We must adorn it in our lives to attract others (1 Peter 3:1-4). If we fail to adorn it in our lives when we become Christians, it will be blasphemed (1 Timothy 6:1).

We adorn the doctrine of God in our lives with a good conscience (1 Peter 3:16-17); with modesty (1 Timothy 2:9); with purity (1 Timothy 4:12); with sobriety (1 Timothy 2:9); with meekness (1 Peter 3:4); with fidelity (Titus 2:10); and the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26). Have you adorned your life with the doctrine of God in all things?

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