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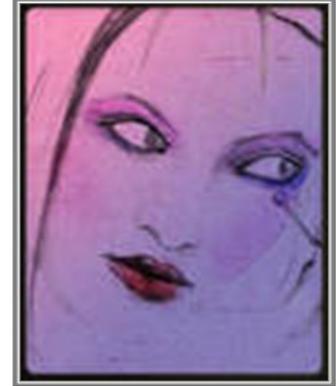
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## A Facial is Not Enough

Mike King



There is not a doubt that the cosmetic industry has taken advantage of the vanity of the American people. The cosmetic industry reports \$5 billion a year in retail earnings from department stores and profiting around \$1 billion. They spend \$486 million dollars per year on advertising. This is costly spending for something that will die! Too, it tells us where the emphasis and values of our nation are focused.

We are also living in an age of pull, tuck, lift, smooth and implant. Our nation is dependent upon artificiality to look good and make a respectable appearance. The mistake that is being made is that the quality of a person usually never meets the eye. Oh, we can see outward signs or indications of the beauty of a person with the eye, but so much more is not seen.

There is good news for those who consider themselves unattractive. Have you ever met someone who at first glance you did not find at all attractive, but familiarity made them more attractive? It was the softness of voice, the personal internal qualities that could only be manifested with time. Observing the individual handle disappointment, grief and failure shows a quality that could never be topped by Maybelline, Avon, Revlon, Clinique, etc.

The Lord set the record straight when a king for Israel was being selected to replace David. The Lord said to Samuel, *“Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature... For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”* (1 Sam. 16:7). For this reason, God overlooked all seven sons of Jesse and wondered if there happened to be anymore. The reason for the one selected would eventually be declared by God and Paul: *“I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will”* (1 Sam. 13:13-14; Acts 13:22).

The Greeks, Egyptians, Romans and ancient cultures during Bible times were known for intricate and creative hair designs braided with gold, gems and other valuables. It became a matter of competition and show since only the wealthy could sport such lavish appearance. Their external charm did not keep them from being prostitutes, polygamist, liars, murderers and gold-diggers! Peter discussed a God-approved beauty, *“...let it be the hidden **person of the heart**, with the **incorruptible beauty** of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God”* (1 Pet. 3:4).

## FACING ADVERSITY OVER AND OVER

By: Allen Smith

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put his boots on? He asked for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on. When the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked and sure enough, they were.

It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on-this time on the right feet. He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" Like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off. He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them."

She didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots on his feet again. She said, "Now, where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots..."

As I read that, I thought about how many of our frustrations come about as the result of having to do something over and over. Let me give you an example. A number of years ago, I was having some back trouble and the doctor told me I needed surgery. I counted down the days until I could find some relief. The surgery went well (in fact; I went home less than 12 hours after surgery), but the recuperation didn't go as planned. Instead of getting relief, I found myself back under the doctor's knife six weeks later.

I remember that the greatest source of frustration wasn't the surgery itself. It was the fact that I thought I was getting better, but I had to start all over again. Just when I thought I was making progress, I encountered a setback. I was able to easily muster the emotional strength to face the first surgery, but it was much tougher the second time.

I've seen the same thing happen in a number of different areas. I suspect you have too. Maybe you were hoping to get bills cleared up only to be hit with an unexpected dentist bill or car repair. Maybe it's harsh criticism you're dealing with, a situation at work that's making it difficult to maintain your Christian standards, or perhaps the struggles of dealing with a rebellious child. You think, "I can handle the difficulty I'm going through as long as I can see the light at the end of the tunnel." Only just when you're at the end of the tunnel and you have taken about all you can take, you realize that there's more adversity ahead and the light is barely visible. I understand; I've been there.

The Christian life is long and sometime difficult. There are times we feel we just can't take it anymore and we want to give up, especially when we've had to face the same adversity over and over again. May this passage serve as a source of comfort and strength to you:

*"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."* (Isa. 40:29-31)

I pray that your strength will be renewed this day as you wait upon the Lord. Hang in there!

## YOUTH NEWS

- Junior Bible Bowl will be held Saturday, March 26, at the Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc.
- There will be a Youth Devo Sun. night, following evening services. The *Weaver's* will be hosting.
- The Senior Bible Bowl will be held here at New Albany, April 3rd.
- West Main Church of Christ will host a Christian Leadership Training Day for 7th-12th grade guys and girls Saturday, April 9th from 9:00-2:00

**PRAYER LIST**

**Willie Jackson**, mother of *Bobby Marques*, is experiencing a decline in her health. *Bobby and Sue* will be going to Georgia this week to be with her.

**Bob Clement**, brother-in-law of *Richard Jennings* is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery and doing well.

**Pat Reed**, will have tests run on her heart later this week.



**Continual Prayer**

**Ed Walker, Joey Black, Brian Camp, Jim Dickerson, Jean Drummond, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Bill King, Terry Young**

**Shut-Ins**

**Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden**

**Military List:**

**David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham,**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

March 28.....Roger Clayton  
March 29.....Caleb Jennings

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

March 24.....J.D. & Sue Stroud

**SENIOR BIBLE BOWL**

We will be hosting the Senior Bible Bowl Sunday, April 3rd. If you can help provide canned drinks and desserts it would be appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Their questions this month will be taken from John 15-21. Be sure and give a word of encouragement to our young people.

**AREA EVENTS**

- You are invited to a **gospel meeting** at the **Chapman Church of Christ** March 20-23. Bro. *Ken Tyler* will be the speaker each night at 7pm.
- **Hwy 178 Church of Christ** has a Youth Day Program planned for Sat. March 26th, from 9:30-12:00. Speakers will be: Bro. Jeff Davis & Bro. Kaschius Clay. Lunch will be provided.
- There will be a **Teacher Workshop @** the Batesville Church of Christ Sat. March 26th, from 8:30-12:00. For more details check the bulletin board.
- There will be a **Ladies Day @ the Ashland Church of Christ** Sat. April 2nd, from 9:00am-12:00pm. Guest speakers will be: Carol Harris and Crystal Byrd.
- The 7th annual **Six State Singing** will be held this year on Sat. April 16th, at the Southwind Church of Christ in Memphis, TN. from 4:00-7:00pm.



I was mocked because I was bald?

2 Kings 2:22,23

**SAGE ADVICE**

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.



## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	121
Sunday A.M .....	133
Sunday P.M .....	106
Wednesday .....	102
Contribution .....	\$3,236.00
Budget .....	\$3,455.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Olen Clark
A.M. Prayer.....	Ray Kennedy
Closing Prayer.....	Bill Lyon
P.M. Prayer.....	Jerry Gibson
Closing.....	Bill Botts
Wed.3/30.....	Dalton Beard
Wed. 3/30.....	Bobby White
Usher & Lock.....	Andy Clemmer
Greeters.....	R & K Jennings



### PANTRY ITEM:

**Toilet Tissue**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship .....	10:30
Evening Worship .....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings.....	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

## DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

## MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office.....	534-4649

## TRUISMS

Someone has written these beautiful words. One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.
2. Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

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