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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Peter 3:1-9

When the pressures of life crush us, how do we respond? First Peter 3 reveals the answer: it is not how we appear outwardly, but what is in our heart? not artificial beauty but the beauty only Christ can achieve. The bottom line? Our inner beauty should be such that it points others to Christ.

Is that really possible? Yes! God, the Holy Spirit, wants to make this kind of transforming change, so that the acts of the sinful nature cease and the fruit of the Spirit is evidenced in us daily. Jesus told us that "the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth" (John 4:23). The Holy Spirit, through Peter, follows that same theme, first in how husbands and wives treat each other, and then in how members of the Body of Christ relate to one another and to the world.

We live in an "it's all about me" world. We have "perfected" narcissism. God doesn't need you to be the best you can be. He needs your full surrender so that His Holy Spirit can make you all that He wants you to be.

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