

## Identity Theft

Lesson Two • Various Scriptures

### Mugged by the Mirror

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A LIE believed as truth will affect you as if it were TRUE.

*“When he [the Devil] tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.” ~Jesus, John 8:44 CSB*

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Beware of the lie: “I am what I LOOK LIKE.”

#### God’s Truth Regarding Beauty and Body

### 1. I Am Wonderfully Made in the IMAGE of God!

*So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 NIV*

*For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Psalm 139:13-15 NIV*

### 2. My Body Is IMPORTANT and What I Do with It Matters!

*Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body. 1Corinthians 6:18-20 CSB*

- My body belongs to GOD, not me.
- My body is a TEMPLE of the Holy Spirit.
- My body is to be used to GLORIFY God.

### 3. Physical Training Is GOOD, but Godliness Is Better!

*For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1Timothy 4:8 NIV*

### 4. True Beauty Is the Inner Beauty of the HEART!

*This young woman, who was also known as Esther, had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Esther 2:7 NIV*

*No man in all Israel was as handsome and highly praised as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the top of his head, he did not have a single flaw. 2Samuel 14:25 CSB*

*Don’t let your beauty consist of outward things like elaborate hairstyles and wearing gold jewelry, but rather what is inside the heart—the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. For in the past, the holy women who put their hope in God also adorned themselves in this way. 1Peter 3:3-5 CSB*

*Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14 NIV*

- Women, invest more in the imperishable beauty of GODLINESS, which is precious to God. Proverbs 31:30
- Men, don’t be seduced by the fleeting beauty of the IMMORAL woman, which leads to destruction. Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:3-6; 7:1-27

### 5. God Designed Your “LOOKS” for His Purpose!

*Leah’s eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. Genesis 29:17 ESV*

- God did not make every person EQUALLY beautiful, physically.
- God did gift you with all the looks you NEED to fulfill His purpose.

#### Reclaiming Your Identity in Christ

Your ultimate identity does not come from WHAT you look like, but from WHOM you look to—Jesus Christ.