

BOOK FIVE



Dew Drops

30 Days of Inspiration for the Woman's Soul

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Introduction

Dear sisters in Christ—

May God bless you wherever you serve.

Thanks to all who helped bring this booklet into being.

All honor is the Lord's.

-R. Martin

“The aged women likewise, that they be...teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:3-5).

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DAY 1

Incorruptible Ornament

“**JEFF, I HATE** to tell you this,” said Michelle with an exaggerated sigh. Unhooking the string of jewelry around her neck, she held it toward her husband. “Do you see how tarnished those beads have become?”

“What?” he exploded, barely glancing at the jewelry. “You can’t mean the necklace I gave you on our tenth anniversary! Why, parts of it are pure gold.”

“Gold tarnishes,” she shot back. “See how dark and unsightly the gold has become.”

“But that thing cost a fortune,” Jeff protested.

She plunked the necklace onto her dresser. “That may very well be, but it’s no longer fit to wear. I was hoping…” She turned to him with a coy smile. “I thought you might be wondering what to get for my birthday.”

“I’m never going to buy an expensive gold necklace again if they don’t last longer than that,” he muttered stormily.



Christian women can wear an ornament far more precious than any gold

necklace. This ornament is not corruptible, it never tarnishes, and is “in the sight of God of great price.” Peter tells us about it in the third chapter of his first letter, the 4th verse. Unlike the pearls and necklaces of the world, this ornament is not even meant to be worn upon the outward person. It is meant for the “hidden man of the heart”—the “inward man” that Paul speaks of in Romans 7:22, meaning the soul with all its affections, feelings, and passions.

Now what kind of ornament can be worn by the soul? A “meek and quiet spirit”—that is how Peter describes it. Meekness that causes no disturbances for others; quietness that is not disturbed by any troubles. This is the “ornament of great price” available to the Christian.

Where must I go and what must I do to procure this precious ornament? Ah, such a priceless treasure can only come from an equally priceless and incorruptible source. Jesus has mined the depths of suffering to procure it for us. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Pet.1:18&19).

By faith in the blood that is far more precious than silver and gold, we receive the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, the grace of God at work in our daily lives.