

Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend

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"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:8

Diamonds are wonderful things. As women, we like them. Of course we do! They sparkle. They shine. They are valuable. No wonder they are called our best friend.

I lost a lot of weight this past year and for several years before that I couldn't wear my wedding ring. It wouldn't fit because I had gained so much weight in my fingers. Only in the last several months since I lost weight have I been wearing my diamond. I told my husband that it's just like I got it all over again and I really notice when it sparkles like I did when I first got married or something. I guess I'm just like a kid and enjoy that sparkle and the way the light hits it.

Diamonds are beautiful and when we are the Christian women God intended us to be, we can be beautiful too. We can sparkle and we can shine. Diamonds don't start out beautiful. They come from deep in the earth. It's just like when we come to Christ for salvation. We come from deep within the mirey clay of sin.

One of the characteristics of a diamond is its clarity. That involves whether there is the presence of any impurities or inclusions in the diamond. Depending on its visibility, the grade of a diamond will go up or down. As a Christian, any impurities in us will bring us down in grade as a Christian too. Others may not even see our impurities or our sins because it may not be visible with the naked eye, but remember that Christ can see our hearts. He knows what the scale of our *clarity* is.

Diamonds don't automatically shine and sparkle. Diamonds that are uncut are rough and aren't like the diamonds we wear in our jewelry. Only the cut diamonds sparkle. A diamond has to be cut by someone who is skilled in diamond cutting for it to sparkle and reflect light. Only the cut Christian woman can sparkle too. We as Christians have to be cut by our Master Designer in order to sparkle and reflect the light of Christ in the way that we should. An idea *cut* for a diamond causes all the light to be reflected back through the top of the diamond so that it reflects the maximum brilliance that it can.

When we allow Christ to mold us and to work in our lives and to *cut* the lines in us in the way that He as our Maker wants, then we reflect His light to the maximum in our lives. If we are living that way and allowing Christ to mold us, there are just some things that we will do if we are going to reflect Him in our lives.

D- Delight In The Lord

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalm 37:4

I- Increase In Love

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you." 1 Thessalonians 3:12

A- Abide In Christ

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5

M- Minister To Others

"Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality." Romans 12:13

O- Obey God's Word

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." 1 John 2:3

N- Never Give Up

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1,2

D- Die To Self

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

So, how well do your sparkle?