

Ladybug! Ladybug!

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"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" 1 Corinthians 6: 19

Ladybugs are unique creatures. They are also about the only bug I like. I guess because they are so bright and cute even if they are beetles. I can remember when I was little I would catch ladybugs and let them crawl across my fingers.

I think it is interesting that scientists tell the different species of ladybugs apart by the number of spots they have. I wonder if people can tell us by our spots? We are ladies of God. Do we show that fact by how we conduct ourselves?

Talk Like A Lady.

There's nothing appealing about foul and filthy language coming out of a woman's mouth. Even less appealing when it comes out of a Christian woman. It's not just foul language that can get us into trouble though. Let's not forget the other things that come out of our mouths too. Unkind words, harsh comments, nagging, gossiping, and complaining are some. Those are things that don't add up to godly spots.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Proverbs 31:26

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Ephesians 4:29

Walk Like A Lady.

When I was in high school, I had Charm Class and I remember the teacher having us walk with a book on our head. I recall her telling us not to gallop like horses and not to walk like we just got off of one. That's good advice. An even gait is much more pleasing. How do you walk? It's probably something you don't think about. Do you clomp your shoes, barrel over people, or even trot like that horse?

We don't want to forget about our spiritual walk as well. Seeking the Lord daily in prayer and Bible study will help us walk more like Christ wants us to do.

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. Ephesians 5:2

Sit Like A Lady.

I was told over and over when I was young to *sit like a lady* and I find myself telling my 8 year old daughter the same thing. Sitting like a lady is important. When you don't sit like a lady it can send all the wrong signals and it isn't pleasing to those around you either.

How we sit spiritually speaking is important too. The Bible tells us to be careful in this area. Psalm 1:1 talks about sitting "*in the seat of the scornful*" (those that reject and mock Christ for who He is).

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel
of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1:1*

Where do you find yourself sitting? Is it with bad company? Maybe it's a problem with sitting and being idle. Maybe it's too much sitting in front of the TV or computer? Maybe too much time sitting and gossiping? Proverbs 31:27 talks about how the Proverbs 31 lady "*eateth not the bread of idleness.*" How you sit will show your spots.

Dress Like A Lady.

What you wear will show your spots too. Have you ever noticed that verse in Proverbs 7:10?

*And, behold, there met him a woman with
the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.*

The woman in this verse was associated with the clothes that she wore just like we are. Some people think it doesn't matter what you wear because people should look on the heart and not your clothes. Face it. Only God looks at the heart. Man is always going to look at the outward appearance. I'm not saying you get so caught up in your appearance that you go overboard. But we are to be careful in this area. You don't want to hinder the cause of Christ by what you wear.

*In like manner also, that women adorn
themselves in modest apparel. 1 Timothy 2:9a*

Modesty is not the only thing important where the area of dress is concerned. Some of us have the modesty part under control. We'd never think of wearing something too tight, too low, too short, etc. But in the areas of sloppiness and unkempt appearances we can sometimes be a little lacking.

When you are wearing clothes three sizes too big, stained up clothes, wrinkled clothes, or clothing that just didn't fit in general, it isn't giving a good impression.

I think this is an area that needs more attention, not just the modesty aspect, but dressing like ladies in a clean and neat fashion. We ought to be pleasing the Lord in how we dress. I don't think He's pleased by sloppiness on our part. We're His and our body is His. I find myself falling into the sloppiness trap because I like to be comfortable, but we are children of the King and we should dress our best. I know this is something I really need to work on.

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Act Like A Lady.

How we act will definitely show our spots. Have you ever stopped to consider how you act when you are around other people? Are you loud, boisterous, pushy and unkind or are you considerate and even-tempered? How do you act towards your family and to your husband?

Did you know that the ladybug goes through a complete metamorphosis? We as Christian women should be changed in Christ. We need to put off the "old man" and put on Christ.

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

The ladybug uses its antennae to touch, smell and taste. We have our own antennae in the Word of God. We should let it be our guide when it comes to what we allow ourselves to be involved in as Christian ladies.

Another fact about ladybugs is that they are helpful. They continuously eat all those bad things like aphids (plant lice), Potato Beetles and Corn Bores. Ladybugs are considered to be the most beneficial of all insects. How beneficial are we by our actions? Are we helpful godly ladies?

Think Like A Lady.

If we are not thinking like a lady, it's going to be harder for us to talk, walk, sit, dress, and act like one. We have to keep our hearts and minds focused on Christ in order to be the godly lady we should be. Where have your thoughts been lately? Are you focusing on things that a godly lady should?

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

Conclusion:

One of the dictionary definitions of a “lady” is “*a woman of high social position*” and the second part of that definition is “*a woman who is polite, well-mannered and refined*”.

As Christian women we do have a “*high social position*”. Not on a worldly level, but if we are born again Christians, we are children of the King. We are part of a royal family and we should act accordingly. Being “*polite*” and “*well-mannered*” should come in tow. When we allow Christ to take over our lives, our thinking, actions, speech, and behavior will reflect Him and we’ll become those godly ladies that we should be.

So, are you conducting yourself like a lady?