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## Beautiful Feet

Read 1 Peter 3:3-5; 1 Timothy 2:9-10

Annemarie took extra care getting ready for her Sunday school class party. She stood in front of the mirror and approved her appearance, admiring the way her bracelets jangled on her arm. She experimented with eye shadow and blush —until Mom made her scrub it off. Finally, she felt satisfied with her looks. *Not that it will be hard to outshine most of the girls in the class, she thought smugly. Especially that mousy Betty!*

In her mind, Annemarie liked to call her "Betty Beautiful Feet" because one Sunday morning, plain old Betty had read a scripture about "the feet of those who bring good news" being "beautiful" and how she wanted to have beautiful feet.

*Hah!, thought Annemarie. I'd rather look good all over!*

During the party, their class teacher, Mrs. Partridge, took time to hear people give a testimony of what God had done for them. Annemarie was inspecting her fingernails to make sure her nail polish hadn't chipped, when a new girl she didn't know spoke up. "I'm thankful for Betty, who brought me to Sunday school—but mostly for Jesus. I was saved last Sunday."

Annemarie glanced at Betty and saw that her face was positively glowing. *Why, she almost looks pretty,* thought Annemarie.

When Annemarie got home that evening, she told her mother about Betty's friend. "I sat with Betty during the refreshments," she said. "She's really nice. I guess I was always too busy looking at her face and ugly clothes to notice what she was really like. I guess looks aren't so important, are they?"

"They're certainly not the most important thing," Mom replied. "I'm sure God would like us to be neat and clean and look our best, but the latest clothes must never take first place in our lives. Read 1 Peter 3:3-4 before you get into bed tonight. It will help you put appearance in its proper place."

"I will," promised Annemarie, "and tomorrow I'm going to start working on beautiful feet."

### HOW ABOUT YOU?

What's important to you? Good looks and clothes? God says those things are secondary. Never let them become more important than pleasing God.

**BE BEAUTIFUL INSIDE**

### Scripture Memory Verse:

**"Be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."**

**1 Peter 3:4**