

Are You Attractive?

What do advertisers use to sell their products (cars, etc.)? They use attractive women. What do liquor and cigarette makers use to sell their products? They use attractive labels. Simply put, attraction catches the eye. Knowing this, Christians can use attraction to bring others to Jesus. When Christians have the truth of the gospel, but are not attractive in their Christian living, people will “lose their appetite” for Christianity. Just like going to a dirty restaurant. So, how can Christians be attractive?

Christians can practice good works (Matthew 5:16). Selfish Christianity is not attractive. They can love others (John 13:35). Hateful, spiteful Christianity is not attractive. They can use pure speech (Ephesians 4:29). Foul-mouthed Christianity is not attractive. They can be united (Psalm 133:1). Divisive Christianity is not attractive. They can have peace of mind (Philippians 4:6-8). Unhappy Christianity is not attractive. They can be consistent (Matthew 23:1ff) and constant (Daniel 6:3ff). Hypocritical Christianity is not attractive. They can be devoted (Ruth 1:16ff). Uncommitted Christianity is not attractive.

It is important to make your Christianity attractive so when others see you, they will want to come to Jesus. Are you attractive? - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- We can't make Jesus mean anything to others until He means everything to us.
- You were not put here to "find yourself," but rather to serve God (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
- Learn from others' mistakes; you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- Sin will take you farther than you want to go, will keep you longer than you want to stay, and will cost you more than you want to pay.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

“I will ... I will ... I will”

This is the time of year when many people have made their new year's resolutions. They are resolved to lose weight, resolved to get out of debt, resolved to stop smoking, etc. Resolve to live right and follow God would also be a good resolution for this new year.

Consider the psalmist in the Old Testament who professed his resolve for uprightness in Psalm 101. He wrote:

I will sing of lovingkindness and justice: Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I sing praises.

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way: Oh when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

I will set no base thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; It shall not cleave unto me.

A perverse heart shall depart from me: I will know no evil thing.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I destroy: Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of

the land, that they may dwell with me: He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister unto me.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes.

Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land; To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of Jehovah.

Note that the psalmist wrote what “I will” do in verse 1 and then how “I will” act verses 2-8. Note how many times he wrote “I will”. We need to be more like the psalmist of old.

The problem with many today is neither knowledge (Luke 12:47), nor ability (Matthew 25:26-27). Many people know what God wants them to do and many people today have the ability to do what God wants them to do. The problem is resolve. They lack the resolve to act upon the knowledge and the ability that they possess. Let's consider a few things that resolve with do for you, if you let it.

Resolve will keep you from making excuses (Ezekiel 18:14). Resolve comes from focusing on God's word, not on daily circumstances or environment.

Resolve will keep you from worldliness (Daniel 1:8; 3:16-17; 6:10). Resolve comes from a heart settled ahead of time to do what is right at all times.

Resolve will keep you from remaining in your sin (Luke 15:18). Resolve comes from realizing what it means to be truly “lost” and “found” again.

Resolve will keep you pressing toward the goal (Acts 21:10-14; Philippians 3:14; 2 Timothy 4:6-8). Resolve comes from focusing on God's will, not on your own will.

Resolve will keep you busy in the Lord's kingdom (John 4:4, 34-35; Romans 1:14-16). Resolve comes from recognizing the urgency of salvation and the urgency of doing God's will today!

Resolve will cause you to accept the Lord's invitation to come and be saved (Revelation 22:17). Resolve comes from appreciating what Christ has to offer in salvation and a home in heaven.

“I will ... I will ... I will” Are you resolved? Let's all be resolved to obey God today! - Chris Reeves