



Veritas in Prayer Beauty in Christ

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You, Lord Jesus, taught with such beauty. You chose Your words, which teach and correct, as an artist would skillfully choose the right canvas and brush. We are a work of art if we are malleable, correctable, and flexible enough to listen and learn from You. You demonstrated such a radical love while You graced this earth. Speaking through parables and metaphors, You instructed us with such quiet, simple messages, drawing wisdom out of each soul. You demonstrated Yourself so selflessly to us without preaching or passing judgment. Carefully, tenderly, the Word was shown to us through the actions of a simple carpenter not an eloquently trained Pharisee. Those who were transformed by Your tender teaching were never brow-beaten by You. Forgive us for not recognizing the beauty in winsomeness and simplicity. Insecurity and fear of failure overwhelm us at times, so we strive, manipulate, and push to get our own way. In our homes, out of our own sin natures, we over-correct, become impatient, and even sometimes neglect teaching our own children because we do not believe that YOU are enough for our inadequacies. Your words are enough. Your grace is sufficient, but we forget this so often. Our words are not tender, quiet, and simple at times. They are often harsh, contrary to the way You taught. We elevate ourselves with performance or demonstrations of skill, intellect, and talent. Forgive us. May we recognize our own blindness to this sin so our families will be a breath of fresh air to this culture. Be that breath of fresh air to us who is correcting but not condemning. We relinquish control to You, Lord, so we may walk in this newness of life. Breathe on us a fresh spirit, Lord Jesus.

Scriptures References Concerning Beauty in Christ

Matthew 11:29: Take my yoke upon You and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and You will find rest for Your souls.”

2 Corinthians 4:16: “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

Isaiah 40:8: “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

Psalms 145:8: “The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.”

“We do not want merely to see beauty...We want something else which can hardly be put into words-to be united with the beauty we see, to pass into it, to receive it in ourselves, to bathe in it, to become part of it....At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door....Some day, God willing, we shall get in” ~C.S Lewis