



Devotional & Article Writing Starters

Topic: "Ornament"

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Take the ideas and build upon them to make them your own. Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

Job Description of an Ornament

Be Outstanding

- Christians should stand out from the crowd.
- We must be in the world but not of the world.
- We can't blend into the tree!

Be Radiating

- Christians should emit light from where they are.
- Shine your light for Christ.
- The deeper we go into the tree; the less other's will see the light of Christ in us!

Be Adorning

- Christians should adorn the body of Christ.
- We should make the world a more beautiful place!
- We must make a difference in the beauty of the tree!

Be Magnifying

- Christians should magnify Christ.
- Glorifying the Lord puts the spotlight on Him!
- We must recognize we are just ornaments on the tree! (God is the Maker)

Be Embellishing

- Christians should embellish the body of Christ.
- We should be doing our part with our own God-given gifts!
- We all have our own branch to hang on!

Don't Hide in the Tree!

- Matthew 5 (salt and light)
- 2 Corinthians 4:3 (hidden gospel)
- Romans 12:2 (conforming to the world)
- The world needs us because people need Christ.
- We must stand out from the branches and share the light of Christ!

Hanging Around

- What's holding you up?
 - Your own pride
 - Your own accomplishments
 - Your own will
 - Your own view
- Is it God's strength or your own holding you up?
- Do you feel like your string is threadbare?
- Do you feel like you are hitting every branch as you fall?
- Claim God's strength and stop just holding on but allow God to hold you.
 - Philippians 4:13
 - Psalm 63:8
 - John 16:33

Ornament of a Meek & Quiet Spirit

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 1 Peter 3:4 (KJV)

- Meekness helps us adorn the body of Christ.
 - James 3:13
 - 1 Peter 3:15
 - Colossians 3:12
- Meekness is a selfless thing.
 - The opposite of meekness
 - Arrogant attitudes
 - Prideful attitudes
- Quiet Spirits help us adorn the body of Christ.
 - Matthew 11:29
 - Proverbs 15:1
 - Titus 3:2
- Quiet Spirits are a selfless thing.
 - The opposite of a quiet spirit
 - Boisterous attitudes
 - Explosive attitudes
- Having a meek and quiet spirit boils down to not being concerned with self but being concerned with others.