



Devotional & Article Writing Starters

Topic: "Hair/Beauty Salon"

Julia Bettencourt

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

We are Rockin' a New Do

- We are "new creatures" (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- We have had a "wash" by the Master. (Ephesians 2:8)
- We have had a "cut" (Sin cut with Salvation)
- We are given style (Fruit of the spirit—Christian living)

We can walk out the door with confidence in our *new do*!

Bed Head

Bed head is that untidiness in our hair. How tidy are we in our Christian lives?

- Brush with
 - Prayer (Talk to God as you start your day!)
 - Bible Reading (Allow God to talk to you as you start your day!)
 - Love (Show love as you go about your day!)
- What are the things in our lives that keep us from being "tidy" for Jesus?

Watch out for bed head!

Bad Hair Days Will Happen

- We all have bad days. We all have our ups and downs. It’s how we deal with them that is important.
 - Watch our attitudes.
 - Watch our tongues.
- We have to allow the Lord to help smooth us.
- When we walk in the calm and peace of Jesus, those bad hair days will be manageable. They still may be hard, but we have to allow the Lord to help manage them in order to function and get to the next day and what it brings for us.

Getting the Tangles!

- Study the story of Jonah.
- Jonah got the tangles when he didn’t obey God.
- *The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. Jonah 2:5*
- To avoid the tangles.
 - Listen to God and allow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
 - Don’t try to run away.
 - Don’t try to hide.
 - Acknowledge God is the One who removes the *tangles*.
- Getting tangled up in sin will always mess up your life.

Going Beyond Plaiting of Hair

- Study 1 Peter 3
- *Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 1 Peter 3:3 (KJV)*
- What really matters in the Christian life.
- 1 Peter 3 is full of the things that matter.
 - The things that are inside us (vs. 4)
 - Quiet spirits (vs. 4)
 - Trust in God (vs. 5)
 - Compassion (vs. 8)
 - Love (vs. 8)
 - There is more in the chapter too!

Speech That Will Make Your Hair Curl

- Study the tongue and how when we keep it trimmed of all the bad things, it can be beautiful.
- When we say “it will make your hair curl”, we mean it will frighten and shock you. Our speech shouldn’t be doing that to other people.
- Our tongues need
 - Trimmed (cut out all those bad things)
 - Conditioned (softened and kinder)
 - Styled (appropriate for a Christian)
- *A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!* Proverbs 15:23 (KJV)

Permission Details for “Starters” & Writing Prompts:

You may not reproduce the “starters” or writing prompts as is. You must add and contribute to the content and make your own devotional/article with them before sharing. The end result should be your own thoughts done with your own words. The “starters” and writing prompts are offered as an outline/skeleton base to build upon with your own writing on top of the “starter”. Think of them as a “starter” for bread. Your loaf will always turn out a little differently even if others use the same starter as you. Be creative and bake your own loaf!