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"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps"



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Philippians 2:5, 15

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world"



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#### Christians are to be beautiful

1 Peter 2:11-12

"Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."

#### The Christians beautiful life

Titus 2:1-10, 14

"speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine... adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

Adom =
Attractive +
Appealing



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#### **Beautiful Christians**

1 Peter 2:13 – 3:12

"...be submissive ...of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous..."



#### **Beautiful Christians**

**Ephesians 4:25 – 6:9** 

"...be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.
And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us..."



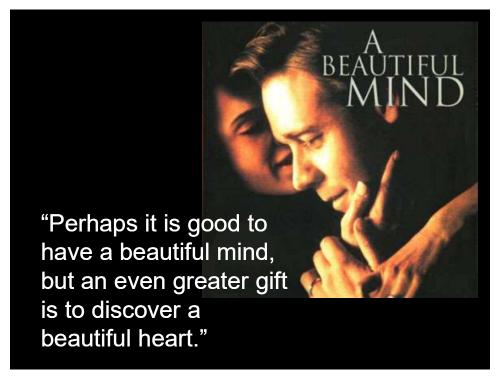
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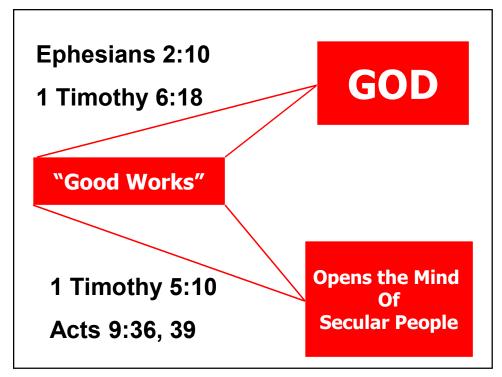
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Colossians 3:1 - 4:6

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth...put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering...But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..."







### **Working of Each Part**

1 Cor. 12:14-16; Eph. 4:16

- Genuine Love For People
- A Strong Desire For Church To Grow
- Warm & Friendly
- Faithful Helpers—(Rom. 16:3-9)
- •Hospitality Smells Good (1 Pet. 4:9)
- Faithful Unto Death

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# A Growing Church Is Not Just Personal Evangelism

- ■They were a praying people (Acts 2:41-41, 3:1; 4:24)
- ■They were a problem solving people (Acts 6; 15:4-6)
- They were a people in which women played a major role: Lydia (16), Priscilla (18), Paul arrested men and women
- •Women did not "teach nor usurp authority over a man" (1 Tim. 2:12); but 8 or more women labored in the Lord (Rom. 16:1-15)

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- ■They were a sacrificial people (Acts 2:42-44; 4:34-35)
- ■They were a people steadfast in the midst of trials and persecutions "They ceased not"
- •We must be willing to suffer hardship and not expect that life in Christ will always be comfortable and convenient.

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- They were a people who loved one another (Acts 20:36-38).
- They were a people seeking truth (Acts 2:42).
- They were a people who spread the good news (Acts 8:4).

