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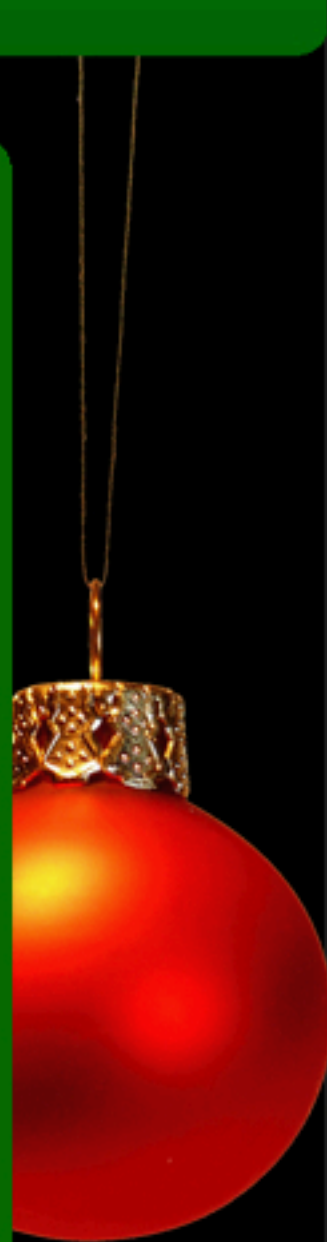
"Make Me an Ornament"

How Are You Hanging?

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)

In my mind when I think of ornaments, I think of something shiny and beautiful. Bright, glistening, pretty and sparkling. The meaning of ornament is anything serving to adorn; decoration, or embellishment." I think what Peter says, "But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price..." On into verse 3 it talks about our adorning and how it is not to be that of doing things to our outside such as "plaiting the hair" or "wearing gold." Verse four it says "But let it be the hidden man of the heart." The heart is where we should be adorning ourselves.

Peter is not saying that we don't fix our hair and not wear gold. He is saying that the external things are not important, but what is in the heart does, because other lives depend on how we act from our hearts. There are many unsaved and those who do not know Christ as their savior that are watching our lives. We are to be examples of Christ and shine with His Glory. How we adorn ourselves on the outside is the point here. It is how we adorn our hearts. Try not to think as much about the external. We need to concentrate more on the internal, our hearts and our spirit. Our family, friends and people we see and meet are looking at our hearts and how we talk, live and behave. Just like Christmas ornaments, which are hanging on a tree; we are hanging and dangling out there for others to see. How are we embellished, adorned and shining for Christ will determine what people see?



What Type Of Ornament Are You?

1. Tarnished ornament: Part of the paint is off and glitter comes off in your hands. Someone rubs off your joy and you become tarnished and lose your glow.
2. Ugly ornament: Ugly outside and inside and represents a sad and ugly attitude. Do you wear ugly expressions and speak ugly words? No one wants to come near this type of person.
3. Broken ornament: Someone who is always showing their problems. Their life is always falling apart. It is broken and falling apart because their priorities are in the wrong order.
4. Packed Away Ornament: No longer useful and packed away. They stopped reading the Bible, praying and witnessing. You're losing your glow and have little cracks here and there.
5. Perfect ornament: We all strive to be this one. This reflects Christ and is beautiful and adorns.

Merry Christmas
What Type Of Ornament Are You? So, How Are You Hanging?
Patti Grier

Christmas Almond Balls

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| 3/4 c. butter | 1/4 tsp. salt |
| 1/4 c. powdered sugar | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 c. flour | Glazed whole cherries |
| 1 c. fine chopped or ground sugar | Powdered |

Almonds

Cream butter until light and fluffy. Blend in sugar, flour, nuts, salt, and Vanilla. Mix until blended. Use a teaspoon of dough to roll into a ball around a whole cherry. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 20 minutes in 325° oven. When slightly cool, roll in powdered sugar.

