

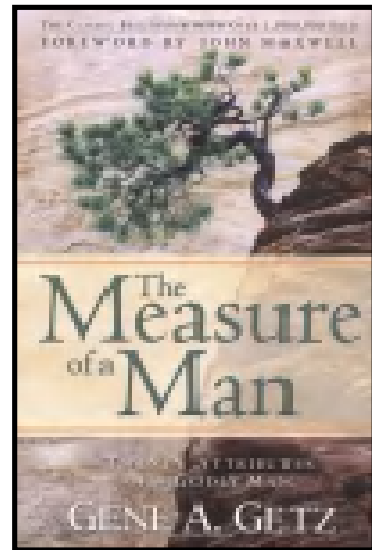
The Measure of a Man, “Adorning the Gospel of Christ” By Gene Getz

Christians are called to adorn or wear Christ in their lives; they are called to follow Christ and, thus, to become like Him.

As often said – and is understood over time – “words are cheap” – and our actions speak volumes over our words. Whereas we may have “a past” or, even in the present, have disappointed or hurt others in our behavior; yet, we still live under the instruction and charge of this call to Christ.

With this instruction and charge is the occasional opportunity for a self-assessment. Not self alone but, through the Holy Spirit, the figurative look in the mirror to see the soul – the present state, the changed ways, etc. Some questions offered by Gene (regarding the adornment of Christ) include:

1. **What about my spoken words?** Words maybe cheap; but words can also be a sign or signal of your soul. Remember that “the tongue” (or words) is very powerful and, therefore, can be very destructive. What do you speak?
2. **What about my possessions?** Do you live as you do – with your property and possessions – so as to please or impress others? Does your desire and practice of collecting or amassing possessions have to do with necessity or extravagance? Remember the danger (and folly) of consumerism: the more you have...the more you want...the more you rationalize that you need; and so the vicious cycle continues with a spiraling direction of self-indulgence – even idolatry! What do you live with...or without?
3. **What about my practices...or my lifestyle?** How do you live or conduct your life – your private and public life?
4. **What about my interests, your desires, and your goals?** Oh yes, some big questions that warrant deep and periodic thinking or pondering. What do you live for?



I'm sure you could come-up with other questions, but starting with the above can be opportunistic to examine who you are; that is, if you're willing to be open and honest. I've heard a saying that *it is a pity for a man to be known but to not know himself*. On this fragment of a famous quote, I suggest that you discover who you are...with help of course!

Adorning the Gospel figuratively means that, with passing looks in the mirror, you see a more vivid image of Christ...and a glorified Father.