

17. **What about my wedding ring?** - Mark 7:9

Very simply, support for the wedding ring can be found nowhere in scripture. In fact it is directly related to Pagan worship.

“The use of temples, and these dedicated to particular saints, and ornamented on occasions with branches of trees, incense, lamps, candles; votive offerings on recovery of illness; holy water; asylums; holy days and seasons, use of calendars, processions, blessings on the fields; sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure, *the ring in marriage*, turning to the east, images at a later date...are all of pagan origin, and sanctified by their adoption into the church.

John Henry Newman, *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* (London: Longmans, Green Company, 1906), pp. 372, 373

18. **What about wearing a cross?** - Luke 9:23

Jesus never asked us to wear a cross, He asked us to bear the cross by denying ourselves daily.

19. **What would Jesus do?** 1 John 2:6

I cannot picture Jesus mutilating His body by piercings, tattoos, or anything else to make Himself more beautiful. God made you beautiful just as we are.

Conclusion:

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” **Romans 12:1,2**

This study has not been designed to throw gas on a fire of controversy, it is simply to help bring into a closer walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that wherever God leads, you will follow.

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Bonus Lesson

Introduction:

The question has been posed time and time again can/should a Christian wear jewelry. This will be an in depth study into that subject. As always please pray before you begin.

1. **How is a Christian known?** – Matthew 7:20

It all starts in the heart then germinates outward. If the root of a person is healthy, the plant will be healthy and vice-versa. The way we act shows who we serve (Titus 1:16, James 2:18)

2. **Who do we represent?** – John 20:21, 2 Cor. 3:18

We are ambassadors of God and it is He that we represent.

3. **What was the form of money/wealth?** – Gen. 24:22

Jewelry, the literally wore their wealth. Offerings were also paid this way (Ex. 35:22).

4. **What is the root of all evil?** – 1 Timothy 6:10

Money is not the root of all evil but the love of money is. It is not wrong to have money, but, does God want us to wear it for all to see?

5. **Isn't the wearing of jewelry justified in Bible stories**

Joseph (Gen. 41:42), Saul (2 Sam 1:10, Mordecai (Esther 8:2), and Daniel (Dan. 5:29) are all seen wearing jewelry. This is written with no comment. However, we must remember, the Bible is a faithful record of God's children including their failures. Ex. Noah was drunk (Gen. 9:20,21), Lot had sex with his daughters (Gen. 19:30-38), Judah impregnated his daughter-in-law (Gen. 38:12-26). We do not repeat all that is seen in the Bible, do we?

6. **What about the prodigal son?** – Luke 15:13,22

This son, basically left his family, when he was restored his father gave him a ring. This is a signet ring, like the family checkbook, the son now had free access to the remaining fortune of his father.

7. **Could jewelry be a stumbling block to others?**

Ezekiel 7:19, Romans 14:13

If someone has a problem drinking I would not invite him to a bar. We, as Christians, should not tempt each other to fall.

8. **How did Isaiah prophesy about adornment?**

Isaiah 3:16-23

In prophecy a woman is a church (Jer. 6:2). In this prophecy the women (churches) were to be severely judged because of their pride which is directly connected with adornment.

9. **What caused Lucifer to fall?** - Ezek. 28:13,17

Pride.

10. **What counsel does Paul give regarding adornment?**

1 Timothy 2:9,10

Modesty is key..

11. **How does this relate to good stewardship?**

Isaiah 55:22, Mt. 6:19-21, James 5:3

We should be careful of how we use God's resources and store up treasures in Heaven not earth.

12. **It's such a little thing, it's not an idol to me, is it?**

Ex. 32:2-4

If it is such a little thing then why is it so hard to take off? A little thing can turn into a big idol just as in the experience with the Israelites.

13. **What did God command the Israelites to do?**

Ex. 33:2-4

The same thing He asks His last day people to do (Is. 2:20,21), take it off so it does not overcome us. Foreign gods and jewelry are classified together (Gen 35:1-4).

14. **How should I treat the temple of God?**

1 Cor. 3:16, 17, Lev. 21:5,6,

Since we belong to God and our bodies are His temple, we should not defile it.

15. **Where is true beauty found?** - 1 Peter 3:3,4

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16. **How are end-time churches identified?**

Rev. 12:1, 17:4

God's true church in Rev. 12 is wearing natural light while the apostate church is bedecked with jewelry and fine apparel. This is associated with an appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22).