



## **WOW: Word Of the Week**

### **Cosmetics**

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OK! I admit it! I wanted your attention. I will talk about cosmetics, but the word that caught my attention this week is the Greek word kosmeo, to adorn. In 1 Tim. 2:9, Tit. 2:10, and 1 Pet. 3:5 are the only occurrences of this little word in the letters.

Our word has a basic meaning of “to put in order.” Think about cosmos and chaos.

1 Tim. 2:9 and 1 Pet. 3:5 both refer to how Christian women can make themselves most beautiful. Interestingly, the “cosmetics” used by Christian women to make themselves beautiful are not external but internal.

Titus 2:9 speaks of our responsibility to make the teaching about God our Savior attractive (NIV). ESV--in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. God’s Word--show the beauty of the teachings about God our Savior in everything they do.

Here’s our Wednesday W.O.W. And a brief biblical reflection.

1. Christians live in a certain way, submissively, not with aggressiveness or arguments, doing things that will encourage others to take note. We can summarize this as attitudes.
2. Christians demonstrate their faith. Here is a quick summary of Christian actions.
3. The result is that the teachings are made attractive.

Kosmeo. Adorn the gospel. Adorn the teachings. Be consistent – teaching and task, doctrine and duty, creed and conduct, preaching and practice, logic and living.

Others want to know. Others watch, not admiring us but admiring our Lord and Savior. We can, with our attitudes and actions, make the gospel look good; the teachings are attractive.

Some Christians struggle with this matter because they themselves do not find the teachings attractive. They do not enjoy the teachings, they do not enjoy Bible classes, sermons, Bible reading. They do not read the Bible very much. They do not want “more church.”

Here’s one way to summarize this text. You are God’s cosmetics for the teachings and the gospel. Do you and I make the gospel attractive?