

“What Not To Wear”

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Décor/ Set-up: Use the colors black & white to go along with the fashion theme. For an inexpensive decorating tip purchase some black & white patterned scrapbooking paper and wrap straight sided votive candle holders, pillar candles and vases with strips of paper. Use stick on rhinestones to add a touch of bling. Cover tables with white table clothes and use black & white patterned scarves as table runners. You could wear these scarves after the event. Display fancy purses, necklaces, mirrors and other accessories. Add more bling by using rhinestones as confetti on the tables. For another touch purchase long stem red roses at the grocery store and place in glass vases. For the walls you may be able to purchase chandelier wall decals at the dollar store. You could also dress up the ladies washroom for the evening by displaying a mirrored tray with soaps and creams, and a simple white towel tied with a black ribbon.



Serve punch as ladies arrive for the evening.

Activities:

Make-overs: Before the event find at least 2 volunteers that would be willing to have a make-over. A day or two before the event you could take them to the thrift store and pick out outfits, perhaps a local hair stylist would do their hair at a minimal or no charge. Have someone do their make-up and have them make a ‘Grand Entrance’ at the event or the hair and make-up could take place at the event. You or someone else could share fashion do’s and don’ts using the book, “Dress Your Best” by Clinton Kelly and Stacy London to teach about what suits our bodies the best. Or invite someone from a clothing store to talk on fashion.

Draw for Beauty Products: Purchase a variety of items (hand cream, nail polish, etc.) and display on a table. Give each lady a ticket as they arrive, and throughout the evening draw in groups of 3-5, allowing ladies to come up and choose an item they would like. Ladies will go home with a treat they will actually use.

Food: Have a selection of finger foods and appetizers. Use plastic serving pieces, forks, glasses and white cupcake liners to serve food in individual serving sizes. Display food on silver trays which can be purchased at dollar store. Weave strings of pearls between trays for a fancy touch. Serve individual servings of veggies and dip in small clear plastic glasses as an option over having a veggie tray. Put dip in bottom of glass, then stick vegetables in dip and a cucumber slice over side of glass. Looks very nice.



Devotional by Jennifer Reid

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Wake up! Get up! (sometimes after pressing snooze 3 or 4 times) Shower! Do Hair! Put on Make-up! This is my morning routine almost every morning before breakfast and getting my kids off to school. Is your morning routine similar? Most of us would have the same routine that we follow each morning because it keeps everything running smoothly. And if you are like me it doesn't matter what my plans are for the day or evening even if it is laundry and cleaning house, etc. I always put on my make-up. It makes me feel put together and ready. But am I ready just because I've applied a little blush and put on my lipstick.

In Ephesians chapter 6 Paul reminds us of the necessity of daily putting on the armor of God because it will make us ready. We've heard tonight about What Not To Wear, Fashion Do's and Don'ts. I do occasionally watch TLC's "What Not to Wear" and believe they offer some great tips. In talking fashion however, Paul tells us what "not" not to wear. If we want to be fashion queens or a "Fashionista" as my daughter says, and always dressed in style we need to dress ourselves in the armor of God.

As women of God we need to be prepared for spiritual battle and verses 10-18 of Ephesians 6 tells us what each of these fashion pieces are. Let's read the verses together.

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

I wouldn't go anywhere without my make-up on, I'm guessing you wouldn't go out in a snowstorm wearing shorts and flip flops, and I don't think anyone would go to a wedding in their PJ's. It's good to want to be dressed appropriately and look our best. So how can we go through our day journeying with God without putting on His armor? As we dress ourselves each morning we need to ask God to clothe us with each piece of armor. The Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit!!! We need to be spiritually dressed. And just as we would take our purses with us we need to pick up the sword of the spirit (God's Holy Word) and spend time reading it and praying. Doing this will equip and strengthen us.

I think I want to follow these Do's and Don'ts over any tips that any fashion expert can give. I challenge you with this question, "Are you in style when it comes to your spiritual fashion taste"?