

## 2024: DIVINE OPPOSITES

Commit to spending at least 10 minutes a day writing out the Scripture for that day and meditating on what it means for you. For the month of February we'll see what God says about beauty and ugliness.

### FEBRUARY: BEAUTY & ÚGLINESS

- 1. Isaiah 64:6
- 2. Galatians 3:26-27
- 3. Ecclesiastes 3:11
- 4. Genesis 1:31
- 5. 1 Peter 3:3-4
- 6. Proverbs 31:30
- 7. Matthew 6:28-29
- 8. Luke 16:19, 25
- 9. Matthew 23:27-28
- 10. Romans 10:15
- 11. Ezekiel 28:17
- 12. Psalm 27:4
- 13. Luke 12:15
- 14. Genesis 1:27

- 15. 1 Timothy 2:9-10
- 16. Proverbs 11:22
- 17. 1 Samuel 16:7
- 18. James 2:2-4
- 19. Genesis 29:17
- 20. Ruth 4:11
- 21. Proverbs 6:25
- 22. Song of Solomon 4:7
- 23.1 Timothy 4:8
- 24. Psalm 96:6
- 25. Psalm 38:3-5
- 26.2 Corinthians 5:17
- 27. Proverbs 6:16-19
- 28. Ephesians 5:8-10
- 29. Psalm 139:14

# DO THE "WRITE" THING!

# STUDY SUGGESTIONS

This year, we are examining themes in the Bible that seem like opposites. We often find that God defines things differently than the world does. In February, we look at Scripture about beauty and ugliness. Like last month, the verses are paired so that days 1 & 2 relate to each other, as do 3 & 4. We see that God made things beautiful and serving God is beautiful while focusing just on physical beauty is unwise and sin is ugly no matter how the sinner looks on the outside. The verse for February 29 is a great verse to remind us that we are all created by God and that makes us beautiful!

#### **Option 1: Devotional study**

Write the verses on a card or in a journal and take a moment to pray about what God is saying in this passage and reflect on how it applies to you. Try using the SPECK method of application:

- 1. Sin Is there a sin I need to confess or avoid?
- 2. Promise Is there a promise of God in this passage?
- 3. Example Is there a role model in this passage?
- 4. Command Is there a command to obey?
- 5. Knowledge What knowledge do I gain about God?

As you answer the questions, write down a few thoughts in your journal or on the back of the card.

### **Option 2: In Depth method**

Write the verses at the top of a sheet of paper in a journal. Answer the following questions about the passage:

- 1. Who wrote this passage and to whom was it written?
- 2. What is the theme of the book or section?
- 3. What are some key words in the passage and what do they mean? You may want to consult a lexicon or Bible dictionary.
- 4. What are some ways this passage would have challenged the first readers? How does it challenge Christians today?
- 5. For application purposes, consider using the SPECK method from Option 1.

