

2 Peter 1:13-14

Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

I used to work for a company that catered to people's appearance. OK, it catered to their vanity. There are so many companies that do this, and you know them by the commercials they have on TV or the ads they have on the Internet or in magazines.

They tell you that you can look better and feel better about yourself if you just buy and use their product. But the truth is, when people buy and use these products to change their appearance, such as the shape of their body, getting rid of wrinkles etc., they are telling God that He did a bad job when He created him or her.

We tend to forget that God created us all uniquely and each and every one of us God created to look just the way we are without all these product or surgeries to change our appearance.

Maybe you don't like the way you look. Do you realize that you only look at yourself for maybe 5-10 minutes each day in the mirror? Like when you are getting ready for work, or brushing your teeth, etc. But God looks at you 24 hours a day, seven days a week non-stop.

✠ **Job 34:21** *For His eyes are on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps.*

If God wants to look at you continually, don't you think that He likes what He created and what He sees? So why change a good thing!

Plus as today's verses speak about the tent, which is referring to this physical body of ours, it's only temporary. So why waste your money on temporary things, like trying to look like the latest movie star or model?

The most beautiful men and women I have seen do not have the physical appearance that the world says you should have, but rather they portray Jesus in their lives. After all, don't we all want to be like Jesus. Jesus never dyed his hair, had His wrinkles removed, or altered His body with artificial stuff.

So put on Jesus Christ and spend your efforts trying to look like Jesus on the inside. When you do, others will be drawn to you, not because you are beautiful or handsome like the world says you should be. But rather because they are attracted to the light which is in you, and that light is Jesus Christ.

When it's all over, we will get rid of these lampshades, or tents we call bodies anyway!

† **Matthew 5:14** *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*