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Scripture: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psa. 139:13-14 NIV)

Beautiful

Several years ago, Grammy Award winner Christina Aguilera recorded a hit single titled "Beautiful". Through it, the songwriter expressed a sentiment that applies to all young women, particularly young women of God.

*I am beautiful no matter what they say
Words can't bring me down
I am beautiful in every single way
Yes, words can't bring me down
So don't you bring me down today*

- *by Linda Perry*

That's a powerful message and a timely one considering that much of what's marketed to young women today leads to self-loathing or harmful behavior. But the writer who penned these lyrics knows that real beauty comes from within. It lies deep inside every child of God. He put it there Himself and, for that reason alone, no one can take it from us.

King David had a similar revelation when he penned the 139th Psalm. In it, he wrote, "*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well*" (Psa. 139:13-14 NIV). King David realized that God formed him to suit His pleasure. Everything about his composition and physical appearance pleased God. When David realized that God knew him inside and out, and He loved him just the same, David rejoiced. He praised God.

Like King David, you too are fearfully and wonderfully made. Translation, God took great care and a special interest in creating you as a splendid, spectacular, stunning, superb, extraordinary and distinct work of art. God's workmanship in you is amazing and perfect. Rather than try to improve upon perfection, learn to love and appreciate the masterpiece that you are literally. After all, God fashioned

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you to suit **His** pleasure (not man's). That means He gave you beauty as well as intellect, gifts and talents to complete the package. Don't fixate on one aspect of your being to the exclusion of all the others. Instead, learn to appreciate the fullness of your fineness. Discover the vast wealth of resources that God buried inside you when He knit you together in your mother's womb. When you learn to see yourself as God sees you and when you learn to effectively utilize all of your talents, abilities and resources, you'll discover the true beauty and brilliance that God has given to the world through the gift that is you. When you realize all that you have to offer, others will too. And when you love, respect, value and appreciate yourself just as you are, others will follow suit.

God bless all of the beautiful girls around the world.