

As I prepared to honor a speaking engagement at a Marriage Enrichment Program, I found myself considering the different topics, from which I had to share. I started thinking about how we are perceived by others, as well as how we present ourselves to others.

I started ruminating on some past events – particularly my husband's first trip to my parent's house.

My parents were awaiting his arrival. I remembered vividly how I cleaned my parents' house. I must have dusted the tables and re-arranged the chairs a million times, that day.

Anyone could tell how nervous I was, by the number of times I showered. I wanted to look and smell perfect for my future husband.

In those days, there was no cell phone, so I had to make do with watching out for his arrival, from the windows. When I finally saw him, coming from afar, accompanied by his friends, I ran inside and hid myself. But the telltale smell of my perfume lingered on in my parents' sitting room. My fragrance confirmed that I had just run in, so he laughed.

From my hiding place, I could hear him loudly telling his friends that he knew they were in the right house, simply because he could smell my perfume. I could even feel the sheer joy in his voice, because he knew that I had indeed prepared for him.

He later told me that the smell of my perfume had actually helped to calm his nerves, as he had been really anxious at the prospect of meeting my parents for the first time. So, even when he had not seen me physically, the smell of my perfume was enough to give him peace!

A couple of years ago, an old friend was looking for me in South Africa and another friend told her that if there was a Christian gathering in my Church (in Pretoria), she was sure to find me there. My friend, who had been looking for me, actually caught me at one of such gatherings.

So, what are your telltale signs? What are those things that people know you for? What are those things that make people so sure of where to find you, when the need arises?

What does your Facebook status say about you – what are you proclaiming to different people? Are you a chameleon with the ability to blend and adapt to different environments? Or do you stand up for the Lord and proclaim that no matter what, your light will shine brightly for God?

Let us evaluate our lives and ask ourselves what we are projecting.

Let us ask ourselves whether even our words or silent actions exude peace.

And let us consider whether people can be sure of where to find us on certain days of the week.

I pray that as you pause to examine yourself today, the Lord will also start to cause you to be more prominent in His service.

He will cause you to glorify Him in all you do.

It shall be well.

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