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Beauty in the eyes of Society.

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Definition of Beauty.

To what extent is physical beauty important to a person's life? Does it bring success or happiness if a person is beautiful? Sadly the media has developed an obsessive image on physical beauty that has dominated the young.

Beauty is molded by society. By the advertising, fashion, and cosmetic industries. We live in a society of billboards, ads, Photoshop, and Botox. We are trained to believe that size two is perfect, while most healthy women in America fit into a size 12.

The media presents society with unrealistic body types, especially for women. We spend so much time trying to look like what society wants that we begin to see others and ourselves as what is presented physically rather than who a person is. This has led to many mentally and physically exhausted people who struggle

to reach those hopeless expectations. I think the reason for that is women are expected to act and to be seen a certain way in society. According to Dictionary.com the legal definition of beauty is; a combination of qualities, such as shape, color, or form, that pleases the sight. Even that definition is based on the way people look.

There is a pretty well known quote, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." A statement you may have heard many times over, but it seems that it should really say, "Beauty is in the eye of society." So many people are influenced by what society depicts as beautiful. Every year, millions of people spend more and more money to change their outward appearance.

But in my opinion the definition of beauty has nothing to do with the way someone looks, it has to do with the way someone treats the people around them. Someone could be very good looking but then treat people like trash and they automatically become an ugly person. Maybe not on the outside but on the inside and that's what really matters.

Audrey Hepburn says, "The beauty of a person is not in the clothes they wear, the figure they carry or the way they comb their hair. The beauty of a person is seen in their eyes, because that is the doorway to their heart."

The place where love resides. True beauty in a person is reflected in their soul. It's the caring they lovingly give, the passion they show and the beauty of a person only grows with passing years."

The best kinds of people are the people who have great inner beauty. Someone who is kind, caring, cheerful, has a positive attitude, is accepting, polite, isn't envious but instead happy for other people, and isn't judgmental towards anyone. So don't pay attention to the way society tells you to look. No matter how you look on the outside, if you are a size 2 or a size 12+ you are perfect the way you are. And just as long as you are kind to others around you, you are beautiful.

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- Khalil Gibran



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If you look up beauty in the dictionary it will tell you that the definition of beauty is, a beautiful or pleasing thing or person, but what is the true meaning of beautiful? Is it thick?

Thin? Make-up? No makeup?

No one can really tell you what beauty is because beauty isn't just one thing; it isn't the shape of your body or the color of your hair. It isn't the way you smile or the way you do your makeup.

Beauty the combination of all of those things mixed with your personality and soul. Beauty isn't something you can buy or take. Beauty is what you are born with. Beauty is waking up everyday and not caring what others will say. Beauty is moving on even when you think you can't.

Beauty is strength.

There is a quote that I think everyone should live by, "Beauty begins the moment you decide to be yourself."

Almost every one of us has been bullied in some way. We have been called ugly, or fat, or toothpick and those who use those words are people who believe they are these things too. When you hear someone call you ugly, know that even though in that moment it might not seem like it, that person most likely was called that name before too, or worse.

In 2010, The Washington Post said, "72 percent of children who were physically abused by their parents became a bully, a victim of a bully, or both."

Therefore, beauty isn't being size two or keeping up with the latest fashion. Beauty is being able to take the blows from those who feel they need to bring others down to feel better about themselves.

Being beautiful is having the strength to keep moving on even when

it gets tough.

So if you feel like you aren't beautiful. If you feel like you have to be something you

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aren't, then don't. You decide that you're worth it. You decide that you can be yourself. You decide you're beautiful.

The definition of beauty is you.

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