

MODESTY

Text: 1 Tim. 2:9-10.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. It is bare season once again.
- B. By our lifestyle and example, we demonstrate our religion to the world around us.
- C. Our light must shine in a pure and wholesome way.
 - 1. Matt. 5:16
 - 2. Phil. 2:15.
- D. We must do this in order for men to be drawn to God through us.
- E. The way a Christian adorns themselves in public reflects their Christian convictions or lack thereof.
- F. Today we want to take about MODESTY- The quality or state of being modest, unassuming or humble behavior. Lack of excesses or pretensions, decency.

BODY:

I. THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO THE QUESTION OF DRESS.

- A. Gen. 3:21 **“Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.”**
- B. Ex. 28:42-43 **“And you shall make for them linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs. "They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they come into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy [place], that they do not incur iniquity and die. It shall be a statute forever to him and his descendants after him.”**
- C. Christians are taught to dress modestly; of that there is no question. But what is modestly?

II. THERE IS A KIND OF DRESS THAT REFLECTS A WORLDLY SPIRIT.

- A. Prov. 7:6-12 For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding, Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night. And there a

woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home. At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

B. To the world, lasciviousness is of a different concern.

1. One clothing designer says that the woman who wears his revealing styles is one who is “sure of herself, who thinks of sex more openly. . . She’s not concerned with nudity. She has a body and she knows it.”
2. The designer of the miniskirt said in Newsweek, “Mini cloths are symbolic of those girls who do not want to wait until dark to seduce a man into bed.”
3. Theodoe Reik, the owner of an elegant dress store stated that “A dress is successful when it wakens in the man who looks at the woman the wish to take it off.”
4. Matt. 5:28-30.
5. Gal. 5:19-21.

III. THERE IS A KIND OF ADORNMENT THAT BECOMES CHRISTIANS

A. 1 Tim. 2:9

1. Modest means- orderly, well-arranged, decent.
2. He then defines modest apparel.
 - a. Propriety having regard to others. Restrains a good person from an unworthy act.
 - b. Moderation 1. Reasonableness, rationality, mental soundness. 2. Good judgment, self-control.

B. Mark 5:15 now he was clothed.

C. 1 Pet. 3:1-6.

D. Modesty is two-fold.

1. Not lavish, costly or outlandish.
2. Not lust producing: REMEMBER NOT TOO:
 - a. Short
 - b. tight
 - c. thin
 - d. low cut

3. Notice these quotes from wise men.

- a. Balzac: “Modesty is the conscience of the body.”
- b. Addison “Modesty is not only an ornament, but also a guard to virtue.”
- c. Seneca “Modesty once extinguished, knows not how to return.”

IV. IN OUR SENSUAL SEX-EXPLOITED SOCIETY. Christian women and men MUST resist the worldly fashions and customs and dress with modestly.

- A. Our dresses, pants, shorts, etc.
- B. If you feel you have to dress immodestly to go somewhere, don’t go.
- C. You must be willing to be different if need be for the cause of Christ- 1 Pet. 2:9.
- D. Train your sons and daughters to be modest- Prov. 22:6 “Train up a child. . .”
- E. REMEMBER “MODESTY once extinguished knows not how to return.”

CONCLUSION:

Tit. 2:11-12.