

What Shall I Wear?

“What Does the Bible Say about Modesty?”

Introduction:

1. This morning many of us got up and choose what we have on at this very moment. For others your clothes were chosen for you.
2. Everyday, the majority of us, make choices in the clothing we will wear.
3. Do our clothes reflect a lifestyle?
4. Does the Bible say anything about the way we should dress?

I. Let's Start at the Beginning

- A. (Genesis 3:7-10)
1. After sinning, Adam and Eve found themselves exposed and ashamed.
 2. They made “coverings” (NKJV) for themselves.
 - a. This word “coverings” (*chagorah*) means a garment that covers the mid-section.
 3. Later, God made tunics for them (Genesis 3:21).
 - a. This word “tunics” (*kethoneth*) means a garment that stretches to the knee.
 4. Why did God make a longer garment for Adam and Eve?
 - a. Could it be that God was displeased with the coverings they were wearing?
 - b. Some parts of the body do not need to be presented or exposed. (1 Corinthians 12:23-24)

II. Shall We Continue?

- A. (1 Timothy 2:9-10)
1. “Modest” – orderly, well arranged, decent
 2. “Propriety – a sense of shame, modesty (this word denotes that this characteristic is deeply rooted in the person’s character)
 3. “Moderation” – “soundness of mind”
 - a. (*Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words.*)
 4. Is there clothing that fits a women “professing godliness?”
 - a. The Bible says so. (1 Timothy 2:10)
- B. (1 Peter 3:1-6)

III. Our Clothing Must be Consistent with Godliness?

- A. (Galatians 5:19)
1. “Lewdness” (NKJV), “Lasciviousness” (KJV), “sensuality” (NASV), “debauchery” (NIV)
 - a. This word simply means “excess licentiousness, absence of restraint, indecency, wantonness”
 2. Can we cause someone to sin because of our clothing?
- B. (Proverbs 7:6-27)
1. This woman’s clothing fit her heart, lustful, enticing and sinful.
- C. (Romans 13:23-24)
- D. Does our clothing say something about our lives?

Conclusion:

1. It is not my purpose to set standards for clothing. God has already done that.
2. When we pick our clothing, we must do so prayerfully and consistent with those professing godliness.
3. (Ephesians 4:20-24)