

Immodest: emphasizing the flesh

- A man may have the body of Saul, son of Jesse, or a Hollywood he-man and wish to display it. Or they may not and still try...
- A woman may have the beauty of Miss Universe or the body of a sex star and dress to show it. Or they may not and still dress as if they did.



Modesty – emphasizing spirit

1Tim 2:8-15 Paul's charge to the young preacher Timothy on men and women's roles:

Therefore I want the MEN everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or dissension.

Likewise, I want the WOMEN to adorn themselves with respectable apparel, with modesty, and with self-control, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, as is proper for women who profess to worship God.

A woman must learn in quietness and full submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman who was deceived and fell into transgression. Women, however, will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

Modest apparel

- Christians are:
 - ◆ Servants of Christ – His house, His rules
 - ◆ Who we seek to please – Gal 1:10 Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.
 - ◆ Bride of Christ – our wardrobe honors Him
 - ◆ We are not to be naked! Rev 3:18..white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Modesty is more than appearance

- Two choices in life - Living for spirit or flesh
 - ◆ Col 3:1-3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
- Outward appearance must reflect mindset.

Paul's instructions to Rome

- Rom 8:5-8 those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Another way of looking at outward appearance

- The world judges by appearance
 - ◆ 1SA 16:7, John 7:24, 2Co 10:7 Corinth guilty
- Avoid even the appearance of evil. Satan will accuse us of what they do. How did Corinth allow Satan entrance? We must be careful. 2Co 8:21
 - ◆ 1Co 5:12,13 What business of mine is it to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked man from among you.”

1 Peter 3:1-6

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Disobedient husbands

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Women, what if your husbands desires immodest apparel? You may “think” Act 4:19, but you better show your husband “ your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.”

Modest behavior is a matter of the mindset. A modest mind does not call attention to the flesh. A mind set on the spirit is MODEST!

Disobedient husbands

2Co 6:14-16 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership can righteousness have with wickedness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

What agreement can exist between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people." ...

Disobedient husbands

1Co 7:34b ...But the married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world, how she can please her husband.

Affairs of this world are for her: “Women, however, will be saved through childbearing,”