

Modest Apparel



1 Tim 2:9-10 “Let the women adorn themselves in **modest apparel**, with **shamefacedness and sobriety**, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, instead with that which is proper for **women professing godliness**, with good works.” NKJV

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Thesis:



- Definition of Terms
- Guidelines for Modesty
- Proper Attitudes

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Definition of Terms

- **Modest:** “*Well-arranged; orderly, decent*” opposite = lewd.
- **Shamefacedness:** “A sense of shame, a *reverence* that *restrains* one from an unworthy act.” *Thayer*



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Definitions of Terms



- **Sobriety** = “Soundness of mind, self-control, good judgment, *moderation*, especially as a feminine virtue, **decency**.” *Arndt and Grinrich*
- **Summary:** A Christian should not wear clothes which would arouse erotic impulses in the opposite sex.

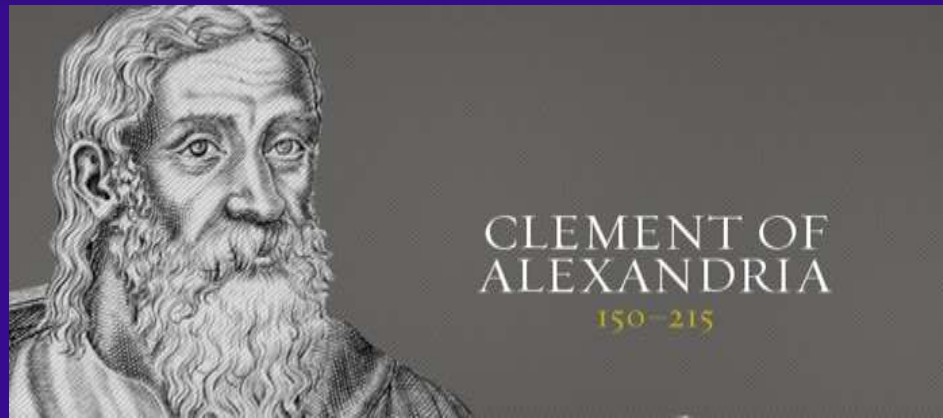
Why?

Matt 5:28

“Whosoever **looketh**
upon a woman to **lust**
after her hath
committed adultery
with her already in his
heart.”



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“Luxurious clothing that *cannot conceal the shape of the body* is no covering at all. Such clothing, clinging close to the body, *takes the body’s shape* and adheres to the flesh.

It *outlines the woman’s figure*, so that the whole shape of her body is visible to spectators, even though they cannot actually see the body itself.

Such clothing is meant for looking, not for covering!”

Questions to Ask Yourself

- What would a member of the opposite sex think? Is this garment(s) covering or displaying?
- Will this create respect or raise eyebrows?
- Will I be modest at all times, even when *reaching, stooping and sitting*?
- Is this form fitting and tight? Is it transparent?

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Definition of Terms:

A work of the flesh

- Gal 5: 19-21 = “**Lasciviousness**”
- “Wanton, lewd, lustful, *tending to entice lewd or wanton* thoughts through objects or pictures, *indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females.*”

Thayer

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Definition of Terms:



Jesus warned: “Be careful not to offend one of these little ones...” (Mt 18:6, Rm 14:13).

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Open letter to Christian Sisters

- A guys point of view...



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What is Immodest Apparel?



Modest dress

- Disregard for decency
- “Any clothing that *unduly reveals the figure of the wearer.*”
- “Unduly...” – Entice one to lust...

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A Christian *Lady*

- A woman = Biological
FACT
- A lady = *An Attitude*
- “I want to look pretty on my wedding day, not sexy.”

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Good Advice



“Dress so that you will not tempt a good man and will deter the evil thoughts of an evil man.”

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Good Advice: **Avoid!**

Proverbs 7



“A woman comes
..dressed in the
attire of a harlot,
cunning of heart”
(Prov 7:10).

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Good Guideline!



“Don’t Let Someone see what you would not want someone to touch.”

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The World knows...

- Reporters asked a preacher's daughter:
- How could you **pose publicly in a bikini** and claim to be a Christian?

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Definition of Apparel



- KJ = 6 times. 4 Diff words
- I Tim 2:9 – *Unique*.
- *Karestalay* “A garment worn in Biblical times which draped from the shoulders and dropped down for a covering, gathered in the middle with a sash.”

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Ladies have a choice!

- Titus 2:3-5 “Older women teach younger women to be sober, discreet, *chaste* (modest)....”
- Some dress = *CHASED* = Prov 7: 10
- Some dress = *CHASTE* = I Tim 2: 9

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- There was a time in history, not all that long ago, in which ladies adorned themselves in apparel which was *feminine, graceful and simply modest*. However, as the years have passed, the fashion industry has been greatly influenced by the decline of our society, making it hard for families to find wholesome clothing.
- Those who cherish the old paths and desire to honor the Biblical virtue of modest dressing are left with few options that can be both time consuming and hard on the family budget.

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