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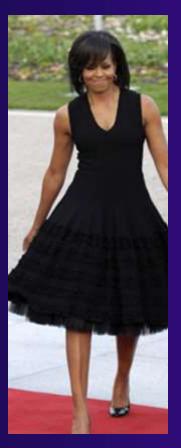
Thesis:



Brief Review

- What about transvestites?
- What role does fashion/culture play?
- Does God have an absolute standard?

Definition of Terms



• Modest: "Well-arranged; orderly, decent." • Shamefacedness: "A sense of shame, a *reverence* that restrains one from an unworthy act."

Definitions of Terms



 Sobriety = "Soundness of mind, self-control, good judgment, *moderation*, especially as a feminine virtue, decency." *Arndt and Grinrich*

What is Immodest Apparel?



"Any clothing that unduly reveals the figure of the wearer."

How can you tell?

4 Guidelines for Modest Dress

1 If you have trouble getting into it or out of it, it is probably not modest.

- If you have to be careful when you sit down or bend over, it is probably not modest.
 - If people look at any part of your body before looking at your face, it is probably not modest.
- 4 If you can see your most private body parts or an outline of those parts under the fabric, it is probably not modest.



"Dress so that you will <u>not</u> <u>tempt</u> a good man and <u>will</u> <u>deter the sordid thoughts of</u> <u>an evil man</u>."





"Don't let a man <u>see</u> what you would not want him to touch."

Dr. Ed Scott, Oregon Health Sciences University

- Female attire that appears to the male to be provocative increases the risk of assault.
- A male may interpret sexually teasing attire as *uncaring and unfair*, subjecting him to *temptation while rejecting* him.
- This can result in revenge against the female who brought on the distress and can produce hostility against females in general.



God wants us to *love people* and *use things* and not the reverse!





Key #4

The Edification Principle

Principles which apply to dress

- Rom 14:19 "Pursue the things that make for peace and the edification of each other." See Rm 15:2.
- Eph 4:3 "Keep the *unity of the spirit*, in the bond of peace."
- Rom 12:18 "As much as lieth in you be at peace."
- I Cor 8:13 "If it be that meat maketh my brother to offend, I will not eat flesh while the world stands—lest I cause my brother to offend."

Transvestite

"The woman shall not wear that which pertains unto a man, **neither shall a man put on a woman's garment**: for all that do so are an abomination unto the LORD thy God" (Deut 22:5). KJV



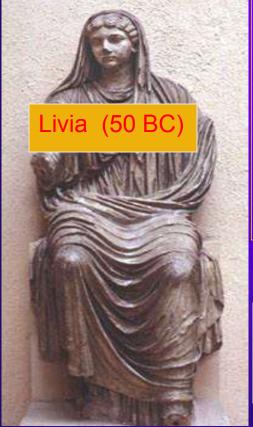
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Shepherd's Robe



What Role does Culture Play?



1 Cor 11:15-16 "But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have **no such custom**, nor do the churches of God." NKJV

Augustus' wife Livia (50 BC), wearing a veil.

What Role does Culture Play?

The culture affects our *influence*, but it should <u>never</u> set the standard.

Is There an Absolute Standard?

Islam has a strict dress code

- Women cover up except <u>face &</u> <u>hands</u>.
- Must be <u>loose enough so as to not</u> <u>outline the shape of the body.</u>
- Must be <u>thick</u> /not transparent.
- Clothing must be <u>clean and decent</u>, neither excessively fancy or ragged.
- Men: covered between the <u>navel and</u> <u>the knee.</u>

Adam and Eve after the fall ...man's solution.

Gen 3:7 "Then they knew that they were naked; and they sewed <u>fig leaves</u> together and made themselves loin coverings."

• Heb: Chagorah = "Worn around mid-section cover private parts."

Adam and Eve after the fall ...God's solution.

 3:21 "The Lord God did make coats of skins and clothed them"

 Heb: "Kethoneth" = "A garment (tunic) drapes down from shoulders and approaches the knee."

Is There an Absolute Standard?

Ex 28:40-42 "For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics; for glory and for beauty. "You shall make for them linen breeches to cover their bare flesh; they shall reach from the waist even to the thighs."

The High Priest

Tunic: The priest dressed first in a checkered tunic of fine linen. (Exodus 28:39) Robe:

Over the tunic, the priest wore a blue robe with golden bells and pomegranates. (Exodus 28:31-34)

The High Priest

3 Ephod: Over the robe, the priest wore an ephod of gold, of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and of fine twisted linen (Exodus 28:4-6)



Definition of Apparel I Tim 2:9



 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."

Men are included

Priests: "Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that <u>thy nakedness be not discovered</u> <u>thereon</u>" (Ex 20:26). KJV

Men are included . .

 Zeph 1:8 "I will punish all that are clothed with strange (inappropriate, immodest) foreign apparel."

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