

MODEST APPAREL

WHAT DO OUR
CLOTHES REVEAL?



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DOES THE BIBLE
PROVIDE A
STANDARD ON
HOW WE SHOULD
DRESS IN PUBLIC?



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A MESSAGE for BOTH
MEN & WOMEN

Mat. 5:27-30; 18:6-11;
1 Pet. 3:1-4;
1 Tim. 2:9-10



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**WHY IS “IMMODESTY”
such a problem in our culture?**

1. Lack of knowledge and understanding.
2. Lack of concern /
No godly fear.
3. Ungodliness / Worldliness



MODEST IMPARITY



**The solution is NOT
EXTREMISM**

1. Modesty does not mean unattractive!
2. Extremism can actually cause one to be IMMODEST!



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The solution is:

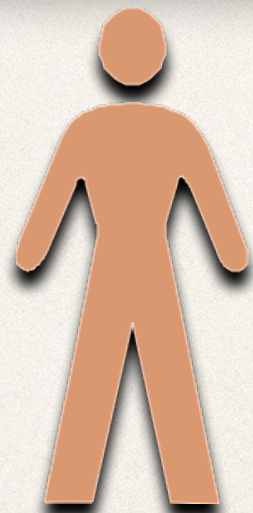
1. A GODLY attitude.
2. Understanding what God's will is.
3. A genuine concern regarding our influence.



Does The Bible Provide A Standard On How We Should Dress In Public?

Genesis 3:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ...



**V. 7 Naked
(Nude)**

Genesis 3:10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

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**V. 10,11,21
Not Sufficiently Clothed**

Genesis 3:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.



Does The Bible Provide A Standard On How We Should Dress In Public?

NAKED

“Unclad, without clothing” . . . “Ill-clad” or “clad in undergarment only” (Thayer, p. 122)

“badly clad” or “not fully clothed” (Kittle, I:773-774)

“lightly clad” (Liddell & Scott, 170)



V. 7 (Nude)



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V. 10,11,21

Not Sufficiently Clothed
Still Naked

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:(*kū̄t·tō·nē̄t*) כְּתָנִת 4189
n.fem.; ≡ Str 3801; TWOT
1058a—1. LN 6.152—
6.187 **tunic**, garment, i.e.,
clothing as a covering
more complete than a
loincloth, a basic garment
reaching the knees and
so a common garment for
common wear and work
(Ge 3:21; SS 5:3)

Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of
Biblical Languages with Semantic
Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament)*
(electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos
Research Systems, Inc.

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The High Priest's Golden Garments

Shemot/Exodus 28

Linen Turban



Plate of Pure Gold

Ephod
Shoulder Straps

Breastplate
of Judgment

Stones of Memorial
in Settings of Gold

Four Rows of Stones
in Settings of Gold

Chains of Gold

Embroidered Sash

Checkered
Linen Coat

The Ephod

Robe of
the Ephod

Pomegranates
and Gold Bells

Linen Breeches
(Undergarment)



EXODUS 28:42
(NKJV)
42 And you shall make for them linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs.



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1 Peter 3:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ Wives, ... ² when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.

³ Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—⁴ 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.



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Titus 2:3–5 (NKJV)

³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.



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1 Timothy 2:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, ¹⁰ but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

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- "Respectable; honorable" — (Arndt and Gingrich, 445).
- "Orderly; well-arranged; decent" — (Vine)
- "The well-ordering is not of dress and demeanor only, but the inner life's uttering indeed, and expressing itself in the outward conversation" — (Trench's Syn. 346).



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- “In simple attire which doesn’t attract attention.” — The People’s New Testament Commentary
- “An appearance that is simple, moderate, judicious, and free from ostentation. . . . Christians must be careful about letting a pagan culture set their fashions.” — Bible Knowledge Commentary

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- ☒ Reserved
- ☒ Humble
- ☒ Respectable
- ☒ Decent
- ☒ Orderly



WHAT DOES OUR CLOTHING REVEAL?

WITH PROPRIETY

- (aidos) (αἰδώς, 127), “a sense of shame, modesty,” is used regarding the demeanor of women in the church, 1 Tim. 2:9 — Shamefastness is that modesty which is ‘fast’ or rooted in the character — (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 568).
- (aidos) – “bashfulness, reverence, regard for others, respect” - “A sense of shame” — (Thayer, 14).
- MANY have lost the ability to blush! — (Jeremiah 6:15; 8:12)



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WITH MODERATION

- sophrosune (σωφροσύνη, 4997) denotes “soundness of mind”, Acts 26:25, “soberness”; 1 Tim. 2:9, 15, “sobriety”; “sound judgment” practically expresses the meaning; “it is that habitual inner self-government, with its constant rein on all the passions and desires, which would hinder the temptation to these from arising, or at all events from arising in such strength as would overbear the checks and barriers which aidos (shamefastness) opposed to it” (*Trench Syn. Sec.xx, end*) - (*Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 583)*).



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WITH MODERATION

- 88.93 σωφρονισμός, οὗ m;
σωφροσύνη, ης f: to behave in a
sensible manner, with the implication
of thoughtful awareness of what is best
—‘moderation, sensibility.’ — (Louw, J. P.,
& Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New
Testament: based on semantic domains (electronic ed. of
the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 752).
- To behave discreetly, to be in harmony
with the will of God, being thoughtful
of how our actions affect others.





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PROFESSING GODLINESS

- theosebeia (θεοσέβεια, 2317) denotes “the fear or reverence of God,” — (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 273).
- 53.1 θρησκεία, ... f: appropriate beliefs and devout practice of obligations relating to supernatural persons and powers—‘religion, piety.’ ... *‘if he does not control his tongue, he deceives himself, and his religion is worthless’* Jas 1:26. Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains



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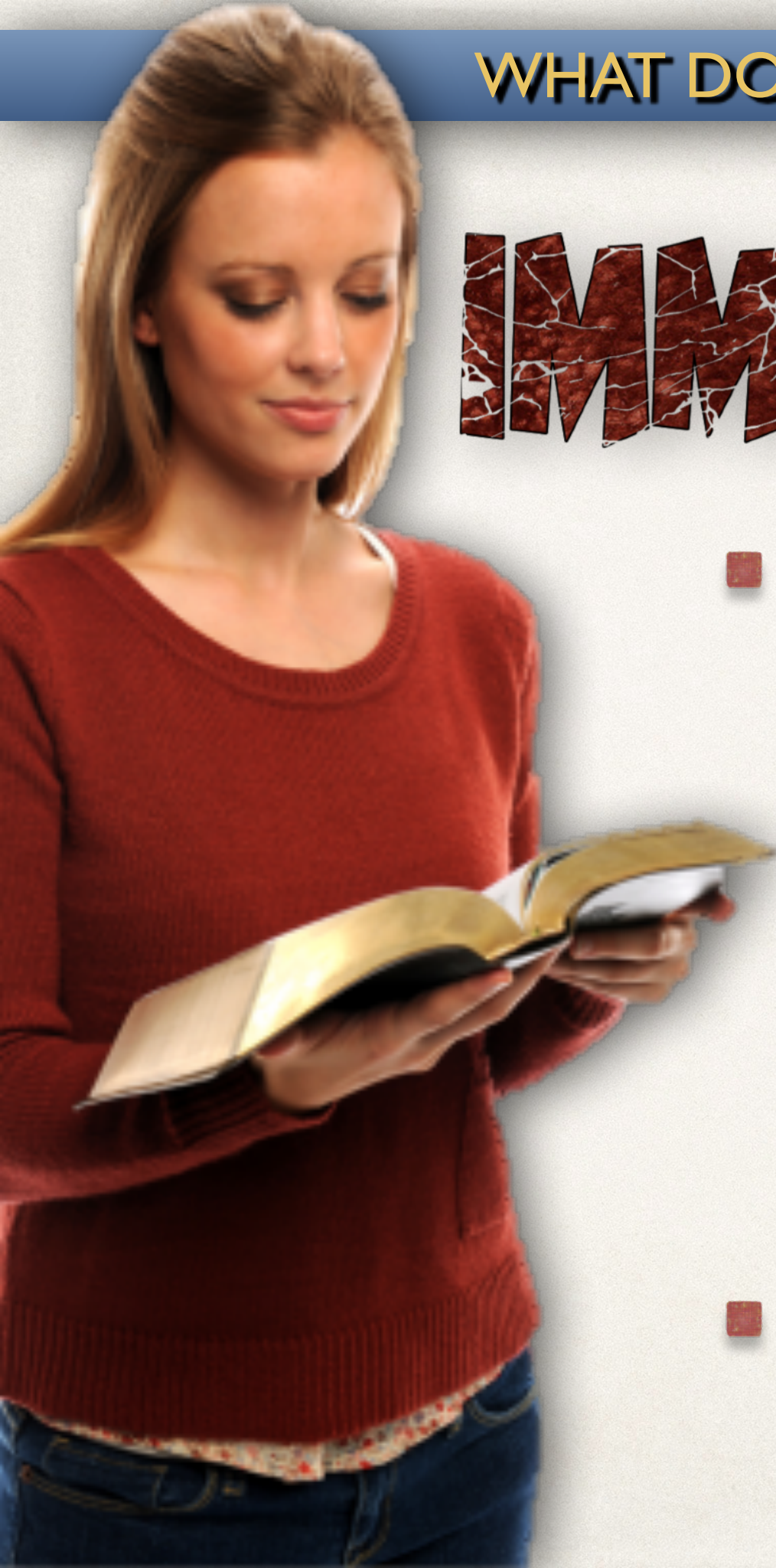
IMMODEST APPAREL

- ATTENTION DRAWING APPAREL - Wearing fancy clothes & jewelry in order to make a fashion statement! - (1 Tim 2:9; 1 Pet 3:2)
- It CAN BE just as IMMODEST to go to the other extreme FOR the PURPOSE of drawing attention to ourselves!
- Immodesty is a pride issue. —“Look at how RICH I am,” / “Look how trendy I am,” / “Look how SEXY I am / or even, “LOOK AT HOW GODLY I AM”

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IMMODEST APPAREL

- REVEALING APPAREL - When a woman wears short shorts, low cut dresses, mini skirts, bikinis — she is communicating pride in her body. — When a man goes without a shirt & wears short shorts, he too is communicating pride.
- Christians should NOT conduct themselves in such a way!





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- REVEALING APPAREL -
 - Too short, (*revealing the thighs*).
 - Too low off the shoulders, (*showing cleavage/ chest/ back*).
 - Too sheer (*can see through*).
 - Too tight (*Too suggestive - leaving nothing for the imagination*).

I'm dressed –
I'll get it

Someone's at the door –
Could someone answer it –
I'm not dressed!

It's probably my
friends – we are
going to Magic
Springs





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IMMODEST APPAREL

- **REVEALING APPAREL -**

- “I WANT THE OPPOSITE SEX TO NOTICE ME” - Mat 5:28-30; 18:6-10
- “I look good in this and I’m going to wear it REGARDLESS of how it affects others.” - Rom 12:3,9,10; 13:10
- “Everyone else is wearing this” - Deut 23:2; Prov 4:14

- **Let us REVEAL godliness with humility and love for others!**



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■ **The GODLY woman's attire will be her "good works."**

- ▶ "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." (1 Pet 3:4)
- ▶ "Loving their husbands, their children, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed." (Tit 2:4,5)

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NOTE TO PARENTS -



- Begin early - *don't allow immodesty until 12 or 13, and then expect sudden correction.*
- Teach your children; don't wait for someone else to do it.
- Teach children in both word & deed - - inconsistency is destructive!
- Mothers, do not undermine godly fathers as they teach.

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I AM WEARING THIS –

- **Because it is the latest fashion ...**
- **Because everyone else is ...**
- **So I can stand out ...**
- **Because it makes me look attractive / sexy ...**
- **Because I want to please God, and not cause others to stumble ...**



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- **Be Modest** —
reserved, decent, respectable
- **Exhibit Propriety** —
have shame, discretion
- **Use Good Judgment** —
Think of others
- **Show Godliness** —
devoted to God / Holiness
- **Respect Others** — *If someone
stumbles over your beauty,
let it not be your fault!*





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ROMANS 12:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which* is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



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Do the CLOTHES we
wear in public

REVEAL

GODLINESS or

UNGODLINESS?

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1 Timothy 2:1–10 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,

1 Timothy 2:1–10 (NKJV)

⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, ⁷ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; ⁹ in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, ¹⁰ but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.