



MODEST APPAREL

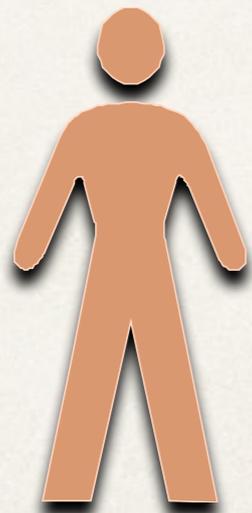
DOES THE BIBLE
GIVE GUIDELINES ON
HOW WE SHOULD
DRESS IN PUBLIC?

Do These Clothes Make
Me Look GODLY ?

Does The Bible Give Guidelines 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?”



Apron

**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.



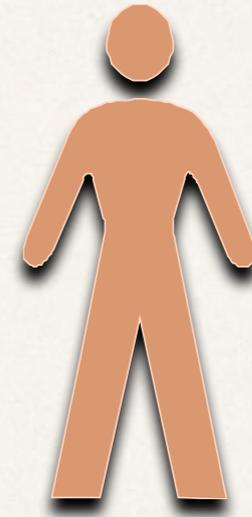
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“Unclad, without clothing” . . . “Ill-clad” or “clad in undergarment only” (Thayer, p. 122)

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

“lightly clad” (Liddell & Scott, 170)



V. 7 (Nude)



Apron

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

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4189 כְּתָנִית (*kūṭ·tō·nēṭ*):
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

The Ephod

Chains of Gold

Robe of the Ephod

Embroidered Sash

Pomegranates and Gold Bells

Checked Linen Coat

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.

The Bible Instructs On How We Should Dress In Public!

GODLY APPAREL

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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GODLY APPAREL

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.



MODEST APPAREL

- "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).



MODEST APPAREL



- “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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MODEST APPAREL

- Reserved
- Humble
- Respectable
- Decent
- Orderly



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)



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)*).



WITH MODERATION

- 88.93 σωφρονισμός, οὐ μ;
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.



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



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,” or, “Look how trendy I am,” or “LOOK HOW GODLY I AM”



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!



IMMODEST APPAREL

- 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 Wild
River Country



IMMODEST APPAREL

- REVEALING APPAREL -
 - “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
 - “I WANT THE OPPOSITE SEX TO NOTICE ME” - Mat 5:28-30; 18:6-10
 - “Everyone else is wearing this” - Deut 23:2; Prov 4:14
 - Reveal your godliness & humility!



GODLY APPAREL

- The Christian woman's attire should 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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GODLY APPAREL

- 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 husbands & fathers as they teach.





MODEST APPAREL

Do These Clothes
Make Me Look

BETTER THAN

others ?



MODEST APPAREL

Do These Clothes
Make Me Look

SEXY ?



MODEST APPAREL

Do These Clothes
Cause Others To
Look At Me?



MODEST APPAREL

Does my clothing exhibit MY admiration and respect for God or does it exhibit pride, selfishness & lasciviousness in my heart & can prompt EVIL THOUGHTS in others?



MODEST APPAREL

- 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!*



MODEST APPAREL

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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JEREMIAH 6:10-20 (NKJV)

¹⁰ To whom shall I speak and give warning, That they may hear? Indeed their ear *is* uncircumcised, And they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the Lord is a reproach to them; They have no delight in it. ¹¹ Therefore I am full of the fury of the Lord. I am weary of holding *it* in. "I will pour it out on the children outside, And on the assembly of young men together; For even the husband shall be taken with the wife, The aged with *him who is* full of days.

JEREMIAH 6:10-20 (NKJV)

¹² And their houses shall be turned over to others, Fields and wives together; For I will stretch out My hand Against the inhabitants of the land," says the Lord. ¹³ "Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone *is* given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely. ¹⁴ They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When *there is* no peace. ¹⁵ Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the Lord.

JEREMIAH 6:10-20 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way *is*, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk *in it*.'" ¹⁷ Also, I set watchmen over you, *saying*, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'" ¹⁸ Therefore hear, you nations, And know, O congregation, what *is* among them.

JEREMIAH 6:10-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people— The fruit of their thoughts, Because they have not heeded My words Nor My law, but rejected it. ²⁰ For what purpose to Me Comes frankincense from Sheba, And sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, Nor your sacrifices sweet to Me.”