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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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The Biblical Teaching of Modesty in Dress

The topic mentioned in the title of this article has become, or maybe, has always been controversial. When preachers speak or write or just touch on some moral topic, it often causes some members of the church to be angered because it touches our personal conduct. We are all sensitive if we detect some censorship of our or our family member's personal thinking or conduct. In some places, such sermons or articles become “moving” issues, if you catch my drift. But I am confident that, when we are children of God and followers of Jesus, we want to know God's thinking on every subject, even if that means making a change in our own thinking or conduct. Obviously, Christians should be modest (appropriate) in every area of their life. But, let's examine this sensitive subject of dress together. And, though not quite the same issue and not considered in this article, men should also consider the issue of modesty in dress for themselves also.

Biblical Passages Touching the Subject of Modest Dress

1 Tim. 2:9 “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; 10: But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.” **“Modest”** (Gk. ‘kosmios’) —means “orderly, decently, seemly, respectable, honorable” (Arndt and Gingrich, p. 445; Thayer's p. 356). **“Shamefacedness”** (Gk. ‘aidos’)—means “a sense of shame, especially as it regards the outlook of others” (Thayer, p. 14; Vine's, p. 17). **“Sobriety”** (Gk. ‘sophrosune’) - “sound judgment; moderation, self control, especially as a feminine virtue-decency and chastity; it is habitual self-government, with its constant rein on all the passions and desires, which would hinder the temptation to these from arising...” (Arndt and Gingrich, p. 802; Vine's, section S, p. 44).

Application: It would mean that a woman's first consideration in dress and adornment is not gaining attention, but is modesty. Wouldn't a Christian woman dress with thoughtfulness toward others and to prevent her attire from causing the passion and desires of others to arise? She would want her dress to be both appropriate and decent. She would not want her clothes to be “sexy.” She would not want to cause someone “to stumble” (1 Cor. 8:1-13) or to lust (Mt. 5:28).

1 Cor. 13:5: “Love does not behave itself unseemly.” Vine's Dictionary says the word **unseemly** (Gk. “aschemoneo”) means “to run the risk of ...disgrace or danger.” Arndt and Gingrich define it: 1. To behave disgracefully, dishonorably, indecently. 2. To feel that one ought to be ashamed.

Application: Certainly, this word that is part of the description of love has a wide application in conduct for which we ought to be ashamed. You can see that dress would be included in these applications.

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God's Definition of Nakedness

If we know the mind of God in what He considers nakedness, we have a better idea of how to dress.

Gen. 3:7: God says that Adam and Eve were naked. Interestingly, they knew they were still naked after covering themselves with leaves (**Gen. 3:10-11**). God covered their nakedness appropriately by making them “coats of skin.” This term comes from the Hebrew word “kottoneth” or “cathnoth” which is applied to a long shirt like garment that covered them from the shoulders to the knee.

Exod. 28:42: God considered one to be naked when the thigh was exposed. According to Hebrew scholars Marcus Kalisch and Franz Delitzsch, priests were told to make “linen breeches” (underwear, when they wore their priestly robes) that would “cover their nakedness” literally from the loins to the rounding of the thighs where the thigh meets the knee) so they would not be ‘naked’ if anyone saw under their robes.

Isaiah 47:1-3 God says (metaphorically) that he would make Babylon ashamed like a woman who uncovers the leg and reveals the thigh. Please consider also

Prov. 5:19: We find here that God considers the breasts as having sexual attraction. Would it not make sense, then, that these should be revealed for the husband only and not the general public?

How Should Christians dress?

It is safe to say that no Christian woman will want to see how close she can come to immodesty. Rather, she will want to be sure not to be immodest.

1. In all matters, including modesty, we should follow the Biblical principle of safety found in **Rom. 14:22-23**. Basically, this teaches, ‘when in doubt, leave it out’.
2. When we pick clothes, would it be wise to consider God’s choice of modest clothing for Adam and Eve (the only two people on earth then) when He covered from the shoulders to the knees fitting what appears to Be His definition of modesty.
3. Would we want to (as men or women) wear clothes that advertise our body features or sexuality (**1 Tim. 2:9-10**).

Ladies, these questions might help to ask yourself each time you dress.

1. If the Lord were my husband, would he be happy with these clothes I have chosen each day to represent Him?
2. Would the most godly woman I know wear this garment in public?
3. Would this garment be classed as “revealing” either in tightness or skimpiness?
4. Could this garment raise any doubt in someone’s mind that I am “pure in heart”?
5. If I was going to be around a man I knew was lustful in his thinking, would I want to be wearing this?
6. If I had to be on the street alone, would this garment contribute to my safety?
7. If I want to entice a man, would this be a garment that would help?
8. Is this garment modest when I stand, sit, or bend over?
9. Even if I have no motive to be “sexy” or “enticing” could this garment (or the way I wear it) have the tendency to trigger lustful thoughts in a boy or man?

Maybe this brief article will help you either personally or in helping someone else to understand God’s view about nakedness and modesty.

~Mike Glenn

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

July 12 - Acts 17:16-34
July 13 - Acts 18
July 14 - Acts 19:1-20
July 15 - Acts 19:21-41



July 16 - Acts 20:1-16
July 17 - Acts 20:17-38
July 18 - Acts 21:1-17

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Mozzeta Dobbins, Jack Piper, Brenda Swain, Meredith Southern, Neal Harper, Bonnie Landreth, Jaunita Doub, Kevin Fortner, Shannon Harper, Eddie Manor, Merry Beth, Thurmond Bennett, Bryan Byrd, Becky, Mary Ellen Dull, HM Latchmenarine, Madelene Holbrook, Kim Matthews, Jeff Chrysson, Jack Piper, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Steve Martin underwent surgery last Friday to remove a spot from his lung which was diagnosed cancer. They installed drain tubing to relieve the fluid from both his lungs. He is now out of the ICU and in Room 1608. He may have short visits, phone calls are difficult at this time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to keep **Roger Allen** in your prayers as he continues to overcome his health issues recovering from his recent surgery.

Don Turnmire's daughter, **Hope**, has a serious health problem. They would appreciate prayers. (Don Turnmire was the preacher at Warners Chapel for a number of years).

Carl Cooper's nephew, **Eddie Manor**, is still having health difficulties and is in the hospital. He was scheduled to undergo a blood transfusion last week but it was decided he did not need the transfusion. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Sentence Sermons

The best way to escape evil is to pursue good.

By yielding to temptation one may lose in a moment what it took him a lifetime to gain.

Temptations are sure to ring your doorbell, but it is your own fault if you invite them for dinner.

God always tests us to bring out the best; Satan tempts us to bring out the worst.

When you meet temptation, turn to the right.

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY WORSHIP –A.M.	July 4, 2021	-138
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WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	July 7, 2021	?

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Reminder: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. there is a Sunday Youth Class that meets in the Annex.

Carolina Bible Camp - If you are planning on attending the Carolina Bible camp this summer, it is recommended that you sign up for weeks 3, 4, or 7.

Vacation Bible School

Warners Chapel Vacation Bible School will be held on 5 Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. The Theme: "The Flood". The dates are:

July 14 - "The World"
July 21 - "The Man"
July 28 - "The Ark"
Aug. 4 - "The Animals"
Aug. 11 - "The Flood"

Please begin to think of friends and neighbors you would like to invite to attend our VBS.

VBS Request for Materials:

I am in search of two or three square bales of hay or straw to use for VBS. Also stuffed animals - not cartoons but more realistic animals. These may be handled some by children. Let me know if this is something you can help us out with! My phone number is 336-978-8977. **Nancy Minor.**

House to House

The new issue of House to House is on the table in the foyer. Warners Chapel VBS is advertised on the back page of the July-August issue. You may wish to give a copy to someone you have invited to attend our VBS.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

JULY, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR JULY: DAVID SHOAF

OPENING PRAYERS FOR JULY:

SUNDAY A.M.

July 4 - Gene Southern
July 11 - Carl Cooper
July 18 - David Moore
July 25 - Justin Little

SUNDAY P.M.

July 4 - Andy Santiago
July 11 - Jim Harrison
July 18 - Rodney Brown
July 25 - Brad Hoots

WEDNESDAY

July 7 - Don Minor
July 14 - David Queen
July 21 - Bob Tesh
July 28 - Adam Warner

SECURITY AND GREETING: ANDY SANTIAGO AND GENE SOUTHERN

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR JULY:

SUNDAY A.M.

July 4 - Wayne Allen
July 11 - Nathan Roy
July 18 - Gene Southern
July 25 - Charley Belch

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WEDNESDAY

July 7 - Charley Belch
July 14 - Clayton Workman
July 21 - Wayne Allen
July 28 - Nathan Roy

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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