

MODESTY

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What is Modesty? _____

Opposite of Modesty – _____

1. Modesty – A HEART ISSUE - 1 Peter 3:1-4

- a) Modesty is a _____ by the Creator himself.
- b) Modesty is not first an issue of _____ but it is an issue of the _____.
- c) Instead of _____ we are to cultivate the _____ of a gentle and peaceful spirit.
- d) Without us trying our clothes will reveal if our hearts are at peace with _____, with our "world" and ultimately with _____.
- e) Our beauty should reveal the _____ and _____ that comes from the work of _____ in her heart.
- f) Because of our love for Christ, modesty in our lives will display itself in humility and purity rather than self-glorification or _____.
- g) The heart at peace will reflect itself in the _____.

2. Modesty – The Attire of the Heart

- a) The people around you cannot see your heart. Therefore they must read your _____ and _____ instead.
- b) Your outward appearance and clothing are an expression of your _____.

3. Clothing – IDENTITY Ephesians 5:8-10 Walk as children of light.

People in many different professions can be identified by the clothes they wear.

- a) My attire identifies me as a _____.
- b) Which kingdom do you represent?
- c) Matthew 6:24 Do your decisions about appearance indicate that you are trying to serve two _____ ?
- d) Matthew 5:13-16 Does your appearance enhance or distract from your _____ and light?
- e) Col 3:1- 2 Does your appearance reflect a heart set on things above or on the world?
- f) 1Peter 1:14-16 When people observe your appearance, is their impression one of _____ ?
- g) Isaiah 3:16-20 What attitudes are you portraying with your clothing?
- h) When someone meets you, are they first attracted to your outward . . . or your inward radiance?
- i) Contrasting Standards

By the world's standards you are an ideal woman if

- You are pretty
- You have an attractive figure
- You dress in a way that accents your feminine attractiveness
- You have a bronze suntan.

By God's standard – you are an ideal woman if

- You demonstrate a quiet and reserved manner
- You have a morally excellent character
- You demonstrate loyalty support and moral faithfulness to your husband
- You cover with a veil and clothe your body simply and modestly

2 Examples:

2 Kings 9:30 & Proverbs 7:10 _____

4. What are God's Purposes for Clothing?

- a) To cover your _____
- b) To keep your _____ a mystery.
- c) Clothes are symbolic of _____

"The wearing of clothing is a daily reminder of the need for the blood of Christ to cover our sins and give you the _____ of salvation"

The Sin of Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11 _____

5. How does the Bible Describe a Godly Woman and her Attire?

1 Timothy 2:8-10 A _____ women is a modest woman.

Adorn – to put in proper order

Shamefacedness: – a sense of shame or honor, _____, reverence, _____, meek, and reserved.

Sobriety – _____ of mind. Sensible, reasonable, discreet

1 Peter 3:1-5

Chaste Conversation – modesty in our walk of life

Meek and quiet spirit

Quietness - clothing that is at _____,

Spirit speaks of our _____ - Thankfulness. Meekness. Joyfulness, Gratefulness

Romans 12:1-2

Be NOT Conformed. Conformity to the world in _____ indicates conformity to the world in the _____

I Corinthians 11

A significant aspect of the Christian woman's attire is the _____

6. Let's Be Practical

What is modest in –

Sleeve length -

Under-garments -

Gender Specific Garments -

Creative Sewing Extras -

Hem length -

Garment Size -

Maternity Wear -

Color -

More Questions:

- a) Is my appearance a help to my minister husband and a good example to the flock where God has placed each one of us?
- b) Do I _____ my husband's ministry or do I tear down?
- c) Who is going to teach the _____ generation?
There is nothing on the outside but what something on the _____ put on.

In Conclusion:

- a) A Christian woman has the spirit of Christ dwelling within her; thus she will want to be modest and not merely avoid immodesty.
- b) She will not want to wear anything that will cast a shadow on her moral purity!
- c) Her outward clothing will represent her inner purity.
- d) She will dress on purpose to conceal the shape of her body.
- e) She will avoid attracting attention to herself, or placing temptations in front of men.
- f) She will wear clothing 'which becometh women professing Godliness' on purpose.