

**Prov. 11:22**




# MODESTY

## OBJECTIVES:

- A. NOT to offend or hurt...  
(Matt. 15:12-13, Gal. 4:16).
- B. NOT to promote opinions...  
(Acts 20:27; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Titus 2:4, 15).
- C. To help us all walk in the light...  
(1 John 1:5-10; 1 John 3:2-3).

Consider the beauty of a gold ring...





Like a gold ring in a pig's  
snout is a beautiful woman  
who shows no discretion.

*Proverbs 11:22*

**DO WE SEE THINGS  
AS GOD DOES?**

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# HOLINESS IS BEAUTIFUL

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise **the beauty of holiness**, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever. (2 Chron. 20:21 )

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in **the beauty of holiness**.  
(Prov. 29:2)



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# MODESTY

## I. THE NEW LAW TEACHES (1 Tim. 2:9-10).

A. MODESTY – Decency, Orderliness,  
Well-arranged, suited for the occasion.

Not emphasizing outward attractiveness.

Not ostentatious or showy.

But godliness & good works.

Chaste behavior, not “chased” (1 Peter. 3:1-5).

Chaste = clean, innocent, modest, perfect.

Incorruptible, meek & quiet spirit, of great  
price in the sight of God (3:4).



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I. THE NEW LAW TEACHES (1 Tim. 2:9-10).

B. SHAMEFASTNESS – Holding fast to a sense of shame, careful of how something affects others, averse to unseemly things.

Instead of “He shouldn’t be looking!”

It is “I should be careful!” (Cp Gen. 3:11-12)

Think ahead & avoid situations (Ex. 20:26).

Wear garments “just in case” (Ex. 28:42-43).

BOTH Were Their Responsibility!



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I. THE NEW LAW TEACHES (1 Tim. 2:9-10).

A. MODESTY.

B. SHAMEFASTNESS.

C. SOBERNESS –Sound mind & judgment, control of the passions & desires (Gen. 39:9b-10).

Think clearly!

Make good judgments about your attire!

Do not let ignorance, neglect, pride, pleasure or passion cause you to sin!

**Why Did Bathsheba Bathe Visible To Others?**

**(2 Sam. 11:2-4)**

**WHAT WE WEAR REVEALS OUR HEART!**



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## II. DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES

A. OT Explains NT Principles (1 Cor. 10:6-12).

Idolatry: 1 John 5:21 + Ex. 20:4-6.

Abortion: Rom. 13:9 + Ex. 21:22-25.

Parenting: Eph. 6:4 + Prov. 13:24.

Modesty: 1 Tim. 2:9-10 + Gen. 3:7-11, 21.

**Aprons = Covered just loins = Nakedness**

**Coats = From shoulders to knees (Wilson)**

Shame of Nakedness:

Rev. 3:17-18 + Is. 47:2-3; Ex. 20:26; 28:42-43.

**Need to cover loins & thighs.**



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## II. DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES

B. Lasciviousness – Indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males & females, absence of restraint, indecency, SHAMELESS conduct (Thayer) (Gal. 5:19).

C. “And such like...” (Gal. 5:21):

DANCING

CHEERLEADING

GYM SHORTS & SPORTS UNIFORMS

MIXED SWIMMING

MAKING OUT

Etc.!



# MODESTY

## III. MAKING APPLICATION

A. Men AND Women (Gen. 3:7-11, 21; Ex. 20:26; Ex. 28:42-43; John 21:7; 1 Tim. 2:9-10).

B. Clothing should cover our nakedness!

- × Thin, transparent, filmy, see-through white shirts.
- × Form fitting or form revealing shirts, sweaters, spandex, tight jeans.
- × Low-cut blouse (front or back), mid-drift, shorts or dresses that reveal the thighs (even when going up steps).
- × Dresses or pants that are slit up to the thigh.



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## III. MAKING APPLICATION

C. "Special Occasions" do not justify immodesty!



- × Weddings, Graduations, Birthdays, Glamour Shots, Championship Victories, Etc.
- × Beauty Pageants, Muscle Contests, Prom, Etc.



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## IV. RELATED PRINCIPLES

A. If In Doubt, DON'T! (Rom. 14:19-23).

B. Exceptions Do NOT Grant Permission To Violate The Rules: Husband & Wife, Bathing, Child-birth, Doctors, Mugging (Lk. 10:30).



CONCLUSION: FAITH is the victory! (1 John 5:4)

Will you allow a few inches of cloth to keep you from heaven?



Or will you dress in the beauty of righteousness & holiness, & enter? (Matt. 22:11-14)



