

Does God care about our Clothing Decisions?

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1 **Corinthians 10:11-12:** “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”

Proverbs 14:3 “In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.”

God, our creator, cares about
what we wear!

Shamefacedness / Blushing

I Timothy 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;” (KJV)

* Greek meaning of aidōs

* A sense of shame, bashfulness or regard for others (Thayer’s)

Jeremiah 6:15 “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.”

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“People will stare. Make it worth their while.” *Harry Winston*

“The body is meant to be seen, not all covered up.” *Marilyn Monroe*

“A woman’s dress should be like a barbed wire fence: serving the purpose without obstructing the view.” *Sophia Loren*

“The body is the instrument of our hold on the world.” *Simone de Beauvoir*

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Fashion Innovation

“Learn five reasons why fashion is important and essential to society, history, and development...Today almost everyone can dress as they want, in the past fashion was mainly used to give a tone of class and power...”

1. Is important breaks the norms
2. Inspires creativity
3. Tells a story
4. Increases self-confidence
5. The importance of make a difference

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Clothing demonstrates something about our heart

Matthew 12:34b “...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 “For though I am free from all [men], I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those [who are] under the law, as under the law, that I might win those [who are] under the law; 21 to those [who are] without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those [who are] without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all [men], that I might by all means save some. 23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with [you].”

2 Peter 1:3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:”

3 Stages of Awareness

Oblivious

Reliance on Self

Submitting to
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OBLIVIOUS

- * Anyone can be in this stage
- * Ignorance isn't an excuse
- * **Leviticus 5:17** “If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.”
- * **1 Peter 1:14** “as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;”
- * **WARNING:** Anyone can fall back to this position

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RELIANCE ON SELF

- * **1 Peter 2:9** “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”
- * **Romans 10:2-3** “For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”
- * **Revelations 2:14** “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.”

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SUBMITTING TO AUTHORITY

- * This is the standard we seek
- * **John 8:32** “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
- * **This MEANS:**
 - * God has not left any command to us vague

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Why do we have clothing?

- * **Genesis 2:25** “And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”
- * **Genesis 3:7** “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.”
- * **Genesis 3:10** “So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.
- * **Genesis 3:21** “Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.”

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- * Adam tried to cover nakedness and failed
- * Adam recognized he failed
- * God covered Adam and Eve for one purpose - cover their nakedness



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1 Timothy 2:9-10 “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.”

* Covering Nakedness transitioning to Modesty in the NT is very similar to Adultery and Lust

* Exodus 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery.”

* Matthew 5:28 “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

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Tamar and Judah

Genesis 38:14-16 “So she took off her widow's garments, covered [herself] with a veil and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place which [was] on the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him as a wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought she [was] a harlot, because she had covered her face. 16 Then he turned to her by the way, and said, "Please let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she [was] his daughter-in-law. So she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?”

* **Romans 12:9** “*Let love be without hypocrisy. **Abhor what is evil.** Cling to what is good.*”

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Israel Sinful Behavior

Isaiah 47:2-3 “Take the millstones and grind meal. Remove your veil, Take off the skirt, Uncover the thigh, Pass through the rivers. 3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, Yes, your shame will be seen; I will take vengeance, And I will not arbitrate with a man.”

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Adding Accessories and Things to be Seen

Mark 12:38-40 “Then He said to them in His teaching, “Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, [love] greetings in the marketplaces, 39 “the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, 40 “who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

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1 Peter 3:3-5 “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. 5 For in this manner, in former
times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned
themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,”

“God is the ultimate authority of what is genuinely modest and what is not.” Radiant Modesty

“Since our bodies belong to God, we must choose to put on clothing that will honor him.” Radiant Modesty

Beauty without modesty is like a flower broken from its stem.” Jean de La Bruyere

God does care about our
clothing decisions! Do we
look to God for our standard?