

Christian Apparel, Inside & Out

**The battle to conform our ways to
God's ways begins in the HEART!**

A Tender & Loving Heart...

- **Recognizes God's will is for all (SELF)**
 - **Acts 10:34**, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons"
- **Accepts that some things are off limits**
 - **Galatians 6:14**, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world"
- **Obedient to God's will, not man's**
 - **Galatians 1:10**, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ"



Our Apparel Tells Others About Us

- **Society may/may not recognize as truth**
 - Fashion industry spends billions of \$\$\$
 - Trends: Shorter, Lower, Higher, Tighter
- **Bible clearly affirms as truth**
 - **1 Timothy 2:9-10**, “women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”



A Clearer Picture

- **Modesty** (KJV & NKJV)
 - Of good & proper behavior; well arranged; pure; virtuous; not seeking attention
- **Shamefacedness** (KJV), **Propriety** (NKJV)
 - Refrain from shaming self & others; respect & regard for self & others
- **Sobriety** (KJV), **Moderation** (NKJV)
 - Soundness of mind; self-control, being discreet, using good judgment,
“professing godliness with good works”



Why Some Feel No Shame?

- **Shame...** *“the painful feeling caused by the consciousness or exposure of unworthy or indecent conduct or circumstances”*
- **Conscience seared & hearts blinded**
 - **1 Timothy 4:1-2**, “some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron”
 - **Ephesians 4:18-19**, “because of the blindness of their heart: ...have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”



SHAME...A Learned Process

- **Romans 6:17**, “ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
- **Romans 10:17**, “So now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- **Romans 6:18, 21**, “Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness... What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?”



Godly Women (& Men)

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 - **1 Peter 3:3-4**, “adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”
 - **Matthew 5:3**, “Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”
 - **Matthew 5:5**, Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth”



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1 Timothy 2:9-10, Context of passage

- **Modest**

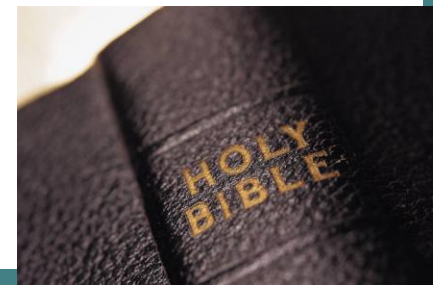
- Good & proper behavior; well arranged; pure; virtuous; not seeking attention

- **Proper**

- Not shaming God, self & others; respectful & reverent toward God, self & others

- **Moderate**

- Sound mind; self-control, discreet, “Christ like”, “**professing godliness with good works**”



Respectfully Asking...

- Preteens-adults not wear shorts, shorter than knee length, to activities sponsored by the church (VBS, Rallies, Picnics, etc.)
- Preteens-adults not wear shorts to worship, Bible classes, gospel meetings.
- Men not wear message or logo shirts when serving & teaching.
- Parents not to allow children to wear tee-shirts with inappropriate pictures or messages to services and special activities of the church.



God's Standard Hasn't Changed

- **Malachi 3:6**, “For I *am* the LORD, I change not”
- **Hebrews 3:8**, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”
- **James 1:17**, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

