

Modesty in Dress

(Matthew 6:10)

- Introduction:
1. The issue of modesty, like all other moral issues can be settled if we possess the attitude of (Matthew 6:10).
 3. Let's examine what the Bible teaches.

I. Modesty Can be a Problem Among God's People

- A. It's an unspoken problem, but it is not hidden. We all see it.
- B. The silence may be due to cowardice, or sensitivity, but we must overcome both.
- C. Ills. (1837) Hans Christian Anderson – "The Emperor's New Clothes."
- D. The intent of this lesson is to verbalize what we have all been thinking to ourselves but have been reluctant to say out loud.
- E. It's time we stop pretending and speak aloud.

II. The Issue of Modesty

- A. "Culture is religion Externalized" - Henry Van Til, former professor of Bible at Calvin College
- B. "Dress is religion externalized."
- C. The way people dress reveals much about their character and what they value.
 1. Dress for success (Matthew 11:8).
 2. Dress makes a religious statement (2 Samuel 3:31; 11:8).
 3. Dress makes a moral statement (Proverbs 7:10).
- D. What message is your dress conveying?
 1. Success? Religion? Morality? Rebellion? Sexuality?
 2. Your actions speak louder than your words.

III. What Does The Bible Say About Modesty

- A. We have forgotten the fundamental purpose of clothing – to cover and hide our nakedness (Genesis 3:21).
- B. (1 Timothy 2:9,10).
- C. You can't dress like that and be cool and fit in?
 1. Since when did we get the notion we must fit in?
 2. Paul begged us to be different from the world (Romans 12:2).
 3. Are we really so shallow and undisciplined that we're more concerned about the world thinks than our Lord?

- Conclusion:
1. I close with an appeal to love.
 - a. Love toward one another.
 - b. Love toward God.
 2. Make certain you would shrink from any dress or conduct that would be considered indecent or immodest and that fails to profess godliness.