

MODEST APPAREL

What does the Bible say?

Modest Apparel

- 1) What is an ellipsis?
- 2) Are nakedness and modesty the same issue?
- 3) What constitutes nakedness?
- 4) Why do some older men always wear long-sleeved shirts?
- 5) Why does the Bible emphasize the clothing of women?

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- 6) Why did previous generations oppose mixed swimming of boys and girls?
- 7) Are politicians liars?
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Genesis 3:7-10

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Isaiah 20:4

⁴ so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, **naked** and barefoot, **with their buttocks uncovered**, to the shame of Egypt.

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Proverbs 5:18-19

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⁶ For you have taken pledges from your brother for no reason,
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Revelation 3:18

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and **white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed**; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Two Issues

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- Modest clothes

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Proverbs 7:10

¹⁰ And there **a woman** met him,
With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.

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Lesson #8: People have a right to judge you by how you're dressed.

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Mary Quant:

Mini-clothes are symbolic of those girls who didn't want to wait until dark to seduce a man."

via. George Reed, "Fruit of the Spirit", Vol 5, No. 1

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(a) soundness of mind, good sense, sanity;

(b) self-control, sobriety" (Strong's)

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- Thayer: "a garment let down, dress, attire"
- Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich: "deportment ... as it expresses itself in clothing"
- Liddell & Scott: "equipment, dress"

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Robinson: "a letting down, i.e. **the letting fall of a garment, the adjustment of it, on and around one's person**"

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Feminine clothing

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"homosexuals" (μαλακός) = "effeminate" (KJV)
 "Pertaining to being soft to the touch – soft, delicate, luxurious"

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Lesson #13: **The woman's clothes must be feminine. Clothes made for men are off-limits.**

Pants?

Are Politicians liars?

Yes

Pants?

Are pants feminine?

No

Pants?



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Is a woman sinning by wearing a dress?

Yes ... if ...

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1 Corinthians 10:23-24

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Lesson #12: The woman's clothes cannot cling to her body. The clothing must be loose and fall from her body.

Lesson #13: The woman's clothes must be feminine. Clothes made for men are off-limits.

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1 Timothy 2:9-10

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Advertising godliness

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