

Modest Dress

Introduction:

- A. Dad used to say, "Some women don't wear enough clothing to wad a .22 caliber rifle!" I wonder what he would say now!
- B. Tell about A.W.'s annual sermon on modesty.
- C. How does the law of Christ require women to dress?
- I. The dress of women is to be "modest," not necessarily "modern." - 1 Timothy 2:9
- II. The Scriptures give principles, not specific rules, whereby women should determine modesty. - 1 Timothy 2:9-10; cf. Hebrews 5:14
 - A. shamefacedness: a sense of shame - Jeremiah 6:15
 - 1. Nakedness is shameful. - Exodus 32:25; Revelation 3:18
 - 2. Nakedness includes scanty attire. - Job 22:6
 - 3. God covered Adam's and Eve's nakedness. - Genesis 3:7-10,21; cf. Isaiah 47:1-3
 - 4. Thus, the principle of shamefacedness applies to men as well as to women. - Galatians 5:19-21
 - B. sobriety: sound judgment, self-restraint, moderation, decency - Titus 2:4-5
 - C. "not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" - cf. 1 Peter 3:3-4
 - D. "which becometh women professing godliness"
 - 1. Is your dress proper for "a woman professing godliness" or "the attire of a harlot"? - Proverbs 7:10
 - 2. How do your clothes affect men? - 2 Samuel 11; Matthew 5:27-28; 18:6-7

Conclusion:

- A. Christian, does your clothing reflect godly character, or does it cause others to stumble and bring shame upon the Lord's church'?
- B. Dress in such a way that the reflection of godly character will draw others to Christ. - Matthew 5:16