

Modesty

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# Introduction

- What are we going to talk about?
- Commands, principles and wisdom
- Why is it important?

# Definition

- 1 Timothy 2:9-10
- Not to put one's self forward, not brash or bold but quiet, and not wanting to attract attention to one's self.
- Moderate, not extreme, excessive or intense.
- Having regard to decencies of behaviour, dress, etc, chaste.

# Some Principles

- 1. A right heart precedes right actions  
(Mat. 12:33-35)
- 2. God deserves all the attention
- 3. The inner is more important than the  
outer (1 Sam. 16:7)

# Some Principles

- 4. Nudity is a sin (Gen. 3,9; Nah. 3:5)
- 5. Sexual Purity (Heb. 13:4)
  - men lust and women like to be lusted after
- 6. Stumbling blocks (Rom. 14:13,21)

# Some Principles

- 7. Attractiveness is OK (1 Tim. 2:9)
- 8. Individual expression verses attention seeking
- 9. Just because you don't know what you're saying doesn't mean you're not saying it.

# Some Principles

- 10. Representing family, church and Christ  
(Mat. 5:16, 2 Cor. 5:20)
- 11. Erring on the side of caution

# Clothing Thoughts

- Why are you wearing something?
- Acceptable reasons:
  - Warmth, Adornment, Covering,  
Individual Expression, Function
- Unacceptable reasons:
  - Sexual attraction, Attention seeking,  
Conformity

# Applications

- Guidelines
- Swimwear, sport and the argument of function
- Culture
- Leadership and humility

# Summary

- Modesty is a *heart attitude* that seeks to draw attention to God and away from ourselves. The modest person earnestly desires to be sexually pure and this flows into actions that are self-controlled and considerate of others.