

Modest Dress

1. Outward dress, whether modest or immodest, is controlled by one's inward character (1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:3-4).
2. "Modest" means orderly, well-arranged, decent. "Immodest" means clothing that is inappropriate; clothing that stirs up the lust of the eye (lasciviousness in Gal. 5:19). Three questions: Does it cover enough? Can others see through it? Is it too tight? "Shamefastness" means maintaining a sense of shame; will keep one from indecency. "Sobriety" means good judgment and self-control; will keep one from indecency.
3. God wants nakedness covered (Gen. 2:25; 3:6-7, 21). Uncovered thighs, mid-section, and chest or breasts is considered "nakedness" by God's standard.
4. Our clothing, or lack thereof, should not be a stumbling-block to others (Mt. 5:27-28; Lk. 17:1-2; Rom. 14:21).
5. Mixed swimming and immodest bathing suits should also be avoided (2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Pet. 2:11).
6. "Everybody is wearing it ... it is fashionable." We must not conform to the world (Rom. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:15).