

# The Modest Appearance

*“I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.” (1 Timothy 2: 9-10)*

*“Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.” (1 Peter 3: 3-6)*

Women created by God and adorned by Him by a special beauty. All women are beautiful for the purpose of God that had created them for. As well as the standard of the beauty of a woman according to God standard is different from the standard of the world. We will discuss here in this message God's standard for the beauty and our responsibility as a people of God how to dress ourselves with modesty.

***We should dress with decency:*** Dress should cover properly the attractive body parts of the woman. The dress should cover her breasts, thighs, abdomen, shoulders, and upper arms. Keeping these parts of the women exposed is not a decency in God's sight. Tight dress that enticed men, and dress that does not cover properly the flesh part of the woman that are mentioned before, such a dress will not bring glory to God. If our Christian women they dress in the same way the nonbelievers women of the world dress, then what is the difference. Then how others who are outside the church can see Christ in us. The Immodest dress appeal to the sexual desire of men and entice them to sin and this is not the will of God; as the Scripture tells us, ***“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God.” (1 Corinthians 10: 31-32)*** The Word of God also tells us the following:-

***1- But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.” (Ephesians 5: 3)*** There should not be a hint of sexual immortality among the people of God. The women who wear dress might not be in her mind to attract men or to show off her body beauty. Maybe she is innocent but such type of dress will open a way for temptation and might cause some to fall in sin, ***“And do not give the devil a foothold.” (Ephesians 4: 27)*** Those who still lack of self control will be enticed by the undescent dress that appeal to the flesh and become a foothold of devil and cause some to fall into sin.

***2- We dress with propriety:*** The beauty of the women should not come or depend on the braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or expensive clothes, ***“Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.” (1 Peter 3: 3)***

Although the Scriptures does not prohibit Christian women to have braided hair, or from wearing fine clothes. As well as the Scriptures does not prohibit wearing gold, jewels, or pearls. But if we think that our beauty depend on such things that is not right and if we use such things to boast and show off and make ourselves attractive that is sin. And if we keep silver, gold, or, pearls because we have greed in our hearts and we love material things that is becoming an idol and ultimately sin.

***3- Women beauty should be of their inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight:*** The woman who is gentle in speech and accent, who quiet in behavior and action is the woman whom the Spirit of God find place to stay. ***“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Proverbs 31: 30-31)*** The Holy Spirit will reside in the gentle and kind woman. Gentleness and kindness are Jesus characters. Such a woman with these characters the Holy Spirit will find a place to work in her. The Holy Spirit will make the face of such a woman glorious and shine with the spirit radiance. The woman who is submissive to her husband is a beautiful woman. A woman who is respecting her husband is a beautiful and attractive woman to her husband. Whatever the woman has body beauty and good feature if she show no submission and respect to her husband, her husband will not be attractive to her. No man would love and become attracted to his wife if she show no respect and submission toward him.

***My Dear and Beloved:*** Christ Jesus came from heaven to save mankind from sin and death. He suffered and died on the cross, He was buried but rose from the death on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their life. Our Lord He faced a brutal death on the cross, but He did not think about Himself, but He thought about us. ***“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.” (Peter 2: 21-23)*** Therefore Let us not to look to ourselves but to Him and make ourselves beautiful by doing and following the example of Christ and put His Word into action as we agree to pray.

***My Prayer:*** *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sin and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord help me to obey Your Word in this message and to be a good example to others. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*