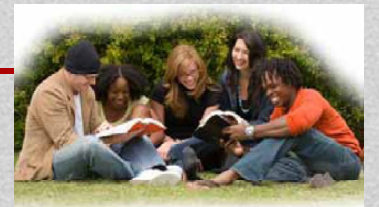


Prayer and Modesty

A Study of Our Attitude
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- Our study will focus on attitude
 - Our study will be topical verses textual
 - 1 Timothy 2 (Instructions for assembly)
 - We will expand our context today
 - Prayer for both men and women
 - Modesty for both men and women
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- Who do we typically pray for?
 - Pray for **all men** (v. 1)
 - Supplication, prayer, intercession and thanks
 - Pray for those in authority (v. 2)
 - that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life
 - in all godliness and reverence
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- Why pray for **all men**?
 - For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.** (1 Tim. 2:3-4)
 - Is there anyone for whom you can't pray?
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- God desires all men to be saved
 - “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” - Ga 3:28
 - Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” - Co 3:11
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- 1Ti 2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;
 - Lifting up holy hands
 - Prayers of the wicked are not heard
 - Without wrath
 - Without doubt
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- Prayers of the wicked are not heard
 - Pr 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.
 - Pr 28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.
 - Joh 9:31 "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.
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- Prayers of the righteous are heard
 - 1Jo 3:22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight
 - Jas 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
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1Ti 2:9-10 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.



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- By definition modesty is being well kept, orderly, quite and humble in **speech, behavior or dress.**
 - Modesty is so much more than tight and revealing clothing
 - It is much more about **attitude**
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- Modesty: Quite and humble in speech, behavior or dress
 - Does not draw attention to oneself
- Same Greek word (kosmios) is translated “good behavior” in the qualifications of an elder.



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- Propriety: Shamefacedness
- Sense of shame (Gen. 3:10)



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- Sobriety (Sound Mind)
 - Using good judgment
 - Think ahead
- Same Greek word (sophron) is translated “sound mind” or “sober-minded” in the qualifications of the elder in 1 Tim 3:2



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1 Peter 3:1-4 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. **Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel-- rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.**

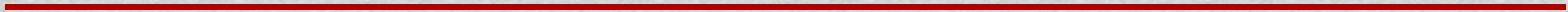
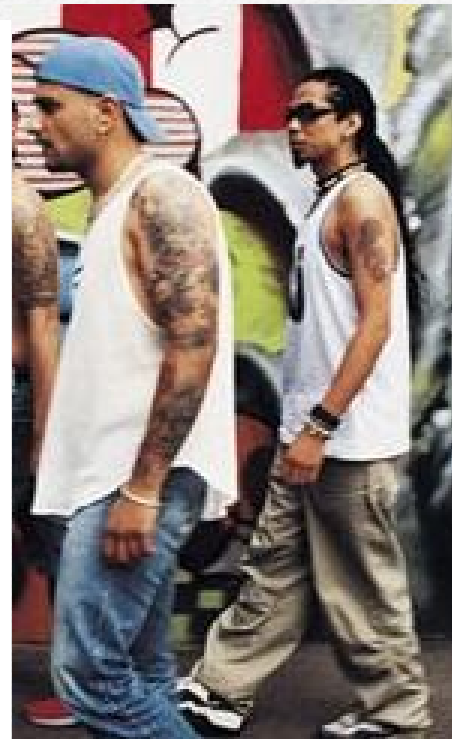


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- Inward beauty
 - *1 Pet. 3 ... rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*
 - *1 Tim. 2...but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.*
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What do you think when you see ...





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- **Being overdressed is immodest**
 - Not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing (1 Tim. 2:9)
 - Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel (1 Pet. 3:1-6)

DOES IT DRAW ATTENTION?



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- **Being underdressed is immodest**
 - God made man and women so they would be physically attracted to each other.
 - Therefore men and women must be careful

DOES IT DRAW ATTENTION?



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- **Being underdressed is immodest**
 - What is the purpose of
 - Dress or shirts that are low cut in the front
 - Skirts that are short or have splits
 - Strapless/Open-back dresses
 - Tight clothing
 - Shirts with suggestive sayings
 - Shorts (baggy doesn't make them modest)
 - Shirtless guys or muscle shirts
 - Etc...

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- **Being underdressed is immodest**

Dr. Benjamin Spock said, “The women on the beach whom the men can’t help watching are ... the ones with figures who want men to watch them and are bold enough to show this in their manner ...” (*Ladies Home Journal* [September, 1955], 26,28).

The mother of the mini-skirt and London fashion designer, Mary Quant, said, “Mini-clothes are symbolic of those girls who want to seduce a man” (Nov. ‘13, 1967). When asked where such clothing was headed, she curtly replied: “Sex.”

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- **Being underdressed is immodest**

A 1971 edition of *The Atlanta Constitution* reported, “This question was put to a group of Atlanta teenagers: Do you seek the exercise or the sun when you don a swimsuit? ‘Neither’ was the reply, ‘We seek the boys!’”

In 1979 David Tant wrote, “In a discussion with a group of young people, the question was asked why girls (and boys) go around with shirts or blouses unbuttoned to a daring extent and wear otherwise suggestive clothing. The consensus was that it was done for advertising purposes.”

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- **Are there legitimate lines that can be drawn?**
 - The Bible calls partially nude body “naked” (Gen. 3)
 - The Priest were to wear linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs (Ex. 28:42)

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- **Bodily movements can be immodest**
 - Dancing excites the participants
 - Girls sitting and moving in short skirts or low cut blouses
 - Sexual gestures (music videos, movies, ...)

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- **Our speech can be immodest**
- Eph 5:4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
 - Dirty jokes, lewd comments, etc...

DOES IT DRAW ATTENTION?