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GOD CARES HOW YOU DRESS!

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GOD REQUIRES DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SEXES! This matter of dress has great implications for Christians and the styles of the world are getting worse almost by the year. God has set up strict guidelines for His people. The only rule book we have as Christians is the Word of God. The rule is not what is in style, or what is comfortable. God requires that one is not to look like or wear that which pertains to the opposite sex. The Bible is very clear: **“The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all that do so are an abomination to the Lord God.” ~Deuteronomy 22:5.** I know that is in the Old Testament, but the principles of God are always the same. God makes it clear in the New Testament that He wants men to look like men and women to look like women - you have the same principle in I Corinthians 11. Men are to look like men, act like men, dress like men, etc. Women are to look like women, etc. We are not singling out women, some men dress improperly, but the truth is, the above command of God is largely disobeyed by women who wear pants, shirts, jackets, ties, like men. We don't expect worldly people to understand or conform to God's rule, but Christian women, **“women professing godliness,”** should certainly obey God. **THE STANDARD IS GOD'S WORD!** There are many arguments used to justify women wearing men's clothing (I think I've heard them all), but it is still wrong. The whole movement to reverse the roles or to create a unisex look is of the devil. Make no mistake about it, a great deal of the masculine dress on women which is so common today has been fostered by the rebellious women's lib movement. This is also contrary to God's Word and no Christian woman should be influenced by its fanatical notions. Christians are supposed to abide in the doctrine of Christ; not what is popular in the world. The man is to be the head of the woman and she is to be in subjection to him (Ephesians 5, etc.). This teaching from God's Word is very unpopular today, but that doesn't make any difference. God's Word is the last word! Just because everybody, or at least most everybody, is doing it does not make it right. Sad to say, there are few Fundamental churches where one finds any kind of Scriptural dress code enforced today. If you don't believe me, just visit a few. Another serious and related problem in our Fundamental Churches, is that most homes are run by the wives or children, not by the husband. Finding Scripturally qualified elders and deacons is getting extremely difficult. Tragically, few seem to care.

GOD REQUIRES MODESTY! God says women are to dress in **“modest apparel.” ~I Timothy 2:9.** Incidentally, it is significant to note that God told the preacher, Timothy, to tell the women to dress **“modestly.”** It is the Pastor's responsibility to inform the women on modest or proper clothing. Now, some women say that slacks are more modest than dresses. That is rarely, if ever, true, but that's not the issue! God says do not wear clothes that pertain to a man. The truth is most all the slacks you see on women are tight fitting and very revealing and it is provocative to a man's baser thoughts. Christian women, are you still unaware that the garment designers purposely design women's clothing so as to appeal to a man's baser nature? In *How to Marry the Man of Your Choice*, Margaret Kent tells women that clothing can be a powerful way to manipulate men. Her advice includes *tight clothing; clothing that follows the natural form of your body and other suggestive garments.* Christian woman, is this something that God is pleased about?

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CORNERSTONE NEWS

FRIEND DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:30

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45

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*SPECIAL MUSIC

*NURSERY OPEN

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY...7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY...3:30- 4:30 (Buffet Supper) - 6:00

SUNDAY...9:30 - 10:45 - 5:30 - 6:30

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OCTOBER 27TH, 2007

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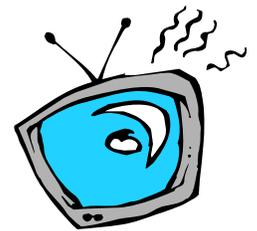
(Cont'd from page 1). **NO SENSUAL DRESS.** Women wearing low cut, tight fitting sweaters and blouses, see-through blouses, slit skirts, short skirts, shorts, etc., dishonor God. It's common today to see women wearing T-shirts and similar tops; this is anything but modest. When a woman accentuates certain parts of her body, it is not modest, and not pleasing to God. Should Christian women dress like this? One of our men said he can't help seeing this in the work place, etc. but he shouldn't have to see it in Church. A word (cont'd below)

YOUTH CORNER

WHAT ABOUT YOU? A missionary was staying with a minister. They sat on the preacher's porch. The preacher said, "See that man? He made a great start a year ago. That young man over there came out to the meetings last fall. That little girl started last spring when we had an evangelist here." The missionary had seen none of them at the Sunday School or Church services. At last he said, "You indeed have a number of starters here, but are none of them planning to finish?" What about you? Did you make a start, but now you are a dropout? Are you sure you're saved? One of the sad things in our day is the many false or empty professions of faith in Christ. The most tragic thing about false professions of faith is these people think they are children of God because they prayed a prayer, etc.; even though their lives give no evidence of a born again experience. Saved people go on with God! Read I John 2:19.

TV - IDOL OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS!

T-hief of morals, thief of time,
E-vil bent and full of crime
L-eading young and old astray
E-ver from the narrow way.
V-ending venom like a snake,
I-nto minds of small and great,
S-atan's hissing loud and clear
I-nto poor, deluded ears;
O-nly Christ can set them free
N-evermore its dupes to be. - Stephen Houbolt



A PARABLE ON "APPLES."

There was a man who had nothing and God gave him ten apples. He gave him three apples to eat. He gave him another three apples to trade for a shelter from the sun and rain. He gave him three more apples to trade for clothing. God gave him the tenth apple so that man could give back to God to show his gratitude for the other nine. The man ate the first three apples. He traded the second three for shelter from the elements. The third three he traded for clothing. Then, he looked at the tenth apple. It looked bigger and juicer than all the rest. He knew that God had given him the tenth apple that he might return it to God in gratitude. But the tenth apple looked so good. He reasoned that God had many other apples...so man ate the tenth apple." Malachi 3:8 says **"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings... Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."**

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

about slit skirts. One preacher asked a group of young men in a Bible college if they were sexually tempted by women in slit skirts, and every one of them admitted they were. I am sure that all but a few very naive women know that certain portions of a woman's body are appealing to a man's natural instincts. Why else is so much feminine flesh displayed on TV, billboards, magazines, etc. Surely, it is a sin for a woman to disobey God and appeal to the baser instincts in men. If a man lusts after you he is guilty, but are you not guilty if you dress so as to entice him? Was not Bathsheba as guilty as David for displaying herself on the rooftop of her house knowing full well it was in the sight of the palace? God says, "**Whatever ye do...do all to the glory of God.**" ~*I Corinthians 10:31*. That includes your dress! Do you want to please God --- or appeal to a man's old nature? I've had many women try to argue with me. The truth is, their argument is not with me but with God. He is the One who said women are not to wear a man's clothing. He also said that you are to dress modestly. I am simply trying to get you to obey and please God. It's not a matter of convenience, comfort, etc. The issue is, will you obey God? Some ladies like to remind us that we are not under law. That is true. But God's command to keep the sexes separate and in the right relationship transcends all dispensations. We are not under law, but shall we lie, steal or commit adultery? The principles of separateness of the sexes and modesty are for all time. (See I Cor.11, I Tim.2:9).

THE PROBLEM OF LEADERSHIP. Departure from God and His Word may start in the pew, but it is the pulpit that controls things. We have many Pastors who simply will not take any stand that is unpopular or that will cost them some followers. Now, I do not like to lose people, but is it right to disobey God in order to keep them? Many Pastors not only refuse to stand upon Biblical principles, but even allow their wives and daughters to go along with the current styles. Many have the idea that disobeying God in an area like this is not as bad as teaching some false doctrine. But what is the difference? Pastor, you are contradicting God by permitting conduct that He forbids. Furthermore, one compromise always leads to another. That's why we have Roman Catholicism, modernism and new evangelicalism, etc. You are foolish to think you can pick and choose which of God's commandments you are going to obey.

WORLDLY PEOPLE HAVE MORE SENSE... Some worldly people have more sense than carnal Christians (Yes, Christians who want to dress and act like the world are just plain carnal). Read the following by Thomas F.

Eaves, Sr. in *Pulpit Helps*: "Several weeks ago I visited a youth development center (prison for young people) in Tennessee. Except for the guards and high chain link fence, one would envision himself on a college campus. The bulletin board had a bold notice: '**Visitors must be appropriately dressed. Underwear and bras must be worn, no halter tops, no shorts, no revealing clothing.**' I commented on this to my guide. He said, 'Inappropriate clothing causes problems.'" Even worldlings know "revealing clothing" causes problems. While man has an old nature, it will! It is obvious Christians still have the old nature. I think of the words of Jesus: "**The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.**" Sad but true!

THINK ABOUT THIS! Are you a blood bought child of God? Do you really love the Lord Jesus Christ who paid for your sins? If you say, Yes, how can you deliberately disobey and grieve Him in this matter? His Word says women are to dress modestly - i.e. "with decency." Will you submit to His wisdom and authority? Let's dress (men and ladies) to please God - not ourselves or anyone else. The attitude that says nobody's going to tell me how to dress, where to go, what I can watch, is nothing but self will and has its origin in the devil. The Bible says, "**...ye ought to walk to please God.**" ~*I Thessalonians 4:1*. Believers should be as far from the world as possible. The world sinks lower with every passing day; how sad some professing Christians want to sink with it.

MORE GLOBAL MADNESS! Author and investigative journalist Dr. Jerome Corsi reported that U.S., Canadian and Mexican officials have met and signed the Open Skies accord. This will provide "free and open trans-border air travel." It is part of Pres. Bush's controversial Security and Prosperity Partnership between the three countries. Corsi says that it will throw open lucrative U.S. air routes. "So Mexicana can fly from Los Angeles to New York, or New York to Paris...anywhere they want to go inside the U.S. as if they were a U.S. airline." But Corsi has other concerns as well. To carry out the plan, the U.S. has already constructed five stations designed to give Canada and Mexico access to what is known as the Wide Area Augmentation System which allows them to know the location of every U.S. air base -- military as well as commercial. He notes: "Mexico and Canada can't run their airplanes in U.S. air space without knowing where our military airplanes are. We've given away the national security system secrets about military aircraft." *OneNewsNow*

GIVE US FAITHFUL MEN!

A song that I only recently heard for the first time was sung by our male quartet; it is entitled, "Lord, Make Me A Faithful Man." I really like that song! Now, in the many years of my ministry, I can say thank God for some faithful men. But I will be honest - over the long haul - they have been few. I think any Pastor would tell you the same thing. There are many who will "love" and "support" you as long as you do not take a stand which goes against their own personal desires or beliefs. There are some who have been "fair weather" friends, but when things really get rough or stormy, and unpopular decisions have to be made, they will shift their allegiance to the unspiritual majority or the vocal minority. This is not a complaint - merely the truth. It is a plea for some faithful men! We think of men like Tychicus, "Who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord." ~Colossians 4:7. Of course, it is my responsibility (and yours) to do and say the right thing regardless of what others may say or do. Often the man of God must stand alone like Joseph, Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, etc. But I will echo the words of Dr. J. Allen Blair; "There are few things more helpful in the work of the Lord than having men that you can count upon - especially in the matter of holding you before the Throne of Grace." I am convinced if we had more men in our churches like this, we would see a wonderful moving of the Holy Spirit. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (From a 1997 Challenge)

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

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THE SET OF THE SOUL

Many years ago Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote the following poem:

One ship drives east and another west	Like the winds of the sea Are the ways of fate,
With the selfsame winds that blow.	As we voyage along through life
'Tis the set of the sails	'Tis the set of the soul :
And not the gales	That decides the goal,
Which tells us the way to go.	And not the calm or the strife.

The Christian should always be facing into the winds of this world. Jesus was always out of sync with it; and we should be too! He said, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." I am always amazed when I see believers who travel with the world, and there are plenty of them these days. If you must always have calm seas with the wind at your back, you didn't count the cost as Jesus said you should. Multitudes of *professed believers* (See Matthew 7:21-23, 13:20, 21) determine their actions by circumstances, and the way the crowd is going, instead of obeying the Word of God. A.W.Tozer said: "The result of the last 20 years (written in 1954; it is vastly worse today) has been a religious debauch hardly equaled since Israel worshipped the golden calf. Of us Bible Christians it may be truthfully said that we 'sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.' The separating line between the world and the church has been all but obliterated." **We do need revival!!!**