

Moral Living
In An
Immoral World

God's intentions for human sexual relationships

- Gen 2:19-25, 1:27-28, God created the sexual union so humans could “*multiply*” to fill the earth.
- Gen 2:24, implies that God wanted human males and females to come together to produce children when, “*man shall leave his father and mother*”.
- Gen 2:24-25, This sexual union was ordained by God for the good of mankind only in the context of marriage.
- Gen 2:24-25, God designed the beauty of human nakedness and sexual desire to be an important part of what draws the husband and wife together, binding them with a life-long bond and for establishing a home and family.
- Gen 3:16, 1 Cor 7:1-5, God wants husbands and wives to share nakedness and sexual desire only with each other and not with anyone else.

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- **“Marriage is honorable”** God honors this timeless relationship He established for a man and woman in marriage. Mark 10:6-9
- **“among all”** God requires every human being to honor this institution of marriage at all times.
- **“and the bed undefiled”**
 - ◆ The term **“bed”** identifies the sexual relationship. Deut 27:20
 - ◆ An **“undefiled bed”**, sexual relationship in a marriage that God approves.

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What promotes sexually immoral thoughts and conduct?

Mental portrayal of the nakedness of those outside of marriage.

**WITHOUT MENTAL IMAGES ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN
NAKEDNESS THERE IS NO ISSUE!**

2-Way relationship all must honor:

- We are all responsible for controlling our own eyes and thoughts to keep them pure.
- We are also responsible for respecting the eyes of others to help them keep their thoughts pure.
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Two keys to understanding what God teaches on appropriate apparel and conduct.

1. Nakedness is to be shared, mentally and physically, only in marriage.
 2. Determine what is shameful nakedness outside of marriage and cover it up.
- Therefore, the subject of modest apparel and conduct is **DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MARRIAGE BED, WHETHER ONE IS MARRIED OR NOT!**

“Get This Point!”

The subject of modest apparel and conduct is a matter directly related to the marriage relationship. It revolves around the God-given, special, secret treasures of the sexual relationship in marriage. Experienced outside of that relationship, God calls it sin!

Is There A Line



Has God defined shameful nakedness and modesty?

- *“God did not draw a line for modest apparel.”*
- *“Cannot use the Old Testament because we are not under the Old Law.”*
- *“Godly men and women will just know what is modest.”*
 - ◆ **If they know then they know where the line is. But if there is no line, how can they “know”?**
- **Would God give mankind such a powerful and potentially dangerous human desire without clearly defining the guidelines for using it properly? Lev 18, 20**
- 1 Cor 10:6, *Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.*

Adam and Eve's Coverings: Gen 3:6-10, 21

- Their choice left them shamefully naked. V 7, “coverings”, “apron, girdle coverings of the waist and hip area”
- God’s choice “clothed” them properly, “a tunic, worn next to the skin... generally with sleeves, to the knees, but seldom to the ankles.” “from to cover, coat, garment, robe.”
- Permanent design for men and women for all time. V 21, “them”
- The “lines” covering the *shoulders* and to the *knees* in Genesis 3 are consistent with what the rest of the Bible describes as proper covering of the body.

“God’s line!”

- THIGHS

- ◆ Levitical Priests Ex 28:42-43, 20:26
- ◆ Isa 47:1-3, Babylon’s shame, ***“uncover the thigh... nakedness shall be uncovered... shame will be seen***

“God’s line!”

- **HIPS** (mid-section)

- ◆ 2 Sam 10:4, “*cut off their garments in the middle, at their **buttocks**, and sent them away.*”
- ◆ Isa 20:2-4, “*naked... with their **buttocks uncovered**, to the shame of Egypt.*”

“God line!”

- **BREASTS** (chest, upper-body)
 - ◆ Prov 5:15-20, pleasure in marriage only
 - ◆ Ezek 23:3, 8, 10, 18, 21, *“committed harlotry in their youth; their **breasts** were there embraced.”*
 - ◆ Hos 2:2-5, *Bring charges against your mother, bring charges; for she is not My wife, nor am I her Husband! Let her put away her harlotries from her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts....5 For their mother has played the harlot; she who conceived them has behaved shamefully. for she said, ‘I will go after my lovers,*

“God line!”

- **THIGHS** (upper legs)
- **HIPS** (mid-section)
- **CHEST** (upper-body)

Shameful nakedness can be exposed by apparel, body language or both to cultivate shameful nakedness.

- ***BODILY MOVEMENTS***
- ***TIGHT FITTING***
- ***SPECIAL OCCASIONS***
- ***SHORT AND REVEALING***

**Exposing the special treasures of marital nakedness
IS THE ISSUE!**

“Godliness” and “good works” promote modest apparel and conduct.

- 1 Tim 2:9-10, *“in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.”*
- Phil 1:9-10, *“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,”*

Godly minds understand that immodest apparel and conduct are the bait used in fornication..

- 1 Cor 6:18, *“Flee sexual immorality”*
- 2 Tim 2:22, *“Flee also youthful lusts;”*
- 1 Th 5:22, *“Abstain from every form of evil.”*

Conclusion

- The gift of human sexuality is beautifully designed by God to be expressed and enjoyed as a special treasure only in the marriage relationship. Proper attire and conduct are necessary for preserving that treasure. Use your godly character to attract others.
- 1 Pet 3:3-4, *“Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—4 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.”*
- Matt 5:16, *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

