



The Makings of
MODESTY



I. A Modesty Standard

The Language Implies a Standard

- **1 Timothy 2:9** – “*modest*” – *kosmios*; orderly, i.e. decorous (STRONG)
- **1 Timothy 3:2** – “*good behavior*” (cf. **Matthew 19:16-17; Micah 6:8**)



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The Standard of God's Holiness

- *“Be holy, for I am holy”* – 1 Peter 1:14-16
- The question of modesty is one of holiness, purity, and morality.

The Standard of God's Revelation (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17)



What do we mean by “heart issue?”

The Bible Says Everything is a “Heart Issue”

- **Proverbs 4:23** – issues of life.
- **Matthew 15:18-19** – all sin.
- **Romans 6:17** – obedience.
- **Matthew 22:37, 40** – loving God.
- Is that what we mean?

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The Modest Heart

- Seeks God's will honestly – **Acts 17:11**
- Receives God's will honestly – **Luke 8:15**
- Submits to God's will wholly – **Matthew 26:39; James 2:10-12**
- Is driven by God's will emotionally – **Jeremiah 6:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9**
- The opposite – **Matthew 15:8-9**

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Modesty is a Matter of Character

- Focus on inner character – **1 Timothy 2:9-10** (cf. Eph. 5:8, 10-12; 1 Cor. 9:27; Job 31:1-4)
- A winsome character – **1 Peter 3:1-4**
- **Possible to dress “modestly” but be an immodest person due to character flaw. However, biblically, modest apparel is in reflection of modest character.**

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Modesty Involves Chaste Conduct

- *Kosmios* – “good behavior” (NKJV), “respectable” (NASB, ESV), “orderly” (ASV), “dignified” (RSV) – **1 Timothy 3:2**
- God-shaped character which translates to God-shaped conduct – **James 4:7-8**
- **1 Peter 3:1-2** – “chaste conduct accompanied by fear”

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Apparel is a Part of Conduct

- **Matthew 22:5, 11-13** – parable of wedding feast – disrespect, indifference, etc.
- **Matthew 6:16-18** – pride.
- **Isaiah 3:16-17** – pride, materialism, ostentatious character, lewdness.
- **Proverbs 7:10** – unchaste, lewdness.

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**If I am modest by God's standard,
my:**

- HEART will be molded by God's will.
- CHARACTER will be in conformity to God's will.
- BEHAVIOR will be in conformity to God's will.
- APPAREL will be in conformity to God's will.

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The Most Basic Part of Modest Apparel is the Coverage of Nakedness as God Defines It

- The thigh – **Exodus 28:42-43**
- The buttocks – **Isaiah 20:3-4**
- The breasts – **Proverbs 5:18-20**
- From the shoulders down to the knees – **Genesis 3:10, 21** – coordinate with previous passages.

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