

Church of Christ

... Heart to Heart ...

We need to walk in a manner worthy of our calling in Christ. I appeal to parents and their daughters. I appeal to young mothers and middle age women that are in Christ Jesus. We are reminded, as beloved children of God, to walk as our Lord and Savior walked (I John 2:6). We aren't to be like the world, think like the world, or follow the world (I John 2:15-17). The world follows **lusts** and **pride!** We have a much higher calling. I direct our attention to the clothing (or in some cases the lack thereof) that is worn. I'm not picking on or bashing anyone. I'm appealing, as God would want, to take to heart our attire in our relationship to Him, appearing as light, as we live in this world of darkness.

Women claiming to be godly are to dress for God and are concerned with their appearance, setting an example for others. Listen carefully to God's word, **“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good world, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.”** (I Tim. 2:9-10) Proper clothing is clothing that is *modest* and *discreet*. *Modestly* carries the idea of well arranged and decent. *Discreet* means with sober thinking, putting thought into what you wear. The world doesn't care about godliness, much less modesty or discretion. That's why clothing is always pushing the limits in regard to modesty. For a person in Christ, not to dress modestly, with discretion, is a mockery of God.

If parents aren't taking hold of spiritual things, they won't convey those spiritual principles to their children. You can't teach and instruct what you don't believe in or know! Mothers, train your daughters to dress in a way that honors God. Show them that walking with God leads to happiness and contentment. You are an example to the world. Train them to put aside their passions, to think soberly about what they wear and how they act. Women need to put serious thought into their dress. We need to glorify the name of Jesus in our lives and walk worthy of the calling by which we have been called (I Thess. 1:11-12).

We can't stop lusts in the world, but we can make sure we aren't adding to or causing others to lust with our clothing. If we would set our minds more in tune with God, would He be thrilled with what we wear? Men too need to have this same awareness, but the word specifically addresses godly women in regard to their clothing.

Women, dress for God! Show godly behavior! Honor God by that you choose to wear. How would you like to face God, knowing you caused someone to stumble because you wore something that was too revealing? That's soberness in thinking! We really need to....think about it!!!