

“Dressing To Please God”

Lesson Text: **1 Thessalonians 4:1-5.**

I. The Christian’s Need To Please God.

- **2 Timothy 2:4; Hebrews 11:6; Colossians 1:10.**
- Who Are We Pleasing In Our Dress?
 - Going Along With Our Friend’s Style Of Dress?
 - Our Family That Sees Nothing Wrong With Immodesty?
 - The Girls Or Boys We Are Trying To Date?
 - The Husband Or Wife To Please Their Spouse?
 - The World That Expects Us To Dress Immodestly?
 - Or Even Our Godly Parents Who Want Us To Do Right?
- We Are To Offer Our Whole Life To God To Please Him— **Romans 12:1-2.**

II. What Happens When We Dress Immodestly?

- We Show Our Nakedness Or Sensuality Before Others.
 - When We Wear Clothing Too Revealing, Too Tight, Too See Through, Too Sensual....
 - Ill-clad Clothing: **Genesis 3:7-10—3:21** “Tunics”; **Exodus 28:42; John 21:7; Prov. 7:10.**
- We Cause Others To Lust- **Matthew 5:28; Matthew 18:6-7; Rom. 14:13; Mark 6:21-23.**
- We Become A Bad Example Of Godliness- **Matthew 5:13-16.**
- We Fail To Please God- **Romans 8:8; Galatians 5:24-25.**

III. How We Please God In Modesty?

- By A Choice To Show Godliness In Our Lives.
 - When Selecting The Kind Of Clothes We Wear, Do We Consider God?
 - It Is Choice To Be Different From The World- **1 John 2:15-17; James 1:27.**
- **1 Timothy 2:9-10.**
 - **"modest" (kosmio)**
 - "Orderly, well arranged, decent, modest" (akin to kosmos, in its primary sense as "harmonious arrangement adornment"; cf. kosmikos, of the world, which is related to kosmos in its secondary sense as the world) - Vine's
 - "The well-ordering is not of dress and demeanor only, but of the inner life, uttering in deed and expressing itself in the outward conversation" - Trench
 - **“propriety" (aidos)**
 - Translated "shamefacedness" in the KJV
 - "a sense of shame, modesty, is used regarding the demeanor of women in the church, - Vine's Expository Dictionary

This word applies more to the issue of brevity of clothing: Can it be said that those who display their bodies so as to excite lust in others have the quality of "shamefacedness"?
 - **“moderation" (sophrosune)**
 - Translated "sobriety" in the KJV ; "denotes soundness of mind" - Vine's
 - "it is that habitual inner self-government, with its constant rein on all the passions and desires, which would hinder the temptation to these from arising..." - Trench.
 - **“not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing"**
 - Excess, rather than actual adornment, is what is being condemned here- **Isa 3:16-26; Ezek 16:10-14.**

Conclusion: 1 Peter 3:3-5.