

**Does God Care**

**How I Dress?**

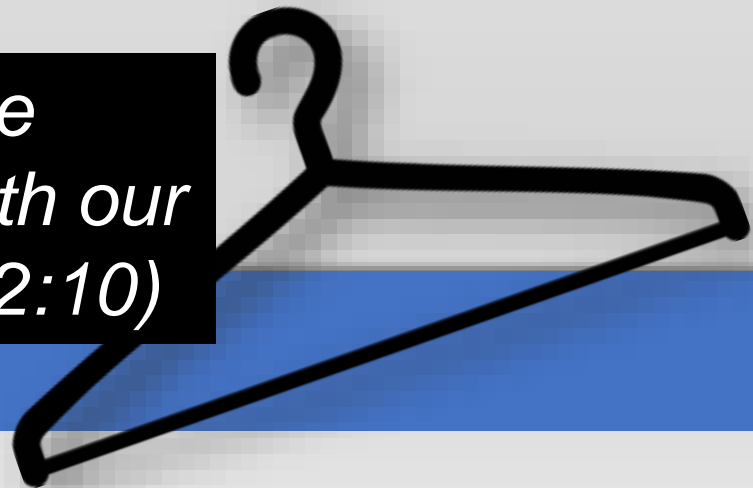


# ***Our Dress Reflects...***

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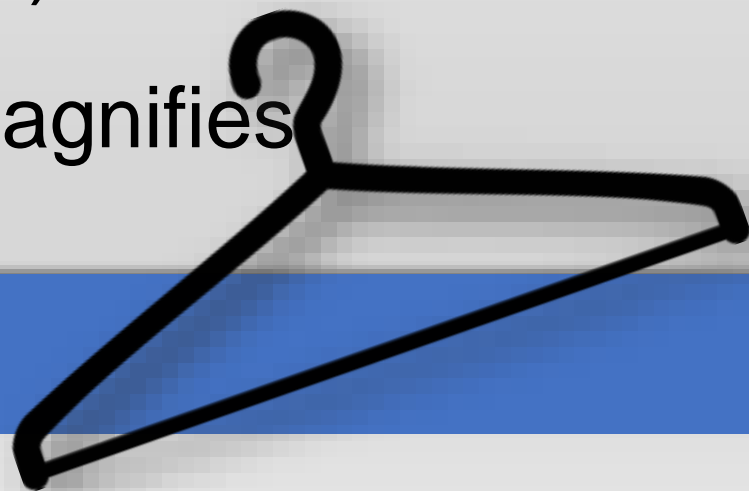
- How we see ourselves
- How we want others to see us
- How we see God
- How we want God to see us

*How we dress will either be **consistent** or **inconsistent** with our claim to godliness (1 Timothy 2:10)*



# ***False Ideas About Modesty***

- Only women need worry about modesty (Ex. 20:26, 28:42)
- It's my body (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- I have no responsibility for how my dress affects others (Matt. 18:6-7)
- It objectifies people and magnifies shame (Song of Solomon)



# ***Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)***

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- ***Moderation***

- Not overdone, gaudy, or flashy
- ***Too much*** can be improper
- Excess is prohibited, not all adornment (compare John 6:27; Proverbs 31:22)

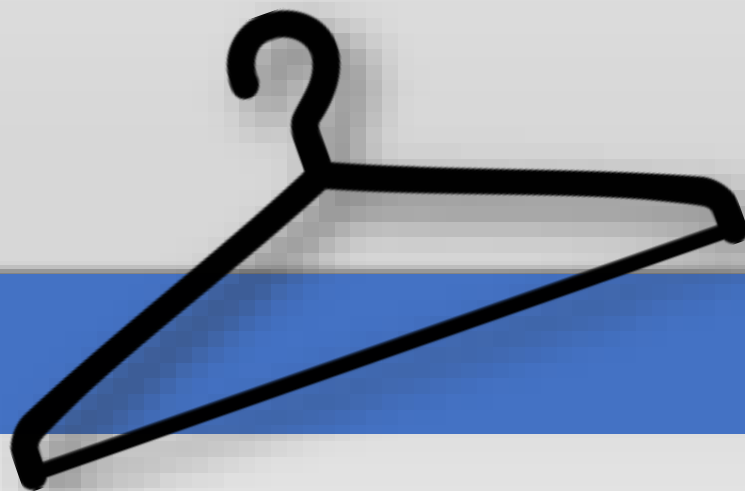
***Does our dress reflect  
humility and selflessness?***



# ***Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)***

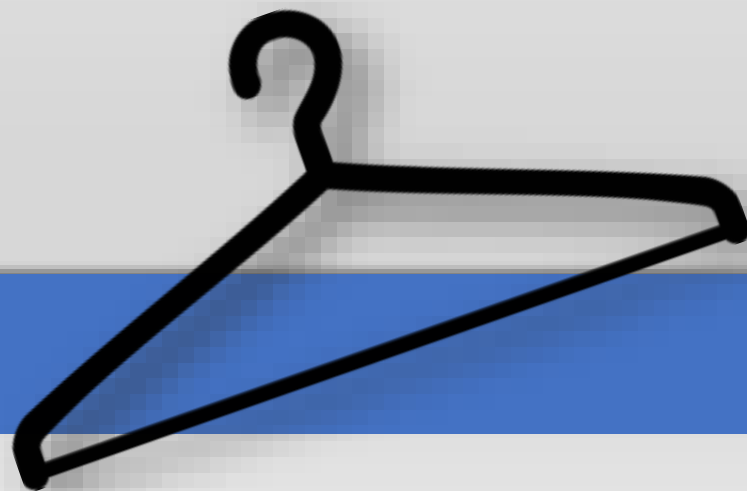
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- ***Modesty***
  - Not revealing or provocative
  - ***Too little*** can be immodest



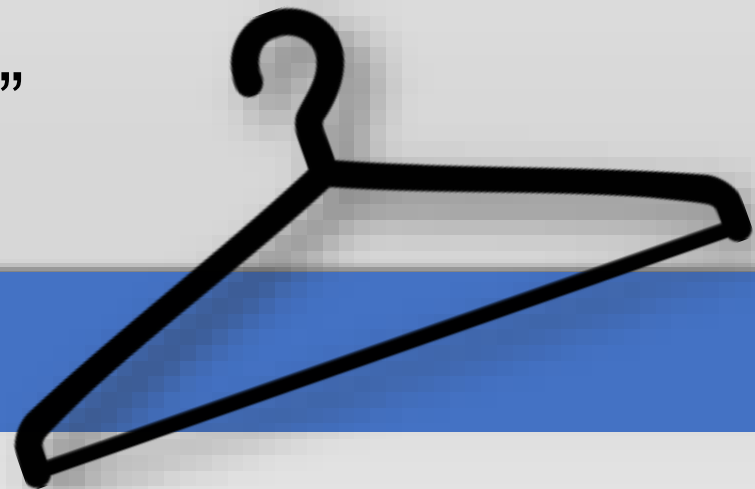
# ***Modesty Words—1 Tim. 2:9***

- ***modesty (NASB, ESV), propriety (NKJV), decency (CSB), shamefacedness (KJV)***
  - “the sense of shame or honor which hinders from doing an unworthy act” (Trench)
  - “chastity” (Josephus, *Antiquities* 2.52)



# ***Modesty Words—1 Tim. 2:9***

- ***discreetly (NASB), moderation (NKJV), sobriety (KJV), good sense (CSB), self-control (ESV)***
  - “the habitual inner self-government, with its reign on all the passions and desires” (Trench)
  - “a definite sexual nuance” (Rogers & Rogers)





# ***Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)***

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- ***Modesty***

- Not revealing or sexually provocative
- ***Too little*** can be immodest
- Dress must show the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:13-14)

***Does our dress reflect  
self-control and purity?***



# ***Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)***

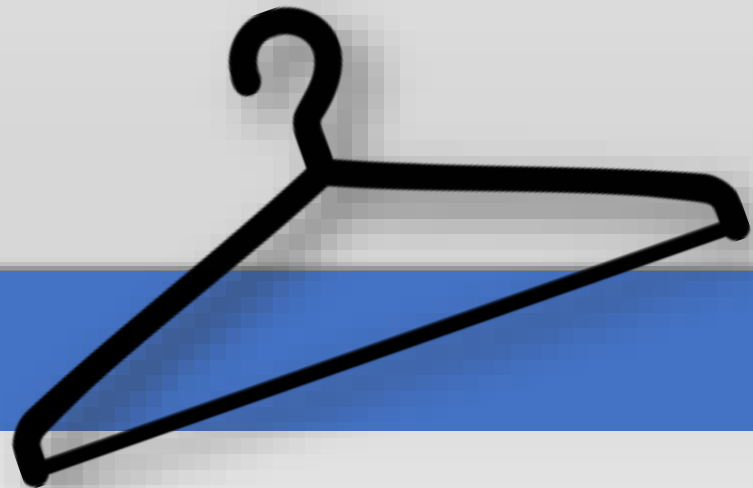
- ***Appropriate for a godly person***
  - Consistent with our claim to respect and fear God?
  - Not merely “fitting” your body—but “fitting” godly character

***Does our dress reflect **reverence** and a **God-centered attitude**?***

# ***God's Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)***

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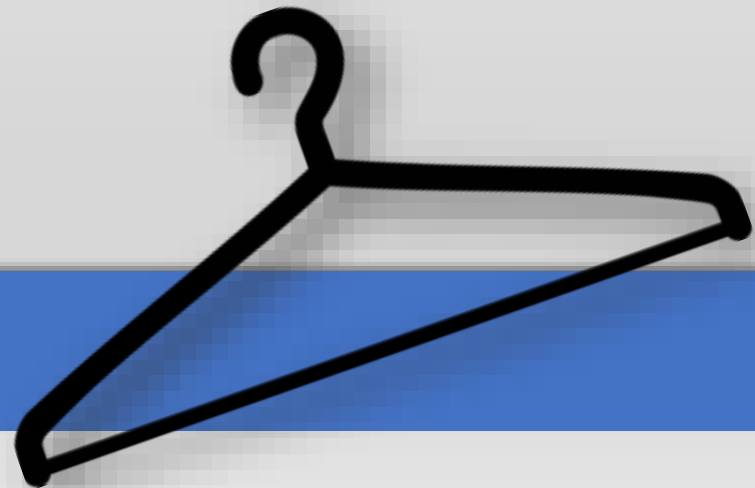
- ***Is it moderate?***
- ***Is it modest?***
- ***Is it fitting for a Christian?***



# ***True Modesty Starts Inside***

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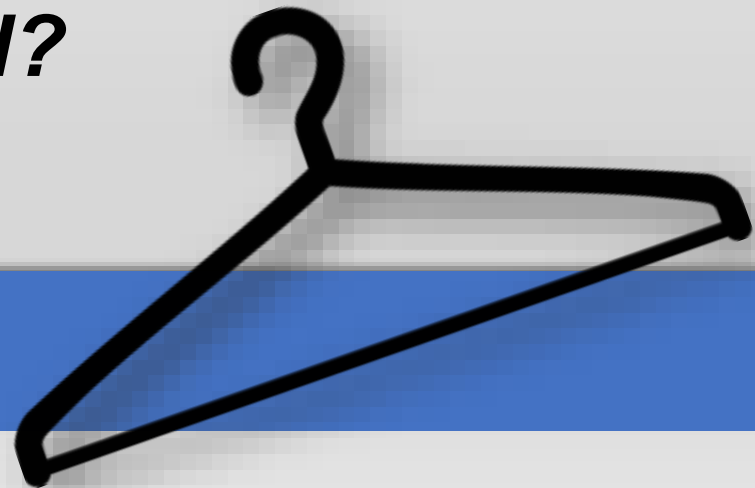
- ***Emphasis is on the heart***
  - 1 Timothy 2:9-10 — “with good works”
  - 1 Peter 3:4 — “hidden person of the heart”
- ***Modesty is really about developing Christ-like character!***



# ***Two Women***

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- Jezebel adorned herself ***externally***  
(2 Kings 9:30)
- Sarah adorned herself ***internally***  
(1 Peter 3:5-6)
- ***Who was really beautiful?***



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