

How can we influence others for good?

I. Character, Mt.5:13-16

Be what you are

II. Concern, Mt.18:6-9

My brother's keeper

III. Consistency, Ro.2:17-24

Practice what you preach

IV. Courage, Gal.2:11-14

Blind lead the blind

V. Choice, 2 Pt.2:20-22

Either hot or cold

VI. Continuation, Rv.2:4-5

Keep on keeping on

Each morning:
will my influence this day
affect people for good or bad?

Old Latin maxim:

Fashion is more powerful than any tyrant

‘What shall I wear?’

‘What should I wear?’

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I. Nakedness Is Shameful

Gn.2:25 . . . 3:7

- 'Naked' became shame
- 10: attempt to cover shame

Their garment covers
mid-section; loin-cover

In spite of these covers,
still felt naked (10)

- God did not approve of Adam/Eve's remedy: v.21, tunics
 - Garments of skin; commonly reaching below the knee

ISBE: 'The three normal body garments, the ones most mentioned in Scriptures...

- **sadhin**, a rather long 'under garment' provided w. sleeves;
- **k^ethoneth** [= Gn.3:21], long-sleeved tunic worn over the sadhin, likewise a shirt with sleeves;
- **simplah**, the cloak...used for 'garments' in general [Mt.5:40] ...was the ordinary 'inner garment' worn by the Jew of the day, in which he did the work of the day. It resembled the Roman tunic...

- ISBE: ‘...corresponding most nearly to our ‘long shirt,’ reaching below the knees always, and, in case it was designed for dress occasions, reaching almost to the ground...It was this garment of Jesus that is said by John (19:23) to have been without seam....
- ‘... **himation**, here rendered ‘cloak,’ denotes the well-known ‘outer garment’ of the Jews’ (II, 877)

- Gn.3 conclusions –
 - a. Adam & Eve were not modest.
 - b. God cared (not pleased with brevity of their coverings).
 - c. God showed them modesty; changed their clothing.
 - d. Modesty concerns passed on to Noah and his family, Gn.9:23 [cloak, worn and used as a blanket –Swanson]

Scripture: *nakedness* implies shame.
Gn.3:7, after sin entered, they were not comfortable being naked *in public*.

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II. Do Not Give
Lust An Opportunity

Mt.5:27-30

- Look of lust is sin.
- Two-fold responsibility –
 1. Man must guard heart from impurity.
Ph.4:8; Pr.4:23.
 2. Modest women are not accountable; if man lusts, he alone bears guilt.
2 Pt.2:14.

Woman's dress / actions must not invite lewd look. Pro.7:6-27

- Ro.13:13-14

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III. Wear What Is
Consistent With Godliness

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‘The well-ordering is not of dress and demeanor only, but of the inner life, uttering indeed and expressing itself in the outward conversation’ – Trench

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- **With propriety** ... sense of shame; proper reserve. Jer.6:15.

“The word connotes fem. reserve in matters of sex. In the word is involved an innate moral repugnance to the doing of the dishonorable. It is “shamefastness” which shrinks from transgressing the limits of womanly reserve and modesty, as well as from dishonor which would justly attach thereto” – RR

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“As applied to women it too had a definitely sexual nuance. It is that habitual inner self-government, with its constant reign on all the passions and desires” – Trench

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- ...**Proper for women professing godliness,
with good works**

Profession matches practice. Pr.31:31

1 Pt.3:1-6

Our clothes should reflect our emphasis

1-2:

- Unholy behavior can have adverse effect
- Holy conduct can influence unbelievers

3-4:

- Comparative use of 'not'
- Holy clothing matches inner adornment

5-6:

- Inner adornment pleases God
- Holy compliance guards against confusion

Ph.2

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...