The Christian and Modesty

Greg Kline · 1 Peter 3:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- As adults and as Christian people, and 1 Peter is a book in which we are called to certain types of behavior, we have to give thought and consideration to how we behave.
- Modesty is not about rulers and pieces of clothing and how long they are or not, how loose or how skin tight they hang.
- Modesty is a decision from the heart. Just like the words I would speak or the way I would conduct my very limbs is a matter of choice.

1 Being an Example to Others

1 Peter 3:1–2; Matthew 5:14–16

- Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives.
- In the same way, let your light shine before others. So that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- Living as a Christian is about one thing, the heart, it's about the heart, and it's about the heart. Modesty is about the heart.
- What is the goal of this modesty that stems from the heart? It's twofold. To serve God and to influence others.

2 Do Not Let Your Adorning Be External

1 Peter 3:3–4; Proverbs 31; Matthew 5:27–28

- Do not let your adorning be external, the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry or the clothing you wear.
- The comparison is between that which is merely external and that which is the importance, which is the internal.
- That is the essence of a modest Christian as one who is clothed with strength and dignity.
- Anytime we have left, look at God and allowed anyone to insert look at them, we have failed as Christians.
- Men and women have alike an obligation to not be stumbling blocks before other people, including in lust.

3 Be Defined by What Matters

1 Peter 3:4–6; 1 Timothy 2:8–10; Jeremiah 6:15

- Let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

- Our obligation is to glorify God in all that we think, say, and do. And anything that says, look at me, is not a modest mindset.
- Women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness with good works.
- God's children should be look at God, not look at me.

4 Spend Time Caring for the Inner Beauty

Proverbs 4:23

- I wonder how our spiritual lives may improve if we spend as much time studying the word and in prayer as we do preparing our physical bodies to go out.
- Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flows the springs of life.
- If we're spending that much time on the outer, how much time should we be spending on the inner man?

5 Dress as Stewards of God's

1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 6

- You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God with your body.
- We were bought with a price. It is time to live out that change.
- We were bought. How dare we act like the rest of the world?

6 Follow God, Not Man

- Where do our clothing trends come from? Do they come from God or from man?
- We are not to be like the world. We are to be lights set on a lampstand. We don't cover the light. We shine the light.
- When we decide that we can wear this because everyone else is doing it, we have followed the world.
- If we don't show it with our clothing, what does that say about our hearts?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The question is, will we be with him there? Or will we submit without a thought to following the ways of the world?**

MY NOTES