



SALT and LIGHT: Modesty Part 2

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I was thrilled to have so many responses regarding last week's article concerning modesty. Though most were positive responses, I did receive some responses regarding an assumed critique of young women.

I want to be clear, that was not my intention. It is also important to clarify that

dress themselves in modest clothing, with decency and GOOD SENSE..."

Clothing and apparel pleasing to God is both decent in appearance and worn in "good sense." As followers of Christ and "ambassadors of God" your wardrobe is a public statement of your personal and private

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whether you are male or female, modesty is a heart issue not a hemline issue.

I am not here to dictate anyone's dress, my only hope is that we pay close attention to the intentions of our heart...and in this case our heart concerning our dress...

1 Timothy 2:9 says, women, not men (even though modesty applies to men, Paul felt it necessary here to address women specifically) "are to

motivation.

So what is your motivation? It ultimately becomes a battle between propriety and pride.

Pride ignites immodesty. Short skirts, low tops, and obscene print are nothing more than individuals shouting "look at me." Your wardrobe is all about you because life is all about you. You are full of pride.

Upcoming events



Monday, 8/18

Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Madison @ CAI, 5 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Lanesville @ CAI, 6 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer @ Jeffersonville, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 8/19

Boys Varsity Tennis @ Charlestown, 4:30 p.m.

Middle School Soccer @ Southwestern Hanover, 5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Southern @ CAI, 6 p.m.

Girls JV/V Volleyball vs. Henryville @ CAI

Thursday, 8/21

Boys Middle School Tennis vs. Austin @ CAI, 5 p.m.

Middle School Cross Country @ Silver Creek, 6 p.m.

Girls Middle School Volleyball @ Scribner Middle School, 6 p.m.

Propriety, on the other hand, breeds humility. Modesty can be defined as “humility in dress (Mahaney)”... modesty in dress is the desire to serve others by your dress, and primarily serve God through the way you dress. You serve others, men for example, by not evoking or promoting sensuality and lust... and you serve God by appearing “decent and having good sense.”

John MacArthur writes,

“How does a woman discern the sometimes fine line between proper dress and dressing to be the center of attention? The answer starts in the intent of the heart. A woman should examine her motives and goals for the way she dresses. Is her intent to show the grace and beauty of womanhood? Is it to reveal a humble heart devoted to worshipping God? Or is it to call attention to herself, and flaunt her...beauty? Or worse, to attempt to lure men sexually? A woman who focuses on worshipping God will consider carefully how she is dressed because her heart will dictate her wardrobe and appearance.”

So, I ask, in reading these letters, shopping online, and dressing in the morning, what is the intent of your heart? I know my intent. I intend on sharing the truth of God’s word with our young men and women. I intend on exposing the lies and false worship that our world and, unfortunately, some of our churches have sold these young people. I intend on teaching the Word of God as it ought to be taught, without shame, fear, or apology... because it is the only truth and the words of my King... and I believe that.

So I close by asking, what is the intention of your heart? Especially in your dress... if your dress expresses a heart that is humble, then rejoice, continue with your outward expression of the inward Joy you find in God’s truth... but if your appearance is...lacking...heed this word: before you make a mad dash to change your appearance... think about making some changes in your heart...

In Love,

C. Harper

Upcoming events



Thursday, 8/21 (Continued)

Girls Varsity Soccer
@ Seneca, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer vs.
Silver Creek @ CAI, 6 p.m.

Girls JV/V Volleyball
@ South Central, 6 p.m.

Friday, 8/22

Middle School Soccer vs.
Rock Creek @ CAI, 6 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer
@ Southwestern Hanover, 6 p.m.

Girls JV/V Volleyball vs.
Rock Creek @ CAI, 6 p.m.