

**SHOULD WE JUDGE
APPEARANCES?
(THE ANTICHRIST
COSTUME PARTY)**

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TEXT: Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

TEXT: Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

NYPost.com, July 15, 2021:

"Youth pastor apologizes for bikini ban at summer camp...Christian youth pastor Bryce Brewer, 42, apologized for banning bikinis from his summer camp after receiving backlash...the Spokane Valley, Washington, preacher admitted that it was wrong for the 'weight of purity' to be placed on the young girls instead of holding the boys accountable for their actions...'I am sorry that I didn't teach boys to control themselves,' the father of two wrote...'I am sorry that we have deemed a young women's body as something that 'needs to be covered' and let young men's bodies be ok to be seen...'Just learn to control your boys and let women wear what they want to,' wrote one user...'Why are stomachs overtly sexual?' [the pastor] wrote. 'Why is a little cleavage sinful?...'"

**Matthew 5:32 But I say unto you,
That whosoever shall put away
his wife, saving for the cause of
fornication, causeth her to
commit adultery...**

1 Corinthians 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, **that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.**

Leviticus 19:14 Thou shalt not
curse the deaf, nor put a
stumblingblock before the blind,
but shalt fear thy God: I am the
LORD.

Romans 14:13...judge this rather, that no man put a **stumblingblock** or **an occasion to fall** in his brother's way.

1 Corinthians 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this **liberty** of yours become **a stumblingblock** to them that are weak.

John 7:23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?

24 Judge not according to the appearance,
but judge righteous judgment.

John 6:27 **Labour not** for the
meat which perisheth, but for
that meat which endureth unto
everlasting life...

1 Peter 3:3 Whose adorning **let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of **putting on of apparel;****

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 Samuel 16:7...for the LORD
seeth not as man seeth; **for man
looketh on the outward
appearance,** but the LORD
looketh on the heart..

Proverbs 7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the **attire of an harlot**, and **subtil of heart**.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, **many strong men have been slain by her**.

27 Her house is the way to hell...

"Outward dress always betokens the inward mind, and in its turn acts upon it."

(Barnes)

"The purity of the heart will show itself in the modesty of the dress, which becomes women professing godliness." (Matthew Henry)

1 Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that women **adorn** themselves **in modest apparel**, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (**which becometh women professing godliness**) with good works.

Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour **as becometh holiness**, not false accusers...

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be **discreet, chaste**, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

"...by refusing to execute the vengeance due to such malefactors, **they were justly presumed guilty of the crime**, and therefore liable to the same punishment, as was the case of that city that would not deliver up an Idolater dwelling among them, to justice."
(Poole, Judges 21:5)

Exodus 22:2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there **shall no blood be shed** for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

"A murderous intent on his part may be suspected."

(Ellicott)

"It rests upon the probability that those who break into a house by night bare a murderous intent, or at least have the design, if occasion arise, to commit murder."

(Pulpit Commentary)

Deuteronomy 22:23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man **find her in the city**, and lie with her;

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, **because she cried not**, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife...

25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die:

27 For he **found her in the field**, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.

Zephaniah 1:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for **the day of the LORD is at hand:** for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that **I will punish** the princes, and the king's children, and **all such as are clothed with strange apparel.**

"...the foreign apparel is a sign that they have adopted the religion and habits of foreigners." (Family Bible Notes)

"Grotius refers the 'strange apparel' to garments forbidden by the law, for example, men's garments worn by women, and vice versa, a heathen usage in the worship of Mars and Venus (De 22:5)." (JFB Com.)

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

"Children as young as 5 use facial information to determine how to behave toward people, study finds..."
(Apa.org)

JESSICA STILLMAN, CONTRIBUTOR, INC.COM:

"New Princeton Research: People Judge Your Competence Based on Your Clothes in Under 1 Second - it really might be worth spending a bit more on your interview outfit...Even incredibly subtle differences in your clothing can affect how people judge your competence, the series of studies found, and these impressions form in under a second. Your clothes matter a shocking amount...when the Princeton team placed identical faces atop very slightly different outfits, they found people rated their perceived competence much differently...This was true even if the researchers explicitly instructed subjects to ignore clothing...and even if study subjects only viewed the pictures for 130 milliseconds, which is barely long enough to realize you're looking at a face..."

James 2:2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

Science20.com, 2012:

"Most people claim they don't make judgments about people based on appearance, and most people who say that are lying...When the subjects were photographed with any pose and facial expression they wanted - the spontaneous condition - judgments were accurate for almost all of the 10 traits examined...So 'the clothes make the man', as the saying goes. You dress to be like the person you want to be and observers use this information to form accurate judgments for a variety of traits.

What it also means is that you can change how people view your personality and then maybe your personality itself... 'As we predicted, physical appearance serves as a channel through which personality is manifested,' say the authors... '...we identified domains of accuracy that have been overlooked, leading to the conclusion that physical appearance may play a more important role in personality judgment than previously thought.'

Forbes:

"Like it or not, you are being judged by how you look, how you dress, and how you carry yourself - and, if you're lucky, how you do your job...According to a study in the Journal of Labor Research, workers who exercise regularly earn nine percent more on average than employees who don't work out...A Yale University study from Daniel Hamermesh finds employers pay a beauty premium to attractive employees..."

**"Guys on Immodesty, Lust, and
the Violence of Women's
Bodies...Lisa Wade, PhD on July
27, 2010...Crossposted at Jezebel:**

"...Administered by a Christian website, the survey questions were submitted by 'Christian girls' who wanted to know what 'Christian guys' think is modest. 1,600 guys then answered the survey...Why would girls care what guys, as opposed to God, think? Because Christian guys, their future husbands, are judging them on their modesty. Ninety-five percent of them say that modesty is an important quality in their future wife...So, how do these 'guys' define immodesty? The most common theme was dressing to draw attention to the body instead of the heart or spirit. 'Something that is immodest is something that is designed to arouse lust within me' (male, age 24). 'Something that is immodest is something that is unnaturally revealing' (male, age 20).

'Something immodest draws attention to a girl's body' (male, age 28). 'Something attractive draws you toward them. It makes you respect the person. Something immodest is usually unattractive. It makes you think less of that person, thinking of them as an object...' (male, age 16). 'My responsibility is to not treat women as objects for my satisfaction, even if they dress and act like it. It devalues them, and makes me a user of people...' (male, age 26)...So what rules for girls did guys identify?

Well, first, guys largely agreed that revealing clothes were immodest...Halter tops and mini skirts, I suppose, are obvious candidates for immodesty. There were lots more subtle rules, too, though with less agreement...Forty-seven think that t-shirts with messages across the front improperly draw attention to [that area]...Attaining modesty was also about how you use your body and the way you act...'An immodest lady is loud, proud, and dresses in a way that communicates such an attitude' (male, age 24)...'Something becomes immodest when the person wearing it has an attitude of carelessness' (male, age 17)...These Christian guys, however, did claim responsibility for their own thoughts, feelings, and actions.

When asked about their role in avoiding lust, many were adamant that it was their own responsibility. Many felt that innocent, shameless, platonic interaction between men and women was a team effort: 'Sisters in Christ, you really have no concept of the struggles that guys face on a daily basis. Please, please, please take a higher standard in the ways you dress. True, we men are responsible for our thoughts and actions before the Lord, but it is such a blessing when we know that we can spend time with our sisters in Christ, enjoying their fellowship without having to constantly be on guard against ungodly thoughts brought about by the inappropriate ways they sometimes dress....That goal is to bring glory to the Savior through an obedient, unified body of believers – please don't hurt that unity by dressing in ways that may tempt your brothers in Christ to stumble' (male, age 24)..."

Comments:

"Alice - What really made me laugh was

'Something that is immodest is something that is unnaturally revealing'. Unnaturally revealing?

There is no such thing as 'naturally' concealing!

Clothes are, by definition, unnatural!

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Revelation 1:13 And in the midst
of the seven candlesticks one like
unto the Son of man, **clothed with
a garment down to the foot...**

Luke 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, **clothed**, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Mark 16:5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, **clothed in a long white garment**; and they were affrighted.

Pata - "I'm sure glad I haven't deluded myself into believing that some omnipotent grandpa in the sky cares about how I wear my purse strap!"

Leah - "The only remotely 'safe' thing for us woman to do is run out and get all us evil women each a nice burqa. That way we don't have to worry so much about the thoughts going on in some guys HEAD about us!!!!..."

WSJ.com:

"In 2004, then-FIFA president Sepp Blatter had an idea for making women's soccer more exciting for spectators: tighter shorts. His comments to the Swiss newspaper...suggested that soccer might follow the lead of volleyball, where the women's uniforms are more revealing...The German women's gymnastics team wore full-body unitards to compete in the Olympics in Tokyo this past Sunday instead of the more common bikini-cut leotard...The previous week, the Norwegian women's beach handball team was fined...for its insistence on wearing shorts instead of the mandated bikini bottoms...

Women began participating in the Olympics in small numbers starting around the turn of the last century, but for the most part, were only permitted to play sports that allowed them to wear long skirts: tennis, sailing, croquet, equestrianism and golf. Photos of British tennis player Charlotte Cooper, who won the gold medal in Paris in 1900, show her in a long-sleeved blouse, tie, ankle-length skirt..In 1955, officials barred Billie Jean King from a group photo of fellow tennis players because she was wearing shorts instead of a skirt..."

"In 2011, the Badminton World Federation...issued new guidelines that wanted women players to 'ensure attractive presentation' at tournaments, or in short, look feminine enough. The guidelines insisted that women players 'wear skirts or dresses' instead of shorts and pants..."

"This Psychology Study Shows That You Can Accurately Judge Someone From How They Look...In 2011, Rule showed a group of people the college yearbook photos of top U.S. lawyers. These strangers successfully predicted which lawyers would eventually lead the most profitable law firms in the country..." (Inc.com)

"Should we be judging people by their looks?...It's a terrifying thought, but phrenology could be making a comeback. A new study has revealed that you can judge a person by their appearance...a study was published in the Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology which linked personality to facial features with striking precision...volunteers unerringly picked the right face. It seemed they could read personality with disturbing accuracy."

(Newstatesman)

Allure, 2016:

"Exactly How Much Appearance Matters, According to Our National Judgment Survey...In one startling - and revealing - finding, 64 percent of people said that the first thing they notice about someone is how attractive he or she is...And half of us - that's every other person - think appearance defines us significantly or completely...In an Allure survey conducted in 2010, 35 percent of people said they felt their appearance defined their identity. In 2015, that number jumped to 50 percent..."

**Lamentations 1:8...all that
honoured her despise her,
because they have seen her
nakedness...**