

# **“Modesty is Still Important”**

## **Matt. 5:27-30**

### Introduction

- I. There are some things that seemingly have become more and more unpopular to preach as years go by.
- II. One of those things is the subject of modesty.
- III. Christians must be the example to the world of what modesty should be.

### Discussion

- I. The world has become quite disillusioned when it comes to modesty.
  - A. People have become defensive and militant about there being a standard of modesty.
  - B. The ability to blush has been lost to so many (Jer. 6:13-15).
  - C. Christians must remember that the world's standard is not our standard (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; Rom. 12:2; cf. Acts 5:29).
  - D. I am too old, people do not care anymore, some will lust no matter what, it is for sports or leisure, etc. are simply excuses that people use to be immodest.
- II. The solution for modesty is not found in man's ideas, but rather in the Word of God.
  - A. Privately, it is not wrong for husbands and wives to enjoy each other's bodies (Prov. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 7:5).
  - B. The problem exists when non-married individuals lust after each other (Matt. 5:27-30).
  - C. If I care about the souls of others, then I will dress in such ways that are not going to draw lust (Luke 17:1; cf. 1 Cor. 8:12-13).
  - D. God's standard is clearly taught in both the Old and New Testaments.
    1. Adam and Eve learned about modesty [covered from shoulders to knees] (Gen. 3:8-11, 21).
    2. The priesthood of Israel learned about modesty (Exo. 28:40-42).
    3. Paul taught Christians about modesty (1 Tim. 2:9-10; Titus 2:5).
    4. God wants the church to be “spotless” (Eph. 5:25-27).

### Conclusion

- I. The church should be a shining light of modesty.
- II. If we want to be modest, then we can be. If we want to be immodest, then we likely will be.