

“The Need for Modesty”

Titus 2:3-6

Introduction

- I. The need for modesty is a constant need.
- II. Regardless of when or where, God wants us to be modest (1 Pet. 5:5).
- III. Periodically, it is beneficial to be reminded of this important aspect of our lives.

Discussion

- I. The need for modesty goes all the way back to the beginning (Gen. 3:6-11).
 - A. The attempt to “clothe” themselves scantily was not sufficient (Gen. 3:21).
 - B. This set a standard for what future generations could consider modest.
- II. The need for modesty can be seen in Israel of old (Deut. 22:11-12; Exo. 28:42; cf. 1 Pet. 2:5, 9).
 - A. The linen breeches were utilized to “cover their nakedness”.
 - B. The amount of skin that is shown today is by far more than God wanted Israel to show.
 - C. Israel was to make sure that clothing allowed for the distinguishing of males and females (Deut. 22:5; cf. 1 Cor. 6:9).
- III. The need for modesty can be seen in the New Testament (1 Tim. 2:8-9; 1 Pet. 3:1-6).
 - A. Chaste- “pure”, “decent” (1 Pet. 3:2).
 - B. Modest- “orderly”, “respectable”, “decent” (1 Tim. 2:9).
 - C. Shamefacedness- “able to blush”, “able to be ashamed” (1 Tim. 2:9; cf. Jer. 6:16; 8:12).
 - D. Sobriety- “good sense”, “good judgment” (1 Tim. 2:9; cf. Prov. 11:22; 12:4).
 - E. Professing godliness- “doing things that are godly”, “pleasing to God” (1 Tim. 2:10).
 - F. Lasciviousness- “lewdness”, “having or producing unlawful sexual desires” (Gal. 5:19).
 - G. We should all be aware of how we can contribute to causing another to lust after us in his or her heart (Matt. 5:28; cf. Matt. 18:7-9).

Conclusion

- I. Modesty is a very serious aspect of the Christian's life.
- II. A lack of modesty shows a lack of spiritual growth and/or a blatant disregard for God and His ways.