

**What message are we sending  
by what we wear?**

## The message of dress...

- **Royal Estate – virginity – II Sam. 13:18**
- **Royal Favor – Genesis 41:42**
- **Sensuous Luxury – Jeremiah 4:30**
- **Prosperity – Proverbs 31:21**
- **Office of a Prophet – Zechariah 13:4**
- **Mourning – Esther 4:1**
- **Widowhood – Genesis 38:19**
- **Harlot – Proverbs 7:10**
- **Respect – Matthew 22:11-12**

## Does God care?

- **God cares about NAKEDNESS – sense of SHAME**
  - **Gen. 3:21, 2:25, 3:7, 9-10**
    - Tunics (kthoneth) = “completely cover”
    - Naked does not mean nude!
  - **Ex. 28:42** – Law about linen britches
    - **Ex. 20:26** – God cares about nakedness!
  - **Rev. 3:18** – Nakedness should carry with it a sense of shame, just as Adam and Eve felt

## Does God care?

- **God cares about the PRINCIPLE being communicated through attire -Subjection**
  - **Genesis 24:65** – Rebekah wears veil as symbol of respect to authority
  - **I Cor. 11:5-6, 10** – Society continued to associate the principle of subjection to males with the veil
  - **The same is true today! Wedding rings!**
  - **The principle is understood, and the attire reflects that principle**

## Does God care?

- **God cares about our dress being suitable for our profession**
  - **I Tim. 2:9-10** – A spirit of holiness and godliness was to be reflected in the women as in the men
    - **Emphasis on good works, not good looks**

# Addressing dress via the heart

- **What does my dress have to do with professing godliness? Everything!**
  - **Good works** – Not ostentatious attire
    - A godly woman's emphasis is on good works
  - **Mindset of godliness**
    - This is what my life is all about – It's about God, not me
    - I am not a distraction

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- **How do I profess godliness?**
  - **Modesty (*kosmios*)** – well arranged for the occasion, becoming
  - **Propriety (*aidos*)** – “shrinking back from the line of impropriety”, shamefastness
    - Heb. 12:28 – reverence
    - Luke 11:8 – lack of shame
  - **Sobriety (*sophrosune*)** – soundness of mind, good judgment

## **What do we communicate...**

- **...in our dress for assembling for worship?**
  - **Do we distract from the occasion or do we communicate honor and reverence?**
  - **But beware of improper judgment!**
- **...in our dress for work and recreation?**
  - **Befitting a Christian despite the occasion or sensuous and deliberately provocative?**
- **...in our dress before the public?**
  - **Befitting of one professing godliness?**
  - **Befitting for a godly example to others?**



**Our dress communicates a message to others and to God about what is important to us.**

**What message are we communicating?**

**What message do we WANT to communicate?**