

## *The Adornment of the “Christian” Woman*

### *Discussion Question 1*

Do you think it is right or wrong for Christian women to dress in “worldly” attire? I.e. low-cut shirts, tight clothing that accentuates certain body parts etc. (even somewhat)? Why?

### *Discussion Question 2*

What are some reasons Christian women may dress in a manner mentioned in the previous slide?

### *Discussion Question 3*

Do you think that as Christian women we can discount our witness and example to the world by what we wear? Why or why not?

### *Every woman wants to be...*

- Thought of as attractive
- Recognized or looked upon as pretty
- Found desirable by the opposite sex

### *But even more so...*

- We want to be liked & loved for who we really are on the inside
- Desire to know that someone will care about us no matter what our flaws may be

### *1 Peter 3:1-6*

1 In like manner, you married women, be submissive to your own husbands, so that even if any do not obey the Word [of God], they may be won over not by discussion but by the [godly] lives of their wives,

2 When they observe the pure and modest way in which you conduct yourselves, together with your reverence

3 Let not yours be the [merely] external adorning with [elaborate] interweaving and knotting of the hair, the wearing of jewelry, or changes of clothes;

4 But let it be the inward adorning and beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible and unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.

5 For it was thus that the pious women of old who hoped in God were [accustomed] to beautify themselves and were submissive to their husbands [adapting themselves to them as themselves secondary and dependent upon them].

6 It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord. And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].

### *Biblical Principles*

- Christian women should not dress to appeal to the totally depraved nature.
- Our outward adornment **can** nullify our testimony – *“What we appear to be speaks so loudly that others cannot hear what we are saying”*.
- We should not be a Christian at heart and our outward adornment be that of a person of the world.

- The Christian women’s adornment should come from within her inner spiritual nature and be truly representative of that nature.
- Our outward adornment should not misrepresent who we are inwardly.
- The chief adornment of the Christian should be the Lord Jesus, manifested in and through the life of the believer.

### *Practical Principles*

- Christian women should dress with neatness and good taste – this does not mean that we have to be dull, drab, or so plain in our apparel that we draw attention to herself in this manner.
- The way we wear our hair, the jewelry we choose, and our outward adornment should be attractive without attracting from the Lord.

### *Proverbs 31*

30 Do not be conformed to this world, [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good & acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good & acceptable & perfect [in His sight for you].

### *Romans 12:2*

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