

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...

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Introduction

Prologue

Every age, era and generation has its own and individual burdens. Most previous generations had not to struggle with today's issues, but was burdened with other type of transgressions. Clothing was in the past not even a topic which required an active distance from the world, because it was mostly decent and adecuate. But today we experience the urgent need to differentiate ourselves from the world when it comes to clothing. Yet many Christians greatly fail in this area, and we see Christians ap-plauding movies such as 'Soul Surfer' (see separate review), which would have been considered a great abomination by nearly any previous generation of Christians.

While the Bible does not speak much about clothing and physical decency, it still makes more than enough decisive points, and together with the most important leading through the HOLY SPIRIT, we have on the one hand no excuses for trans-gressions, and on the other hand a stable guideline for not falling into such, or provoking others to fall into such.

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THEOS' Perfect Standard	THEOS first, beauty second and with self-effacement. THEOS is not against beauty – He is against (public) sensuality.	Let your adornment not [ONLY] be the external kind, braiding hair and putting on gold jewelry or putting on fine clothing ,	<u>1Pet 3:3</u>
	Time, energy and money spent on Kingdom purpose should far outweigh that spent on outward appearance.	but [ALSO / MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY / RATHER] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is highly valuable in the sight of THEOS.	
	1Pet 3:3 and 1 Tim 2:9-10 are not literal prohibitions. IESOUS does not forbid us to have a beautiful appearance ... or to work for a living (Joh 6:27) or to eat and drink (Rom 14:17-18).	... the women should adorn themselves in appropriate clothing , with modesty and self-control, not [ONLY] with braided hair and gold jewelry or pearls or expensive clothing ,	<u>1Tim 2:9-10</u>
	IESOUS used the same speech pattern for all three examples. Of course you should work for food or aim for a beautiful appearance, but not as a top priority.	but [ALSO / MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY / RATHER] with good deeds which are fitting for women who profess piety.	
		"Do not work [ONLY] for the food that spoils but [ALSO / MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY / RATHER] for eternal food.	<u>Joh 6:27</u>
		For the Kingdom of THEOS is not [ONLY] eating and drinking, but but [ALSO / MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY / RATHER] righteousness and peace and joy in the HOLY SPIRIT.	<u>Rom 14:17-18</u>
THEOS' Standard of Modesty			
	1. The nakedness must be covered. We must not show our nakedness to any person except our spouse.	... their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness . So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. [...] And KYRIOS the THEOS made for Adam and for his wife garments of skin, and He clothed them .	<u>Gen 3:7-21</u>
		... And their faces were turned backward, so that they did not see the nakedness of their father .	<u>Gen 9:23</u>
	2. The sexual parts must not be sensually accented.	... thy breasts are fashioned , and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.	<u>Eze 16:7</u>
	3. The attire must not be extravagant.	Likewise also the women should adorn themselves in appropriate clothing, with modesty and self-control ...	<u>1Tim 2:9</u>
Clothing	Clothing in church.	And KYRIOS said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. They must wash their clothes ...	<u>Exo 19:10</u>
	The Bible is vage, but indicates to not wear everyday clothing and to conduct proper hygiene before entering a church.	And Joshua said to the people [in a specific context, but valid principle], “ Sanctify yourselves , because tomorrow KYRIOS will do wonders in your midst.”	<u>Jos 3:5</u>
		David stood up from the ground and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothing . Then he went to the house of KYRIOS and worshiped, and he went to his own house.	<u>2Sam 12:20</u>
	Clothing should not manipulate you or others.	My brothers, do not hold your faith ... with partiality. For if someone enters into your assembly in fine clothing with a gold ring on his finger, and a poor person in filthy clothing also enters, and you look favorably on the one wearing the fine clothing and you say, “Be seated here in a good place,” and to the poor person you say, “You stand or be seated there by my footstool,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?	<u>Jam 2:1-4</u>
	Flip flops, yoga pants, short skirts, push-ups or deep necklines should not be seen in church, nor should be the norm outside the church.		
	Clothing and food should already satisfy us.	And Jacob made a vow saying, “If THEOS will be with me and protect me on this way that I am going, and gives me food to eat and clothing to wear , and if I return in peace to the house of my father, then KYRIOS will become my THEOS.	<u>Gen 28:20-21</u>
		Because of this I say to you: Do not be anxious in your soul, what you might eat or what you might drink. Nor for your body, what you might wear . Is not the soul more than food, and the body than clothing ?	<u>Mat 6:25</u>
Swimwear Bikinis & Briefs		Who will separate us from the love of CHRISTOS? Will affliction or distress or persecution or hunger or lack of sufficient clothing or danger or the sword?	<u>Rom 8:35</u>
		But if we have food and clothing , with these things we will be content.	<u>1Tim 6:8</u>
	Clothing is usually also an expression of our gender.	“The apparel of a man shall not be put on a woman, and a man shall not wear the clothing of a woman , because everyone who does these things is detestable to KYRIOS your THEOS.	<u>Deu 22:5</u>
	Be modest. Be without vanity and decent in your character and attire.	Likewise also the women should adorn themselves in appropriate clothing, with modesty and self-control [...] she will be saved through the bearing of children, if she continues in faith and love and holiness with self-control .	<u>1Tim 2:9</u>
	Self-control is among the fruit of the SPIRIT.	But the fruit of the SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control .	<u>Gal 5:22-24</u>
	A believer’s body is holy.	Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the HOLY SPIRIT who is in you, whom you have from THEOS, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify THEOS with your body.	<u>1Cor 6:19-20</u>
		Therefore I exhort you, brothers, through the mercies of THEOS, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to THEOS , which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this age , but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may approve what is the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of THEOS.	<u>Rom 12:1-2</u>
	Men (or women) are responsible to take every thought captive.	But I say to you, that anyone [speaking to the married] looking at a married woman with so as to desire her , already committed adultery with her in his heart.	<u>Mat 5:28</u>
		Now I, Paul, appeal to you ... to show boldness toward some who consider us as behaving according to the flesh . For although we are living in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh ... taking every thought captive to the obedience of CHRISTOS.	<u>2Cor 10:1-5</u>
	But women (or men) need to know that if they, in immodesty, wound the conscience of their brothers (or sisters), they also sin against CHRISTOS.	But watch out lest somehow this right of yours becomes a cause for stumbling to the weak. [...] Now if you sin in this way against the brothers and wound their conscience, which is weak, you sin against CHRISTOS.	<u>1Cor 8:9-12</u>

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	Comments	Scripture	
Body Jewelry	Jewelry and Ornaments	And the people heard this troubling word, and they mourned, and they each did not put their ornaments on themselves.	Exo 33:4
	Strong’s H5716, אָדִי, ‘ăḏîy, ad-ee’, From H5710 in the sense of trappings; finery; generally an outfit; specifically a headstall: - X excellent, mouth, ornament.	O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, the one who clothed you with crimson, the one who adorned your clothing with golden ornaments .	2Sam 1:24
		Can a young woman forget her ornaments ? Or a bride her sashes? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number.	Jer 2:32
	Negative passages are generally associated with a lavish / indecent lifestyle.	And you, O devastated one, what do you do, that you put on crimson, that you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold , that you make your eyes look bigger with the eye make-up [painting]? In vain you beautify yourself . Your lovers reject you ; they seek your life.	Jer 4:30
		I have caused thee [Jerusalem] to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments : thy breasts are fashioned , and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.	Eze 16:7
		And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head . Thus you were adorned with gold and silver , and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. And your renown went forth among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through the splendor that I had bestowed on you, declares KYRIOS. “ But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings on any passerby; your beauty became his.	Eze 16:11-15
Make-Up	Powdered antimony, or kohl, used as eye makeup.	When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, so she painted her eyes with black eye paint and adorned her head and looked through the window.	2Kin 9:30
	Strong’s H6320, פָּנֶה, pûk, pook, From an unused root meaning to paint; dye (specifically stibium for the eyes): - fair colours, glistening, paint [-ed] (-ing).	And you, O devastated one, what do you do, that you put on crimson, that you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, that you make your eyes look bigger with the eye make-up [painting]? In vain you beautify yourself. Your lovers reject you; they seek your life.	Jer 4:30
		What is worse, they sent for men who come from a distant place, to whom a messenger was sent to them, and look! They came! Men for whom you bathed and painted your eyes , and you adorned yourself with an ornament.	Eze 23:40
Perfume	Positive Passages	He will take your daughters as his perfume makers and as cooks and as bakers. He will take your daughters as his perfume makers [=biblically endorsed profession] and as cooks and as bakers.	1Sam 8:13
		Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.	Pro 27:9
		Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of IESOUS and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume .	Joh 12:3
	Neutral Passages	Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh , on their way to carry it down to Egypt.	Gen 37:25
		And the young woman pleased him and won his favor. And he quickly provided her [Esther] with her cosmetics and her portion of food [...] Now when the turn came for each young woman to go in to King Ahasuerus, after being twelve months under the regulations for the women, since this was the regular period of their beautifying , six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and ointments for women ...	Est 2:9-13
		... just as CHRISTOS also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to THEOS as a fragrant aroma [metaphorically speaking] .	Eph 5:2
	Negative Passages. Perfume used in order to manipulate people.	I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon [here in the context of adultery, but probably an acceptable practice for married couples] . Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love.	Pro 7:16-18
		You journeyed to the king with oil and multiplied your perfumes ; you sent your envoys far off, and sent down even to Sheol .	Isa 57:9
	From an unknown author.	Your wardrobe is a public statement of your personal and private motivation. Hemlines are a heart issue. Modesty means propriety and decency. Its means avoiding clothes and adornment that are extravagant or costly, or sexually enticing. Modesty is humility expressed in dress. It is a desire to serve others – particularly men – not promoting or provoking sensuality. Modesty is a choice you make. Immodesty is more than a wearing a short skirt or low-cut top. It is the act of drawing onto attention to yourself. It is pride on display by what you wear. Self control is in a word restraint – for the purpose of purity, for the purpose of exalting THEOS and not ourselves. That's the hallmark of a pious women's dress.	