

Dressing for my glory or for the glory of God



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Preface

It is acknowledged that sisters in Christ have contributed much in wisdom and knowledge for this booklet. Their depth of faith and understanding has contributed valuable insight to this booklet.

For Christian women who desire Christ and to be led of the Holy Spirit alone, Scripture is God's foundation for truth. The church woman who follows her church, or the world's culture will find offenses in God's instructions for the Christian woman's pathway of faith. If so, she should study Scripture for her answer. If she accepts today's culture of the world for truth, as seen in today's churches, she will not be using God's standard for her life. The Holy Spirit's leading and Scripture are where the Christian woman's pathway for truth is to be found.

Also it is acknowledged that men teachers in churches have not helped Christian women with the truths found in Scripture on this subject. These men have contributed to the breakdown in families and the low spiritual state taking over churches today. Some knowledgeable forecasters have said half of the churches in this country will shut their doors within ten years. These are not idle words.

Therefore women who desire the mind of God on this subject are quite unlikely to be taught it in the churches. Only by women of faith, who understand the importance of God's structure in marriage and family will they receive help.

1. Is it unspiritual, bondage, or legalism to submit in faith, to the humility and virtues of Christ?

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus — but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant and coming in the likeness of men” (Philippians 2:5, 7).

The place of learning and discernment for a Christian woman is to occupy the place which God promises to be with her. He tells us that place is to follow a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). This can only be done by acknowledging our sinful and rebellious nature and our need to lay down our life in total dependence on the Saviour. Then look to the Lord Jesus to transform us into a new creation by following Him who is gentle and lowly in heart, who alone can give rest to our soul. For He said, “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:29-30). The Psalmist found this to be true and stated it, “...your gentleness has made me great” (Psalms 18:35).

Other women who see God’s design for the woman as bondage, whether in marriage, headship of man, or separation from the flesh and the world, are heeding the things of man, and not God (Matthew 16:23).

A question that needs to be answered, is it legalism to be a woman who desires to follow Christ in all that God has designed a Christian woman to be? Who does not look for a way for the flesh or human will to prevail to fulfill its desires, even religious desires? Is it false faith to walk in meekness and humility before and with the Lord? Or do we think as some, that meekness and humility is weakness and unspiritual?

Is it unspiritual to believe God by separation from the world's philosophy of unisex clothing and wear only women's clothing? Is there a reason for a Christian woman to wear only women's clothing? Does a woman lack class, intelligence, understanding, wisdom, knowledge of God, to follow what God has directed a woman to be? Is she in bondage to believe what God has told her? Is the Lordship of Jesus over His people in word only? Or is it to be fully in the heart, translating all that He has told us into exercise of our faith in our outward life?

Do we see submission to Christ, and to Scripture as something to get around, a hurdle to jump, to overcome? Is it unspiritual to believe God in what he has told us? Or is His word impractical according to the spirit our church is following? What is your attitude toward living a life totally unto Christ Jesus in what Scripture teaches (the normal Christian life)? Is the Christian life found and to be pursued in your church or in Jesus Christ according to what He has

told us? Does a life of faith unto the Lord Jesus Christ, undermine your religious life? Does the crucified life in Christ, have an outward appearance? Do you desire only what God desires for you?

The Christian woman should ponder these questions in her heart.

2. Are clothes for men and clothes for women, man's idea or God's design?

“A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the Lord your God” (Deuteronomy 22:5).

Some may say after reading the above verse, ‘we are not under the Law of Moses, so this verse does not apply to me.’ And of course it is true, a Christian is not under or in servitude to the Law of Moses (Romans 10:4), but under grace. However, grace is not for the liberty of the flesh (Galatians 5:13). Christian's are not to live under the Ten Commandments, but we do not kill, rob, steal or commit other lawless deeds.

The Holy Spirit through the apostles was the author of the New Testament and gave the revelation of the doctrine of grace. But in the New Testament the apostles continually

used the Old Testament Scriptures to instruct Christians. They used them as, examples of what believers should not do (1 Corinthians 9:9-11; 10:1-11), as types and shadows of Christ (Colossians 2:16-17), to give revelation of God's mind for Israel, and for the Church (Hebrews 3:7-19). They used the Old Testament entirely to show what faith is for the Christian (Romans chapter 4; Hebrews chapter 11), and Peter used the Old Testament exclusively to show the Jews that Jesus is the Messiah (Acts 2:22-36).

What Christian does not think that the book of Genesis is for his or her learning or instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17)? Who is the person who thinks that a father who reads Deuteronomy 6:7; 11:18-21, is living under legalism because he wants to instruct his children in the knowledge of God? Who rejects the Psalms or Proverbs as not a place of learning for a Christian? Not one person who understands Scripture, because the knowledge of God is found there. Finally, before all the New Testament was written and put together Christians were told, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Old Testament was what the Holy Spirit had in view for the believer's learning. The Old

Testament is a place of learning what are men's clothes and what are women's clothes.

God's designed a man, to live in a masculine circle of life, which is shown in Scripture to be entirely apart from a woman. He designed a woman, to inhabit a feminine circle of life, as shown in Scripture to be entirely apart from the man's circle.

Clarity in Scripture is not to be confused with man's ideas, desires, the world's culture, worldly church practices, or the philosophy of men. The truth in Christ brings forth His kingdom, man's ways bring forth Satan's kingdom.

All of this being said, brings us to our subject, what clothes did people wear in Bible times? And what clothes are for men and what clothes are for women today?

A book written by 'Ralph Gower' called; "The New Manners & Customs of Bible Times" (Moody Press) gives us some of these answers. Starting on page 5 is a section on clothing. Many of these names are given in Greek. These are the common clothes worn at that time, a list for men is given and a list for women is given.

Men

long garment (Haluk)
short undergarment (nikli)
girdle (hazor)
purse (purse)
breast scarf (miktoran)
head scarf (ma'aphoret)
cap (pijlon)
hat (koba)
scarf to go over the head (sudarim)
undergarment short sleeves (kolbur)
breeches (abrition)
pants (subrikiya)
stockings (empiljjot)
sandals or shoes

Women

long undergarment of linen
(klanidja)
short undergarment (kolbur)
robe (istomukhvia)
girdle (pirzomath)
coloured girdle
(zonarim)
sandals or shoes

The Hebrew word breeches, in English is translated britches, trousers or pants in the NKJV, and in JND. Linen drawers is used in the Septuagint and in NAB. Only men were commanded of God to wear *breeches*, they were never to be worn by women. The priests clothing, God commanded to be linen breeches (Exodus 28:42; Ezekiel 44:18).

In Isaiah 3:22 the Hebrew word *Machalatzoth* is used for women's clothing. Unger's Bible Dictionary translates the word as, "changeable suit or gala dresses."

Many have come to think that men and women's clothing had little or no difference in Biblical times. However, that was not the case, as God commanded the separation between men and women in dress. Britches, trousers, or pants are not woman's clothing; this is seen from the clothing chart for men and women. Word studies in the Old Testament confirm this to be true.

The Holy Spirit admonishing a woman to wear modest apparel or adornment cannot mean for her to wear men's clothes (1 Timothy 2:9). In fact, God has made clear that He hates transvestitism. Is it not just another form of homosexuality, for which cause God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah?

One may ask, why then did women start wearing men's clothes? The answer is found in the women's suffrage movement started in the 1800s. Those leading this movement stated their aims; they were determined to overthrow God's order for man on the earth. That order in line of authority is God, Christ, man, woman (1 Corinthians 11:3). Leaders of this movement decided that women wearing men's clothes would be a major tool to accomplish their goal. As can be seen today, the devil used them to undermine the government of God for man on the earth. It is a form of deception and violence put upon the professing church. This will be discussed more in the next chapter.

3. What is modest apparel?

“In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or pearls or costly clothing, but which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works” (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

When we consider the meaning of the word modest apparel, it gives the thought of simplicity in clothing. Moderation: to restrain from excess, or to become less violent (Webster’s Dictionary). Scripture tells us to, “let your gentleness (moderation) be known to all men” (Philippians 4:5). God made every woman with glory, we are told it is her long hair (1 Corinthians 11:15). For a Christian woman to cut it off, to have short hair (as many lesbians do) or to call attention to herself by a ‘hair do’ that is showy, is self elevation, not modesty. The use of braided hair as an elaborate hairdo (attention getting) could hardly be said to be modest. However, simple braids to manage long hair could not be said to be immodest.

Some people who have wealth may exhibit it in the woman by wearing gold or pearls or costly clothing. These women may be following the world’s fashion of the day in wearing costly clothing. The Christian woman should not be guided or directed by what the unbelieving world does, but in moderation, and in servant-hood to Jesus Christ.

Does Christian liberty mean you have freedom to create lust in men?

For a Christian woman to dress in such a way as to stir up wrong desires in men is not liberty of the Holy Spirit. A woman who wears clothing (or the lack of it) that creates lust in men is participating in that lust. One woman stated with a smile; “when you wear pants you can really turn the men on.” A woman playing around with her body before men is nothing more than self worship (idolatry). It is the path of death for the woman who, “...forgets the covenant of her God. For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead” (Proverbs 2:17-18). Israel experienced God’s chastisement for such actions (1 Corinthians 10:6-8).

Because of man’s Adamic nature, a sin nature, a woman can affect his thoughts and stir up his desires. Scripture tells her not to be a part of, “...nor partake in others sins, keep thyself pure” (1 Timothy 5:22 JND). This is violated regularly by many Christian women in the clothing they wear.

A woman may declare herself to be a sovereign person and not responsible for what others think or do. For a woman to think or act in this manner is ignorance at best and pursuit of pride at the worst. Yet this is the action of some professing Christian women in churches.

4. Are you an epistle read of all men to the glory of God?

“You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ ...” (2 Corinthians 3:2-3).

When the Holy Spirit indwells a person, the life of Jesus is seen in that person. When a person follows the world, or a worldly indoctrinated church, it is seen in her life. It is seen in churchmen becoming effeminized and spiritually subject to church doctrine (not Scripture) and refusing to act on the word of the Lord. Some women who desire Christ become spiritually frustrated, others become numb in spiritual sleep, some become dominate and some pursue feminized religion. This is the result of men not receiving the Holy Spirit’s teaching found in Scripture.

What a person believes in his heart, that person follows. This is after the world, carnal pursuits, or fleshly religion, or after Christ and His word (Proverbs 23:7). The life of a person reflects what she has believed and is following.

The heart set on Christ will follow only Him. This will be seen by other people in the person’s inward character, manner of life, reception to the truth in Scripture, and in most cases their outward appearance. A man wearing only man’s clothes will be perceived as a normal man. When a

woman wears woman's clothing, she is perceived as a normal woman. We are perceived and discerned by others from the clothing we wear. For example, a policeman by his clothing is given immediate respect, because he represents the power of the state, the law and the authority of God (Romans 13:1). A woman dressed like a prostitute brings us to an immediate judgment from her clothing. In the same way a Christian woman, who wears men's clothing gives the impression of her lack of the knowledge of God and His purpose and calling for her.

At a county fair (Lane County, Oregon) 3 years ago, a woman and a man assumed to be husband and wife were looking at displays together. She was wearing pants, he was wearing a dress. Why he was wearing women's clothing is not known, was it possible that he was protesting his wife wearing men's clothing? One can only guess.

A man or woman of faith, who refuses to be led by the spirit that guides the world and the worldly church, has been used by God to overturn Satan's power to deceive. Some examples of faith in saints that refused the religious spirit directing the world and professing people of God are; Ezekiel prophesied uncovered (naked) (Ezekiel 4:7). John the Baptist prophesied wearing only Camel's hair and a leather belt around his wrist, eating locusts and wild honey (Mark 1:6). Also, Jesus made a whip of cords and drove those out of the temple involved in the worldly doctrine of

setting up commerce in the House of God (John 2:13-17). God's ways are not man's ways (Isaiah 55:8). He uses the uncommon to correct evil pursuits of religious people.

Christian woman, do you dress with prayer?

A woman who desires and lives to follow the Lord Jesus will not categorize her actions of life. Such as this is my life, and I will try to fit it into to the Christian life where the Christian life does not interfere with my life. A woman of faith desires to discern the Lord's mind for herself and her children in all things to follow them.

This is especially true in her clothing, as she represents the Lord as His child. She knows that her body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and is not her own, she has been bought with a price, the price of blood (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). A woman of faith is not offended by wearing only women's clothing because she desires only to prayerfully follow the heart of God. In this place God's purposes are fulfilled in her.

A Christian woman may struggle to live after her calling. This is especially true for women in many churches today because of the world's culture that is controlling them. The struggle can also come from women friends who have never considered that it is not the heart or mind of God for Christian women to wear men's clothing (Deuteronomy 22:5), but to dress in modest attire (1 Timothy 2:9). The

woman who refuses the unisex doctrine in the world and in the church, will find power and rest to overcome this burden, through faith, by following the Lord Jesus in a meek and quiet spirit (Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 3:4). God honors faith, even when we cannot bring others to the knowledge of God (1 Samuel 2:30). "...as it is written, the just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17).

5. Are you your own person or the Lord's?

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Scripture teaches us that everyone who is a Christian is not his or her own person. That person is saved into the kingdom of God to be in subjection to Christ and His word. Without doing so she cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:27; John 8:30-32).

Many church people today think that to be in subjection to the Lord in all things is legalism. They have been taught by inference or worldly culture in the church or by direct teaching that Christian liberty is to do what and however we

feel. Others do not think every word of God should be studied to the point of showing what a man or woman should wear. It is seen as interference with the freedom that our church gives us and the spirit that leads it.

Jesus said, unless you hate your own life you cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:26). He said, unless you come to Him with a need to know Him, you will not know His gentleness, lowliness and you will not enter into His rest (Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 4:9-11). Furthermore you cannot learn the pathway that Scripture teaches to be His disciple. In plain words it is mandatory to exchange our rebellious life, for His life. If anyone resists in willfulness, in the matter of learning and following truth, that person will not be able to know Him (Matthew 19:16-22).

The woman of faith will receive truth to put it into action. Because she is wise and, "...the wise shall understand" (Daniel 12:10). This woman's wisdom is not from herself, in her faith it has been given to her from above (1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Peter 1:11). This woman's heart is to put away herself and her glory (by wearing a veil to cover her glory), so she can give glory only to the Lord Jesus. "As it is written, he who glories, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31). And again, "But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, I am the Lord exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and

righteousness in the earth, for in these I delight, says the Lord” (Jeremiah 9:24).

God has given freedom to the Christian woman to follow the Lord Jesus or to follow error. The Holy Spirit is perfectly able to teach every Christian what is of Christ or what is willfulness in religious flesh. Jesus tells us how to attain the key of knowledge of Himself, “If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority” (John 7:17).

Some or many may say and teach that these truths are small things, and not that important. However, God builds each Christian’s life by using small things, into a temple of the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Prophet Zechariah’s day when the temple in Israel was being rebuilt, some mocked thinking God would not do such small things. Those rebuilding were few, small and insignificant. However, God gave to Zechariah this prophesy, “The word of the Lord came to me saying: — For who has despised the day of small things?” (Zechariah 4:8, 10).

The answer of the Lord was then and is now, the temple the Lord is building, He will finish even when the materials are small in the eyes of man. “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6). The recipient of God’s work, has this part in it, do not

believe men, “for not all have faith” (2 Thessalonians 3:2). Men are liars, but God is true (Romans 3:4).

There are others who mislead saying that to wear only women’s clothing is antiquated and not accepted in the world or in many churches today. But God says, “Thus says the Lord: stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. (Their answer reveals the condition of their hearts) But they said, we will not walk in it” (Zechariah 6:16).

The wisdom of God is shown to us in this verse. “Do not remove the ancient landmarks which the fathers have set” (Proverbs 22:28). For 1800 years Christian women have worn only women’s clothes. In the last 70 to 90 years women have begun to wear men’s clothes. Moving the landmarks that God has handed down to us through the prophets and apostles is the work of the enemy.

Arise Christian woman, the grace and mercy of God has bought and redeemed you through the blood of Jesus Christ. Is your person and life your own, or does it belong to God in all things?

6. Separation unto Christ, the true Christian calling

“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

God has predetermined that the calling of a Christian is to live unto Christ. Since no one knows how to do this in every decision, God has spoken to us in Scripture to give us understanding, learning, comfort in faith, and a hope (Romans 15:4).

God has called a Christian woman to a life of faith in what He has designed for her. His purpose is for her blessing, to live in His grace, and manifest His character (Galatians 5:22-23). In order for her to do this, receiving and living in what Christ has done is necessary. “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts” (Galatians 5:24). In other words without putting self to death, Christ cannot be manifested in your person. Putting the Adamic nature to death, so you can live unto God, involves the whole of a person’s life.

Death of the body brings a Christian directly into the presence of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Christian, who, by faith, puts the Adamic nature to death, is brought into the presence of Christ living within and is led by Him (Colossians 3:9-10). As a Christian looks forward to being

with Jesus when being absent from her body, so she should desire to be filled with Him in this life, through the death of her Adamic nature.

When faith in Christ is exercised, a person can separate unto Him and respond to the truth (s) shown in Scripture. The Christian woman is capable of carrying out the Christian life with great joy. It was the voice of the Father that Jesus listened to and carried out. It is the same for a Christian woman, to hear the word of the Lord and respond in faith.

Living unto Christ is God's will and purpose. A person may ask how to do this, Jesus was asked this same question. "Then they said to Him, what shall we do, that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, this is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent" (John 6:28-29). Believing every word of God is the will of God (Matthew 4:4). Without believing Him in what He has told us, a person will not follow Him. Instead a person will insert human philosophy to follow and be cheated out of the grace of God (Colossians 2:8).

"The fear of man brings a snare. But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe" (Proverbs 29:25). Many women are accepted by friends or peer groups by what they wear. Some women have said that women dress for women. Some younger women have been brought into fear of wearing women's clothing because of comments they have

received from other women. This has in some cases brought them into a major spiritual battle in attempting to follow the Lord Jesus. Older Christian women, who should be the examples to the younger women, are teaching them by their example (by wearing men's clothes) not to dress in modest attire. The fear of man (people) in churches sets forth a doctrine to younger women. Younger women, who desire modesty, find a battle instead. Only by much anguish of spirit and faith are they able to overcome the example that the mothers and older women have set.

God's answer for younger women is found in Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame ..."

Winning the battle of faith to the truth God has set before us is never easy. For the Christian woman, separation unto Christ is God's will for you, is it your hearts desire? And is it worth it to follow Him?

7. The Christian woman, designed to be a "vessel of honor"

"That each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor" (1 Thessalonians 4:4).

A Christian woman's high calling in Christ Jesus is to be to the glory of the grace of God (Ephesians 1:6). This high

calling is to the Lord Jesus alone, it is a heavenly calling that responds to Him. It sets the mind on Jesus above where He sits at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1-2).

The woman who responds to the worldly church, the world's culture, the philosophy of worldly teachers in the church, the fleshly desires of her own nature, or peer groups will reflect man in unbelief to God's word.

God has bestowed His grace upon the Christian woman in a powerful way. She has been given a place of great influence to raise her children by the example and teaching of sound words of faith (2 Timothy 1:13). Lois and Eunice (grandmother and mother of Timothy) were Timothy's examples of genuine faith (2 Timothy 1:5). This faith they imparted to Timothy, who was of great value to the Apostle Paul and to the Church.

God has spoken directly to the woman in Titus chapter two. Here the older women are told to teach the younger women. What they are to teach them is also told to them. It is to love their husbands and children. Also, "to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:5). Younger women have the honor of receiving these instructions from godly women to bring faith and the peace of God into their home. And a life of faith in the calling to which they are called, **vessels of honor unto the Lord.**

Some older sisters in the faith have written books to help younger sisters and mothers carry out this pathway in their pilgrimage. Some such women that are of great value to the Church of God are, Elisabeth Elliot, her books “Let me be a Woman” and “Passion and Purity” are found on Amazon.com or in Christian book stores. Debi Pearl’s book, “Created to be his helpmeet” can be ordered at web site “No Greater Joy.org”

Also Helen Leibe’s, ministry to young women has guided great numbers of young women into the faith, in Scriptural truth, as seen in “The Remnant” (magazine), <http://www.charitymintries.org/theremnant/index.a5w>, or at 400 W Main St Ste1, Ephrata, Pa 17522. A web site for Christian women who desire God’s purposes can be found at, <http://www.achristianhome.com/ModestFeminine/ModestyFeminineAttireIndex.htm>. And at, <http://www.Momof9splace.com/modest.html>.

Women who are not married, whether young or old have a place of great honor to teach children in an assembly. Also to work with those doing mission work, exercising a gift of helps with brothers in evangelism, praying for the needs of an assembly and its work, and many other such supporting roles in the labor and work of Christ. The Apostle Paul received help from many such sisters in the faith, as he acknowledged in Romans chapter 16.

In the grace of God, is found the power of God, it is released through faith. This power is seen in the Lord Jesus, in His walk on this earth for 3 ½ years. He reflected the nature of God in everything He did (John 14:9). His obedience to the Father was through humility (Philippians 2:5, 7-8). His servant-hood was made perfect (Hebrews 5:8) through putting away His own will (John 6:38). His oneness with the Father (John 10:30) brought Him to fulfill all things the Father desired of Him (John 8:29). Jesus was the very essence of grace and truth (John 1:17).

Jesus is the Christian's example of carrying out the Father's will; He was the heavenly man come to earth. The Christian, carrying out the Father's will is the earthly man, going to heaven. God has made the Christian woman to reflect the grace of God in her heavenly calling in all things. "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:3-6).

8. A Sister's Life Experience

I was raised in a Christian home and in a Charismatic Church yet I never gave much thought to godly dress. As I grew, I dressed like everyone else and never put a whole lot of thought or concern into it. When I married my husband, I started to consider it a bit. What was God's mind for my personal appearance? Obviously it should be "modest" yet what does that mean? I struggled with trying to dress to please my husband (who didn't necessarily prefer modest dress) and dressing to please the Lord (at least in how I understood it at the time). As we grew in our understanding of Scripture, and started having more children, I spent more time pondering this issue and praying about it. Giving up the "comfort" of jeans was hard to do. Looking back, I don't know why I ever thought they were more comfortable. But when I looked at how the world dresses, and how the Bible speaks to dress, I saw a conflict. Women aren't to dress like men, or men like women. Most women would say that they do wear women's clothing, shop in women's stores, etc. But, what most call women's clothing today is nothing more than feminized men's clothes. I believe that Biblical femininity requires us to be distinct in our appearance as women. We should look feminine. To wear pants and look female requires exposing our figures to a great degree. I have come to the conclusion that wearing dresses, skirts or culottes is the best way to distinguish myself as a woman

without being immodest. It actually has given me much more freedom in comfort, as well as feeling appropriate no matter whose company I'm in. I don't have to dress special for certain groups. Many women wear dresses to "church" yet change as soon as they get home back into their pants. Why? Why wear a dress at all? Does the Lord only see you in the assembly? Do you only affect others when meeting unto the Lord? Or do you seek to express yourself as a godly woman all the time, in any situation?

I have to admit it's been a struggle at times to adhere to these God given principles. However, I recognize that the desire to wear pants stems from my rebellious nature. It's certainly not for comfort, because a dress or skirt is far more comfortable and forgiving if I gain or lose a few pounds, as well as for general movement.

I seek now to dress my children and myself according to God's mind, and not my own. My girls will look and dress like girls, my boys like boys. It's refreshing to see a family that looks wholesome and distinct in this area of Christian expression. I pray that the Lord would use me and my family as an example, and work through us to affect others to follow the Holy Spirit's teaching, whether they are believers, or unbelievers. **Kim**

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