



MODESTLY AND DISCREETLY



**“And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of
your mind, that you may prove what the
will of God is, that which is good and
acceptable and perfect”**

ROMANS 12:2

- It is tempting to focus too much on the outward manifestation of modesty, assuming that “coverage” is all that matters to God.
- Yet the New Testament consistently places the emphasis on the inward side of modesty, calling all else “merely” external (1 Peter 3:3-4).
- 1 Timothy 2:9 uses the word “discreetly” as an addition to “modestly” — they are, in fact, very similar words.

MODESTY

THE CENTER OF ATTENTION

Modesty is less about the actual garment and more about the heart behind it. Any clothing that is attention-grabbing CAN be immodest.





YOU ARE WHAT YOU WEAR...SORT OF

Some may argue that this is not a fair statement, but many people dress exactly the way they want to be judged!

- **Genesis 38:15**
- **Proverbs 7:10**

Do not be surprised if you are treated in a way that reflects the choices you make about your appearance.

GODLY SINCERITY

- **“For our proud confidence is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you” (2 Corinthians 1:12).**
- **Does your appearance reflect who you really are? Are holiness and godly sincerity the hallmarks of your behavior?**

- Too often, we want to force “modesty” on to others by pushing an exact definition, yet God wants hearts to be changed.
- Titus 2:11-12 makes it clear that we must deny ungodliness and worldly desires if we want to live a righteous life.
- Even if we have “freedom” in Christ, it must be used to build up others through love (Galatians 5:13).

MODESTY AND HOLINESS

**“For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will
beautify the humble ones with salvation”**

PSALM 149:4