



# “HOLY HANDS AND MODEST CLOTHING”

I TIMOTHY 2:8-10

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- In our culture today we see a shocking minimizing of holiness among our men and sensuality of the majority of our women.
- Isaiah spoke of such brazen carnality in 3:2, 9, 16, 18-23

God will take away from Jerusalem judges, prophets, soldiers, elders, ranking men, counselors, etc. due to their corruption (2-3), and the proud wanton women with their elaborate external attire (16-23).

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## I. MEN ARE TO BE SPIRITUAL LEADERS IN THE CHURCH.

A. Men must focus on Prayer (v. 8).

B. Men's hands must be holy.

C. Men must not come to worship with "anger and quarreling."

D. Women are not to be leaders in the worship (v. 11)

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II. WOMEN ARE TO FOCUS ON GODLY LIFESTYLE AND NOT ON EXTERNAL APPEARANCE (9-10).

A. They must adorn themselves respectfully.

## Positive

1. Proper clothing.
2. Modestly.
3. Self-control—discreetly.
4. No attempt to show off.

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## Negative

1. Not with Braided Hair
2. Not with Gold
3. Not with Pearls
4. Not with Costly Clothing

Compare I Peter 3:3-4 for a parallel passage.

Paul and Peter outlaw **extravagance and vain display.**

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B. Women are to adorn themselves with good works (10).

1. Christian women make a profession of faith.
2. Christian women declare that they are  
God-fearing.

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## CONCLUSION

Christianity has always been counter-cultural.

Men, will you take the challenge of holiness?

Women, will you take the challenge of modesty and good works?

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## •BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR DRESS STANDARDS

1. God invented clothes.
2. God's wrath against sin and corruption.
3. Man's nature calls for modesty.
4. Love for others demands modesty.
5. Respect for our church and fellow Christians.
6. Scripture teaches the mortification of our flesh (Rom. 8:13).
7. We must avoid the slippery slope.
8. Our dress evidences our philosophy of life.
9. Our manner of dress affects our attitudes and behavior.
10. I Cor. 10:31 is the bottom line— "all to the glory of God."

## Remember Three things:

1. My body belongs to God.
2. Jesus is my Lord over every aspect of life.
3. I am a member of a different kingdom.