



WHEN I'M GETTING DRESSED

Some Biblical Principles
I Need to Remember (7)



When Getting Dressed...

- I want to please my Lord and Savior.
 - Shouldn't this be the case with every aspect of my life? “Bringing **every thought** into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5).
 - “You shall listen to him (Jesus) in whatever he tells you” (Acts 3:22, ESV).
 - Whatever He says on this subject, I want to honor my Lord and King; I want to honor the one “who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).



When Getting Dressed...

- To please Him, I need to FIRST make sure my HEART is clothed with the things that please Him.
 - That's how God operates on us—from the inside out.
 - “Be clothed”; “adorn”; “put on”; “white garments”; etc.
 - Humility (1 Pet. 5:5); meek and quiet spirit (1 Pet. 3:4); love (Col. 3:14); righteousness, holiness (Eph. 4:24); modesty (1 Tim. 2:9); self control (2 Pet. 1:6); a sense of shame (Rev. 3:18); “be discreet, chaste” (Titus 2:5); “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 13:14).
 - Also trying to promote these same virtues in others.



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- I can dress attractively and still please Him (“don’t have to be “frumpy”).
 - “Strength and dignity are her clothing” (Proverbs 31:25, NAS).
 - “She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is **fine linen and purple**” (Prov. 31:22).



When Getting Dressed...

- I don't want to either **overdress** or **underdress**.
 - Overdressing seems to be one of the main points addressed in 1 Timothy 2:9–10 and 1 Peter 3:3–4.
 - Underdressing—where exactly is that addressed?
 - In the virtues just discussed (more points to come).
 - Various passages about nakedness (doesn't always mean without any clothing). “You shall make for them (priests) linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs” (Ex. 28:42).



When Getting Dressed...

- I don't want to show anyone else what only my spouse should see.
 - My body belongs to God (1 Cor. 6:13, 15), first and foremost, but it also belongs to her, and her body to me (1 Cor. 7:4).
 - Applications: 1) I will not give my body to anyone else; 2) The private parts, the more intimate parts, those areas considered the most enticing—all those are for her eyes only.



When Getting Dressed...

- I don't want to wear anything enticing.
 - “With her **enticing speech** she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she seduced him” (Proverbs 7:21).
 - Just as surely as there is enticing speech...
 - The tighter it is, the more see through it is, the more low cut it is, the shorter it is, the more skin shown, etc.
 - Concealing vs. revealing (remember those virtues)
 - Don't forget that “millstone” passage: Matthew 18:6–7.



When Getting Dressed...

- I want to do the most good for the most people, to maximize my influence for the maximum amount of people (1 Corinthians 9:19–22; 10:23–24, 31–33; 2 Cor. 8:20–21; 1 Thess. 5:15).
 - What kind of signal are we sending to others in what we wear? Are we promoting those virtues?
 - “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). ??
 - Is there a way to dress that enables us to be a much better influence on a greater number of people?

