

Does God Care

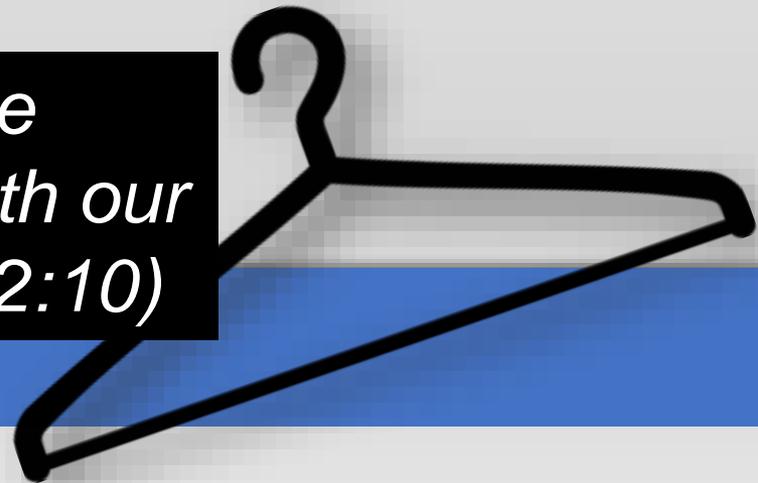
How I Dress?



Our Dress Reflects...

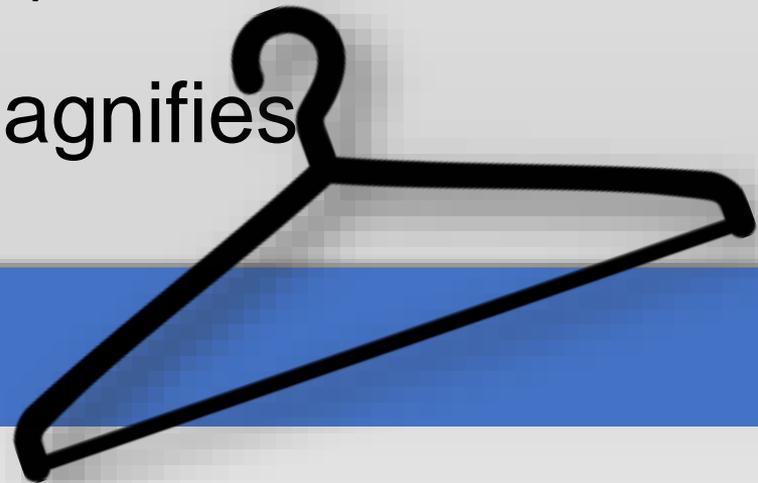
- How we see ourselves
- How we want others to see us
- How we see God
- How we want God to see us

*How we dress will either be **consistent** or **inconsistent** with our claim to godliness (1 Timothy 2:10)*



False Ideas About Modesty

- Only women need worry about modesty (Ex. 20:26, 28:42)
- It's my body (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- I have no responsibility for how my dress affects others (Matt. 18:6-7)
- It objectifies people and magnifies shame (Song of Solomon)



Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)

- ***Moderation***

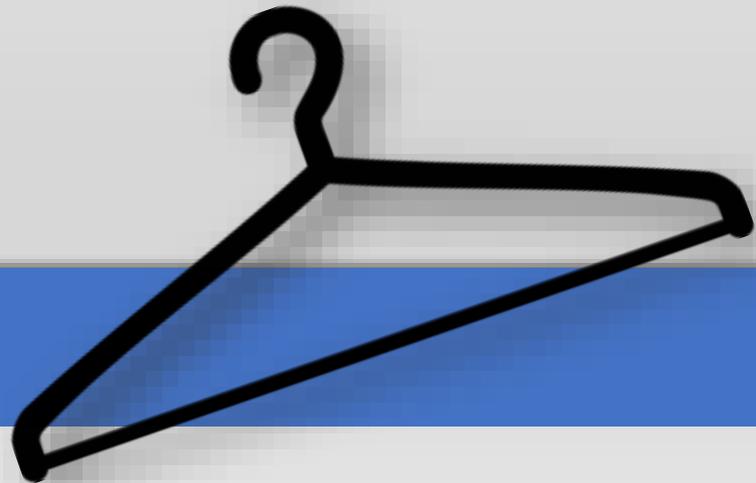
- Not overdone, gaudy, or flashy
- ***Too much*** can be improper
- Excess is prohibited, not all adornment (compare John 6:27; Proverbs 31:22)

***Does our dress reflect
humility and selflessness?***



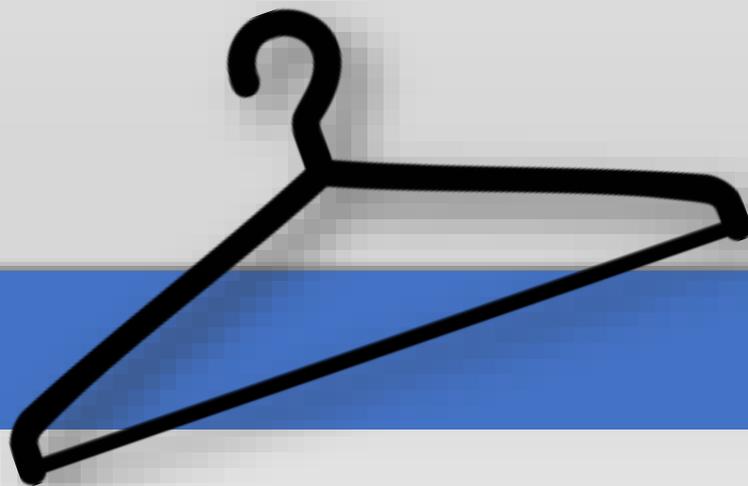
Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)

- ***Modesty***
 - Not revealing or provocative
 - ***Too little*** can be immodest



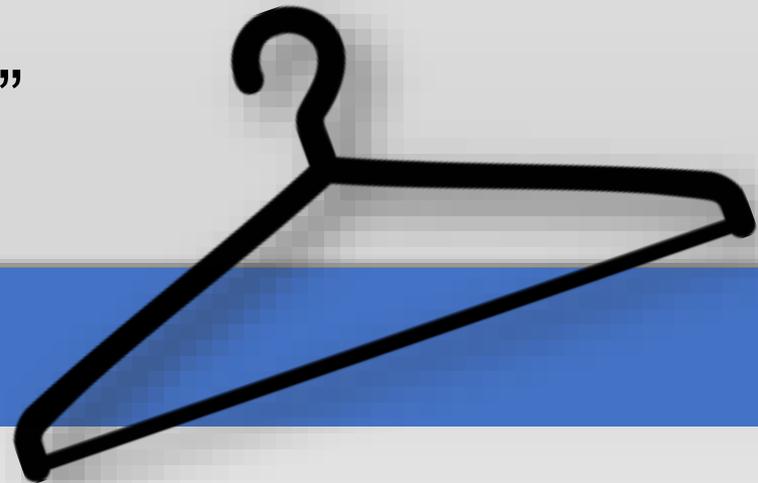
Modesty Words—1 Tim. 2:9

- ***modesty (NASB, ESV), propriety (NKJV), decency (CSB), shamefacedness (KJV)***
 - “the sense of shame or honor which hinders from doing an unworthy act” (Trench)
 - “chastity” (Josephus, *Antiquities* 2.52)



Modesty Words—1 Tim. 2:9

- ***discreetly (NASB), moderation (NKJV), sobriety (KJV), good sense (CSB), self-control (ESV)***
 - “the habitual inner self-government, with its reign on all the passions and desires” (Trench)
 - “a definite sexual nuance” (Rogers & Rogers)



Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)

- ***Modesty***

- Not revealing or sexually provocative
- ***Too little*** can be immodest
- Dress must show the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:13-14)

***Does our dress reflect
self-control and purity?***



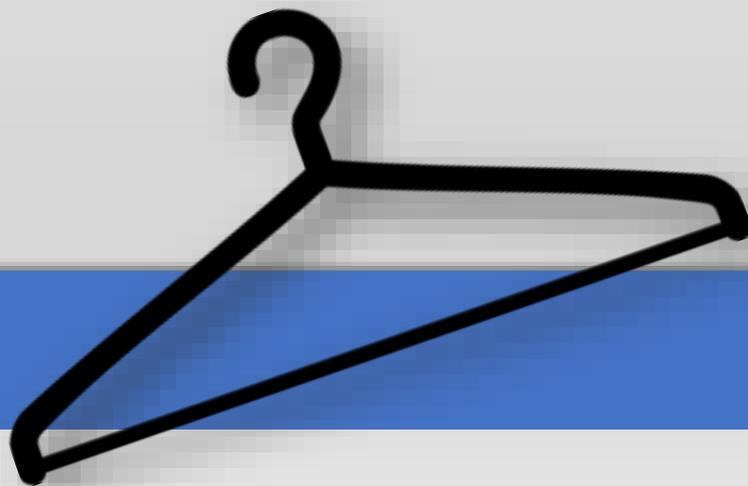
Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)

- ***Appropriate for a godly person***
 - Consistent with our claim to respect and fear God?
 - Not merely “fitting” your body—but “fitting” godly character

Does our dress reflect **reverence** and a **God-centered attitude**?

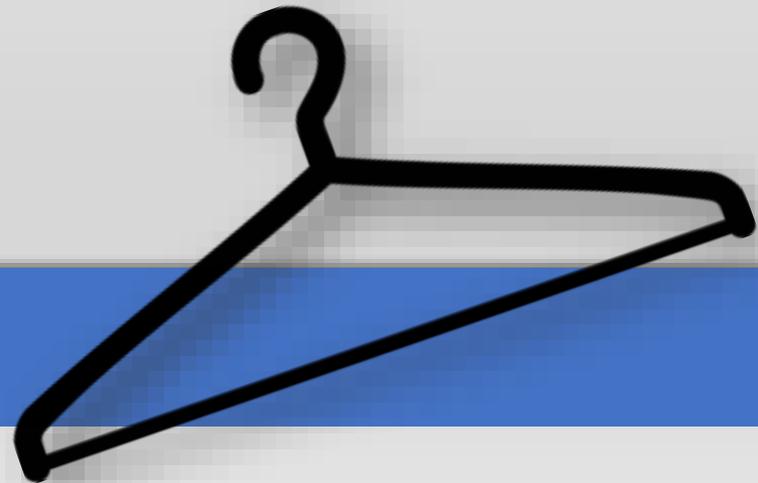
God's Principles (1 Tim. 2:9-10)

- ***Is it moderate?***
- ***Is it modest?***
- ***Is it fitting for a Christian?***



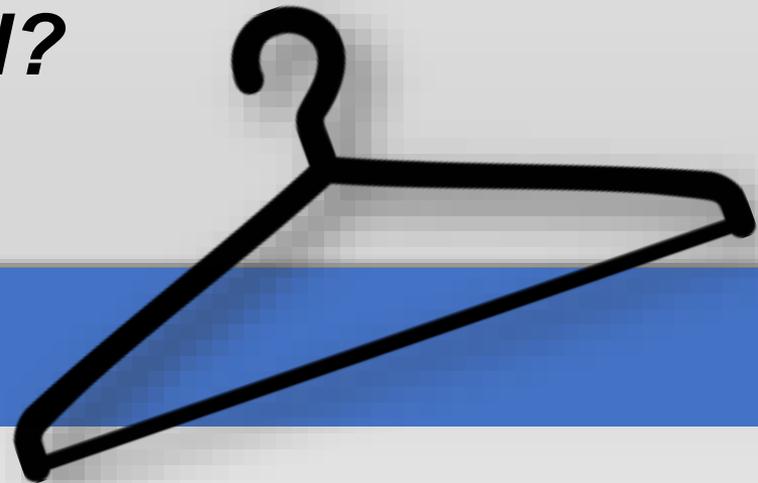
True Modesty Starts Inside

- ***Emphasis is on the heart***
 - 1 Timothy 2:9-10 — “with good works”
 - 1 Peter 3:4 — “hidden person of the heart”
- ***Modesty is really about developing Christ-like character!***



Two Women

- Jezebel adorned herself ***externally***
(2 Kings 9:30)
- Sarah adorned herself ***internally***
(1 Peter 3:5-6)
- ***Who was really beautiful?***



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