



*Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.  
~ 1 Timothy 2:9-10*

Introduction:

We must begin with a willingness to submit to God's plan for women.

We must be willing to examine ourselves to see if we are more influenced by our culture than God's Word.

*And Mary [\_\_\_\_\_] said, "Behold, the bondslave of the LORD; may it be done to me according to your word . . ." (Luke 1:38).*

## I. Discretion

### A. What Webster says:

Having or showing discernment or good judgment in \_\_\_\_\_ and especially in \_\_\_\_\_. Unpretentious: free from \_\_\_\_\_ or affectation. The ability to make responsible decisions.

### B. What the Scripture says:

#### 1. *Taste/Judgment:*

*Understanding what is appropriate . . .*

- a. God values \_\_\_\_\_ more than beauty (Proverbs 11:22).
- b. A discreet person can see herself as she \_\_\_\_\_ is (Proverbs 26:16).

#### 2. *Prudence/Insight:*

*Making choices God would make . . .*

- a. Discretion makes a person slow to \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 19:11).
- b. A discreet person has insight for the \_\_\_\_\_ God gives her (II Chronicles 2:12).
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ gives discretion. We can pray for it! (I Chronicles 22:11, 12).

3. *Wisdom/Understanding/Purpose/Counsel:*  
*Wisdom and discretion are very close friends!*
- a. Discretion will \_\_\_\_\_ you  
(Proverbs 2:11).
  - b. Discretion will keep you from the \_\_\_\_\_  
kind of people (Proverbs 5:2).
  - c. Want more of it? Read \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ and discretion (Proverbs  
3:21).
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ and discretion, hand in  
hand (Proverbs 5:2; Proverbs 8:12)
  - f. Yields godly \_\_\_\_\_ to stressful  
situations (Daniel 2:14).
4. *Soundness of mind/Self-control:*  
*“Inner self-government that restrains  
passions.” ~ Mark Minnick*
- a. Discretion helps us make right decisions  
about \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 2:9)
  - b. Discretion enables us to engage in  
proper \_\_\_\_\_ for godly  
women (1 Timothy 2:10).







## II. Modesty: A Discreet Woman's Dress

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### A. New Testament Definition: Shamefacedness

1. "A sense of \_\_\_\_\_"  
(*Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*)
2. "... Sense of honor which hinders one from doing an unworthy act . . . which \_\_\_\_\_ from overpassing the limits of womanly reserve and \_\_\_\_\_, as well as from the dishonor which would justly attach thereto."  
(R.C. Trench, *Synonyms of the NT*, p.67)

### B. Scripturally Informed Definition

"Modesty in dress is the application of an appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ as one of the considerations that governs our choices of clothing."

~ Mark Minnick

## C. Cultivating Modesty

*. . . do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is . . .*

~ Romans 12:2

1. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ to immodesty
  - a. Media: magazines, TV, movies
  - b. Markets: malls, online
  - c. Making comparisons to others

*Overexposure to Vanity Fair and underexposure to God's Word will wear away your feminine reserve.*

2. Be lovely, but not alluring.
  - a. Beauty is not \_\_\_\_\_ in scripture.
    - 1) God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of beauty
    - 2) We are Christ's \_\_\_\_\_!  
(2 Corinthians 5:20)
    - 3) Keep it \_\_\_\_\_: (1 Timothy 2:9)  
"well-arranged" (Thayer's),  
"respectable" (ESV), "orderly and appropriate" (Minnick)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ men with your beauty **is** condemned.
    - 1) Tightness entices
    - 2) A low neckline entices
    - 3) Partial exposure entices
    - 4) Sensual body language entices



“Within the Christian community, immodesty regularly causes others (especially brothers) to stumble . . .

Some young Christians simply refuse to face the problem and instead conform to provocative styles.

Others work it through and dress modestly without compromise. And still others react to the pressure by dressing down in unbecoming lumberjack style rather than thinking through what is feminine and unprovocative.”

~ R. Kent Hughes

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ.*

~ Philippians 1:9, 10

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