

# Your Summer Wardrobe

It is that time of the year again, and as Christians plan their summer wardrobes, they should keep in mind a very important principle. Paul wrote to Timothy, *"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 befits women making a claim to godliness"* (1 Timothy 2:9-10). The tendency for the past several years has been to destroy modesty by the wearing of scanty and revealing clothing.

There are a number of very sound reasons for this attitude. Modesty is a very valuable asset in the protection of virtue. With the destruction of modesty, virtue is endangered. All intelligent people are alarmed at the modern attitude toward morality. This attitude is undoubtedly created in part by the weakening of modesty. Christians cannot afford to contribute to this modern trend of morality. Improper attire not only means the destruction of modesty on the part of the one so dressed, but also a means of temptation to others.

Listed among the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21 is *"sensuality."* The KJV translates this as *"lasciviousness."* The term *"lasciviousness"* is defined as *"wanton, lewd, lustful; tending to produce lewd emotions."* Immodest dress is not compatible with Christian character and Christian living. Christians, plan your wardrobe for the summer as do others, but be careful to wear what is modest. Christians are to be CHASTE, not to be CHASED!

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