

## Changed Appearance: Part Two

The "Umbrella" principles:

- Our actions please God rather than grieve Him (*Colossians 3:17, Ephesians 4:30, 2 Corinthians 5:9*)
- Our actions regard our bodies as temples of the Holy Ghost (*1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20*)
- Our actions are above accusation (*1 Peter 2:11-12, Romans 14:16*)
- Our actions impact others (*Romans 14:12-13, 1 Corinthians 8:9, Prov 20:11*)
- Our actions don't give place to the devil (*Ephesians 4:25-27, 1 Peter 5:8-9*)
- Our actions don't give place to sinful humanity (*1 John 2:16*)
- Christians run from the dangers of sexual sin (*1 Corinthians 6:18*)
- Christians are transformed, not conformed. (*Romans 12:1-2*)
- God intentionally created two distinct sexes (*Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-25*)
- Christians practice modesty (*1 Timothy 2:8-10, 1 Peter 3:1-5*)

### Differentiation of the Sexes & Our Clothing: (*Deuteronomy 22:5*)

In terms of clothing in Western culture, men wearing slacks/pants and women wearing dresses/skirts clearly distinguishes masculine and feminine. These are also the modest choice.

Western culture still accepts that dresses/skirts most clearly define femininity.

### Modesty & Our Clothing:

In light of the dangers of sexual immorality, how much of my body will I reserve for my spouse alone? What aspects of my body will I keep from the general public and reserve only for my spouse? How much of our bodies should be covered?

Our garments should cover our thighs. (*Exodus 28:40-43, Isaiah 47:1-3*)

Thus, it makes sense to use our knees as a guideline for modest length.

### What about our upper body or torso?

We believe its modest to always wear shirts/blouses in public, keeping our torsos covered, maintaining high necklines.

### Should I consider sleeve length?

It is best for shirt sleeves to extend to the middle of the upper arm to prevent exposing the torso when raising our arms.

### Can clothing be tight and remain modest?

Does my clothing place myself or others in danger of lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life? Does it promote sensuality?

What does my spouse think? What do my parents think?

The "shopping" guideline:

To be special and unique is to develop your character, your personality, your intellect, your inner life. (*I Peter 3:3-4*)

### *In Summary:*

Regardless of our short-comings (attitudes, actions or appearance), Living Faith is the place that our relationship with God is provoked and deepened, this is the place that our understanding is enlightened and strengthened, the church is the place we are empowered for everyday Christian living. Loving Our Savior & Learning His Ways helps us Live Faith Daily.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! (Phil 4:13)