

CHRISTIAN WOMEN Pt.5: DRESSES, SWIMSUITS, EARRINGS and PIERCINGS

DRESSES



In the great confusion over Deut.22:5, things like this have transpired. L: These are Amish, or Quaker, or Mennonite women – I saw them advertised as all 3. I do not know the difference in the way they dress, it must be very similar. Again, if you want to dress like this, there's nothing wrong with it. R: A nun. Is this what it means to be set apart for God? Just put a certain type of clothes on? I assure you that just because someone dresses like this doesn't mean they are without sin.

From what I can gather, they dress very plainly so as to not draw attention to themselves. They are for the most part covered from head to toe. They want to be sure not to cause any one to lust after them. I don't think they will have that problem either. The Roman Catholic nuns are joined to the mystery Babylon religion which is in service to a different god, not to Jesus Christ.



These are mormons which are polygamists. They are certainly dressed modestly. But did you know that polygamy is not God's way?

Adam and Eve are our first example of marriage. One man and one woman. (Genesis 2:20-25)

This next passage of scripture was in regards to the king of Israel:

Deut.17:17a - Neither shall he multiply wives to himself (he must not take many wives), that his heart turn not away (because they will turn his heart away from the Lord):

The men of the Bible took multiple wives, but that was not God's perfect will for them. We should be striving for God's perfect will in our lives.



This is a picture of apostolic clothing from an apostolic clothing store. Everyone looks very nice.



These women look Pentecostal because they usually stand out as wearing the long blue jean skirts and having long hair. They look nice as well.



These women look like more modern Pentecostals and they look nice too. We tend to think of them as being set apart in how they dress, but are they? Something to note about the Pentecostal women is that Pentecostals celebrate the pagan holidays. They are not pleasing God by celebrating feast days that were in honor of fallen angels.



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They are modest in their clothing, there is no doubt or questioning of that. However, God never wanted us to segregate ourselves away from the world. He never said go live in a monastery or convent. How will those locked away in monasteries and convents and communities like the Hutterites, ever have an impact on the world for God's glory? They are not out among the people shining their lights for Christ. They are not drawing the lost to Christ. They are trying to live in a bubble and that is not being effective for God's Kingdom.



Do these Jews look like God's peculiar set apart people? They may look peculiar but remember they have rejected Jesus and so they do not have God the Father and are not filled with His Spirit. They are still in their sins against God. Let's not get so caught up in how someone dresses as to whether we believe they are holy or not.



Just because you wear a dress does not mean you are pleasing God. This is an example of what not to do. This is skin tight and low cut. Many young women have been conditioned by the world to believe they need to put their assets on display to catch a man. We as parents have fallen down on the job of raising our young ladies in God's Word and in His ways. We need to be examples to them and teach them how to dress modestly. And when they date or when they decide to marry, they should pray and seek the one that God has for them. If they fish for a man with the tight and skimpy clothes, they are bound to catch the wrong kind of man and not the one God has for them.



Even if you have a body like this, and could pull off wearing this type of clothing, as a Christian lady, you should not be dressing like this. Skin tight dresses, accentuating every curve are a no-no for you.



The woman on the left is completely covered, that's true. But it is a skin tight dress that shows every curve. The better choice is something like what is on the right. Just because you wear dresses doesn't mean you are pleasing God. You can see from the examples I've shown you that you can be immodest in a dress just as you can be immodest in pants. I'm shocked at some of the things I have seen being called and sold as dresses. Some are totally see through, some do not even go beneath the woman's bottom, some have high slits in them and on and on it goes.

In Christianity, there will always be people that try to push the limits. Those people usually are not truly saved or need to grow.

SWIMSUITS

For Christian women, a bikini is not modest. A bikini is designed to show off your body, it is revealing on purpose. One day I was thinking about a bikini and what is the difference between a bra and panties and a bikini. There really isn't much, except if it is called a bikini it is considered acceptable to be seen wearing it in public around swim areas. If you don't hear it anywhere else, you'll hear it here, as a Christian woman you should not be wearing a bikini. Or, if you do, it should be in the privacy of your own home and your own swimming pool for your own husband. Now even many one piece swim suits are racy and revealing too.



Kennedy and I are fair complected and we are always working to protect ourselves from the sun. We usually wear something like what is pictured here to swim in. One year Kennedy told me to just get her swim pants. She was tired of dealing with all of the sun block. I liked the idea too because I can hardly get sun block off my body. I was trying to scrub it off one time and my legs started to bleed. So I am over putting that stuff on. So now when I go swimming I wear swim pants and a long sleeve swim shirt.

If you think you need to put your body on display to catch a guy or keep a guy, you are more than likely going to attract the wrong type of guy. If a guy will only show interest in you if you show your body off, you don't need him. His heart is not after God, he's not a godly man. Wait on the one that God has for you. Date the ones that are seeking Jesus first of all and not because they are pretending to be a Christian just to get a date with you. And so what if you miss out on some guys, it will be better in the long run and you'll save yourself a lot of time by keeping your appearance modest. Don't compromise your Christianity over someone who doesn't love Jesus and they don't care about you living to please God. They just want what they want and they will do everything to see if they can get you to ditch your Christian standards. Keep it modest and see who God has in mind for you.

PIERCINGS and EARRINGS



Pastor Erustus shared: What I have come to discover from deliverances I have done. Many ladies who pierce their noses are immoral. Once you grow and mature in Christ, you start doing things with understanding and with a right motive, not to glorify satan, but God. That is the difference. When you talk with people about tattoos or piercings, usually there is pride, or immorality behind it. Not a right motive and certainly not about pleasing God. Just as the young lady in the picture is encouraging lustful intentions from others. She's a picture of someone with sinful motives.

I did a message about Piercings that is on our website. I will put the link on my sermon notes and in the info box here where you are viewing this message from. Some piercings can bring in curses and demonic activity. Mostly anything that is pierced except the ear lobe will open doors in your life to demonic activity.

Pastor continued: About women piercing ears for beauty, to me, it's OK. Woman was created by God quite different from man. She is a beautiful being to please man and man is to make her adorable in his eyes. She is a symbol of the church which is beautiful to Christ to be taken to God the Father at the end of ages. Now women are to make themselves beautiful using nice apparels, ornaments, perfumes etc.



But exaggerations should be avoided. I can tell you we all have personal preferences with our jewelry. We all have different ideas about what is considered modest and what isn't. These earrings that Rihanna is wearing are certainly an exaggeration and we should avoid these extremes. I have worn some very chunky and big earrings in the past and over time the Holy Spirit has led me to get rid of them. If you let Him, He will lead you.

In 1Peter 3:1-4 the Bible speaks of women's inward beauty, which is more important to God than the outer beauty, which is temporal. The Bible says women can put on good apparel, gold, etc. but in a modest manner.

In Exodus 32:1-4, Aaron asked the women and their daughters to remove their pierced earrings, gold etc. This shows it was okay in the old days and I think still it's for women to pierce their ears and put on earrings for beauty. But the motive and intentions must be right.

But for evil, like immorality, rings or materials prepared in hell to be used for devil worship must be avoided. Many women and even men today are using tattoos, earrings, bangles and other objects which are dedicated to satan and his demons to turn many away from God. The devil is now using women's beauty as a tool or scheme to turn man in the world to his kingdom.



Piercing the nose is very common in the Hindu religion. They serve many gods. And even if it is a cultural thing, demons can still come in because it is not a natural place for piercing. I remember Pastor Erustus had shared about a woman who was manifesting demonically in his church. He tried to do deliverance and could not get the woman delivered. Until the Holy Spirit drew his attention to a nose piercing that she had. The elders had to hold her so that Pastor could get the nose piercing out. Once the nose piercing was removed, then deliverance came.

Keep in mind what Pastor said about women: “She is a symbol of the church which is beautiful to Christ to be taken to God the Father at the end of ages. Now women are to make themselves beautiful using nice apparels, ornaments, perfumes etc.”

Ephesians 5:25-27 - Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Rev.21:2 - And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned (beautifully dressed) for her husband.

Jude 1:24 - Now unto Him (God the Father) that is able to keep you from falling (or stumbling), and to present *you* faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

1 Cor.15:24 - Then *cometh* the end, when He (Christ) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He (Christ) shall have put down (whe He shall have destroyed) all rule and all authority and power.

Remember the parable about the King who threw a wedding banquet for His Son?

(Matt.22:1-1) We are going to be presented to the Father.

CLOSING

Remember the passages in 1 Peter and in 1 Timothy are not forbidding women from wearing nice clothes or jewelry or having nice hair styles. Rather, they are emphasizing that godly women focus on living holy and pleasing God from the heart rather than focusing on the outward appearance. They are not saying we cannot do and wear those things but that our priority should be our spiritual walk with God.

At the end of this teaching series we are going to address what it means to be a peculiar people set apart for God. You may be able to pick certain people out in a crowd based on how they dress, but that is not what being a peculiar people set apart for God is all about.

PRAYER

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