

For Our Information

Annette Gray's Brother, Glenn James, passed away last Wednesday. His funeral is Monday afternoon in Hot Springs.

Thelma Echols was a little better Saturday after adjustments to her medications.

John Jackson's Mother, Nettie Jackson, is still on oxygen.

Ricky Ragsdale is weak from treatments, though he has regained a bit of strength. They and doctors are looking at options for his continued treatment.

Phyllis Jackson has had some difficulties with her feet. Paula Laubach has been suffering with asthma.

Keep your brothers & sisters in mind

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This Caught My Eye

This week's article comes from a site called RadicallyChristian.com. I read it in a FaceBook post earlier in the week and found much similarity to the lesson I was preparing for this Sunday Morning. It's author, Wes McAdams, is the "Preaching Minister" for a liberal congregation in Abilene, TX. I have read several articles that he has written during the past few years.

Because of his error in several doctrinal matters I was hesitant to include this article at first. As I considered what he presents in this article though, I knew it was in accord with the teaching of Scripture. It also goes very well with my lesson. Maybe between the two teachings you will find things that will help you serve God better.

As with any source from the mind of men, I urge caution, but Mr. McAdams does have some good material on his site. Especially in regards to our personal devotion to God. I cannot recommend his teaching regarding institutions, cooperation, or social activities in the church, though.

Seeking His Righteousness

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Modesty

Wes McAdams

It's interesting to me how most Christians still don't understand what modesty is all about. In fact, I've known some older Christian women – and men – who dress pretty "immodestly" (even at worship)!

If someone said, "I saw a woman who was dressed very immodestly," most of us would assume that woman was wearing clothing that was – in some way – sexually provocative. While showing too much skin or wearing clothes that are too tight is certainly immodest, we fail to recognize that clothing can be immodest without being sexually provocative.

The word translated, "modesty" in 1Timothy 2:9-10 is defined by Strong's



"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

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as, “a sense of shame or honour, modesty, bashfulness, reverence, regard for others, respect.”

Here’s another way to think about the word: When you say to someone, “You are so amazing” and they disagree with you, you might respond, “Oh, come on now, you’re just being modest.” That is probably the context in which this word is best understood. Modesty says, “I don’t want attention. I’m embarrassed by compliments. Please look away from me. I’m not worthy of your admiration.” That is modesty!

Attention Drawing Attire

Every Christian should live with the desire not to draw attention to themselves. But many times, our clothing choices are immodest because that’s exactly what we’re trying to do – draw attention to ourselves. Paul mentions, braided hair, gold, pearls, and costly attire. But we really don’t get all up in arms about Christians who wear fancy clothes and jewelry; when that’s exactly the context in which Paul addresses modesty!

Now, I’m not saying we should all dress in rags. But we do need to examine our hearts. The question is, what are your motives? Do your clothes serve a practical purpose – like covering up your body – or are you just trying to impress people? When you dress in flamboyant clothes, wear a lot of expensive jewelry, or spend lots of time on your makeup and hair – are you not being immodest? Are you not trying to draw attention to yourself?

A New Kind of Attire

Paul says the Christian woman’s attire should be “good works.” When Christians “clothe ourselves” in

Store In My Heart

2Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Scripture includes all things that we need to accomplish our work. We need to get back to God’s Word. It will bring profit in our learning and teaching others. It brings us to righteousness so that we can do everything God has appointed for us to do. It will lift us above the wickedness of the world, bring us closer to God.

Turn your attentions to the Holy Writings of God. They will be well worth your time and will direct your efforts toward those things that benefit.

good works, God gets the attention! Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

The world has ALWAYS told women they are obligated to look beautiful. Paul says, don’t get so caught up in dressing beautifully, but in living beautifully!

Revealing Attire

Immodesty is a pride issue. Immodest clothing can say, “Look at how much money I have,” or, “Look at how trendy I am,” or, “Look at how beautiful my body is.” That’s sinful pride! When a woman wears short shorts, she is communicating pride in her body. When a man goes without a shirt, he is communicating his pride in his physique. That is not the way Christians should conduct themselves!

When people dress provocatively, they may not even realize they are being – or intend to be – sexually provocative. They may simply be thinking to themselves, “I look good in this and I’m going to wear it.” But again, that is sinful pride! Whether you’re just showing off how good your body looks, trying to make people jealous that they don’t have your body, or trying to “turn on” members of the opposite sex – you’re being immodest!

Stop trying to be impressive and be faithful!

Christians must learn to be modest in the way we think of ourselves. The world screams, “Be proud of who you are and how you look!” And God says, “Stop looking at yourself and look at Me!” We are often so self-absorbed and our clothing often reflects that fact. It’s time for a change!