

women to adorn themselves ...  
by means of good works, as is  
proper for women making a  
claim to godliness.

**1Timothy 2:9-10**

## Store In My Heart

### Acts 20:28

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

As Paul instructs the elders from Ephesus he emphasizes the need to care for the church. Two things are seen here. First, the church is the individual souls who meet together in that location. This should be evident by the price that was paid for the church, God's blood. Leaders in the Lord's church are watching souls of great value to God.

That leads to the second thing we see here, God owns the church. It is His and His alone. Mere humans are not the ones in charge. God controls all aspects of the church for He is the sole owner and ruler. We must give up all authority to Him.

God is Ruler over the Church!



# Restoring The Code Of Decency

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While holding a meeting in north Alabama, this writer had the pleasure of visiting in the home of an elder of another congregation nearby. His two teenage daughters were truly refreshing. They did not attend their high school prom, did not swim with boys at the public pool, and positively never wore clothes that were immodest. They were not strange girls, but were pretty, popular and heavily involved in all kinds of school activities. They were confident and courageous. No doubt those young women will live rich, full, and joyful lives.

In The Visitor, the Adamsville, Alabama church bulletin, Tim Rice on February 21, 1995 wrote:

A substitute teacher I know recently overheard some cheerleaders at school say something like the following: "I feel sorry for Jane (not her real name). She is a member of the church of Christ. She can't wear short dresses. Her parents would not let her go to the prom. Why, even when her family goes on vacation, they don't go to the beach where the action is, they go off by themselves. And she wears spandex pants when she goes swimming there. She can't go to any pool parties we have because her parents don't think it's right to go mixed swimming. She doesn't smoke or do any of the fun things. And she goes to church all the time!"

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## For Our Information

A Memorial for Camille Matthews will be Thursday August 4 at 3 pm at the Little Rock Church of Christ location.

Gloria Hurst is waiting to see what her job situation will be after the failure of her back test means she cannot continue in her present position.

Tonight we start in 1Kings 12:12.

Wednesday we are in 1Timothy 6.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

Will she be warped or rebellious? Will her parents' strictness cause her to snap or go wild? Or, have we let the voice of the world convince us that chaste, conservative, and wholesome values ruin young lives?

The woman which I married was raised like that elder's daughters and like "Jane." She is normal in every way. She has always received great respect from people of the world and the church, male and female! She has no difficulty faithfully believing the truth about the ever-present danger of producing lust through activities like mixed swimming, dancing, or brief attire (cf., **Galatians 5:19**; **1Peter 4:3**; **2Corinthians 12:21**; Webster's New World dictionary definition of "lasciviousness"). She has adopted **1Timothy 2:9** as her code of decency, being modest from the inside out and putting her emphasis on wearing the whole armor of God and not the bikinis, minis, tight, and slight attire of the world!

Yes, television and movies have desensitized us with half clothed, unclothed, and up close men and women, as if such were natural and acceptable. The summertime dress code of the world suggests that we are free to do whatever pleases us. The invitation of the devil's sermon is: "Come unto me, nude and uninhibited, and I will give you popularity, acceptance, and freedom." Woe to the Christian who swallows that lie!

**Galatians 5:19** *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,*

**1Peter 4:3** *For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.*

**2Corinthians 12:21** *I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.*

(God is not pleased when we follow the world into sin. DLH)



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