

Modesty?

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church
1 Timothy 2:9, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;"
 I don't think that I have ever heard much said about modesty in a sermon, either in church or by the preachers on radio and television. Why? Well, I think that it might not be well received by some folks. This preacher doesn't try to be politically correct, or a crowd pleaser so I will dare to mention it. Here goes what I see about the subject in relation to God's word.
 Modesty, like morals, has fallen by the wayside in our enlightened society. People want to fit in and look like everybody else, or as one woman told me years ago that you have to follow the fashions of the day. Really? Who says so? Is it better to follow the dress code of a sinful world, or to follow the commands of God?
Matthew 5:27-28, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That who-

soever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." We hear this verse at times and think that a man shouldn't look at a woman in such a way. This is true, he shouldn't, but at the same time a lot of men wouldn't if more women would dress modestly. Some women will say that he shouldn't look, but if he has eyes he sees her as she is dressed. She should have put on enough clothes before she left home.
 Recently I walked into a business and approached a woman. She hurriedly began to pull her neckline up to cover more of her chest. I thought about asking her why she came out in public like that if she was embarrassed, but I passed on by her. That was in a business, a restaurant, but sad to say, I have noticed similar things in various churches a few times through the years. In style? Well, it may be, but I haven't read anywhere in the bible where God suggested that his people dress like that.
 Then there are those who wear clothes that look like they are wearing a coat of paint. For shame that a woman would wear such garments. It is not to her credit, nor does it add anything to her character. If a woman wants to be treated like a lady she should both dress and act like one. It is up to the parents to teach their children to dress in

a decent manner. I have even noticed a few cases where the mother dressed more provocatively than her daughter. What a bad example to set before a child.
 The women are not the only ones that should dress in a modest fashion. Men need to look at themselves too, in this regard. I wonder if the men who think that they are in fashion by wearing their pants halfway to their knees know why they do it. For one thing men, people don't need, nor care, to see your underwear. I have heard from several sources that the "Style" started in prisons. A man would wear his pants that way to show that he was interested in a relationship with another man. Is that what you want to look like? Men get a belt, suspenders, or even a rope but pull your pants up and act like a man, or at least try to look like one.
 You may think that I should not have mentioned the things that I did in this column but believe me, someone needs to address some of the basic problems in our land. The way we dress says a lot about us and what kind of person that we are. People that are of the world will do as the flesh desires, but if you are a Christian you are to walk according to the word of God.

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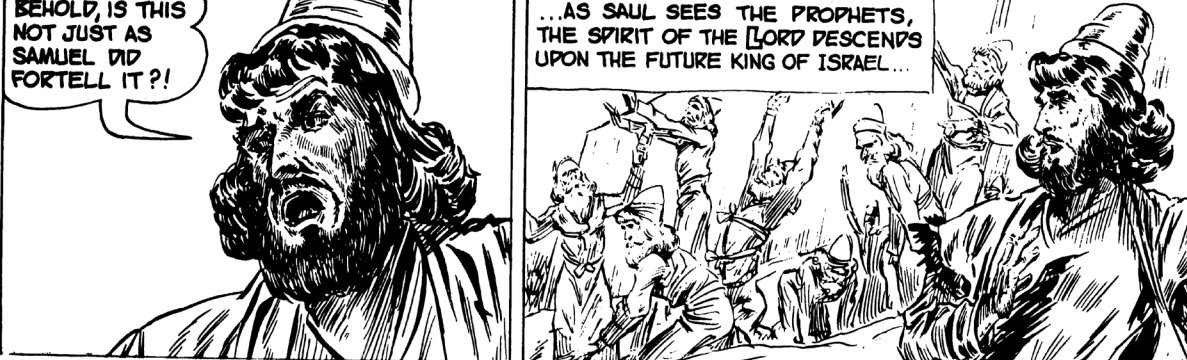
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