The Power Of Modesty

Tony Mauck · 1 Timothy 2:9–10

INTRODUCTION

- The sermon that I'm preaching this morning is for all of our young ladies. That you may know the power of dress.
- It is for older women in our beauty-centric culture who face the same dress pressure and need to kindly, lovingly, and understandingly instruct our younger women and set an example for them.
- I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness.

1 Be Aware of the Allure of Your Body

Song of Solomon 4:1–4; 2 Samuel 11:1–2; Matthew 5:27–28

- The Bible clearly indicates that men are visual creatures and tend to react strongly to the female form.
- Everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.
- Modesty is your power to possess and control this allure that God granted to the female form.
- Modesty minimizes what he can investigate with his eyes.
- You don't want to say to him, look at what I've got. You want to say to him, look at who I am.

2 Understand the Purpose of Your Body

Genesis 2; Proverbs 5:18–19; Proverbs 7:10

- Modesty is your power to preserve it. It is not for everybody.
- Don't reveal what you don't want another man to touch.
- Eve was for her husband, Adam.
- Modesty is your power to keep what belongs to one. And only for that one.
- Let your fountain be blessed and rejoice in the wife of your youth.
- Possess your body the way God intended it. And modesty is a big part of that.

3 The Goal of Your Heart

1 Timothy 2:9–10; 1 Peter 3:3–4; Esther 1:11–12

- Modesty is your power to prove who you are. It issues from the heart.
- It's not a garment problem. It's a heart problem. And really, it's not a modesty problem, it's a love problem.
- Culture must not dictate how you dress. Christ must dictate that.

- Let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.
- Way too casual. And it's all about my comfort. Rather than respect for the occasion of worship.
- It needs to be appropriate for the occasion.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't let your heart lose its love for being holy. And that goes to all of us.

MY NOTES