

What You Wear Is Somebody's Business

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1 Samuel 16:7 reminds us of the fact that while man looks on the outward appearance of his fellows, Jehovah looks on the heart. And Jesus Himself said, "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). But none of this means that God doesn't care what I wear or how I look. A woman who professes to be a Christian should never dress like a go-go dancer, a stripper, or a prostitute, and a man who professes to be a Christian should never dress like a vagrant, a thug, or a gigolo. The New Testament calls upon us to take thought for things honorable in the sight of God and men (Romans 12:17; 2 Corinthians 8:21). Men and women should be careful to dress in a manner that is becoming to those who profess to be godly (1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:3-4). Some of the sorriest examples in this matter of apparel and appearance are found among musicians and singers (many of whom have become idols of our children) Many of these resemble a police line-up of hoodlums, muggers, dope-addicts and peddlers, and street and motorcycle gang members. Others like to cavort around half-naked or to shake and writhe their bodies in obscenely suggestive fashion. They prove that some people will do anything for notoriety and money, but I raise my voice in protest of what they have done to themselves and what they are doing to our young people. Let us do nothing to encourage or support them.

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