

MODESTY: A DOCTRINAL FOUNDATION – PART 1

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RESOURCE BOOKS RELATED TO *MODESTY*:

- Ⓒ *Secret Keeper - The Delicate Power of Modesty* by Dannah Gresh
- Ⓒ *A Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue* by Wendy Shalit,
- Ⓒ *Christian Modesty and the Public Undressing of America* by Jeff Pollard
- Ⓒ *The Value of Modesty* by Wayne Jackson

RESOURCE FROM THE INTERNET:

- Ⓒ www.familylife.com and type in the word *modesty*
- Ⓒ www.family.org and type in the word *modesty*
- Ⓒ www.purefreedom.org



This message presents **THE DOCTRINAL BASIS** for *MODESTY*. The subsequent message will present the **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**. I encourage and challenge you not to neglect either of these two messages.

As I bring this message, I have to confess, I **DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE** speaking on subjects like addressed in this message. Having said that, THIS MESSAGE TODAY comes as the result of a **deep and abiding conviction** that it needs to be spoken. For sometime now, I have sensed God **prodding me** to preach on this subject.

TWO WEEKS AGO I announced that I would preach a message on the subject of *modesty*. It has been interesting the things that have transpired during those two weeks. PEOPLE ARE **VERY INTERESTED** in this subject.

- (1) SEVERAL FOLKS **personally expressed their appreciation** for preaching on this subject.
- (2) SEVERAL FOLKS **brought articles and books by and sent emails** that have addressed the subject of *modesty*. Thank you all for those resources and phone calls. I have read many pages in preparation for this message, and it has all been very helpful.
- (3) **Three folks** who heard I was going to preach this message on *modesty* **requested an audio tape** in advance because they knew they were not going to be here for this service. That all indicates a lot of interest in this subject.

THE STUDY for this message HAS BEEN **VERY ENLIGHTENING**.

Although I have mentioned the subject of *modesty* over the past few years while preaching, I had **never preached an entire message** on that subject.

- (1) **One discovery** that I made was that **98%** of the literature I read on the subject of *modesty* addressed **WOMEN**, rather than men. If I had known that in advance, I might have waited until I was ninety years old before I preached on this subject.
- (2) I also discovered that **98%** of that material addressed the subject of **CLOTHING**. That might lead a **person to think** THAT CLOTHING is the only area where *modesty* applies. The truth is that *modesty* also applies to a person’s **conversation** and **behavior**. A person can be *immodest* in the way they **walk** and **talk**.

This particular message will **deal primarily** with *modesty* as it relates to **CLOTHING**. The reason for such a direct focus is manifest in the title of a recent book written by Jeff Pollard titled: **“Christian Modesty and the Public Undressing of America.”** Modern America is being bombarded with a barrage of *immodest* clothing. One of the newest rages

for clothing designers is to target four to six-year-old girls with *immodest* clothing. Something needs to be done to turn the tide of modern American culture.

WAYNE JACKSON has written a valuable article on this subject titled *THE VALUE OF MODESTY*.

“**Louis L'Amour** was a premier novelist. His fascinating stories of the **old west** have been best-sellers. L'Amour had a vast personal library dealing with American frontier lore, and he was meticulous in producing works that are **fastidiously accurate** in terms of the culture of the **1800s**.”

“Some years ago a **national magazine** published an article by L'Amour which addressed **the manner in which women were viewed in the old west**. He observed that almost **uniformly** they were treated with **great respect**, even by the roughest of men. He noted that, as a rule, females **could travel** alone hundreds of miles by stagecoach and feel quite secure, because men regarded them so highly, and were extremely protective of the “fair” sex.”

“**Those days are gone** - and have been for quite a while. Nowadays, a woman **can hardly walk** unescorted down a crowded street without being verbally assaulted, or in some fashion, sexually harassed. Most men in sizable cities do not want their wives **driving alone** at night. One recent author believes she knows, at least in part, a **cause** for this dramatic shift in attitude toward women. SHE SAYS IT INVOLVES THE **“loss of modesty.”**”

(**Wayne Jackson** quoted from a young Jewish writer named **WENDY SHALIT**, who is creating a considerable stir in the media with the publication of her book, *A Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue* (The Free Press, 1999).)

“**MS. SHALIT** says that her initial exposure to **our grossly “immodest” culture commenced when** she was in the fourth grade. She was introduced to a **“sex education”** course (it should be spelled coarse), from which her parents presently removed her. She argues

that such classes should be “completely abolished” because **they erode one’s natural sense of modesty**.

“**Modesty**, she contends, **is an innate, psychological barrier which protects youngsters** as their personalities are developing.

“**The thesis of *A Return to Modesty*** is that the so-called “sexual revolution” has robbed society of many of its most valuable virtues; for one thing, a sense of self-worth. She contends that the break-down of modesty among young girls has led to an exploding level of promiscuity, and that “every single study” of this moral degeneracy has revealed that “low self-esteem is correlated with early intercourse for girls.”

“Ms. Shalit contends that modesty is not a disease of which women need to be cured! “It’s high time sexual modesty came out of the closet,” she writes. “Not only can you not get AIDS from it, not only is it morally right, but . . . modesty is really much more exciting than promiscuity.”

Wayne Jackson writes: “My own conviction is this: If many women would learn to be women again, instead of trying to emulate the conduct of crude and profane men; if they would learn to speak, dress, and act like ladies again, instead of portraying the image of foul-mouth, street-corner prostitutes; if they would return to the biblical norm of femininity, whole new vistas would open to them, which they would discover as wonderful, exciting, and fulfilling.

“Modern immodesty has not liberated women; rather, it has enslaved them to lifestyles that have only degraded them, and marred the glorious image their Creator intended them to enjoy.”

THE DOCTRINAL PORTION of this message on the subject of *modesty* begins with **GENESIS 2**.

- (1) **AT CREATION**, again and again God declared that what He had made was **“GOOD.”** Only once did He say it was “not good.” That single negative account came when God **looked at Adam** and realized **his “aloneness”** was debilitating to Adam. At that point,

GOD SAID:

(Gen 2:18), “. . . ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.’”

GOD DESCRIBED HIS ACTIVITY in bringing Eve into Adam’s life. GOD **PUT ADAM TO SLEEP** and took a portion of his **rib** and from it **HE CREATED EVE**. With Eve, Adam found **companionship** in ways he had not previously known. Though the garden of Eden was filled with wonder and beauty, nothing met Adam’s need for companionship. **Only Eve** was capable of filling the void in Adam’s life.

God described Adam and Eve’s **innocence** in an **often passed over passage**.

(Gen 2:25), “And they were **BOTH NAKED**, the man and his wife, and were **NOT ASHAMED**.”

God said they were unclothed and yet they were *not ashamed*. It never once entered into their mind that there was anything wrong with nakedness because at that time in their life, there was nothing wrong. They were **not ashamed because** they were **clothed in God’s glory, holiness and purity**. There was NO SUCH THING as **guilt, shame or lust**. Those words did not exist in the human vocabulary. Adam and Eve had not yet sinned and there was nothing sinful about their condition.

BECAUSE **SIN WAS NOT** a part of their condition, fellowship between them and God was **glorious**. God actually came among them and **fellowshipped with** them in the garden (Gen 3:8).

If the story had only stopped there, it would have been so wonderful. As you know, **THINGS WENT HORRIBLY WRONG for Adam and Eve**. They ate of the fruit that God had forbidden and sin entered into creation (Gen 3). **As a result**, things began to GO WRONG in their lives. Gen 3:15-19 lists some of those horrible consequences:

1) FOR EVE God multiplied her **sorrow in childbirth**.

2) FOR ADAM God multiplied his **sorrow in tilling the ground**. Crops could only be produced by heavy labor and by the **sweat** of the brow. For the first time, the ground began to bring forth **thorns** and **thistles**.

3) PERHAPS **WORST OF ALL**, GOD TOLD ADAM:

C **(Gen 3:19)**, “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, **TILL YOU RETURN** unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”

C God told Adam that **DEATH** had become a part of his experience on earth. God had earlier warned Adam, “In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen 2:17). Adam ate and God kept His Word – Adam died. Immediately after eating the fruit, both Adam and Eve died **spiritually**, and eventually they died **physically**. Sin had entered the human race. God no longer walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the garden. Their sin had separated between them and God. **The glory had departed!**

Further consequences followed their sin:

C **(Gen 3:7)**, “And the **eyes** of them both were opened, and **THEY KNEW** that they were naked; and **they sewed** fig leaves together, and **made themselves aprons**.”

S Adam and Eve had lost their innocence. Their innocence had turned to *shame*.

THE STORY CONTINUES:

C **(Gen 3:8-10)**, “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. {9} And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, **Where art thou?** {10} And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid, BECAUSE I WAS NAKED**; and I hid myself.”

S What a **CONTRAST!** **Before** they had sinned, they were “not ashamed” (Gen 2:5). **After** they had sinned, they were afraid and hid themselves (Gen 3:10).

GOD ASKED THEM:

(Gen 3:11), “. . . Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"

S In the account of Adam’s sin is found another interesting verse that is often overlooked. (Gen 3:21)

(Gen 3:21), “Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, AND CLOTHED THEM.”

C **FACT - GOD CLOTHED THEM.** In other words, **CLOTHING WAS GOD’S IDEA!** God was in the clothing business long before J. C. Penny was ever born.

C This all leads to a very important **QUESTION – WHY DID GOD CLOTH THEM?** Consider **two answers.** The first answer is sure and certain. The second answer is based on **sanctified speculation.** By *sanctified speculation* I mean that the conclusion is reached based on Scriptural principles, rather than by direct scriptural references.

#1. THE ANIMAL-SKIN CLOTHING WAS PROPHETIC

S An animal had to die in order to provide an animal-skin covering for Adam and Eve. This is the first sacrifice mentioned in the Bible and it was made by God Himself. That sacrifice painted a picture of the coming lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who would shed His blood for the covering of sin.

(Heb 9:22), “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”

S **Adam and Eve’s immediate reaction** after having sinned was to **put on clothes.** They knew they needed covering. **Their problem** was they tried to cover their sin man’s way, rather than God’s way. They chose **fig leaves**, whereas God chose **animal skins.**

(Prov 14:12), “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

THE SECOND REASON GOD CLOTHED THEM BASED ON SANCTIFIED SPECULATION:

#2. GOD KNEW THAT IN THEIR FALLEN STATE OF SIN, THE TEMPTATION TOWARD SEXUAL SIN WOULD BE GREATER THAN THEY WOULD BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING, THEREFORE, GOD CLOTHED THEM

S **BEFORE THEY SINNED,** Adam and Eve were clothed in God’s **purity** and **glory.** They were **unclothed** and **unashamed.** **AFTER ADAM AND EVE SINNED,** their covering was gone. The glory departed. In rapid fashion **a whole new list of words** was introduced into **the human vocabulary.** FOR EXAMPLE:

- (1) One does not have to go far into the Book of Genesis until there is need for a new word called **murder.** Prior to their sin, Adam and Eve did not know what murder was. After their sin, their own son slew their other son. Cain murdered Abel. Anger and hatred became a part of the human experience.
- (2) Go a little further into the Book of Genesis and there is need for words to describe things like: **impurity, lust, immorality, fornication, adultery.** Things went so bad, so fast, that by the end of Genesis 7, God had destroyed the entire world population **except for NOAH** and his family. Noah’s generation was described using the following words:

C **(Gen 6:5)**, “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Jesus described Noah’s day in this manner:

C **(Luke 17:27)**, “They did **eat**, they **drank**, they **married** wives, they were **given in marriage**, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.”

S Man’s temptation toward sexual sin **was greater than he could handle**. Without **God’s help**, every generation would end up just like Noah’s generation.

S IN MY OPINION, BASED ON **SANCTIFIED SPECULATION**, part of the reason God clothed Adam and Eve was **to serve as a deterrent to sexual sin**. Before they sinned, it did not matter because they were clothed in God’s holiness. After they sinned, **God knew** they would be confronted with a temptation that would be greater than their ability to withstand it. Out of compassion and care, God helped stem the tide of sexual enticement by clothing them.

S That is not spelled out in Scripture, but it is at least plausible.

Now, in that list of new words that came crashing into the human vocabulary, came the words equivalent to our English words **“MODEST”** and **“IMMODEST.”** Consider **the definitions** for both words.

#1. “MODESTY” DEFINED

“MODEST” IS USED IN THE BIBLE:

(1 TIM 2:9 NKJV), “In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in MODEST apparel, . . . ”

1) THE GREEK WORD for **“MODEST”** IS **“KOSMIOS”** (kos'-mee-os) (“KOSMIOS” IS USED IN 1 Tim 3:2 to describe the Bishop (pastor) of a church and is there translated as “Of Good behavior”)

C That word is **associated with** the Greek word **“KOSMOS,”** which refers to **the world**, or **universe in its orderliness**.

C **“KOSMIOS”** LITERALLY MEANS **“orderly,” “decent,” “well arranged.”**

C The English word **“COSMETIC”** comes from this Greek word.

2) **1 TIM 2:9** ASSOCIATES **“MODESTY”** WITH **CLOTHING**. We are to be *modest* in our clothing, our dress, our attire.

C **WEBSTER’S DICTIONARY**, DEFINES **“MODEST”** AS:
1. Restrained by a sense of propriety; hence, not forward or bold; not presumptuous or arrogant; not boastful.
2. Not loose; not lewd.
3. Moderate; not excessive or extreme; not extravagant.

C **“MODEST” DOES NOT MEAN** that a Christian must wear **old and outdated clothing!** It does not mean that Christians must dress in **first century garb**. Women do not have to dress like **Lydia**, and men do not have to dress like the **Apostle Paul**.

C IT IS ACCEPTABLE to dress according to the **STYLE** of one’s **TIMES** and **CUSTOMS**, **AS LONG AS** those styles and customs are truly *modest* in the biblical sense of the word.

C **C. J. MAHANEY**
“There is nothing wrong with a woman being fashionable or attractive, as long as she remains modest. . . . Let her appearance reflect a biblical definition of beauty.” (from www.FamilyLife.com / June 16-18 radio broadcast transcripts)

C DENNIS & BARBARA RAINEY

“Modesty is humility expressed in dress; a desire to serve others, particularly men, and not promote or provoke sensuality or lust.”

(FamilyLife.com)

#1. “MODESTY” DEFINED

#2. “IMMODESTY” DEFINED

S WEBSTER’S DICTIONARY DEFINES “IMMODEST” AS:

1. Not limited to due bounds. Hence, exorbitant, arrogant.
2. Wanting in decency. Lewd.
3. Impure; obscene, indecent.

S *IMMODESTY* IS LINKED TO **sensuality, allurement, self-centeredness, and self-glorification.** In other words, *immodesty does not limit itself* by the boundaries that God has set. **It presses beyond** what is proper just as Adam and Eve pressed beyond God’s boundaries when they ate the fruit that God had forbidden.

1 TIM 2:9 GIVES FURTHER DEFINITION TO “MODESTY” BY USING THE WORDS “PROPRIETY” AND “MODERATION”:

(1 TIM 2:9), “*In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with PROPRIETY and MODERATION, . . .*” (NKJV)

S As we come to understand what *PROPRIETY* and *MODERATION* mean, we will better understand what *MODESTY* means.

#1. “PROPRIETY”

S The **NIV** translates this Greek word as “DECENCY.”

S The **KJV** translates this Greek word as “SHAMEFACEDNESS.” Though that is not an often used word in modern vocabulary, it does communicate an important element found in the Greek word from which it is translated.

S The Greek word for “propriety” communicates the idea of being able to experience a sense of shame. The word means “**bashful,**” or “**respectfully timid.**” It refers to a person who possesses “**a sense of shame.**” We occasionally hear a person criticize by stating, “They have no sense of shame.”

S A **modest person** possesses a God-given *sense of shame* that enables him to *blush*. If you are young and are easily embarrassed, don’t let that bother you. Don’t run from bashfulness. Thank God for it, because that is a gift from the Lord designed to help protect you.

S LISTEN AGAIN TO THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

“**MS. SHALIT** contends that **modesty is an innate, psychological barrier which protects youngsters** as their personalities are developing. She asserts that modesty is not a disease of which women need to be cured! Not only is it morally right, but . . . modesty is really much more exciting than promiscuity.” (Wayne Jackson quoting **WENDY SHALIT’S** book, *A Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue*)

S **JEREMIAH** described the people of his day, prior to the fall of the nation of Judah, by using the word *blush*.

(Jer 6:15), “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, **neither could they blush:** therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.”

S **WHEN IT COMES TO THE CHOICE OF CLOTHING** we must **not discard** the God given ability to *blush* when making the decision about what to wear.

S A person’s attire ought to reflect what God’s word calls “propriety.” If attire is “proper” it will seek God’s glory, rather than seek self glory.

#1. “PROPRIETY”

#2. "MODERATION"

(V. 9), ". . . The women adorn themselves in MODEST apparel, with PROPRIETY and MODERATION, . . ." (NKJV)

S The Greek word for "MODERATION" means, "soundness of mind," "sanity," "self-control." It refers to the need for one to "think ahead." Moderation does not go to either extreme.

S It is so easy to go to extremes when it comes to the subject of *modesty*. **ONE EXTREME** is for a person to press for as few clothes as possible. Many folks in our society are in that camp. **THE OTHER EXTREME** is to insist that women be covered in their entirety. Some women are covered from head to toe in what is known as a burka. On the front of some burkas is a net that permits the woman to see out, but that limits any other person from seeing in.

S With *moderation* in mind, **EVERYONE SHOULD ASK**, "How will this **garment appear** if I wear it today?" Will it **honor the Lord**? Will it help **guard** the thoughts of others? Is it **discrete**? Is it **modest**? Is it **proper**? Will it bring more attention to me and less attention to God? Will it reflect the fact that I belong to the Lord?

1 TIM 2:9 goes on to add **SOME "NEGATIVES"** THAT NEED BRIEF EXPLANATION because they are so easily misunderstood.

(V. 9), "*In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, NOT WITH BRAIDED HAIR or GOLD or PEARLS or COSTLY CLOTHING,*" (NKJV)

S PAUL **was not implying** that owning jewelry and fixing one's hair was wrong at all times.

FOR EXAMPLE:

1) **SOLOMON'S BRIDE** wore **gold** and **silver jewelry** (Song of Solomon 1: 1 0-1 1; 4:9).

2) **REBEKAH**, the wife of Isaac, did the same (Gen. 24:53).

3) (**ISAIAH 61:10**): "I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her **jewels.**"

S **The problem** comes when **clothing** and **jewelry** call attention to the person in an **immodest** and **improper** way.

WHEN **HOLLYWOOD GATHERS** to **HONOR ITS STARS**, it is common that folks arrive in their expensive **limousines**. The camera rolls as the limousine door opens and the star steps into the light adorned with a several thousand-dollar dress that is made with only a few dollars worth of material. The whole scene is designed to **focus attention** on the person. I doubt very seriously if anyone ever looked upon such a scene and exclaimed, "**O, isn't God holy.**"

S **THE PRINCIPLE** from God's Word would say we must be careful to **direct the attention more toward God** and **less toward self**. If attention is to be **craved**, then **crave attention for God**.

S Based on his study of 1 Timothy 2:9, **JOHN MACARTHUR** asks, "**HOW DOES A WOMAN DISCERN** the sometimes fine line between proper dress and dressing to be the center of attention?" He contends that **THE ANSWER** begins with **THE INTENT OF THE HEART**. A woman should examine her **MOTIVES** and **GOALS** for the way she dresses.

1) Is it to reveal **a humble heart devoted to** worshiping **God**?

- 2) Is it to show **her love and devotion to her husband** and his goodness to her?
- 3) **OR**, is it **to flaunt wealth**? **OR**, is it **to call attention to herself, Or worse than that**, is an attempt to **allure men** sexually?

S Paul was **not** asking women **to make themselves unattractive**, he was simply exhorting them to **REJECT THE WORLD'S YARDSTICK** for measuring beauty and adopt heaven's standard (Bible Knowledge Commentary).

S CONSIDER TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH **IMMODEST DRESS**.

#1. IMMODESTY REMOVES ONE OF GOD'S INTENDED SAFEGUARDS AGAINST THE TRAP OF SEXUAL ALLUREMENT

S **Part of God's help** in the battle against sexual temptation is **modesty**. God clothed Adam and Eve after they sinned because **HE KNEW** that they would never be able to withstand the allurements of sexual temptation apart from clothing.

S When society begins to parade *immodesty*, and *modesty* is no longer considered in vogue, then humanity finds itself on a road that is strewn with many spiritual land mines.

#2. AN IMMODEST PERSON IS GUILTY OF "DEFRAUDING"

Listen to the Bible as it uses the word "defraud" in contexts other than that of sexual sin.

- (1) **(Hosea 12:7 NIV)**, "The merchant uses dishonest scales; he loves to **DEFRAUD**."
(That salesman intentionally **cheated** other persons.)
- (2) **(Mal 3:5 NIV)**, "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers,

against those who **DEFRAUD** laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty."

(The Hebrew word here means "**false swearer**."
There is **deception** and **lying** involved with defrauding.)

(3) **(Mark 10:19 KJV)**, "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, **DEFRAUD NOT**, Honor thy father and mother."
(The Greek word means "**to cheat by pretending**.")

(4) **(1 Th 4:6 KJV)**, "That no man go beyond and **DEFRAUD** his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified."
(The Greek word means "**to take advantage of another**")

S AN *IMMODEST* PERSON IS **GUILTY OF** *cheating, deceiving, pretending* and *taking advantage of others*. In other words, AN *IMMODEST* PERSON IS **guilty of "FRAUD."** For a person to dress in an **enticing** manner, and yet **claim purity**, is for that person to banner *a false advertisement*. **WHEN** a person dresses in a manner that could be described as:

- C "boastful,"
- C "loose,"
- C "excessive,"
- C "extravagant,"
- C "wanting,"
- C "exorbitant"

WHEN A PERSON WEARS SOMETHING THAT IS:

- C "too **SHORT**"
- C "too **TIGHT**"
- C "cut too **LOW**"
- C "too **THIN**," then that person is **GUILTY OF** *deception*. They are guilty of *false advertisement*. They proclaim by their dress that their "**secrets**" belong to anyone

who wants to know them. That is **deception because** God says that a person's "**secrets**" belong to the one person God has just for them. That one person is your mate, and your mate alone.

S JESUS

(Mat 19:5-6), "And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall **cleave to his wife**: and they twain shall be **ONE** flesh? {6} Wherefore they are no more twain, but **ONE** flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (It doesn't say "two," or "ten," it says "one.")

S **DANNAH GRESH** speaks to girls in her book, *Secret Keeper*, when she writes:

"Again and again, the Bible reconfirms that this intoxication is only to be shared with one guy . . . and after you're married. "Until then, it is under wraps . . . a secret to be shared with your husband. Sure, you could "have many men," but God says "just one." (p. 21)

S **WHEN** a person dresses *immodestly*, they are **not showing love and devotion to their mate**, whether that mate is **present tense**, or **future tense**. Neither are they showing **humility and devotion to God**.

S **KENT HOVIND'S DAD USE TO SAY:**

"If you ain't in the business, then don't advertise."

This concludes **THE DOCTRINAL PORTION** in our study of **MODESTY**. The next message will present **THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION**. I challenge you not to pass over the practical application. In that we will consider:

I. FOUR REASONS FOR MODESTY

II. FOUR TRUTHS AND FOUR PRINCIPLES RELATED TO MODESTY

III. SIX LIES REGARDING MODESTY

IV. FIVE PLANS FOR ACTION