

■ CONSIDERATIONS APPLYING TO DRESS ■

OBSCENE: (*Websters 1828*) Offensive to chastity and delicacy; impure; expressing or presenting to the mind or view something which delicacy, purity and decency forbid to be exposed; (*Miriam-Websters Online 2007*) Abhorrent to morality or virtue; specifically designed to incite to lust or depravity.

From “*The Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour in Company and Conversation*” transcribed by George Washington (using original spelling). A few of the rules reflect on dress:

1st - Every Action done in Company, ought to be with Some Sign of Respect, to those that are Present.

2nd - When in Company, put not your Hands to any Part of the Body, not usually Discovered.

7th - Put not off your Cloths in the presence of Others, nor go out your Chamber half Drest.

- What it wouldn't be tolerant for the stranger's hand to touch, shouldn't be exposed for the eye to touch!
- If a man publicly exposes any of his private areas, he will be arrested for indecent exposure. If a woman does, the one objecting is scorned as offensive, “behind the times”, uncivilized, intolerant or uncooperative.
- Women have the right to an environment where they are not forced to work with men who are exposing private areas. Likewise, men are equally entitled to work where the women are not exposing their private areas.
- To wear transparent, skin-tight, or anatomy accentuating clothing is really no different to exposing the body by not wearing any clothing.

These are considerations on the rights of others. If you are interested in further reading, check “*Women: The Biblical Woman - Appropriate Dress*” in the library at www.basedintheword.org

The Scriptures warn:

“Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.” Leviticus 19:29

Jesus clearly said:

“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” Matthew 5:27,28

We have seen the prostitution of women for riches and fame on the screen and radio. This prostitution has resulted in women committing the same whoredoms in everyday life. We have seen Leviticus 19:29 fulfilled before our very eyes!

Consider Jesus' words carefully. He speaks addressing men, but the women likewise sin when they dress with the intent to make men look and lust. These women are adulterers in heart.

Dressing immodestly for the screen, or imitating this in society, is whoredom.

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9,10