

## A Woman's Modest Apparel

### EVERY APOSTOLIC WOMEN'S FASHION ❤️

Our society CASUALLY accepts ANY dress code short of outright nudity! But GODLY people are instructed to wear “modest apparel.” MODEST means “orderly, of good behavior, having decorum.” Decorum is dignity and respectability in conduct, manners, appearance, and character. Exposing too much flesh is undignified, inappropriate, and is a sin against God’s Word and against Holiness. Furthermore, “Costly lavish, extravagant array,” **1 Timothy 2:9**, is not modest.

We Apostolic ladies do not need to dress half-naked just to look beautiful because we believe that modesty is the true beauty on the inside and out. We seek a husband that is looking for a Godly virtuous woman not an unholy lustful spirit. A man that lust for only the flesh is for a moment and a relationship made in that lust last for only a minute until the next unholy spirit comes along. God’s Word says, “...And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do?” **Jeremiah 4:30**. A Godly man seeks a virtuous woman for his wife, and she is a crown to his head. His eyes never leave her and his loyalty to her is for life. **Proverbs 12:4; 1 Peter 3:7; Proverbs 31: 26-31 KJV**.

We Apostolic Pentecostal Women do not wear any shorts/pants and also shirts that pertaineth unto a man because of God’s Word, **Deuteronomy 22:5** says, The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God. Women should display femininity and men masculinity. NO UNISEX LOOK! Christians must dress in modest, dignified, non-extravagant, clearly gender-specific clothes.

And of course, as God's Spirit dwells and moves on the inside, we Apostolic Women strive to live holy on the outside because **1 Peter 1:16** says, “Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” So, we live holy because our God is holy, and we believe that without holiness no one shall see the Lord (**Hebrews 12:14**).

### CTAC APOSTOLIC DRESS CODE

- ALWAYS WEAR A BRA
- ALWAYS WEAR PANTIES
- ALWAYS WEAR A SLIP UNDER YOUR DRESS OR SKIRT
- NO DRESSES ABOVE THE KNEES
- NO SEE-THROUGH CLOTHES (LAYER)
- NO SLEEVELESS CLOTHES
- NO SHORTS
- NO PANTS (WOMEN)
- NO TIGHT CLOTHES (MEN AND WOMEN)
- NO TANK TOPS OR SPEGITTI STRAPS
- NO BEAR BACKS
- NO LOW V NECK OR ANY LOW-CUT SHIRTS OR DRESSES
- (NOTHING REVEALING!!)
- NO JEWELRY (neckless, rings, etc.)
- NO MAKEUP

### WHY DO WE WEAR A DRESS OR SKIRT ALL THE TIME?

I hate this question. I do not hate it because of the curiosity that encourages it, but because of the implication it carries. I do not HAVE to wear a dress or skirt; I choose to wear a dress or skirt.

Now that we have that straightened out, I will answer this question instead, why do I choose to wear a skirt? I will start with the easy stuff first. In Deuteronomy 22:5 the Bible says, “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.” Pants are, and originally were men's clothing. Now before you jump on me saying, “Well in Bible times they all wore robes/dresses” men's and women's robes were distinguished by color, so even from a distance men could be told apart from women. If you are thinking, “These are obviously women's pants, they're cut to fit a woman's body” then go ahead and keep reading because there is a section on modesty for you down below. Further down we will look deeper into the history of women's pants in America.

Second, **1 Corinthians 8:9** says” But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.” We are about to get pretty in depth with this and it might come as a shock to some of you, but... men are attracted to women. God intended men to be attracted to women and women to be attracted to men. If your pants are so tight that I (along with everyone else) can see the shape of everything between your thighs, you could potentially be causing someone to stumble. Again, before you jump on me, I'm not talking about abusers or rapists. A rapist is a rapist no matter what clothing you're wearing. I'm talking about the men you go to church with, the men you work with, the men you walk by in town. They can't help being attracted to women and if you're dressing in a way that makes a man that's not your husband lust after you it's wrong. Period. There are some things that only your husband should see. The same is true in reverse. Men shouldn't be running around in jeans so tight that their future children are in danger. Or showing their whole bodies to women they aren't married to. When your heart is right with God your focus will change from attracting people to you, to attracting people to Him.

Third, and this one has been thrown around a lot lately, modesty. I keep hearing people say that modesty isn't about what you wear, it's about how you act, but that's not entirely true. Modesty: behavior, manner, or appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency. When someone says to you” You're just being modest” that person is saying that you're not “announcing” the good qualities about yourself that they are bragging on you about. The same principle applies to clothing. That is why we use the same word to describe dressing in a way that does not “announce” your body. Just as it is good to be modest and not tell everyone your best personality traits, behaviors, or accomplishments it is good to be modest and not show everyone every detail of your body. Even if it is your best “accomplishment”. **1 Timothy 2:9** says, “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;”.

Fourth, let's look at the history of women wearing pants and how this one act of rebellion has caused the deterioration of family in America and the World. In the 19th century, several countries had laws that explicitly prohibited **women** from wearing **pants**. These laws aimed to enforce gendered dress codes, maintaining the distinction between male and female attire. For 200 years these laws existed! Throughout history, traditional gender norms dictated that women should adhere to specific roles and appearances. In many societies, women were expected to wear dresses or skirts, symbolizing femininity, and modesty, while men exclusively wore pants, signifying authority and practicality. These norms were deeply ingrained and reinforced by cultural, religious, and societal influences. During World War I and II women were needed to work in factories. Women put on uniforms made like coveralls. When their men returned from War the woman did not want to return back to the home and to raising her family. She wanted to be equal to the man which is not Godly nor is it in God's Word, **Genesis 2:18** says, “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” The phrase, I WEAR THE PANTS IN THIS HOUSE, was born as the women rebelled against God and man.

The **dress reform movement** arose in the mid-19th century with the goal of giving women the freedom to wear trousers. Trousers were seen as a symbol of women's rights, a radical proposition at the time. If a woman wears the pants, she exercises authority or is the person in charge in a relationship. So, the history of women wearing pants is a symbol of rebellion against her husband who was coming back from the war and against society, family, religion, and against God's Word. This rebellion was the downfall of the family as it was known in times past where the women stayed home and raised children. Because of this rebellious spirit divorce rates increased, someone raised children other than their mom or dads, and families now had to have two incomes to support a family (inflation surged). As was from the beginning of time in Genesis, women have rebelled. Women's rebellious spirit led man to commit the original sin and wearing of pants is just another example of that same rebellious spirit. As an Apostolic Woman I want to be separate in this world by shinning the light of Jesus as a modest woman of God. **2 Corinthians 6:17**. I choose to not follow the norm and dare to be different! I choose to not have a rebellious spirit! I choose God, family, church, home, my children, and my husband. I do not wear the pants in my home! I am a help for my husband, and I am a child of God.

Last, but certainly not least I choose to wear a skirt because I have a relationship with God. That relationship makes me want to glorify Him. In my dress, in my behavior, in all my ways. I want to be able to walk through a crowd of people and, without even speaking, those people know that I am different. I want them to know that I am not like this world, to know that I'm God's child because this world is not my home and impressing the people of this world with "me" is not on my agenda.

### **Corresponding KJV Bible Versus**

#### **1. "...women adorn themselves in modest apparel."...**

- **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."**

#### **2. "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do?"...**

- **Jeremiah 4:30, "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life."**

#### **3. A virtuous woman...**

- **Proverbs 12:4, "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."**
- **1 Peter 3:7 "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."**
- **Proverbs 31: 26-31, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."**

**4. Clothes pertaineth to a man...**

- Deuteronomy 22:5, “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.”

**5. Be ye holy; for I am holy...**

- 1 Peter 1:16, “Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

**6. “...without holiness no one shall see the Lord.”**

- Hebrews 12:14, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:”

**7. Help Mate...**

- Genesis 2:18, “says, “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

**8. Be Ye separate.**

- 2 Corinthians 6:17, “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”

**9. Stumblingblock...**

- 1 Corinthians 8:9, “But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.”

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