

GIVING GOD OUR BEST

Christians have traditionally “dressed up” for Sunday morning services while being less formal for Sunday and Wednesday evening. In some situations I believe that is appropriate and does nothing to violate biblical principles.

As I consider the comments and opinions expressed by various individual regarding a Christian’s clothing, one thing stands out: We are to offer our best to God. Yet no one contends that we should always wear coats and ties for men and dresses for women in all our services to God. I’m not advocating a “dress down” policy while attending services. But I am saying to offer our best is much more that what we wear to an assembly.

1 Timothy 2:9 states the *“women are to adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.”* What we are to clothe ourselves with (male and female) is not some outward show of quality of submission reflected in a lifestyle of doing good. Paul’s teaching here is only that our clothing be modest. The wearing of blue jeans, pants suits, and other “casual clothing” is an individual choice and should not be legislated. Again, modesty is the rule for all individuals.

Incidentally the “casual look” in some cases may be more modest than the “formal look”.

May each of us strive to be modest and clothed with good works? If that is accomplished, then God is glorified.

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