

DRESS STANDARD

Does God Care What We Wear?

Why We Have a Youth Ministry Dress Standard

Text:

Matthew 11:7-9, “And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.”

Proverbs 7:10, “And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.”

1. To please the Lord Jesus Christ and honor Him above all.

1 Peter 2:9, “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;”

1 Corinthians 6:19, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”

1 Corinthians 10:31, “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

2. To submit to the biblical principle of modesty.

1 Timothy 2:9-10, “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; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”

3. To submit to the biblical principle of appropriateness and identify with godliness.

Titus 2:12, “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

4. To promote an environment of purity and spiritual growth.

Romans 13:14, “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

Romans 14:19, “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”

5. To honor the convictions of our pastor.

Hebrews 13:17, “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”

2 Corinthians 10:8, “For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:”

6. To give an account to the Lord with joy.

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2 Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

7. To promote a spirit of maturity.

1 Peter 3:3-4, “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

1 Corinthians 13:11, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

1 Timothy 4:12, “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

8. To exemplify a distinct lifestyle not conformed to the world.

Ephesians 5:8, “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:”

Zechariah 13:4, “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:”

Romans 12:2, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

9. To protect the thoughts and innocence of young men and young ladies.

2 Timothy 2:22, “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace,

with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

Proverbs 4:23, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

Proverbs 11:16, “A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.”

10. To be a clear witness of the Gospel.

1 Samuel 16:7, “...for man looketh on the outward appearance...”

Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

1 Peter 2:12, “Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

Activity Dress Requirements

Guys: Denim jeans or Dockers (no holes) with collard shirts should be worn. Long shorts are also acceptable. Ball caps with team names or sports emblems are acceptable if worn properly. No T-shirts. No unbuttoned shirts with T-shirts underneath. No excessively baggy or grunge style clothing or hats are permitted.

Girls: Knee-length, loose-fitting skirts, and loose-fitting tops should be worn. No low-cut, immodest, or tight-fitting clothing should be worn.

For Everybody: No clothing should advertise a worldly lifestyle.
