

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Does How We Dress Matter?

On January 5, Veronica Partridge, "Christian Blogger," posted an article entitled, "*Why I Chose To No Longer Wear Leggings.*" Her essential answer was that she did not want to dress in a way that would potentially make someone other than her husband to "think lustfully about" her body {www.veronicapartridge.com}. What is her point of view?

She spoke to her husband and asked if an attractive woman in form-fitting pants was in view, did it present a potential heart struggle for him. He said it did, and at the end of her post she wrote, "*And at that moment, I made a personal vow to myself and to my husband. I will no longer wear thin, form-fitting yoga pants or leggings in public....I also want to set the best example of how to dress for my daughter. I want her to know, her value is not in the way her body looks or how she dresses, but in the character and personality God has given her*" (ibid.).

I know nothing about this young lady other than what you read above, but I can feel assured that she has the right heart. She desires to present herself in a chaste manner before God and man. In a culture that thrives on pushing sexual desires to the limit in every possible way, this is refreshing.

Men, if you dress in a manner that can cause a woman to look upon you in a lusting manner simply by your dress, then you are contributing to her sin and sinning yourself. Women, if you dress in a manner that can cause a man to look upon you in a lusting manner simply by your dress, then you are contributing to his sin and sinning yourself.

As Christians, we must strive to present ourselves in a proper manner when it comes to how we dress – both men and women. The Apostle Peter addresses this issue in I Peter 3:2-4: ***“While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 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.”***

Let each of us live this and teach our children to do the same. Obedience to God is not a piecemeal ritual. *It's the whole enchilada!!*

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland