## CHRISTIAN WOMEN – Pt.1: MODESTY, FALSE TEACHERS

Men, before you tune out, this may be helpful for the women in your life. I'm sure questions that you yourself have had will be answered in this teaching too. This teaching series is going to clear up a lot of things and bring peace to so many. I am going to be covering modesty, pants, dresses, hair, makeup, jewelry and being a peculiar people in this teaching series.

Sometime last year I was asked about some of these things in regards to Christian women living righteous lives. The young woman who asked wants to please God and get it right and is also raising two young daughters and wants to teach them correctly as well. That's a heart for God, praise the Lord!

This young woman had watched a video of what I believe to be a false teacher that spoke about some of these things. Here's what she asked me: I wanted to ask you about wearing pants for a woman. Is it something God doesn't want us women to do? I think of how the Lord tells us we are to be a peculiar people, and how He wants us to be dressed modestly. And how from the standpoint of a woman, depending on what we wear, we can stand out in our actions, but can look the same if we are dressing similar to others that are in the world.

Of course I know if we are truly saved and have a heart for the Lord and know and understand what "our bodies are a temple" truly means, skimpy dresses and skirts and tops and bathing suits are a given. However, I'm wondering, because even if it's casual, pants are pants. This is something hard for me to understand and as I'm even wondering about the makeup and hair extensions etc. Like if God just wants us to be set apart, of course spiritually because everything is spiritual, but also in the natural and like obviously set apart.

I'm going to address these things in this teaching. I remember when I was just beginning to really wake up and go deeper in my Christianity that some of these things were bugging me too. I did not want to displease God and I certainly did

not want to end up in hell over any of these things. I did not want to mislead or cause anyone to stumble either.

I had listened to some false teachers online who were twisting God's Word and claiming to have had revelations about these things. This was some of my first encounters with false prophets and false teachers. Back when I was naïve thinking that everyone claiming to have had encounters with God, really did and that everyone claiming to be a Christian really are. The gist of their messages were that if you were doing these things you were not pleasing God, you were in sin against Him and you were headed to hell.

For no reason other than these false teachers, I got worried that I was going to go to hell. I did not have peace. That worry and fear was coming from satan. I wondered why God had not convicted me of so many things this one particular woman talked about. I thought how could HE have called me into the ministry and not have straightened me out on these things right up front.

I had a good talk with Pastor Erustus at that time. And I had prayed and talked to the Lord and also to Scott. NOBODY was buying what that lady said. In fact, that is when Pastor Erustus told me to be careful of those kind of "prophets" and "false teachers." They are being served by what they do in some way and it is for satan's gain.



Witches do not appear to be witches. They look like regular people, just like you and me. One thing I keep seeing, and Pastor has shared to me is that they always seem "nice and sweet – sincere." And I think, if Pastor can be fooled, so can anybody. He's in the thick of it dealing with these witches head on. He is getting feed back for what they have been up to through deliverances there.

Many people are coming online claiming to have had a dream, or vision or revelation from God. They are claiming to have had some great encounter with God and this draws many people to them. From there they begin to teach and share things as if they are called, ordained and anointed by God. As Pastor said, it is all for satan's gain. To deceive as many as they can and make a profit all the while.

I have also seen people flock to these type of false teachers hoping to get a word from God for themselves. When the truth of how you get a word from God is through having a personal relationship with Him. You don't need anyone else to speak to you, giving you a word from God. He can share something through one of His ministers if it is needed in the process of ministering to someone but just to go up to someone who claims to hear from God to get a personal word from them, is not Biblical. Witches always want to present this BIG WALK WITH GOD

that is always SO INFORMATIVE and as if they are highly favored. They want to make you think you are inferior in knowing Him and that they know Him best of all. That is so that they can deceive and bewitch or enchant as many as they can to keep the money flowing in their direction and to mess you up in your walk with God. They want you to come to them and not to God. They want to control you.

The false teacher she watched was in Africa, I too had heard a testimony of someone in Africa claiming to have had a great experience with God and they were saying no makeup, no pants, no jewelry etc. and that people doing these things were in hell or going to hell because of it. I said to this young woman, "HAVE YOU SEEN ME?" You know I am wearing makeup on Sunday, I always have my earrings on and even though you cannot see the bottom part of me, I do have pants on.

1 Timothy 2:9-10 - In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel (dress modestly), with shamefacedness and sobriety (with decency and propriety); not with broided hair (not with elaborate hairstyles), or gold, or pearls, or costly array (expensive clothes); But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

I like v.10 in the NLT.

## **New Living Translation**

For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

This scripture is not banning pants, braided hair, jewelry or nice clothes. There are some that have twisted this scripture and have just about made a whole new religion because of it. They have put many restrictions on the women in their churches.

I did speak with Pastor Erustus about these things and I'm also going to share what he had to say.



This is Pastor Erustus and his wife Pastor Sarah. Pastor Erustus heads up our outreach ministry in Kenya and Uganda. They are not Catholic but these are their ordination clothes.

He said: When I read 1 Timothy 2:9 & 1Peter 3:3-6 in context, my understanding is that Apostles Paul & Peter were not putting a total stop on women from wearing nice clothes, jewelry, braiding hair or using waves, using make ups or wearing nice fitting pants, earrings etc. But Paul was cautioning the women who are born again (in church) from over concentrating on outside beauty, rather than on inward beauty of godly character, which is of more importance and interest to God than the outside.

God values and looks at the heart than the outside. So born again women are to dress modestly to set a good example, to be read as good letters, they are the light & salt to other women in the world not yet saved. Now, the key word to note is "modest apparel" which means wearing clothes, make ups, jewelry etc. to extremes to cause or lead people to lust after them should be avoided. Women must avoid extremes in the way they dress and not to be like the women of the word who dress to expose their bodies, with the intent to arouse others sexually.

Modestly means dressing in a way not to expose the body, not to arouse or stimulate sexual impure thoughts or lust. The society and its systems today is corrupt, impure, evil, love sin, immoral and even the clothes/apparels on the market are intended and designed to cause sexual arousement or stimulation or sexual evil thoughts. This has led to an increase in immorality in the world and the target of the devil is to trap and defile the church. Thus women should be careful not to dress as the people of the world but dress modestly as children of a pure holy God. Once you grow and mature in Christ, you start doing things with understanding and with a right motive not to glorify satan but God.

## **CLOSING**

1 Peter 3:3-6 - Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair (fancy hairstyles), and of wearing of gold (expensive jewelry), or of putting on of apparel (beautiful clothes) (Your beauty should not come from outward adornment); But let it be the hidden man of the heart (clothe yourself with beauty that comes from within), in that which is not corruptible (the unfading beauty), even the ornament of a meek (gentle) and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price (it is so precious to God). For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves (This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful), being in subjection unto their own husbands (They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands): Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well (you do what is right), and are not afraid with any amazement (without fear of what your husbands might do).

This passage of scripture and the one in 1 Timothy are emphasizing that godly women focus on living holy and pleasing God from the heart rather than focusing on the outward appearance. They are not saying we cannot do and wear those things but that our priority should be our spiritual walk with God. Haven't you heard that saying, "It's not how you look on the outside that matters, it's what's on the inside that counts." That's the truth.

I'll say this, if ladies would get busy letting their Christianity show, they wouldn't have so many guys that just want one thing hanging around. You would find out who is serious about God real quick that way.

## **PRAYER**