

Between Modesty and Marriage: Modesty of Heart

Modesty	Emotional Purity	Physical Purity	Marriage Preparation
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What Is Modesty?

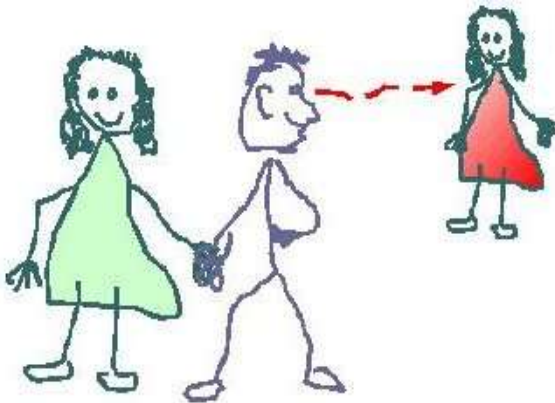
What do you think of when you hear the word *modesty*?

- Whether my clothing covers enough of my body!
- Whether I behave as a "shrinking violet" or a wallflower.

But where does this external expression come from?

Illustrations from Early Childhood

A child's drawing about "adultery"



The "Bad Eyes" billboard

Three Kinds of Modesty

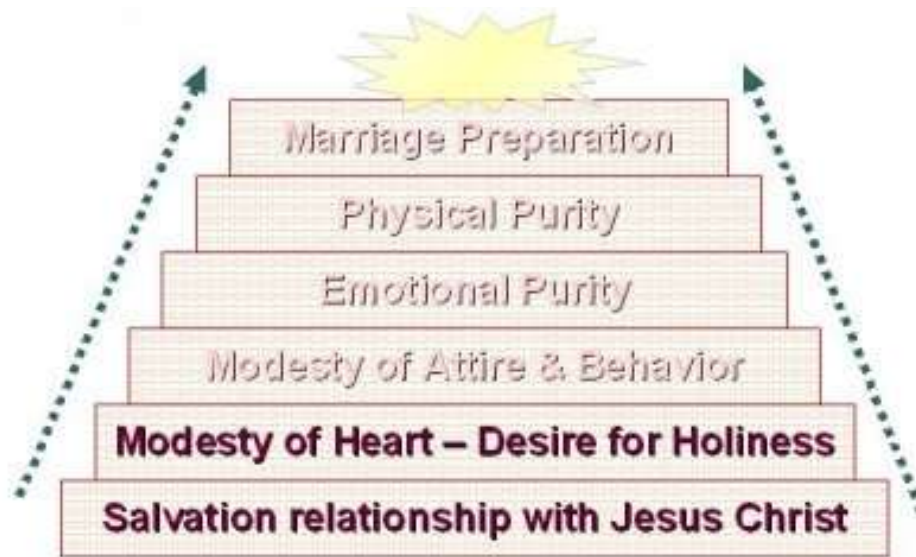
- Modesty of the Heart
- Modesty of Appearance
- Modesty of Behavior

Modesty of Heart

Definition:

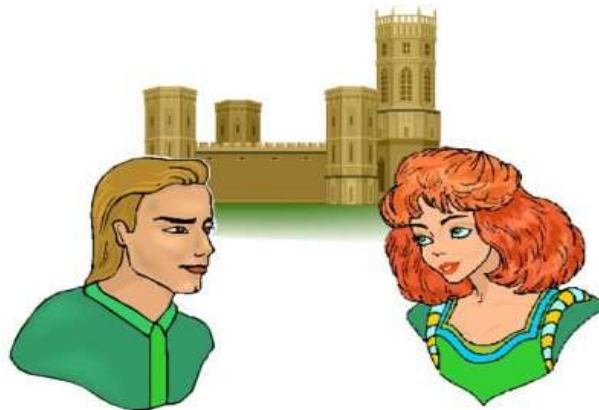
"An internal grace and strength that comes from faith in the sovereignty of God."

Foundational Building Blocks



Modesty and Purity must be built on the foundation of a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

"The Princess and the Kiss" by Jennie Bishop



External Modesty vs. Internal Modesty

- External modesty is a reflection of the attitude of the heart (internal modesty).
- Without the internal attitude, the external appearance is either a facade or a reflection of man-made rules.
- Internal modesty has a real answer to the question: "Why can't I wear that?"

The Impact of Internal Modesty

- Cultivating a meek and modest spirit when the children are young will help minimize the arguments over attire and behavior when they are older.
- If children are secure in their relationships (with God and family) they will have less desire to draw attention to themselves through external attire and behavior.

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