

LESSON 15

SARAH, MODEL OF PURITY

The fact that so many women are upset by this lesson gave cause to stop and ponder. Were the objects “this is not Biblical?” No. Were the objections, “well, I just think...?” Yes. So the lesson stands.

1. What do we know of Sarah’s appearance (Genesis 12:10-15)?
2. What affect can a modest, pure life have on a husband who doesn’t obey the Bible (1 Peter 3:1-6)?
3. How are Christian women to imitate Sarah?
4. The focus of the passage is internal with its effect upon the external. Explain how one’s attire reveals one’s heart condition.
5. Define modesty.
6. What are the benefits of modesty for the woman herself, for the church, for the unbelievers?
7. How does God’s definition of beauty differ from the world’s?
8. What do Lamentations 3:51 and Matthew 5:28 teach the spiritually minded woman?
9. When God, in judgment, took away the tenderness and delicacy of virgins their legs were made bare and their thighs uncovered (Isaiah 47:1-2). What does this teach the spiritually minded woman about shorts and short skirts?
10. If a woman’s breasts are for the satisfaction of her husband (Proverbs 5:18-19) what does this teach the spiritually minded woman about form-fitting, see-through, or low cut clothing?
11. Adam and Eve thought they were covered with fig leaves over their private parts. God made coats of skins to cover them. What does this teach the spiritually minded woman about bathing suits and other forms of skimpy clothing?

12. If the eyes of only one man are instinctively drawn to a woman's pelvic region, can a woman wear trousers (formed to fit) without violating Matthew 5:28 and Romans 14?
13. What would you think of a man you saw wearing a dress? Why? Then you agree this is apparel, in our society, that pertains to a woman? Why would a woman desire to wear men's apparel?
14. How does Romans 9:20 apply to a woman's dissatisfaction with feminine attire?
15. Following are two checklists regarding apparel. In list A mark each statement honestly in two ways. Mark the ones you think are true, then mark the ones that honestly represent your heart's attitude. In list B mark the one from each which best describes your lifestyle.

LIST A

1. Everyone is doing it.
2. I care more about my testimony than my taste.
3. Everyone will think I'm a square.
4. I can't do that work in a dress.
5. I'll get a longer dress or stop doing that work.
6. That's just one man's opinion or interpretation.
7. I want men in the church thinking on the Lord, not my body.
8. God forbid I should lead a weak brother into temptation.
9. I'm free to do as I please.
10. It doesn't hurt anybody.
11. A modest woman will be respected by men and treated more politely.
12. I want my husband to know I'm reserved for him.
13. If men lust that's their problem not mine.
14. Some things about modest dress I don't agree with, but I'll do them to be on the safe side.
15. My friend wears men's clothing and she's a fine Christian.
16. God looks on the heart. He doesn't care what I wear.

17. Man looks on the outward appearance, so I must be careful what he sees.

LIST B

PROVERBS 7, A SENSUOUS WOMAN

PROVERBS 31, A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

immoral, common, cheap	v 5		
		<i>virtuous, rare, valuable</i>	v 10
dresses like a harlot	v 10		
		<i>clothed with dignity</i>	v 25
crafty, uses others	v 10		
		<i>helps others</i>	v 20
loud and defiant	v 11		
		<i>content</i>	v 27
frequently away from home	v 11		
		<i>responsible homemaker</i>	v 27
uses religion to cover deceit	v 14		
		<i>fears the Lord</i>	v 30
depends on sensual allurements	17		
		<i>depends on inner character</i>	v 30
lives for the moment	v 18		
		<i>looks to the future</i>	v 25
deceitful	v 19		
		<i>trustworthy</i>	v 11
seduces with smooth talk	v 21		
		<i>speaks with wisdom</i>	v 26
victimizes/destroys men	v 26		
		<i>strengthens her man</i>	v 23
provides temporary pleasure	v 18		
		<i>blesses lives</i>	v 28
but ultimately destroys	v 27		
		<i>brings good not harm</i>	v 12