

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## The Modesty Question

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Ask an Amish person which types of clothing are immodest for men and women and you will likely get a detailed, specific answer. Ask an athletic, physically fit 20-year-old woman the same question and you will likely get a very different answer. Who is right? Whose standard should we use? If we could decide on a standard of modesty for all people, could we label those who violate the standard “sinners”?

Whether we like it or not, immodesty is subjective. Justice Potter Stewart, in a concurring opinion in *Jacobellis vs. Ohio* (1964), famously noted that he could not define obscenity, but conceded, “I know it when

I see it.” Such is the same with modesty—it is often hard to define modesty clothing item by clothing item, male to female...but we know it when we see it.

So instead of judging people based on specific clothing items and where they choose to spend their vacation (the beach is sinful to some), maybe we should look at the issue from another angle by asking, “Do the clothes I wear represent the person I am?”

Peter wrote that wives should wear clothes that show respect for their husbands and themselves (I Peter 3:1-6). What we wear to worship should show respect for God and our

fellow worshippers. What we wear on vacation should show respect for our bodies and the people with us. If someone—male or female—has a desire to flaunt their physical features by the clothes they wear, they are guilty of pride and selfishness.

Every person you meet will see the clothes you wear. Will they leave your presence impressed by your classiness or your diet and exercise routine? “For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things” (I Tim. 4:8).

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Randy Gupton will have his surgery this Tuesday. Remember him as well as Jearmie’s brother, who is donating the kidney.
  - Paula Lee Chance had a setback in her chemotherapy treatments and returned to the hospital last week.
  - Tony Pirtle, Aaron Pirtle’s nephew, is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.
  - Also remember Addie Farmer, Mildred Walker, Jay Newell, Rick Reed.
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Meet At Building At 5:30 Saturday Night For Sounds Game  
VBS June 8-12—Classes For All Ages

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Buchanan

Pray: E. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: M. Newell, JL Shelton, Reed

Pray: Baker

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
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Ephesians 4:25  
“Therefore, laying aside  
falsehood, speak truth each  
one of you, with his  
neighbor, for we are  
members of one another.”

“There is nothing noble in being superior to  
your fellow man; true nobility is being superior  
to your former self.”

Ernest Hemingway

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself;  
it is thinking about yourself less.”

C.S. Lewis

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## To The Class of 2014...

You’ve made it. Congratulations! After 12 years of getting out of bed before you wanted to, taking tests you didn’t want to take, and having your heart broken multiple times, you have finally earned your diploma. Before you launch your cap into the sky, there are a few things I want you to know.

(1). *You can’t be anything you want to be.* Just because you *want* to do something, that doesn’t mean you can do it. You will find out very quickly that you are limited. You can only jump so high, think so clearly, and achieve so much. There’s a ceiling. You’ll top out somewhere along the way. But that’s okay. God made you to be you and no one else. You are

fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God with unique talents. Don’t worry your life away trying to be someone else.

(2). *Time speeds up.* To this point in your life, time has moved slowly because all the good things in life were in front of you, things like marriage, kids, a house, and a steady, grown-up income. Once those things are secure in your life and you stop longing for future happiness, time flies. Just when you clean up the confetti from your 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party, you’ll be celebrating the big 5-0. But you can slow down the passage of time by always setting goals and actively making strides to achieve them.

(3). *Marry Mr. or Mrs. Right, not Mr. or Mrs. Right Now.* You will face enormous pressure from family, friends, and total strangers to get married soon. You will feel rushed to marry whoever you happened to be dating at the time. But unless that person can help you get to heaven, why would you want to spend the rest of your life with them? You might ask, “How do I know if I am with the right one?” My answer: If you have to make excuses for their behavior, their beliefs, or their attitude toward you, your family, or the church, dump them. Immediately.

May God bless your endeavors.

James Hayes

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