

APPAREL: WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET OR IS IT?...PART I

Focus Text: I Timothy 2:9

INTRODUCTION

Tool #1 – Understand the meaning of apparel

Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines apparel as 1: the equipment of a ship, 2: personal attire and 3: something that clothes or adorns. From these definitions we may conclude that apparel is anything that adorns something else. Therefore, apparel is not restricted to clothing. Below is a list of common items. Name one piece of apparel for every item listed below and discuss.

Item	Apparel	Item	Apparel
Car		House	
Human body		Office	
Fingernails		Cell Phone	
Tables		Window	

Tool #2 – Be aware of what you SHOULD be representing

Since we have established that apparel goes beyond clothes and clothing accessories, let us discuss the apparel in our everyday lives and what we should be representing.

1. What was Jacob’s apparel and what did it represent? **Genesis 37:34**
2. Describe the garments worn here and discuss what they represented. **2 Samuel 13:18**
3. Describe the apparel and the significance of the apparel of the Ark of the Covenant. **Exodus 25:10-16**
4. What type of apparel is represented here? **2 Samuel 14:2**
5. What type of apparel is discussed here? **Proverbs 7:16**

Tool #3 – Be aware of what you ARE representing. Understand that the appropriateness of some apparel is contingent upon the circumstance

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There are various types of apparel for various items and occasions. One might have the right apparel for the wrong occasion causing unwanted attention to him/her. Appropriateness may also stem from cultural influences, so the key is to be one accord within the culture that you are entering, in all holiness.

6. Discuss the following scripture in relationship to apparel. **I Corinthians 9:22**