

Speaking Truth In Love

Dear Abby once remarked in her column that today's clothing styles for young women reminded her of the styles worn by women she saw in Manhattan while working the night shift for a courier service. She urged parents to "have the guts to draw the line" with their children's choice of clothing, and she encouraged an emphasis of dignity over popular style.

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden and then realized they were naked, they made aprons to cover their private parts. When God saw this He quickly clothed them with animal skins to cover the **shame of their nakedness** (Gen 3:1-21).

God once warned Israel of her impending judgment for sin by saying, "...*remove you veil, take off the skirt, **uncover the thigh**, pass through the rivers. Your **nakedness shall be uncovered**; yes, your **shame** will be seen*" (Isa 47:2-3).

Exposing of the body is a shameful act of indecency according to God; and nakedness is often used in Scripture to describe the shame of sin (cf. Rev 3:18; 15:18). As seen in the two examples above, nakedness does not always imply total nudity. One can be naked, by God's definition, and still have the private parts covered.

God directs Christian women to wear "*proper clothing, **modestly and discreetly...as is proper for women making a claim to godliness***" (please read 1Tim 2:9-15). What you wear on the outside depicts what you are on the inside.

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