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The Identity of a Young Man

by Bro. Aaron McGeary



Identity is a subject of substantial significance. Understanding your identity is so powerful that Jesus actually overcame by the faith of knowing who He was. As young men, you do not need to look any further than the Bible to find your identity. The world will tempt you to find an identity in carnal things. But I want to encour-

age you to find something real and positive in the Word of God that you can identity with. It is by the Word that young men make their path clear. (Psalms 119:9) Below are four places in the scripture that speak directly to young men. I want to amplify these passages so that you can have a greater revelation of your true identity.

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Dress Identity Challenge

by Sis. Ernestine Beckett

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wearing the kind of clothes that they wear in these days.

Oh, I thought no matter what we may have to go through with, if it's trials, if it's heartaches, if it's persecution, if it's to be laughed out and made fun of, what kind of a people ought we to be? We are sons and daughters of the King. Though we be in an unwelcome world, though we be to a place where we're hated, maybe called scandalous names like "holy-roller, pentecostal-tongue." What difference does it make? We ought to have our chin up, our shoulders out, believing God's Word, because across the land yonder, our Father is the King.

Dear young sisters, as I write to you today, I trust to help you understand why it is important for you to be dressed properly and not be influenced by what is currently considered the norm in dress. As you share and witness God's power in your life, may your manner of dress challenge your friends to see you as one who is free from the attractions of this world, no longer a slave to fashion.



And I think it's a ridiculous shame when I see King's daughters

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The Panel of Ministers



Question #1

What are some required characteristics of a man or woman of God?

Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

Volumes could be written on all the characteristics and attributes of a man or woman of God, but I will take just a couple that I personally feel are important virtues to obtain at a young age. All three of these are qualities that start at a young age in dealing with parents, and then as we get older we have occupations. Then if the Lord desires to give us a mate these characteristics are very vital in a relationship.

Honesty, trustworthy and faithful are virtues that lack in extreme ways with the "world", but Satan tries to work on Christians through other avenues to break down barriers so that honesty, trustworthy and faithful are overlooked at a young age. You might say, "Oh c'mon Bro. Vince!" Well, let me say this in the form of a question. When Dad gives a time to be home, are we late? Even just a minute or so? How about at work when the boss gives a task to do and you find yourself goofing off? Honesty??? Then qualities apply to our spiritual walk in many ways as well, and like I said I could write a novel. And who knows, maybe someday I will. :) God Bless

Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

There are many different characteristics that can be set forth in answering this question. But to help give some particulars I want to point to one scripture to emphasize some characteristics expected of a man or woman of God. Read **Titus 2:1-10**. Here are some characteristics that Paul outlines: 1) For a man of God:

temperate, serious, sensible, self-controlled, sound in the faith of Christ, sound in the love of Christ, and sound in the steadfastness and patience of Christ; 2) For a woman of God: reverent and devout in their demeanor as becomes those engaged in sacred service and holiness, not slanderers or given to drink wine, give good counsel and be teachers of what is right and noble, so that they will wisely train the young women; 3) For a young woman of God: sane and sober of mind; temperate, disciplined, love their husbands and their children, be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kindhearted), adapting and subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach, blasphemed or discredited; 4) For a young man of God: be self-restrained and behave prudently, taking life seriously. Even though verses 7



and 8 are to Titus himself, I believe all of us can take this as characteristics we should have: show a pattern of and be a model of good deeds and works, believing what is unadulterated, having the strictest regard for truth and purity of motive; with dignity and seriousness, let our instruction be sound, fit, wise, wholesome, vigorous, irrefutable and above censure, so that skeptics and critics may be put to shame, finding nothing discrediting or evil to say about us. And finally, I think verses 9 and 10 are fitting because many of us will find ourselves in the position of servant (employee): Be submissive and obedient to our masters (bosses), be pleasing and give satisfaction in every way, do not to talk back or contradict, do not steal by taking things of small value, but prove yourselves truly loyal and entirely reliable and faithful in every way, so that in everything we may gain honor and do credit to the teaching which is from God our Savior.

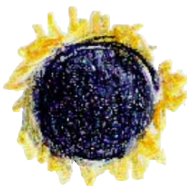
Question #3

I feel as if I need to be doing something, but I just do not know what. It is a cause of great anxiety for me. Can you offer any advice?

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In the last article I promised that we would begin a discussion on the signs of the times. Jesus stated in Luke 21:25 that "there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars...". Have any of these signs ever come to pass? On February 4, 1962, the five "naked eye" planets aligned. To top it off, there was a total eclipse of the sun. I'd like to share with you what Brother Branham had to say about that astronomical phenomenon.



In the message "Communion" (62-0204), paragraphs 74 and 75, he said, "...when the five planets, Mars, Jupiter, and Venus, and--and so forth comes into their--their... They never have did it. ... I predict that this has a spiritual application. I believe it's the coming in of the issue of God, that the great revelation of the Word will be opened during this time. ...Five is the number of grace: J-e-s-u-s, g-r-a-c-e, f-a-i-t-h, so forth, number of grace. God ever sends His power to the church, it'll be His grace; ... I predict that there will be a change." I find it very interesting that he preached this sermon on

the very day of the 5-planet alignment.

During the next month, he had this to say in the message "End Time Sign Seed" (62-0319), paragraph 78. "Now, what's happened? We see a roar in the paper, across the television out across the nations, where five stars just fell in line with the world. ... Every time those stars come in, something happens on earth. ... What was it, a--a introducing of what? ... What is it? The beginning of sorrows. ... What's happened? An infant church (Hallelujah.), a Bride, infancy, that the power of God has begin to fall on her. She's taking form: a Bride for this Bridegroom. ... What happened now? It's the church of the living God coming together under the Word of God, and the astronomic heaven is announcing her approach. Amen. Might not believe that, but it's the Word just the same."

In 1962, it was the "coming in" of a time of grace. It was the ushering in of the Bride Age. We've had "a great revelation of the Word" since then. But the total eclipse of the Sun is significant too. The Laodecian church age was closing. The Bride Age was being ushered in. The Prophet was about to leave the scene. Do you remember our discussion of the three 2000-year periods in the last article? If we search the astronomical history based upon mathematical calculations, we

find that the closest alignment of these five planets of all time occurred 2012 years ago (according to God's calendar) - approximately 12 years before "Christ come". This much is a matter of recorded history. But let me bring you back to some more current events.

On May 5, 2000, the five "naked eye" planets aligned again, but this time, they aligned in a constellation including the Earth and the Sun making a 7-planet alignment. During this alignment, the Earth's moon aligned as well. If I can take you back to our quote from the last article (Ten Virgins, paragraph 161, 60-1211M) Brother Branham said, "First two thousand years it was destroyed by water; second two thousand years, Christ come; and this is the third two thousand now. At the end of every two thousand, something happens; the world is shook back again. ... Seven is God's completed number. Seven church ages, seven thousand years of creation; everything deals in the seven."

What about the alignment of the moon however? What about that eighth planet? In the message "Future Home" (64-0802), paragraph 31-5, Brother Branham explains, "Now, we got an eighth day. Now, there's only seven days, but here we speak of the eighth day holy [convocation]. ...

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Throughout my life, I heard quite a bit about the Message. I was born into a Message family where my dad did a lot of preaching and my mom was always singing at church. It wasn't until I was fifteen years old, that the Lord began dealing with my heart. I had grown up being left out of many sports, and having few friends I always struggled to fit in. I didn't seem to be good at anything considered popular, and constantly was trying to better myself. Every summer I would go to California to spend time with my grandparents on their endless acres of land in the forest. During the summer before my eighth grade year I did everything I could to get in shape. At the very start of the school year I was in the first pick on the team, the fastest runner, and hardest hitter in football. Yet, that was short lived because an auto accident kept me in back pain for over a year. Still, I didn't give up. When I was signed up to play for the 5A school I would be attending in 10th grade, I had a bad wrist injury that required surgery, and had to stay inside the entire summer. It was then that I began to question the reason behind this. Was it just bad luck or was it the Lord trying to tell me something?



One day at church we lis-

tened to a message tape entitled "Desperation." It set a longing in my heart to know more of the Lord. My best friends had become mixed up in drugs and girls; I knew that that was wrong. I told my mother that I wanted to be baptized, but the pastor of the church where I was then attending didn't think it was wise to do so with a cast on. I was very irritated but decided to wait anyways.

It was only a week after giving my heart to the Lord that I stumbled upon something shocking. My dad had been living a different lifestyle for the past several years and he left the family of five children and my mother. He hadn't been going to church for very long and I knew something was wrong spiritually, but I never expected my parents to be divorced. Already the devil was trying to attack me and discourage me, and I wasn't even baptized yet!

Just several days before I was baptized one of my best friends when I was in the world, was in a bad accident and had to be air lifted to the nearest hospital. With everything falling apart I was glad I had Jesus in my heart. The next several years were some of the roughest in my life. I underwent four surgeries, had to help out with my family, and deal with the change in lifestyle. Many times I felt all-alone, and truly had nobody to go to but the Lord.

Often times I would feel the pressures and burdens of my family all on myself, and found that the only peace was listening to music or praying. Yet through it all God raised me up to be a strong Christian, helping me to council many friends in their troubles, and filling me with His Holy Spirit. He has given me many wonderful friends, and has allowed me to meet parts of the Bride from all over the world.

It's so glorious to know that I'm a son of God, and that He would pull me through all of that and use me for His glory. I now don't care about fitting in or being popular or being the best at what I do. God has given me much more than all the riches in the world could ever compare to. He has brought my dad back to church again, and has given me a church that has fed me spiritually (Bro. Ron Peterson's in Phoenix, AZ). All things are possible with God!

In Christ,
Michael W. Dexter

Louisiana Spring Camp Report

written by Josiah Cornett

For those of you whom are not familiar with the Louisiana Spring Camp, it is a camp put on by the believers at Evening Light Tabernacle, a church in Homer, Louisiana. Brother Tim Pruitt (pastor of Evening Light Tabernacle) is the director and Brother Billy Ivy (pastor of Living Word Tabernacle) is assistant director, both with an obvious passion for young people. The camp begins the Thursday before Easter Sunday and runs through Easter morning. About two hundred young people stay on the very well facilitated campgrounds.

This year, the services were once again taken by Brother Ron Spencer in the evenings and Brother Danny Steman in the mornings. The services were, as always, filled with very encouraging messages and wonderful experiences in the presence of the Lord. On Friday night, Brother Ron stepped beyond the norm by calling a prayer line (usually done on the last night). Though out of tradition, the Lord certainly confirmed Brother Ron's leading by doing a great work of his own that night, as you will see in the testimonies to follow.

As for the social part of the spring camp? Well, you take two hundred believing young people and put them in an area of about five acres and tell me what the obvious outcome is.

Those who didn't have a blast with fellowship probably just didn't try hard enough as there were friends to be made for everyone! Also, the games. One cannot do a report on the Louisiana Spring Camp without some mention of the games. The Louisiana Spring Camp is infamous (yes, *infamous*) for it's games, especially since Brother Russell Wallace was back this year. Those of you who have been to Louisiana camps in years past when Bro. Russell was present know what I mean. The rest of you will just have to wait until your first morning at the camp when Bro. Russell barges through your dorm room door at 7:00 AM (yes, AM) and screams out a horrible wake-up sound through his megaphone in an all-to-happy voice, right in your ear. Anyhow, with a guy like that, you can imagine what the games would have to be like. That kind of mayhem cannot be described, but to give you an idea, it involved ski's & falling down preachers. Come around next year to get a better understanding!

I could say more about the camp, give it much praise

and say that it or a camp like it is an almost necessary experience for every young person, but this is just a report and not an opinion column. Below are a few testimonies, of hundreds, that give you the personal side of things. I hope you enjoy them and I pray that you will be able to join us next year in a wonderful time of fellowship!

Stephanie Menard:

I just want to praise the Lord for all that He has done for me. He is so wonderful and knows our every need, and just how to answer our questions. I truly received a touch from the Lord at camp. There are no words to describe the services. The Lord moved in such a powerful way. Just to be in His presence is such an awesome experience! It would take eternity to tell of his goodness. There are so many things I could say, I'm not very good with words, but I love my Jesus, and I want to serve him with all that I am. I am not ashamed of the gospel.

Samuel Davis:

Months before Louisiana camp I was having a hard trial. I felt it was my fault. I was tired of being so spiritually immature. I asked "Lord send me every trial I can stand, without taking my life." After three months, nothing happened. Then suddenly it seemed like everything in my life was collapsing. I was against an enemy that I could not see or



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Meet The Youth Group of Lima



Greetings from the young people at Believers Christian Fellowship, Lima, OH. My name is Dana Smith. I recently moved to Lima and

have been given the pleasure of working with our church's young people. What a privilege it is to be able to bring the youth together and to help make a positive difference in their lives.

We have a large group of young people made up of many different ages. Because of the size, we have recently separated into two groups, ages 12-15 and 16 & up. By doing this, I feel that more focus can be placed on meeting the needs of each age group. Once every couple months we bring the whole group together, so that the older youth can still have a positive influence on the younger ones.

We have tried to meet about once a month. This hasn't always been possible, especially since we have just started and are trying to get a routine established. We have enjoyed bon fires, sing-alongs, volleyball and ordering pizza together. We try to involve all the young people with object lessons and hands on activities. Recently we started drawing names for a monthly prayer partner. We encouraged the young people to

pray each day for their partner and to send them a note of encouragement anonymously. We trust this will draw the young people closer together through their prayers for one another.

We live in an extreme age. While the pressures continue to build we need to direct even more attention to our young people. Even as the pull of the world gets stronger, so does the pull of the Holy Spirit in our life. Oh, how the devil wants to isolate us and make us feel like we're the only one having this battle. 1 Peter 5:9 says "Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren..." The strength that we gain from assembling ourselves together is invaluable. Let us each one press the mark, seeing that we are in the last lap of this great race. God Bless each of you.

Bro. Dana

Daniel Arant, age 16

I love each and every one of my comrades in Christ and



not without reason: they're the sweetest people I know. For the first 14 years of my life, I lived in nearly complete isolation from believing youth. Having only just moved to Lima from that situa-

tion, I can appreciate our youth group more than anyone else. I quickly realized after moving here how important fellowship was as the fire of their experience ignited my own heart. I felt challenged. In a sense, I now have dozens of examples of a Christ-like disposition; each individual possessing one exemplary trait or another. And there is a phenomenon I've experienced as the months go by: In the short time I've lived here, they have managed to make me feel completely at home. It's as if I've known them for a very long time...

Olivia Jenkins, age 16



Our Youth mean so much to me. It's so nice to see God working through us young people too, and not just the "wise and older ones." God can do so much through a pure, open, and free spirit. I love how we can all be open about what we believe with each other and after talking with one another, it gives us more strength to talk to others. Talk to someone about what you believe; it gives you the courage to live it.

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**THE IDENTITY OF A YOUNG MAN
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Acts 2:17 – ...your young men shall see visions...

There are going to be young men in this age that have Divine eyesight and an ability to see the Word clearly. Paul said he saw things darkly (1 Corinthians 13:12), but he knew an hour was coming when the blinded eyes would see out of darkness and obscurity (Isaiah 29:18). He knew there was a time coming where he would know his true and full identity. You have been anointed to see clearly. This is far greater than being identified by good talent, good sense of humor, or good fashion. (Proverbs 29:18) This means far more than being able to graduate from college or have a big paycheck. A young man with vision, foresight, and wisdom far exceeds any gift the world could grant. We must not be void of understanding (Proverbs 7), but we should have knowledge and discretion. (Proverbs 1:4) As young men, you are to have spiritual vision and supernatural ambition.

1 John 2:14 – ...I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Young men, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (Ephesians 6:10). The Word of God abideth in you, and you have overcome the wicked one. This is your identity. You are not to take on the identity of an electrician, engineer, educa-

tor etc. Your true identity is in the Word. You do not have two lives, one as a Christian and one as a human. You belong to Christ. The life that you now live in the flesh is not carnal, but right now, you live by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 2:20) Though we walk in the flesh the source of our strength, inspiration, and power is from God. (**2 Corinthians 10:3-4**)

Do not fall into the trap of seeing yourself as a Son of God AND a(n) _____ (insert your job, study, or hobby). The blank is what the world labels you. For me, the world calls me a lawyer. Many people want to view my calling as a lawyer separately from my Christianity. However I wear one label – Purchased! I am His. (1 Corinthians 6:20). I am spoken for. He has identified Himself with me! Therefore, I cannot view myself as a Christian AND a lawyer. I am a Christian. That identity cannot be separated from me. In my profession, the leadership of the Holy Ghost must guide me. I must rely upon His grace and mercy to perform my job. As young men, find your identity in Christ, knowing you are strong and His Word is in you. (Proverbs 20:29) Manifest Christ on the job, in school, at home, and in church. There should never be a point where you lay down your Christian character and assume the identity of a carnal person.

Titus 2:6 – Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

Take this life seriously. Do not waste your time with fan-

tasies of worldly gain and popularity. But be serious as you approach life's decisions. Constantly endeavor to be pleasing to God. (Romans 8:8) Many years can be wasted because you are not sober. You can be drunk on the influences of the world and intoxicated by what it has to offer,



chasing dreams that are fueled by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. (**1 John 2:16**) you can make the mistake of thinking your youthful days are a freebie. However, you only live once. (**Hebrews 9:27**) You only have today. (**James 4:14**) Take every minute of this life seriously. Take advantage of every opportunity to see, hear, and feel Christ. Listen for His voice. Seek His face. Yield to His leading. Resist the urge to always joke around and cut up. (**Ephesians 5:4**) Do not be loose and undisciplined. (**Ephesians 5:15**) Be sober. Be serious. Be temperate. (**1 Corinthians 9:25**)

1 Timothy 4:12 – Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Be clearly identified as the fulfillment of Message Prophecy. Be gentlemen. (**Philippians 4:5**) Let your conduct demonstrate royalty. In your words and treatment of others show respect, integrity, and dignity. (**Titus 3:2**) Be young men with whom God is pleased to be identified with. Do not look to the world for your identity. He

is our identity. The Word is our identity. You are to identify the true essence of a believer. All that a believer is prophesied to be, you are to manifestly declare (1 John 3:2). There is no excuse of youth. There is no excuse of lack of experience. There is no excuse of ignorance. Do not be ashamed to be identified with Him. (Mark 8:38)

Young men, remember that you are not of this world. (John 15:19)

Your identification is heavenly.

Your calling is supernatural. Even though you will work and study in this world, deny the temptation to be identified with the things of the world. (2 Timothy 2:22) Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, seriously, temperately, righteously, and godly in this wicked and perverse age. (Titus 2:12) Live a life separated unto God, and be identified with Him.



The Thought Spot

Defeat is not the absence of victory, but rather the presence of surrender.

- A Youth From Michigan, United States

If I could say one thing to young people everywhere, it would be this: Find your focus. Figure out what's important once and for all, then sell out toward that goal. Attaining the goal is not complex, it's just a matter of being willing to attain, come what may.

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MUSIC SPOTLIGHT!

Speak To The Storm

'Speak to the Storm' was previously recorded on tape in Germany and is now updated to CD with the song 'He Did it for Me' (Live Recording) added as a bonus.

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DRESS IDENTITY CHALLENGE
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Clothing can declare one's identity and image. Dress tells much about an individual, as it is a language that can show one's nationality, occupation, social standing, tastes, and beliefs.



It is important for you to remember that everything you say or do reflect on where you come from, what your ideals are in life and whom you serve. As a young believer you will be recognized not only by your conduct or speech, but also your appearance; therefore the way you dress is considered part of your testimony as a believer.

Normally as a teenage girl you will take a real interest in clothes, for you desire to look pretty. Owing to your need for peer acceptance and not wanting to appear old fashioned, you may constantly change your clothes to keep up to date or even to strive for a certain look. Slowly and unawares the world's current trends may dictate to you as to what you should wear. You may not even realize it, but there are hidden snares in the steady display of new garments on the market, which I will discuss later.

In this day, it certainly is a challenge for the Christian young lady to dress as the King of Heaven's daughter. As a

princess you cannot act like the world, speak like the world, nor dress like the world.



Equally important to remember, is that your behavior is bound to affect others. Someone copies almost anything that you do. You may think that your dress is your own business and a slight deviation from a modest look is permissible. However, just consider for a moment how your dress conduct might affect another person. You can either encourage or discourage someone. To you, it may only be a minor deviation, yet another girl may interpret your action as meaning that she should not be so hard on herself and not be so careful in her choice of dress either. Since you get away with it, she may also. For example if you wear only a small split in your skirt, she may consider that wearing a dress with a larger split will not matter that much.



So she begins to wonder, "Now, if they can do it and get by, well, they're just as much thought of as I am. So why can't I do it?"

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[Oh, don't never let that enter your mind. See? That](#)

[shows there's been... Something's lacking down here. The Holy Spirit would teach you different, friend.](#)

Now you see that you cannot dismiss your appearance as unimportant and feel that it is of no consequence to anyone else.

Dressing is important to God. It is often forgotten that there are moral and spiritual reasons for wearing appropriately modest dress. What is socially acceptable today can hardly be regarded as modest or a reliable standard for the Christian girl. Modest means humble, becoming, decent, moderate, proper, unpretentious, and unassuming. In other words, it is not provocative or revealing.

I also would also like to impress on you the fact that you have a "sacred trust" that you must not "defile". Your responsibility is to maintain your chastity (virginity) just as the woman or church is to be true to her husband. This quality of womanhood can be affected if you dress inadequately as it may imply a lack of innocence. By dressing properly you show good sense, correct taste and sound morals, which are there to help you protect and preserve your womanhood.

Not only should the body be modestly covered but also no form of underwear should be exposed, which will show lack of refinement and will give a wrong signal. Decent boys do not respect girls who wear revealing

clothes. When they have impure thoughts about you, you will also be a partner in their sin, and not even be aware of it.

As the prophet points out in this quote:

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We see the Sodomite spirit. Women on the streets, in the churches, dressing immorally, wearing all kinds of filthy, immoral dressed clothes to tempt the man on the streets, evil spirits on them and don't know it... Fine women sending their souls to hell and will have to answer at the day of judgment for committing adultery, though she be as pure as the lily, physically, but she's thrown herself before men... "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery with her already in his heart," and the woman not knowing that her dressing like that and a man looking at her, she'll have to answer for committing adultery, for she permitted herself to be dressed like that and set before men to tempt him...

Therefore, you personally should be clear on what type of clothing reflects the definition of modesty. You love God & therefore certain attire is unacceptable for you and would not appeal to you. For example, your garments would



not have the "on the skin" or "wiener" look revealing the body form, but a "loose-fitting" appearance (without your looking like an old Mother Hubbard). You do not want to make yourself an idol and thereby fit in with the world. How joyous it is to be different and be considered set apart from the world, a daughter of God, clearly recognizable by simple modest dress.

Your appearance will reflect your obedience and appreciation to Him. It will reflect your chaste behavior and you would at all times aim to harmonize your dressing with your conduct. Your identification is with Him and you would not want to be mistaken for a girl of loose morals.

In the preview of the Bride, seen by Brother Branham, the vulgar acts done by the so-called church as they passed by, were consistent with their scantily immoral attire. The bride's national dress and conduct however revealed a kindred spirit of purity only the Word pattern could produce.

Outward attractiveness not accompanied by humility and reverence for the presence of men and the Word is considered of little value. Likewise, the worldly styles are not beautiful in God's eyes. You do not want to cover yourself with just



any type of clothing.

Here are some helpful hints:

- Be aware of cut, style, drape, and the type of material when choosing a garment.
- Avoid materials that are sheer or cleave to your body.
- Steer clear of low-cut blouses, lines, prints, and discolorations on fabric that focus unduly on particular areas of your body.
- The design should suggest modesty and womanliness.
- Since men's garments for women are an abomination (hated thing) to God ([Deuteronomy 22:5](#)), try to avoid any suggestion of manliness such as mannish jackets, coats and caps, even zippers in the front of the skirt.

Now let us consider for a moment the different spirits behind the types of clothing in fashion.

The unrighteous minds that design certain clothes are inspired by those whose leadership is accepted – namely the international idols, politicians and musicians – with total disregard for decency.



As many girls experiment with tight-fitting clothes, fashion-

able shoes and hairstyles, subtly Satan is undressing them by presenting them with a “bold look” and a “bare look” and diverse forms of “skin shows”.

There are plenty of designs that concentrate on certain body parts with a definite sex appeal and show the “non-blushing” condition of this age.

I Timothy 2 verse 9 –11

In like manner also, those women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety.

Here modest dressing includes being sensible and bashful. There are some casual clothes for young girls that may seem unassuming, yet a non-chalant spirit is expressed, which can speak of the relaxed morals of this age. Many T-shirts and tops have logos on them, having a double meaning, which preferably you would not desire to include in your wardrobe.

Now you do not intentionally go out to purchase wrong things. You certainly do not want to be associated with any of the trends, which convey these spirits. Yet these hidden traps, which are not apparent, are there to catch you, the true believer.



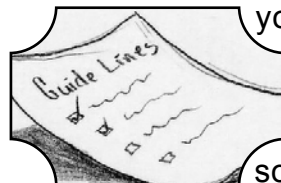
While still maintaining your own taste and individual style, take a careful check to determine whether your clothing is modest for all your varying activities. The change you may

need to make is to adapt to proper footwear and garments that will reflect modesty and a more conservative mode.

Certainly there are items you may have to discard in order to get victory from imitating the world. Remember, you want your clothes to be neat and tidy, suitable for the occasion yet beautiful in simplicity.

When coming to the house of the Lord, it is needful to respect the order by being presentable and reserved at all times. Certainly you would make a special effort in your manner of dress to show your reverence. Take care also not to touch your hair or rearrange your dress in church, as this will also be a distraction.

Finally my sisters, I have mentioned these things as simple guidelines to help you in your choices.



They are not meant to be a burdensome set of laws. When it comes to dressing, I trust that the Inside Teacher, the sweet Holy Spirit will make you more aware of the misleading intent in fashions.

God has created in you a spirit of royalty and Godly character is your most prized possession. Worthy character includes dressing appropriately and it is part of the “A, B, C’s” (the basic teachings) of the Message of the Hour. When you are in the company of men and even amongst those that your life could influence, allow your

dress to characterize His presence in your life.

To achieve a godly appearance the important thing to remember is the over-all impression you make. Do work for a striking contrast to the worldly-wise girl’s dress. Let your feminine dress and manner radiate your devotion and love for Almighty God.



You do not want to copy the arrogant model’s walk. As others observe, you may you unquestionably be identified as a daughter of the True and Living King of Heaven.

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"Seven golden candlesticks." In Exodus 25:31, it says, "And thou shalt make a candlestick of PURE gold; of BEATEN work shall the candlestick be made; his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same." The true church of Jesus Christ, the bride, is likened to PURE gold. Her righteousness is HIS righteousness. Her attributes are HIS own glorious attributes. Her identity is found in Him. What He is, she is to reflect. What He has, she is to manifest. There is no fault in her. She is all glorious within and without.

Sister Ernestine

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Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

The scripture is rather plain when it tell us to be "anxious for nothing". I rest in the fact that God is in control and knows my desire and will grant my hearts desire...as long as my motive is pure. Now that is the key, wrong motive for wanting to be doing something; God can not and will not bless it. Start with little things that you can do, and as God sees fit, He will lead your direction to do more. If your wanting to do something and aren't sure, the best advice I can give is never knock any doors down, let God open the door.

Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

Relax. No need to be anxious. Take a deep breath. Trust the Lord. (Philippians 4:6-7) Once you can do that, pray and ask God to give you some leadership. If you have an ambition or desire to do something, check your ambition, motive, and objective with the Word. If they line up, then step out and start doing. Many times we are sitting around waiting for someone to tell us what to do, and God has already shown us many things that He wants us to start on our own initiative.

Question #3

As a young person, what should be my current focus?

Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

Personally, I feel the greatest scripture a young person can not just memorize but live out is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." The younger and quicker we learn to turn to God in EVERYTHING, the quicker we learn that we are totally insufficient in relying in our abilities. Abilities and ambitions are great and essential, but when we realize where the abilities have come from and our ambitions do not detour us from God, then I feel your focus is clear. Satan sure likes to make young people look at life, family, church, etc. with a blurred vision. Focus on what is important to you... "God first in my schooling. God first in my occupation. God first in my finances." What I am trying to say is, **God First!**

Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

Your first current focus should be the things of God. If you can learn to put God first while you are young, then you will be greatly benefited as your grow older. You will never have more time to really dig into the Word, get involved in church, and dedicate your resources to God. There are many choices we face as young people – school, work, relationships, careers, and, of course, how to use our spare time. But the word is very plain about where our focus needs to be our entire life, not just as a young person. (Matthew 6:33; Ecclesiastes 12:13) If you keep God in focus, then you can make sure everything else lines

up with Him. For example, if you are currently in high school, then focus on how God wants to use you in that position, what things He would have you do, and being an example around your peers. This type of advice may sound like a cliché or even super spiritual, but it is the simple reality of serving a God who wants to be involved in every area of your life.

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The eighth day are what? Back to the first day. Why, it speaks of eternity, as she rolls around without a stopping place. Amen.”



In 1962, God gave us a sign in the heavens that the Bride Age was being ushered in. In 2000, he told us that something was being completed and the eighth day was about to begin. Read the rest of Luke 21. There are more heavenly signs. We'll talk about them next time.

- Bro. Ken Hamilton

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”
(Source: Jesus Christ, Luke 21:28)



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overcome. My prayer life began to slip away. However, my hearts desire was to serve God. I said” Lord If I cannot serve you with all my heart, and live the Life I know you have predestinated me to live, then I don’t want to live.”

Thoughts of taking my own life entered my mind. I knew that my only hope was in Christ Jesus.

Few people knew of my battle. However God knew. Therefore I came to the Louisiana camp, hungering for a revelation that would give me the victory. In Thursday’s night service I went to the alter, determined to stay until I had received what I needed.. I asked, “Lord give me what I need, no matter what the cost.” Brother Pruitt said “What you have need of, claim it.” I caught the revelation of what I needed. It was to claim the Word and believe. The next day I hadn’t fully caught the revelation of what God was trying to tell me. God who is rich in mercy sent the revelation again Friday night. I was praying because it felt like something was missing. God spoke very clearly. He told me “When you ask believe that I have given you the victory.” After this it was settled in my heart. I am glad that God still works in the last day.

**MEET THE YOUTH GROUP OF LIMA
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Ashton Crook, age 19



I'm very grateful for the youth group that God has placed me in. I am amazed at all the different personality types that makes up our youth group at BCF, and yet we all manage to get along in harmony, each encouraging, strengthening, and drawing each other closer to God. While we have definitely had our ups and downs, I truly feel that we all love each other, and I can truly say that our youth group wouldn't quite be the same without each person. We are all striving to be more like Christ, and without each other to lend a hand, the task would be all the more difficult!

From Stephanie Daniels, age 21



If I had to sum up our youth group in one word, it would be... family. We have had our differences, but for the

most part we all have the same objective in mind,, to draw closer to God. I truly love them and thank God for placing me here!

From Maria Daniels, age 22



Our youth group has always been very close-knit, we laugh and cry together. We all have our strengths & weaknesses and try to draw from each others strengths. I absolutely love each person in my youth group!

Special thanks & congrats to Charity Jenkins (the one who put this article together) and the youth of Lima. You guys did a difficult thing by being the first to "introduce" yourselves in Youth Quake and you certainly did a great job of it! Lord bless all!



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