The Christian and Personal Appearance
1 Tim. 2:9-10

Introduction:
A. One’s personal appearance may have social, economic or moral implications. (cf. Matt 11:8; Jas. 2:3; Prov. 7:10).
   1. “What shall I wear?” or “How do I look?” may or may not be important.
   2. It depends on whether the thing implied by the clothing or looks is important.
B. A Christian’s personal appearance must take into consideration several N. T. principles:

Discussion:
I. It must Show Respect for the Word of God.
   A. The word governs a Christian’s life – not fad, fashion, friends or family (Matt. 4:4)
   B. The word does not prohibit style, color, nor taste variety and change – within certain limits.
   C. The word should not be toyed with when it does set limits.
      1. “How long is long hair?” or “Who is say what is modest?” is unworthy of sincere Christian.
      2. These passage teach something, why not make best effort to obey them?
II. It must Emphasize Spirituality and Reflect Godliness.
   A. It must not be “the thing” in one’s life. (1 Pet. 3:3; cf. “Not, but.”)
   B. Yet, it must reflect a godly character (1 Tim. 2:9,10).
      1. A character that is not immoral (cf. Prov. 7:10).
      2. A character that is not lazy and unconcerned.
      3. A character that is modest.
      4. A character with sense of shame and sobriety.
   C. Some of today’s “looks” reflect attitudes that Christians should avoid.
      1. The “unisex” look in clothes and hair styles.
      2. The “hippie” look in clothes and hair styles.
      3. The “punk” look in clothes and hair styles.
III. It must Reflect and Protect His Sense of Shame (v. 9)
   A. Since his fall, man has a sense of shame associated with nakedness (Gen. 3:7; 21).
      1. Sinless man did not need it (Gen. 2:25)
   B. God expects man to keep his sense of shame alive (Jer. 6:15).
   C. Men have often ignored their shame until it becomes deadened.
IV. It must Respect Human Weakness in Others.
   A. Possible to sin by looking upon another to lust (Mt. 5:28, 29)
   B. Possible to appear so as to encourage such looking to lust (cf. Matt. 18:7,8).
   C. Possible to encourages lust with clothes that reveal too much – too brief, too tight, etc.

Conclusion:
A. “What shall I wear” or “How do I look” should concern Christians more than it does.
B. One can look neat and stylish and still modest and godly if he/she sets his/her mind to it.