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Naked

‘arom’ - nude, either partially or totally

‘eyrom’ – nudity

‘maarom’ – in the sense of stripping, bare

‘eryah’ – nudity -> ‘ervah’ - nudity

‘aram’ - properly to be (or make) bare

‘para’ - to loosen; by implication to expose

‘arah’ - to be (causatively make) bare;

‘gumneteuo’ – to strip

‘gumnos’ – nude

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God has defined nakedness as.

God has defined when these principles apply.

God views nakedness as:

Shame – Disgraceful -> Sin – Isaiah 47

God associates nakedness with:

Harlotry – Ezekiel 16; 23

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Nakedness is not a modesty issue, what is modesty?

Modest –

not very large in size or amount
of clothing : not showing too much of a person's body (Webster's)
having or showing a moderate or humble estimate of one's merits,
importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great
pretensions. (dictionary.com)

Modesty – the quality of being modest

Modest –

‘kosmios’ - orderly, that is, decorous; well arranged, seemingly
"orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest;" "The well-ordering is not of
dress and demeanor only, but of the inner life, uttering indeed and
expressing itself in the outward conversation" (Vine NT)

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Test Scripture – What is being said?

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 10

“...women adorn themselves in modest apparel...” (respectable – ESV)

Did Paul teach that women should “wear” clothing covering themselves from their shoulders to their lower legs (knees)?

Were they having a problem with women not wearing clothing?

It more likely that Paul is commanding that women should adorn themselves in apparel that is appropriate, humble, and well-arranged?

‘kosmeo’ - to put in proper order, that is, decorate (literally or figuratively)

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How should we view nakedness?

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 10

“...women adorn themselves in modest apparel...”

“...with propriety...” (shamefacedness – KJV)

‘aidos’ – (through the idea of downcast eyes); bashfulness,
that is, (towards men), modesty or (towards God)

“...and moderation...” (sobriety – KJV)

‘sophrosune’ - soundness of mind, that is, (literally) sanity or
(figuratively) self control

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Test Scripture – What is being said?

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 10

1st – Women need to be proper in their dress and well-arranged

2nd – Through the idea of bashfulness

3rd – Along with the idea of self-control

Paul is telling Timothy that Women need to be dressed in the proper attire for the situation at hand.

“...not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. “

‘prepo’ - (by implication) to be suitable or proper

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What is being said? -> Women are to be dressed properly

I Peter 3 : 1 – 5

“...do not let your adornment be merely outward...”

Arranging the hair, wearing gold, putting on fine apparel

Sounds exactly like what Paul told Timothy.

“...rather let it be the hidden person of the heart...”

Showing the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

“...For...in former times...women who trusted in God... adorned themselves...”

‘kosmos’ / ‘kosmeo’ - orderly arrangement, that is, decoration

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Application so far:

To be uncovered is wrong.

This applies in all aspects of our lives; except the exceptions as we have studied.

Our nakedness can and does affect others.

Understand how God feels/views nakedness then develop a mindset to clothe ourselves and cover our nakedness.

In consideration of modest apparel we will be properly dressed. This means we will allow our adornment to match our hearts.