

## Modesty - Cont.

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evil. In 391 BC the Greek philosopher Plato stated, “likes tend toward likes.” Today philosophers affirm this principle as, “**The Law of Attraction,**” which states that “like attracts like.” What you think, believe, and do has a significant influence on what happens in your life (Prov. 23:7; 4:23). We all want to be “attractive” and the truth is, we all *are* attractive in one way or another. Rather than dressing or acting in a such a way to evoke *ungodly* responses from worldly people, be determined to dress and act in such a way to evoke *godly* responses. Act in such a way to draw people closer to God.

Use your God given beauty and character as a *Christian* to attract people towards Christ (Gal. 2:20). Reflect, not your own light, but the light of God (Matt. 5:14-16). Act and dress in such a way that evokes a godly response, instead of an ungodly one.

The next time you go into your closet to decide what to wear, take Christ with you. Determine to attract people to Christ by the clothing you wear. In Christ you are already beautiful. You have the power of attraction. Use your power for good and not evil.  
- Kevin Maxey -

## Sentence Sermons

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- It is easier to acquire a good reputation than to lose a bad one.
- If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are a small package.
- God will provide a way of escape during temptation, but he will not force you to take it.
- When you travel the high road you will not be troubled by heavy traffic.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Guest Article: Modesty - The Power of Attraction

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“Everyone else is dressing like this! But, mom - I want to be attractive!” As our children grow up, they experience a natural desire to be beautiful and attractive. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be beautiful and attractive... but beautiful according to whom – God, or the world?

Unfortunately, the pull of “worldly beauty” is so strong, it becomes harder and harder to consider anything else. Social media, music videos, magazines, and movies are filled with “beautiful” people that are far from modest. Satan is convincingly sending the loud message, “If you want to be beautiful, then you must to dress like this...” The version of beauty that the world sells does not include “modesty.” This leaves our young people asking the question, “*Is it possible to be both attractive and modest?*” One way we can answer this question is by reflecting on the definition of “attractive.”

**Consider the Definition of Attractive.** But, what exactly does attractive mean? When you are **attractive**, you obviously are **attracting** something or someone. Attract means, “to evoke a specific reaction.” What kind of reaction do you **evoke** in others by your dress? If you are attractive, the

dictionary says you are strongly “drawing” someone towards you “like a magnet.” Another definition of attract continues, “to entice, allure, lure, tempt, beguile, bewitch, seduce.”

**Ungodly Attraction.** Dress can promote ungodly attraction. The Scriptures tell us ungodly women dress in such a way to lure men to sin through the “attire of a harlot” (Prov. 7:10f).

Yet still the frustrated cry is made, “But mom - I want to be attractive!” If you want to be attractive, then what kind of person are you wanting to attract? When you consider what clothes or makeup to wear, ask the following questions.

What kind of person am I trying to evoke a response from? A godly Christian? What am I wanting them to be attracted to? ... my body, legs, chest? Or my godly character? Younger girls, are you trying to look older than you are? If so, why?

Michael Farris wrote, “I was a beach lifeguard for two summers before I was married. My fellow guards and I had a 'bikini rule' to figure out how old a girl on our beach was. It went like this: 'Look at the bikini. Guess how old she is. Subtract three years.' There were thirteen- and fourteen-

year-old girls on our beach who were attracting the attention of guys who were eighteen, nineteen and twenty. That is not a situation that any dad wants for his daughter” (What a Daughter Needs from Her Dad, p.103).

Many young girls dress immodestly because they want to look older, but in doing so they are attracting the lurid eyes, lascivious thoughts, and ungodly advances of older boys/men (Matt. 5:28)! How many sorrowful dads wish they could go back and protect the purity of their innocent teenage daughters? How many unwed teenage moms wish they could go back and rethink the type of guys they “attracted” into their lives? Farris appropriately concludes, “*If a girl overstates her age by the way she dresses, she is inviting trouble from older guys.*”

**Godly Attraction.** “Precious in the sight of God” is the woman who focuses on inward rather than outward adornment (1 Pet. 3:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:9-10). Worldly beauty is deceitful and vain, but lasting beauty belongs to the woman who fears God (Prov. 31:30).

Attraction is not evil. Attraction is a force that can be used for good or