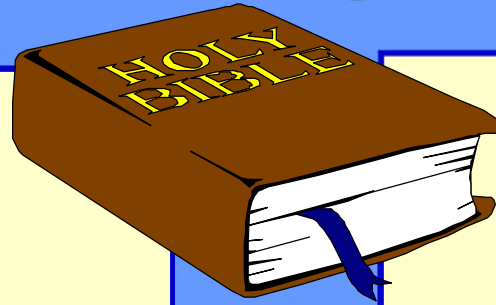


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# **Know What You Believe About Lasciviousness**

## **Clothing and Dancing**

# Beginning Consideration



## Bible Sets Guidelines About Dress

- Thus Violation = Sin
- Bible = Standard
- ❌ World
- ❌ Parents
- ❌ Preacher
- ❌ Elders
- ❌ Always Thought / Done

## You Want To Dress In Harmony With The Bible

- If so - will listen  
& appreciate  
(Jas. 1:21-22)
- If not - rejected  
God himself  
(Jno. 12:48)

# Reasons People Dress Immodestly

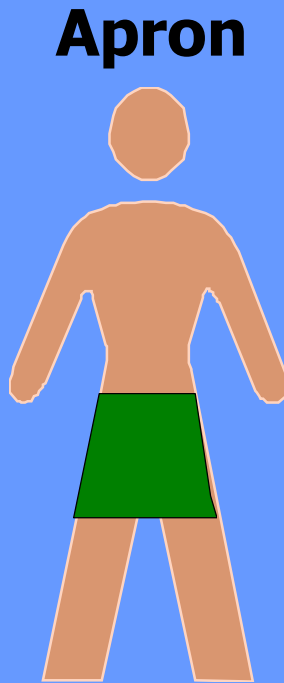
- Ignorant & Untaught
- Want to fit in
- Want to be bold and “turn heads”
- Careless – Don’t stop & think
  - *About Divine principles*
  - *Allow world’s standards to influence them*
  - *Brethren gradually get looser*
- Don’t know how they really look

# The First Clothes

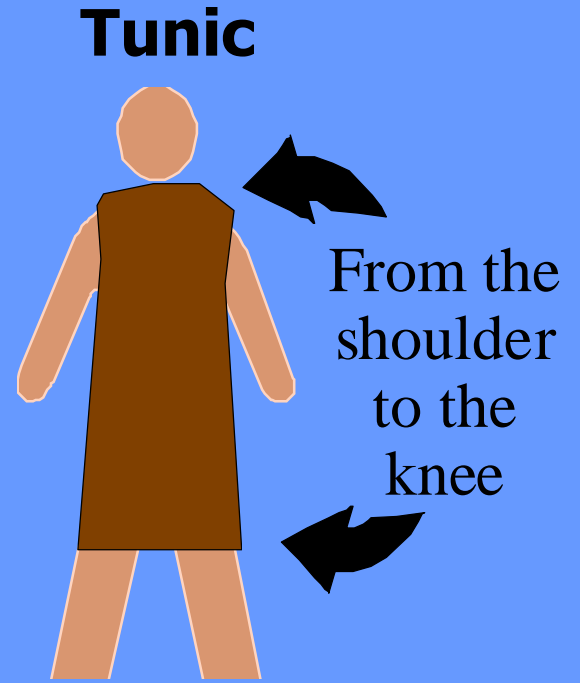
## Genesis 3



**V. 7  
Naked  
(Nude)**



**V. 11  
Naked  
(Relatively)**



**V. 21  
Clothed  
& Modest**

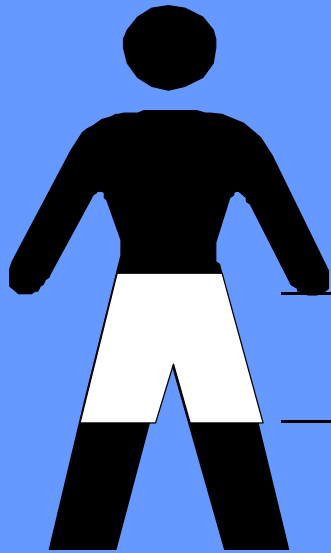
# 1 Timothy 2:9-10

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.  
KJV

# Nakedness

Exposing the **thigh** = exposing one's **Nakedness**



**Nakedness**

**Gen. 3:7, 10-11**

**Exo. 28:42**

**Isa. 47:2-3**

# *Related Principles*

## *Our Clothes Should:*

- Be Modest – reserved, decent, respectable
- Show Shame – can blush, have shame
- Show Good Judg. – common sense
- Show Godliness – are devoted to God
- Respect Others – opposite sex could lust
- Cover our nakedness – cover from the shoulder to the knee

# Clothing Can Be Lascivious

- **Showing Body To Stimulate Lust**
- **Showing Body to Get Attention**
- **Boys without shirts**
- **Short Shorts**
- **Girls with no back, low cut, showing cleavage, short skirts or shorts**



# Thus,

- The lack of sufficient clothing, or tight, revealing clothing can be “lascivious”
  - This “work of the flesh” will condemn us – Gal.5:19f
- But, certain dances can also be “lascivious”
  - Consider the modern dance-party dance

## Why Can't A Christian Dance?

- How can we say it is wrong when no passage specifically forbids it?
- Why some Christians see nothing wrong with dancing & encourage it?
- World thinks it is an innocent thing.
- Is it wrong to go to school prom?
- Many know it is wrong – can't prove it.



# Christians Live a Life of Moral Purity

**This PURITY is motivated by the desire to be like Christ - I John 3:1-3**

- **This desire results in the Christian being “in the world” but not “of this world”. John 17:14-16**
- **Affections are “on things above” (Col. 3:2)**
- **Thinking different from the world (Rom. 12:1-2)**
- **Sees the dangers of the world (I Jn 2:15-17)**
- **Desires to be “unspotted from the world” (Jas. 1:27)**

# Dancing Defined

- Dance is an expression in rhythmic movement of an intensified sense of life, arising from an inner perception that stimulates *both mind and body*.  
Grolier
- To move rhythmically to music, using prescribed or improvised steps and gestures. *American Heritage Dictionary*



# What Is Involved In Dancing?



Close Bodily Contact

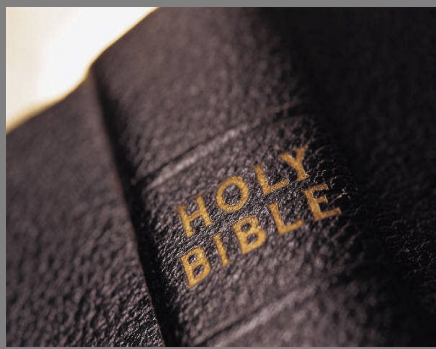
Moving in Rhythm To The Music

Romantic Atmosphere: Lights, Music, etc.

# Dancing Is Lasciviousness

**Dancing involves: close bodily contact, wild gyrations, explicit sexual movements, focusing on the body, sex appeal, sexual stimulation, etc.**

**A.G Hobbs (tract on Dancing):** states that an audience of 1500 men were asked the question, "How many can dance and not have evil thoughts," and not one hand was raised!

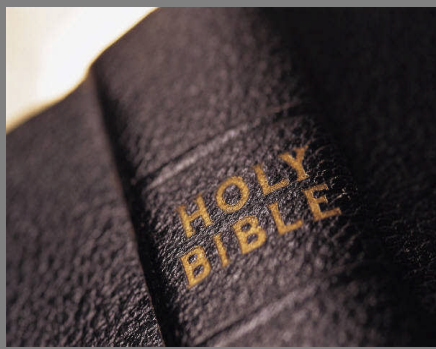


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Principles  
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## Lasciviousness

**“19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, **lasciviousness****

**21 ...and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.  
Galatians 5:19-21**



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# Lasciviousness

## Defined:

***"Unbridled lust... indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females, etc. (Thayer)***

***"lewd, wanton, lustful... tending to produce lewd emotions..."  
(Webster)***



# Lasciviousness

## Passages:

**Gal. 5:19-21**

**1 Pet. 4:3**

**Rom. 13:13**

**Eph. 4:19**

**2 Tim. 2:22**

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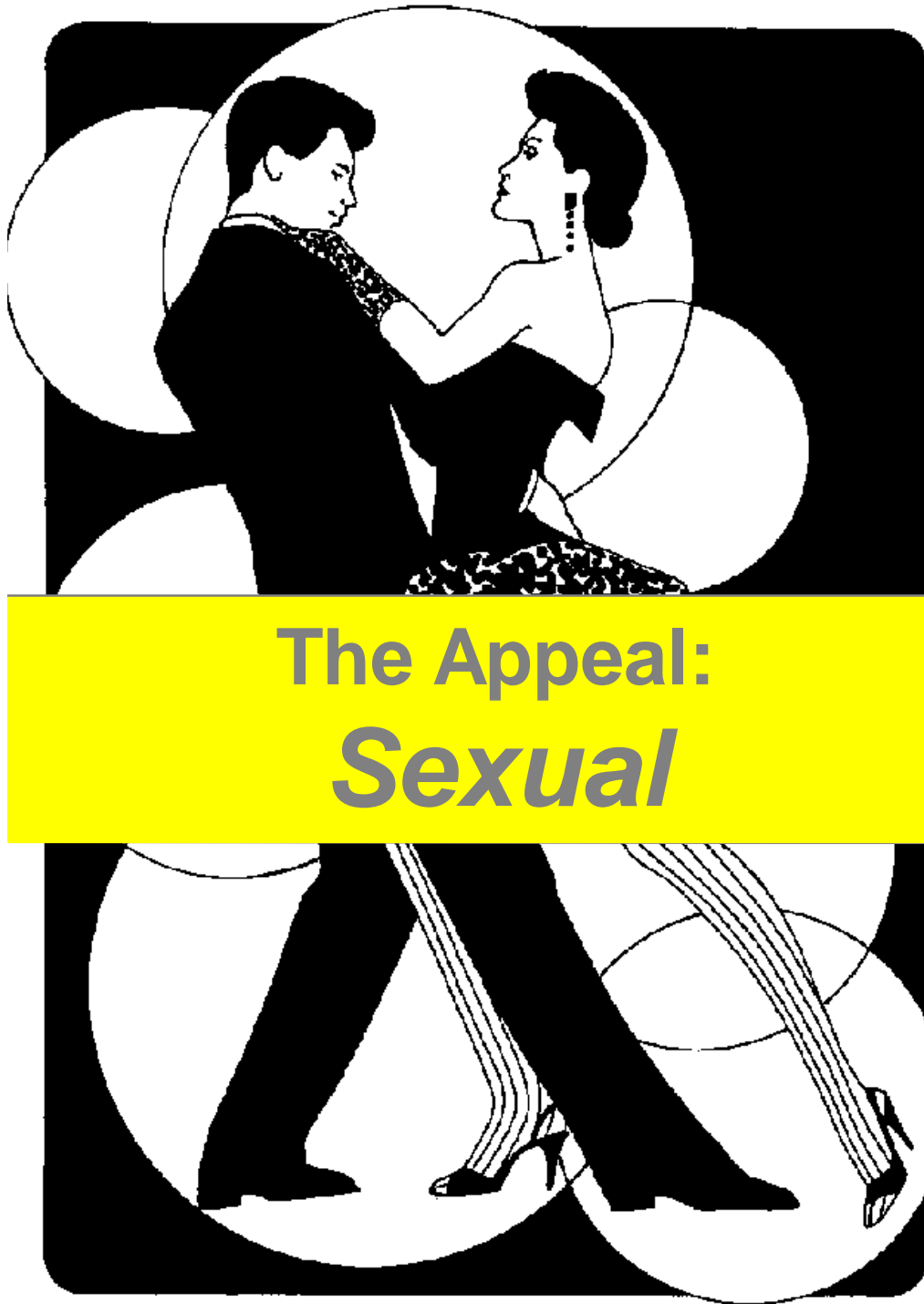
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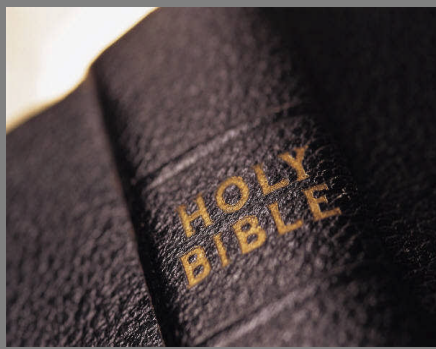


**The Appeal:**  
***Sexual***

If it is just harmless  
Exercise, then dance with  
Friend of same sex

Would you honestly  
Make the same moves  
And have the same  
Thoughts?

Can you discuss God and  
holiness while you dance?



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**“Flee also youthful lusts...”  
2 Timothy 2:22**

**“neither be partakers of  
other men’s sins, keep  
thyself pure...”  
1 Timothy 5:22**

**“Abstain from all  
appearance of evil ...”  
1 Thessalonians 5:22**