

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a yellow sweater, is holding a dark purple Bible with "HOLY BIBLE" printed on the cover. She is standing in a park with many fallen autumn leaves on the ground. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The background is softly blurred, showing trees and foliage.

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1 Timothy 2:9

Shamefacedness

- Here, the KJV has a very helpful translation (1 Tim. 2:9).
- This is a major part of the motivation for Adam and Eve to put on clothes (Gen. 3:7-10).
- But it is possible to lose shame (Isa. 5:20).
- Shame is meant to be a helpful guide (2 Cor. 7:8-11; 1 Cor. 5:1-2).
- Nakedness is shameful (Isa. 47:3).



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Training Your Shame

- Adam and Eve *knew* they were naked (Gen. 3:7-10, 21).
- God tells us how He covers nakedness (Ex. 28:42; Ezek. 16:7).
- He tells us how He uncovers nakedness (Isa. 20:4; 47:2-3).
- Is there room for judgment here?



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- Are you trying to cover up your nakedness or figure out how much you're allowed to uncover.
- If you were told to cover your body from the breasts to the thighs or there would be drastic consequences what would you cover?
- Has your conscience been actively trained by God's word or passively trained by your surroundings?

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The Humility of Clothes

- There are two basic ways to fail in clothing ourselves (1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:3).
- We need to think about being “respectable” in our dress (cf. 1 Tim. 3:2).
- We want our dress to be consistent with our conduct (1 Tim. 2:10).
- Our lives are meant to reflect God’s glory, do our clothes help or hinder that aim (Matt. 5:14-16)?

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