SERMON NOTES:

Series: Just Call Me Old-Fashioned | Part 4: Biblical Modesty

Just Call Me Old Fashioned but I Believe that your bathing suit and birthday suit are not the same.

God's Word is the standard, not man's opinion.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT) ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Modesty is God's idea, not man's idea.

- **1 Timothy 2:9-10 (NLT)** ⁹ And I want some to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. ¹⁰ For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.
- 1) Culture says DO IT YOUR WAY
- 2) <u>Legalism</u> says DO IT MY WAY
- 3) Holiness says DO IT HIS WAY

Immodesty dishonors God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT) ¹⁹ Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

Immodesty reveals impure motives.

Proverbs 7:10-12 (NIV) ¹⁰ Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent. ¹¹ (She is unruly and defiant, her feet never stay at home; ¹² now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.)

Immodesty puts others at risk.

- **1 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)** 9 But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble.
- **1 Peter 3:3-4 (NLT)** ³ Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. ⁴ You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

Avoiding sexual sin is not the ultimate point of Biblical modesty.

Biblical modesty celebrates God's glory, not my individuality.

"The trend of fashions is not in itself evil. It flows spontaneously from the social nature of man, in accordance with an impulse which inclines him to keep in harmony with his fellow men, and with the way

of acting of those amongst whom he lives. God does not ask you to live outside your times, so careless of the exigencies of fashion as to render yourselves ridiculous, by dressing in a way opposed to the common tastes and practices of your contemporaries. In following fashion, virtue lies in the middle course. What God asks of you is to remember always that fashion is not, and cannot be, the ultimate run of conduct for you, that beyond fashion and its demands, there are higher and more pressing laws, principles superior to fashion, and unchangeable, which under no circumstances can be sacrificed to the whim of pleasure or fancy, and before which must bow the fleeting omnipotence of the idol of fashion." - Pope Piux XII