BIBLICAL DRESS CODE

I Peter 3

Five Principles:

1. Don’t dress to show off your body

2. Don’t dress to draw attention to your clothes

3. Don’t dress expensively

4. Don’t dress strangely
   a. To the Jews a Jew, to the Greeks a Greek
   b. Dress in ways distinct to your gender

5. Don’t dress foolishly - Man does look at the appearance

Two Attitudes:

1. Maintain a proper emphasis for yourself. Care about what God cares about
   a. Adorn yourself with good works
   b. Clothe yourself with Christ

2. Maintain a tolerance for others
Scripture References:
(New American Standard Version (NASB) is used unless otherwise indicated)

**II Timothy 3:16-17**
All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**I Peter 3:3-4 (ESV)**
Do not let your adorning be external- the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear- but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.

**I Timothy 2:9-10**
Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.

**I Corinthians 9:19-22 (NLT)**
Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. 20 When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. 21 When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. 22 When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.

**Deuteronomy 22:5**
“A woman shall not wear man’s clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman’s clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

**I Samuel 16:7**
But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”
**I Peter 3:4 (ESV)**
But let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.

**I Peter 5:5**
…and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another…

**Colossians 3:12 (NIV)**
Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

**Galatians 3:27**
For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**Romans 13:14a (NIV)**
Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

**Proverbs 31:30**
Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.