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Question about wearing modest jeans? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/3/10 13:39

Edit: I wanted to come back and edit this post so that it would be fine for whomever to read. I do not want to cause anyone to stumble or sin with what I posted. Thank you for sharing with me everyone.

God Bless
MJ

Greetings

I have a question concerning modesty and clothing. I know with everything going on in the world right now that this may not seem like a real big deal but I am in need of advice from any sisters or even if a brother who wants to ask his wife for me. Where and what brand of jeans can a female who is concerned with modesty go and buy. I am so sick of having to return clothes because they are not what they say they are. I just bought another pair of jeans that said on the tag, classic fit, sits at the waist, but were not what they said they were. Any thoughts sisters? I really want to dress with a modest heart and attitude. I feel very strongly about this but am at a loss at this point?? Is it just me or is it getting more difficult to find clothing that actually covers the body in a modest way.

Thanks and God Bless
Maryjane

Re: Question about wearing modest jeans? - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2009/3/10 13:55

This is just a thought, but have you tried buying jeans that are made for men? They are going to be cut differently and may fit more appropriately.

Re: Question about wearing modest jeans? - posted by growingholly, on: 2009/3/10 15:12

God bless you mj!! i love to see women actually desiring to be modest, it is rare and a joy.

i recommend buying jeans, shirts, and all clothes a size or two too big. then it doesn't cling at all. that's how i wear all mine, and one godly man in my life even told me he was glad i do as we were discussing modesty one evening. i feel this honors men and our precious Lord.

when i talk with women about modesty, i share my heart with them that modesty is loving the Lord in action, and it is honoring men in action. do we love the Lord, and our brothers, more than we love to "look good"? we are called to honor our husbands, if the Lord should grant such a thing, and a godly husband does not want all the other men to see what is only his. that is his special secret treasure. and whether or not we are married, we need to honor other men and not tempt them with our bodies. plus, our bodies really aren't ours, they belong to the Lord and to one man, if God should grant it.

that is my heart for modesty, we were bought with very precious blood, let us not use our freedom as a cover for evil.

God bless you for asking, truly...

hope that helps, love you, and i'm grateful this is on your heart.

Re: Question about wearing modest jeans? - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2009/3/10 15:16

Dear MaryJane,

Have you considered trying them on before you take them home?

Personally, all of our clothes come from yard sales, flea markets and thrift stores and even most of these allow you to try them on if you ask. But the price allows to buy without trying. As much as gasoline costs and the wear and tear on us having to drive back and forth has taught us the prudence of trying on clothing and plugging in any electric thing we buy. Just the other day we were considering a portable short wave radio at Radio Shack. They only had the floor model and guaranteed it worked - it didn't when we made them plug it in.

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I only wear pants when doing heavy work in the yard. Like the last two days I have been helping my husband work on the tires to our old camper. We have to move it to cut some trees and they all had gone flat. Today, I used the tiller in the front garden spot. The pants I wore were bought 6 years ago at a yard sale. They have elastic waist and are generous enough to accommodate me in thin and thick times.

In my experience, I wear what the Lord has provided. He put those slacks on the table for me 6 years ago. 4 pair at \$1 each was something we could afford and I had a great need for them.

You posted you were trying your best to get out of debt. Put the price of new clothing towards that and buy used, you will reach your goal much quicker.

I am curious why you did not ask this question in a PM to the women on this forum? Discussing the fit of jeans is more 'woman's talk' than forum. You were speaking of trying to be modest and actually went on to discuss immodest things.

Kind regards,
white stone

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/3/10 15:30

God bless you and your obedience to the Lord MaryJane. It is great to see sisters who care more for the Lord than for themselves.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/3/10 16:10

Greetings White stone

First let me start off by saying that I did not PM this to the women because it did not occur to me that asking about where to buy jeans was an immodest question. If this question is offenses or has caused anyone to stumble then I am very sorry and I will remove the post. It was not my intention to cause any problems with anyone. I will be praying about this as in all honesty I am not sure that I still see how this was an immodest post but I do want to be open to hear from Father. Thank you for sharing your heart with me and thank you to everyone else for your thoughts as well, some good advice to consider.

God Bless you
MJ

Re: , on: 2009/3/10 16:17

This is refreshing. We house church, but when we visit a traditional church my wife and I often cringe at the way some women are dressed... and it's not just because I have to look away, but we have 2 younger teenage boys who have discovered the opposite sex.

Krispy

Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2009/3/10 16:29

Quote:

-----Also I would love to know where I can buy jeans that are not made of stretch material that almost clings to the form.

Dear MaryJane,

You replied to one of the points I brought up, what about not buying new and putting the money towards your debt?

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I am being realistic, are you? This is more of what you should ask God, not if your post was modest or not. I have been praying for you to be free from debt and it hurts me to think you are not pinching pennies. One can not pray themselves out of debt, at some point God expects you to stop spending.

white stone

Re: - posted by Dawn10379 (), on: 2009/3/10 17:14

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Re: , on: 2009/3/10 19:03

Hi Mary Jane,

I don't really have any suggestions for finding modest jeans...I only wear skirts and on rare occasions I will wear culottes (a pant-skirt) if I'm going to be involved in an activity that requires more freedom in movement. But I can echo the recommendation that thrift stores are a great place to shop!

I know that you started this with just a simple question on jeans...but I hope that you won't mind if I share a few good resources on the topic of modesty.

You might find some helpful advice on advice in this thread https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=15387&forum=35&100 I was trying to think of good discussions that we've had on this topic and that one came to mind.

There is also a series by Nancy Leigh DeMoss on modesty that is excellent! It is called Does God Really Care What I Wear? The first broadcast is at this link: <http://www.reviveourhearts.com/radio/roh/today.php?pid=971> (click 'next' to go to the second broadcast)

As has already been expressed, it's such a blessing to hear sisters in the Lord express a desire to dress modestly. Thank you, sister! May the Lord Jesus give you wisdom and discernment as you seek to honor Him in this area of your life!

~Joy

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/3/10 19:04

Greetings

White Stone you wrote: I am being realistic, are you? This is more of what you should ask God, not if your post was modest or not. I have been praying for you to be free from debt and it hurts me to think you are not pinching pennies. One can not pray themselves out of debt, at some point God expects you to stop spending.

Not sure how to reply to this sister. Your post really has thrown me? I replied to your point in your first response because you closed it by saying my post was immodest. To me that meant you found it to be a sinful post, so I thought I should address that. As for what you said above and I quoted, I am working to get out of debt and I don't spend money frivolously at all. I have not bought myself any new clothes at all in several years but I have lost weight, so much so that what I have is just to large a size any more. I am grateful for the suggestion to go to the thrift store and there is one in my area and I do go there all the time. I have no problem with going there but even they sell the jeans that are mid rise and made of stretch material and do not cover properly or modestly. I have need of something to wear and I do not feel that by spending a very small portion of money for one item is neglecting what God has for me in paying off my bills. I am sorry you feel hurt, you do not have to pray for me if in doing so it is causing you pain. I do not want that. I do not want to cause anyone to stumble because of something I said or did. I am not praying myself out of debt in the sense you wrote, I am working very hard to follow Father's heart in this and to walk in what He has for me daily. Perhaps my original post was worded poorly to cause you to reply the way you have, I am really confused at the moment. Not sure what more I can say to this except thank you for your advice about the thrift shops.

Dawn: thank you for sharing your heart with me. I have at times been heavy myself and I know how hard it can be to find clothes that fit well. I actually thought about wearing more skirts and think that is something that I may look into.

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Krispy: I understand what you shared about your boys. I have four boys three that are older and here where I live there are places we can not even go to in the summer time because of how the women dress. It makes it hard for them, we even get up extra early (we are a 24 hour town here) to go to the grocery store in the summer just to avoid the way women are dressed so as to not cause them (my sons) any temptation or reason to stumble.

Holly: Thank you sister for all that you shared as well.

I just want to close this by saying truthfully the only reason I posted in the first place was out of a real desire to be faithful in what Father has been showing me about modesty and how to dress. IT is just kind of hard to find clothes that let you do that.

God Bless

MJ

Re: - posted by Dawn10379 (), on: 2009/3/10 23:03

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Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/3/11 12:03

Greetings Dawn and Joy

Thank you for your posts. I appreciate what you said. I have been really working on how I dress as to not draw attention to myself. I don't want to take the focus off of Jesus and I do not want to cause anyone to stumble into sin. I dress in layers and that seems to be one good way of covering. In the summer it does require more thought because of how hot it can get where I live (into the 100's) so that is why I think the skirts may be a really good idea.

I also wanted to say thank you for the teaching that you shared Joy and your encouragement. I have heard several really convicting teachings that really have changed my heart on this but I am always interested in hearing new teachings and it allows me to share with others here too.

Thank you both

God Bless

Maryjane

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/3/11 22:21

MaryJane,

I am late in weighing in on this question...hope you do not mind one more post?

I thought about this question today as I was working... I somehow seem to sense that the LORD is teaching your spirit on how to dress, and if this is the case, may I suggest you just ask the LORD to give you the specifics on how He wants you to do this. I am sure He would be delighted and pleased with a heart that is open to instruction. Given the popular trend of undressing in the public, it is refreshing to hear of other females sensitive to this issue.

God bless you

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/3/12 17:45

Greetings Ginnyrose

Thank you for your reply and no it's never too late to give good advice as you have. Putting all things to prayer is always the best way to go.

I feel like I should maybe clear a few things up that my first post may have caused some confusion over. I was not asking about the jeans because I was trying to figure out what is modest and what is not. I know almost all the jeans and other clothes made today are not very modest at all. What I was trying to ask was where do other ladies who buy jeans shop for modest ones. Ones that are not following the latest trends that tend to be more immodest. I was trying to ask where to buy a certain kind of jean because I have had no luck in the stores in my area (both thrift and retail) in finding ones that are appropriate. I guess I thought if someone knew of a specific brand or place that I might have more luck. In my very

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own inapt way I was also voicing my frustration at how (at least in my area) how immodest most clothing is now a days. Even the little girls 5, 6 and 7 wearing things that are so revealing, it breaks my heart.

Anyway if my first post was confusing to anyone then I am sorry for that. I think it is very important for myself and for all those who profess to love the Lord that we make every effort to dress and behave modestly. It is something I have been learning and growing in for awhile now and want to continue to walk in as Father gives leading. Thank you Ginnyrose for your reply and for letting me use your response to clear things up:-)

God bless you
MaryJane

Re: - posted by adamdawkins, on: 2009/3/13 12:19

MaryJane,

I hope you won't think I'm ignoring your clarification on this, I appreciate it was a very practical question.

Firstly can I thank you for posting this. I haven't *ever* heard modest clothing discussed or even expressed as a desire among the Christian women at my church. That's not to say that they don't dress modestly, just it doesn't seem to be big on the topic list. I certainly think that among the younger women that I tend to be around more (being 21 myself) that jeans would be considered pretty 'modest'. I hope I'll be able to point a few of them graciously to this thread to consider it's point of view, they've probably never contemplated that even jeans may be too immodest. (I mean the high-street sort of jeans, not the sort you're looking for!)

I saw another reply about asking God how He would like you to dress, but maybe you could even ask Him to provide you with the right clothes (as it seems you know already HOW He would like you to dress).

The phrase that came to mind earlier today about this post was something Art Katz always re-iterates which is that God always accomplishes His ends by His means.

Whilst that's usually in the context of people trying to achieve God's ends in a worldly way (marketing tracts from churches etc) maybe it be slightly reapplied and you can take some encouragement from the fact that He will provide you with a way to dress as He has placed on your heart.

Sorry, I know that's not practical help, but I wanted to share my gratitude for the challenge this post brings even to me as a brother. Whilst modesty in the same way isn't so much an issue with our clothing, challenging how much I spend and what on is certainly a challenge! Should I be funding brands that plaster their walls with lust-driven images and provide inappropriate clothing to my sisters? I wonder...

Thanks again,

Adam

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/3/13 12:48

Greetings Adam

Thank you for your reply.

You wrote: Whilst modesty in the same way isn't so much an issue with our clothing, challenging how much I spend and what on is certainly a challenge! Should I be funding brands that plaster their walls with lust-driven images and provide inappropriate clothing to my sisters? I wonder...

I understand exactly what you mean, my husband and I will not buy anything from Levi jeans (new or used) because of the extremely vulgar ad they had out last fall. It was only on the internet I think and not appropriate at all. The only reason we saw it was because of where my husband works (retail) he has to view commercial ads from time to time of products that the company sells.

Thank you again for sharing this with me. This thread certainly has been a growth and learning experience for me as well:-) Father is so good and faithful to open our eyes and draw us closer to Him.

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God Bless
Maryjane

PS. What I shared about Levi jeans is a personal conviction from the Father for me and I was not trying to tell anyone what they should be doing. There are I am sure many who have never even heard of or saw the add campaign, was just using it as an example of how some companies do use images that are way over the top and unacceptable.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/3/13 21:10

Quote:
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My answer to this question is a "NO!!"

Many years ago "Guess" placed a full page ad in a magazine. The models were all in suggestive poses. It made me so angry I resolved to never, ever buy any clothes with that brand name on it, not even at a thrift store. And I never did. We do not have to buy clothes marketed by companies that use sin to advertise their products. Before I would buy clothes like that I would make them myself, even if it would come down to sewing pants for my husband!

I don't get mad, do I? :-o

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by YST, on: 2009/3/13 21:44

Hello MJ,
I wear Lee jeans for women. They fit well and last for years. I highly recommend them.