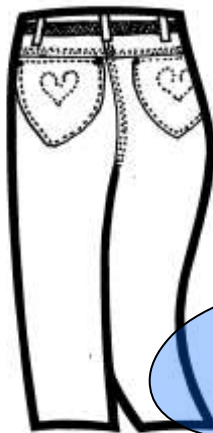


# WOMEN IN PANTS



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*"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."*

The time has come for Christian men to ask the question, "Who wears the pants in our family?" Christian girls and women need to learn to dress in a manner pleasing to God, not according to style. The pants-wearing believing woman is putting self and the world ahead of God. Please consider these facts and study the Scriptures. A woman who wears pants

### COMMITTS ABOMINATION

Neither sex is allowed to wear clothing that resembles the other. This is clearly forbidden. (Deuteronomy 22:5) God's law was for the good of His people. Though believers are not now under law, the holy nature of God does not change. What God hated then, He is still against in our day as well. God's warning concerning what He calls abomination extends into every generation. For instance, He is against homosexuality. (Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13). He states this in the New Testament. (Romans 1:26-27; I Corinthians 6:9; Colossians 3:5) He does the same with His order of sexes. (I Corinthians 11:3, 8-9; I Timothy 2:12) Women who dress like men break a type of God's order in this world. (Gen. 2:21-22; 8:9) To wear men's clothes is to symbolically take the place God never intended for the woman. Like Satan's rebellion (I Samuel 15:23), many women wearing pants seek to become equal, even take the place of their leader, man. (Gen. 3:16; I Corinthians 11:3) The woman's lib crowd have no regard for Bible principles when they dress and make demands that are forbidden by God. The woman who insists on wearing pants

## AIDS THE UNISEX MOVEMENT

Today's style is much dedicated to change God's revealed order. ERA and all women's lib groups are filled with women who cry out for equality and even superiority to men. When God took the rib from Adam, He provided a helpmate, not his leader or even coequal. (I Timothy 2:12) Christ is man's head and the man is to be the woman's head. (I Corinthians 11:3; Esther 1:22) The unisex crowd cuts their hair short (I Corinthians 11:15), adopts man's pant-wearing style (Deuteronomy 22:5) seeking to force all mankind to accept their clear disobedience under the guise of the first amendment. Such foolishness

### BLURS SEX DISTINCTION

Even the public rest room doors use the symbol of a man in pants and woman in a dress. Pants-wearing women can't walk or even act like a lady. Many do not even own a dress. The enemies of Christ, our nation, and our homes and families are hard at work. They sissy men with effeminate apparel, styled unisex hairstyles (I Corinthians 11:14), necklaces and pretty shoes with high heels. Meanwhile women must adopt clothing styled like a man and set aside pretty dresses that enhance the beauty of a true lady. This is all in the plan of those who seek to destroy the family structure as the Bible teaches it. The woman who wears pants

### LOSES WOMANLY TRAITS

Modesty, purity, grace and the beauty of womanhood all are lost in the wearing of pants. The pants-wearing woman becomes coarse, develops brazen mannerisms, stances and manish actions. Christian women should be discreet, chaste, keepers of the home, obedient to their husbands. (Titus 2:5) They should be modest (I Timothy 2:9-10), wise (Proverbs 14:1), virtuous (Proverbs 31:10), and gracious. (Proverbs 11:16) Their clothes should be beautiful (Proverbs 31:22),

not form-fitting pants or faded jeans. A pants-wearing woman

### INJURES HER TESTIMONY

One cannot teach younger women (Titus 2:4-5) while wearing proof of her own disobedience to God. Pants in no way can avoid the appearance of evil. (I Thessalonians 5:22) The pants-wearing woman is cheapened by her attire, obstructs her own witness to others, and leads those younger than herself into outward rebellion. A book is known by its wrapper, and a woman is known by her apparel. If you are not for ERA and unisex, then why do you dress like them? You disgrace your husband and dishonor the name of Jesus. Further, the pants-wearing woman kindles the fire of adultery in the hearts of men. This

### CAUSES MORAL DAMAGE

Perhaps it will surprise you to learn that a man's sexual appetites are stirred by what he sees. Many of you women reading this are very aware of this and shop accordingly. Women in tight pants, shorts, skimpy bathing suits and even short or slit dresses are strong instigators of temptation. The Bible warns if a man lusts with his eyes he has already committed adultery. (Matthew 5:28) Pants have a tendency to outline and reveal body shape in such a way that it's hard for a man to maintain pure thoughts. Thin T-shirts and skimpy tops further fan the flame of lust in men today. Most teenage girls' dress habits make it nearly impossible for young men to "flee youthful lusts" (I Timothy 2:22). In the judgment, women will face their deeds including the effect of their clothes upon men. (I Corinthians 5:10) There is more than a commercial in the phrase, "Show me your underalls." Designers well know the effect of their product. Outwardly the pants-wearing woman

### SHOWS HER REBELLION

I'm sure many Christian women do not see the error of wearing pants. Others have said,

"I don't care what the Bible says, I'll wear my pants anyway!" This clearly constitutes rebellion, which is like the sin of witchcraft and idolatry. (I Samuel 15:23) Rebellion exalts self (Psalm 66:7), it is evil (Proverbs 17:11), and brings judgment (Isaiah 1:20). God cannot bless a Christian woman who wears pants in clear disobedience to the principles given in His Word. The pants-wearing woman

### LIFTS SELF AND STYLE ABOVE GOD

Certainly God must be first in the consideration of the clothes you wear. (I Corinthians 10:31) A Christian woman should dress to please God above all. Her beauty is to be inward (I Peter 3:3), with a meek and quiet spirit (I Peter 3:4), and subject to her husband (I Peter 3:5). Christian discipleship demands total surrender to Christ and non-conformity to the world. (Romans 12:1-2) One must measure style by the standards of the Word of God (Philippians 4:8) and love not the world (I John 2:15-17). The pants-wearing woman is filled with

### ARGUMENTS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

1. "Mine are really woman's apparel." The real truth is they were designed to make women look like men. The location of the zipper or the color really does not keep them from resembling the attire of a man. Jeans are especially offensive for they are just alike — made so for the desired effect on unisex oriented teens.

2. "The ones I wear are modest." Wrong again! They are bound to cling and conform to the shape of your hips and legs. Teen girls especially tend to pour themselves into their jeans and teen boys are very much excited sexually. When topped by a thin T-shirt with little or nothing under, such attire is an explosive threat to decent men and a clear "come on" to lustful males.

3. "I wear them just because of style." Really! Isn't it more truthful to say you enjoy the stares of men or simply must conform to

the mode of dress worn by those around you? You can't stand the ridicule at school or the comments at the office. Style following which violates Scripture is simply sinful rebellion and shows lack of love for Christ.

4. "I don't think they are wrong." Could they trip others? Might they not cause someone to fall or be offended? (Romans 14:13) Isn't there at least some doubt in your mind about wearing them? (Romans 14:23) If your pants trip one man into adultery, will God not bring you to account? (I Corinthians 5:19) No woman can wear pants and be against unisex.

5. "I wear them only for recreation." Again, poor thinking. When God forbade apparel that resembles a man (Deuteronomy 22:5), He certainly knew about sports. Old-time women got along very well. Proper fitting culottes are much more modest, definitely feminine and are certainly not men's clothes. You should avoid the sports that make you dress and act like a tomboy and cultivate more ladylike competitions.

6. "I have to wear them at work." Not usually so, and even if required you could wear a dress to and from work as a good testimony. Decent men would rather see you looking like a woman anyway. Try culottes again.

7. "I have arthritis or it's too cold." Strange, the same people wear them in the summer! We hear the same excuse in Florida and Vermont. There are other options like long underwear, long dresses or put a dress over them in extreme situations.

8. "Well, I don't wear them to church." Good for you! That's a good start. If you were to meet the Queen of England, you would select a beautiful dress. Isn't worship in God's house more important? Good pastors are constantly offended by pants-clad women worshippers. Of course, an unsaved woman should never be refused worship, except perhaps extreme immoral exposure in attire. Godly women

should have enough sense to know how to dress before the King of Kings. No matter where, dress as ladies who seek to honor and please Jesus Christ.

9. "Oh, you are just being legalistic!" No indeed! Legalism is unnecessary trappings of religion "tacked on." To follow clear prohibitions of God's Word is proof of great surrender, obedience and love. This excuse comes from those self-centered Christians who walk after their own lusts. God's Word urges us to deny, die to self and self-interests. (Matthew 16:24; John 14:15; Romans 6:11-13; Romans 12:2)

### IN CONCLUSION

Please remember it is your soul that counts most of all. Without the mind of Christ you will probably take exception to this message. Remember I do not expect unsaved readers to agree since you don't believe in Christ as your Lord and Saviour. How you dress has nothing to do with your salvation. You must first be born again (John 3:3) into the family of God. First, get your heart right, then you can learn how to live and dress as God's children. We have written this to wayward, weak, compromising believers. Not one verse of Scripture justifies wearing pants while many verses and Bible principles forbid it. Whatever you wear be sure you will be thankful you did so when you stand in judgment before Christ. God bless you!

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