

Girl Watching

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A new giant 159x72-foot screen now faces each sideline of the new home of the Dallas Cowboys football team. The first displays I saw had not football players on it, but a close-up of the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders. One reporter stated, "The behemoth boob-tube stretches from 20-yard line to 20-yard line. We did the math and that means that the screen is 60-yards wide. That also means Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders onscreen will be 101-feet tall, in HD. When do tickets go on sale?"

The American male is led to believe that "girl-watching" is just part of being a man. Unfortunately, too many women (including Christian women) have bought into a fashion culture that actually entices men to focus on a woman's body. We see this in ads, we experience it in life.

A lot of girls are all too aware that they are being watched. Some seem to enjoy it and encourage it. Others aren't at all happy about how they're being watched. Like the young woman who was wearing a shirt with an arrow on the front that pointed up to her head. The shirt had just three little words by the arrow, "I'm up here!" That woman was sending a much-needed message, "Keep your eyes where they belong! I'm a person, not a body, thank you!"

I believe it's a message the Creator of women would more than agree with. Each woman is a daughter of our Father in heaven, and you know how fierce a Father is about protecting His daughter!

Men in Jesus' day, even the very religious, thought they were doing okay if they didn't do something immoral with a woman. Then Jesus introduced the radical idea: "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Job, the man in the Bible whose integrity God acclaimed to Satan, understood that how a man looks at a woman is an important part of his integrity. In Job 31:1 he states, "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl." That's a covenant every man should make, especially if he belongs to Christ.

We men who want "pure eyes" need the help of our spiritual sisters. If what you're wearing is too short, too tight, too low, or not enough, you become part of the problem instead of part of the answer. And remember what every fisherman knows: the bait determines the catch! If you offer physical bait, you may attract a different kind of catch than you desire.

Both men and women have fallen for a casualness about sex that robs it of its God-given beauty. Godly men, make that covenant with your eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. Godly women, dress for respect like the beautiful temple of God that you are.