

## Our Young People and Their Dress

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). This verse reminds us that training in modest attire best begins in childhood. The best time to teach a young girl or boy how to dress modestly is when they are toddlers. When they reach teenage years they will be habituated to dressing in an appropriate and modest manner and will not feel strange wearing a nice dress or suite. Of course, the key is not merely dressing a child properly but teaching them why they are to be dressed that way, instilling in them biblical principles of modesty throughout their childhood, and praying that they will be saved and take these principles to heart because they want to please the Lord.

**BEWARE OF THE FASHION INDUSTRY.** It is seeking to sexualize children at very early ages. The industry is promoting skin tight shirts and pants, low riders/hip huggers and sandals with high heels for a 4-year-old? ... Apparently, girls' sandals aren't meant for running and jumping and playing. They're meant to make little girls look like tarts. Boys don't respect girls anymore because girls don't require and demand it. It's parents who are permitting inappropriate clothing, toys, posters and music into their homes" They definitely promote the wrong message and wrong focus in the lives of our young people."