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a talk with God and ask him what He thinks would be appropriate attire for worshipping in this church ". The old cowboy assured the preacher he would do that and left.

The next Sunday morning the old cowboy showed back up for the services wearing the same ragged jeans, shirt, boots, and hat. Once again the congregation was appalled at his appearance. He was completely shunned and ignored again.

The preacher noticed the man was still wearing his ragged clothes and boots, and instead of beginning his sermon, he stepped down from the pulpit and walked over to where the man sat alone. He said, "I thought I asked you to speak to God before you came back to our church." "I did," replied the old cowboy.

"If you spoke to God, what did he tell you the proper attire should be for worshipping in here?" asked the preacher.

"Well sir", said the old cowboy, "God told me that He wouldn't have the slightest idea what was appropriate attire for worshipping in your church. He says He's never even been in here."

Many people would answer the question today about "church clothes" by saying, "If we were going to a wedding, funeral, or to meet the Governor or President - we would dress in our finest clothes, wouldn't we? Well, we are going to meet the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords - so we should want to dress the very best we can - right?" **To this, I will have to agree.** But this is only an **opinion**. Now if one chooses to wear something different, like John the Baptist (Matthew 3:4), can we scripturally criticize him/her?

Now - one area that a certain amount of criticism may surface is in the **area of immodesty** (1 Timothy. 2:9). When females begin revealing "too much flesh" and that is an area of opinion - it can lead to problems. It has always been a good practice to encourage females to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in all manners of dress. If even for a second, one questions the modesty of her attire, she should avoid wearing it. In most congregations this is all that is needed. However, the Holy Spirit works through the Word - so one must be "into the Word" to be guided properly.

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