

**Q) Why do some people wear ties to church?**

**A) Some people like to dress nice for church services because they believe in giving God their best and reflecting a spirit of excellence.**

**Some people have taught that wearing a tie is a tradition of men that makes the Word of God lose its power. From my experience, wearing a tie is a cultural thing. In the Philippines I wore a Barong -- in that culture it is a man's formal dress shirt. For me to wear shorts and a t-shirt while ministering in that country would be considered an insult.**

**It is appropriate when ministering on the platform that one dress nice. I don't require a tie, but I know several churches who do. I don't think it is wrong for a pastor to ask this from those who minister from the platform. I personally love shorts and tennis shoes -- for sports and leisure -- but not on the platform. It *is* possible to divert ones attention from the gospel by your attire. Whatever it is we wear, we need to think of the people we are ministering to and the culture we are in, and not exercise our tastes for freedom without the thought of others. There is a time and place for everything, including wearing the right attire for the right occasion.**

**I have known people who will wear a tie to an interview for a job, but dress like a slob for church. They give their best to man, but not to God. Will he judge us for the clothes we wear? Of course not! But the question is, are we thinking of others? Are we considering others or are we thinking of ourselves first? He looks on the heart, it is true, and what is in the heart will always show forth on the outside -- yes, even in the clothes we wear.**

**I have ministered with out wearing a tie, but personally I prefer wearing one in a church service. I may not when ministering in a park or door to door, because each setting (and culture) is different.**

**It is interesting that Jesus fulfilled prophesy with His clothing. They were nice enough that the soldiers cast lots for them!**

**John 19:23-24 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.**

**24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:**

**"They divided My garments among them,**

**And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.**

**Q) Why is it good for women wear dresses instead of tight jeans to church?**

**A) Because men are stimulated by sight and it is easy for them to be distracted.**

**Q) Why do some churches dress casual?**

**A) In the Jesus people movement of the 60 and 70's there was a revival among the "hippies". Many of these people were not accepted into churches because of their long hair and clothing. There arose a movement among churches to accept people anyway they dressed.**

**While this revival in this time exposed some of the religious spirit in the traditional church, it also nurtured a spirit of rebellion. In some cases it has gotten ridiculous. People have tried to prove how religious they are by not wearing a tie or shaving. People got so casual in how they dressed to church that it came across as irreverent and flippant.**

**The clothes you wear is not necessarily an indicator of your relationship to God. It can reflect on your taste, and whether you have a spirit of excellence, but not your eternal salvation. What we must keep in mind is our heart attitude. Why do we wear what we wear? This will dictate our attire for any occasion.**