

*Is it godly or wise to pursue a career in the social media or fashion industry? Those paths seem very "me-oriented" and from my observation, very sexual.*

The Psalmist wrote: Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart (Ps 37:4). Though this promise was made to Israel, A Christian who has become adopted in Abraham can also claim this verse for himself.

Whereas the bible promotes modesty (1 Ti 2:9), the world system promotes immodesty (2 Sa 11:2–5). There is nothing inherently selfish or sinful about selling clothing. The way in which men choose to sell clothing—whether God-honoring or not—is what matters.

Your influence in the fashion industry could be a positive one. You may not persuade all of Madison Avenue to refrain from selling women in the same way that a butcher sells slabs of meat from a store window; but, you can work in a God-fearing manner. Do what you love and get people to pay you for it.

There may come a time when you must choose between honoring men or honoring God (Ac 5:29). Should that become the case, you can choose God because you won't compromise your values (Heb 11:38).

The apostle Paul realized that the believer struggles in a wicked world.

He stated:

I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 1 Co 5:9–10

Unfortunately, evil men exist in every industry—some more than others. You can do right and risk the consequences.<sup>1</sup> God will no doubt bless you for your commitment--if not in this life (Ps 27:13) then in the life to come.<sup>2</sup>

The Psalmist continued: Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass (Ps 37:5).

Tim Tebow honored Jesus on the football field. He wore the bible passage John 3:16 under his eyes and many television viewers searched the internet to understand what it meant. Similarly, Forever 21, a clothing store, sends each of its customers out the door with the John 3:16 passage on their shopping bag. Tim Tebow and Forever 21 found ways include the Lord in all that they do (Ro 1:16). You can also honor God in whichever industry or online medium you choose.

Others will notice your work ethic (Col 3:24). Should anyone ask about what makes you different from the rest, you can share your faith in the Lord (1 Pe 3:15).

Thankfully, God makes individuals unique; so that they can contribute positively in a variety of fields. Serving others is a way to serve him (Jn 12:26).

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<sup>1</sup> Pastor Bob Enyart quote.

<sup>2</sup> Some examples in scripture of doing right and risking the consequences include: Joseph (Ge 37), three Hebrew men: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Dan 3), and Daniel (Dan).

