

## LONG HAIREd MEN

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*"Doth not nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him."* I Cor 11:14.

This sermon was first published in tract form in 1974. Though the trend seems to have lost much of its popularity, I believe it is still a part of the destroying of manhood and the pursuit of unisex which is still hard at work today. When I first wrote of this "craze" I had just finished reading "Commie Goals" listed in the Congressional Record. It lists this as a step to "remove the manliness of the American male." It was to develop a unisex population of weakness and destroy the ruggedness of men. It became the uniform of the anti war crowd of "fairies", "creeps", "addicts," "homos", "anarchists", who still seek to dominate public thinking. They are still gathering strength working to remove religious believers from rights of expression, and brand them "hate mongers." Christians had better pray hard as this crowd is working to remove God from every aspect of our government, and brand the opposition as "hate speech." We believers in these last days must stand fast on what the Bible teaches and how it still must affect all our rights. Enough said for now and simple questions should begin some thoughts about the hair. Is long hair on a man right? Is it best? Does it please God? Does it please Christ? The Bible calls it shame, but let's consider the facts. **(1). The Unscriptural Idea Of Christ's Long Hair Is False.** It came from a school of artists, who never saw Him, and were mostly devoid of Bible knowledge. They are the same group that put wings on feminine looking angels, although the Bible refers to them in the masculine gender. The earliest painters did not paint Him with long hair, and until the fourth century they did not even paint him with a beard. The pictures in the catacombs of Rome

all picture Him in short hair. (2). Some say He was a Nazarite wearing long hair. Wrong! If so He could not have drunk grape juice at the last supper, Mark 14:22-25, or touched the dead girl in Mark 5:41. All Jews, unless they were Nazarites obeyed the Jewish Talmud which required a hair cut every 30 days. They were not to shave their heads, unless as a sign of sorrow, and all long hair was a sign of rebellion, unless one took the Nazarite oath. I have not the time to go into many historical pages of proof. Caesar's busts all showed short hair as a sign of authority. Jesus was every inch a man. He drove the money changers from the temple, and in appearance was formidable enough they sent soldiers to capture him in the garden. Jesus was the perfect man and yet the divine Son of God. (2). **Jesus Would Not Have Contradicted The Clear Principle of Today's Text.** The word nature in the Greek is "Phusis" which means the law or order of God. A woman's long hair stood for subjection or submission. (Bad news for the woman's lib. crowd). Long hair is a glory to a woman, but a shame upon a man. Paul would not have recorded the dishonor of long hair on a man, if Jesus had worn it thus. **(3). The Bible Condemns Effeminate Men:** *"Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind (homo sexuals), nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God."* I Cor. 6:9&10. Webster's dictionary states effeminate means "to become womanish, having the qualities or characteristics of a woman, to appear delicate or unmanly." Paul clearly states a day would dawn when many men would leave their God-given roll of masculinity and take on the characteristics of a woman. We have lived to see this day with men's clothing designed almost identically on the lines of female fashion. Lace shirts, flowered pants, high heeled shoes, beads, purses, and cosmetics are all "unisex" symbols

of the degraded manhood. Pony tails, hair bands, and earrings are also the "in" thing for the new crowd of "pretty" men. Whenever a man's hairstyle resembles a woman he becomes a disgrace to mankind. **(4). Long Hair Tells A Story:** In our major cities the drug addicts brag that the long hair is a badge of drug usage. Some wear it to attract others into "gay" parties, pads, and acts of immorality. Long hair became the uniform of those who disapprove of American values. They have stood for violent revolution and glorify the heroes of Communism. Though their hair has been getting shorter, their hatred for the Bible and Christians is intensifying even in government calling Godly men and women "bigots." They will not rest until religion is outdated with a new freedom of choice for all evil. To all genuine Christian men the Bible teaches *"Abstain from all appearance of evil."* I Thess 5:22. It seems to me if you are a true believer, you should avoid in every way looking like that crowd. Oh, they have a right to look however they want, but we have the right to urge true believers to obey God's Word Your testimony is never helped by following the world. They have a soul that needs to be saved and we believers have a need to obey. **(5) Long Hair on a believing male is a poor example.** *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."* I Tim. 4:12. The concept of long hair on a male identifies you with a crowd that is largely anti God. Please, young men, don't let peer pressure tempt you into a style of Bible disobedience. You that are older must make the right impact on those younger than yourselves. Most of the men that wear long hair are worldly people. A police directive is to use special care when you stop a car of long haired youths. Appearance is a key to the mode of life of the crowd most apt to be trouble. So say the officers who deal with crime and drug usage today and spot trouble. Again it is not up

to me to tell sinners how to wear their hair. My responsibility is to urge believers to use every means to show love and obedience to the Lord. The Bible warns *"to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."* I Sam. 15:22b & 23a. True believers should not wear a hair style that has always stood for rebellion and much other evil. *"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* Rom 12:2. **(5). Summing it up:** Biblical advice urges parents to, from the early years of your son, keep his hair cut in a manly style. Use affectionate firmness, present the facts, set up standards, and keep them. Don't allow barber shop day to become a protesting skirmish between angry parents and a rebellious son. Remember the desire of your son may just be a copy cat thing to do, brought on by extreme peer pressure. Often however, it is an outward symptom of inward problems, outward conformity, and willful rebellion. Father, remember every inch of you must be a man. Bathe your son in love and understanding and teach him the evil of disobedience to I Cor. 11:14. Dear teen be careful to obey your parents. *"Children obey your parents in all things."* Col. 3:20a. Defending long hair and resisting haircuts often causes much conflict at home. In closing, let me say the hair fad has largely changed, but the life destroying rebellion it represented, is seeking to destroy our freedoms and rewrite the Constitution. They are ignoring warnings of the Bible and urging total banishment of Godly restrictions set forth by God's Word. We can look beyond all their confusion, and still kindly try to win them to Christ. The salvation of their soul is of course the most important.