



Hem Lines That Please God—Duo of Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit

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Hem lines. Many hem lines do not please God. Temperature sky-rockets and the hem lines plummet. Cover the 3 B's: boobs, butts, and bellies. "Raise your hands and touch your toes, if anything shows go change your clothes." Another message for another day.

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There are four aspects of the hem line that help us understand and participate in the plan of God for our lives.

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How to get the hem line where it needs to be?

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Actions – Proof of desire is pursuit.

Pursue – going after it.

Desire – wanting it.

Show me your pursuit and I will show you your desire.

Objects

Love

[Rom 5:5 NASB]

Can't give what you do not have. You receive love.

You give love.

God loves me, I love Him. God loves me, I love you.

Gifts

[2Ti 1:6 NASB]

Receive the gifts.

Stir up the gifts.

The more you love the more you desire the gifts.

You will want:

God to use you.

God to heal people.

What if we can look to the culture with genuine care and a genuine cure?

We can by walking in the fruit and the gifts of the Spirit.

What actions need to happen now to complete the hem line?

Message or mandate? We are under a message mandate.

Ask God to fill you with His love.

Live a Spirit led and Spirit filled life. [Gal 5:16, 25 NASB]

Activate the gifts of the Spirit.

[1Co 14:15 NASB]

[1Co 14:32 NASB]

- We are all priest to God!
 - It's time to the hem line right. It's time to walk in the fruit and gifts of the Spirit.
- You please God when you are walking in fruit and the gifts of the Spirit.

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