



Just Because We Got 'Em . . .

Doesn't mean we should flaunt 'Em,
especially on assignments!

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If we got 'Em it's okay to flaunt 'Em on assignments, but let's agree do it in good taste.

Yes, we live in a world where the saying less is more is popular, but should the saying really represent how little clothing we can muscle ourselves into just to flaunt certain body parts?

Like the saying goes, "No one wants to know how far we can go."

It's like that other popular saying: one size fits all.

Do some of us really not know that the word all doesn't include everybody?

And when did the saying, a little dab will do it, get confused with the width and length of our clothing?

Wasn't that what our mothers told us about wearing makeup, perfume and cologne?

Are we not too valuable to allow unworthy terms to define us? Are they not asking too much of us? Do we really understand the lingo we buy into?

A True Case-In-Point:

While walking to my car after work one clear and sunny day in downtown Dallas, surrounded by skyscrapers with lots of windows, a young woman wearing what looked like a piece of ribbon for a skirt dropped her keys in the middle of the street—I kid you not; I was there.

It took a work of art *and* science before she found a way to safely bend all the way down and pick them up.

I can't tell you if anything was revealed, I couldn't bear to watch that final stoop when she picked up her keys.

I wonder, had she dropped her keys in front of her full-length mirror before leaving home that morning, would she have changed into a real skirt and felt grateful that it didn't happen in public (in the middle of the street).

Earl Nightingale stated in his audio program, *Lead the Field*, that, "anybody can dress up and look like they are intelligent, but the moment they open their mouths, they either make or break their image." Those days are long gone.

Today we don't have to wait until we speak, we can find out everything we need to know, just by what we put on before we venture out into the world, thinking we're stepping out in style.

Wasn't there a song once titled, "*My Mind's Playing Tricks On Me.*"

Why is it that as often as we see such sights-for-sore-eyes we are surprised and sometimes shocked? And we wonder if the person ever heard of a mirror, and where in the world were their trusted allies to pull them back into reality.

When did we stop checking ourselves before venturing out? Like dropping our keys on purpose and carefully watching ourselves as we pick them up in front of a mirror? But shouldn't we know that if we have to do all that, we shouldn't put it on in the first place?

Was it Socrates who said, "To thine own self be true?"

So, let's all agree that before we venture out on assignment, we will make sure that we are reflecting our employers' perspective of dressing appropriately for work by leaving the ribbons, the one size fits all, the less is more, and the little dab will do it out of our professional lives.

Do tell, which action ruins the moment no matter how well intended: our being handed a beautifully wrapped present, or having the exposed items thrown at us?

We should never hesitate to ask our trusted retail sales person to show us outfits that are tastefully made for going from work to play. They will be more than happy to assist us. And when we're really in doubt, how about we ask the most conservative person we know what he or she thinks about the outfit, and just take their word for it, and change our clothes.

Be Free, Explore, And Live Life To The Fullest—Just Do It Within Reason.

It's perfectly all right to laugh at ourselves sometimes as long as we get the message. It is important for those of us who wonder what people staring might be thinking: "You poor thing, who let you walk out looking like that this morning?"

Yes the truth can hurt. But it must be spoken. It's important to understand that we are not giving up on us. It's true; boundaries in our world will never change. We have to, by getting to know and understand them, then learn ways to be as free and expressive as possible within them. That's real freedom, and the safest, most rewarding way to truly express who we are. Let's try it and see.

For those of us who are young, and those of us fighting to stay young, always remember that our mothers kissed words of wisdom at us like, "**Keep It Simple Sweetie**, in an attempt to prevent the world from throwing cruel words at us like, "**Keep It Simple Stupid!**" Our mothers' words should always be the voices in our heads, even when every inch of us wants to shut them out. Be Happy!

Until next time.