

Bring Out the Stretchy Pants

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"Anyone who puts confidence only in himself is a fool, but the person who follows wisdom will be kept safe."

Proverbs 28:26 (TVB)

IF I WANT TO PUT ON MY STRETCHY PANTS, I NEED TO...

1.	 WHAT

"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39 (ESV)

"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)

When looking in your closet, ask yourself:

- 1. Does it help me love who Jesus loves?
- 2. Does it help me help how Jesus helps?
- 3. Does it help me live like Jesus lived?

2	WHAT	
	ANYMORE.	

"Imagine there's a wedding going on. <u>Is that</u> the time to tell the guests to ignore the bridegroom and fast? Sure, there's a time for fasting—when the bridegroom has been taken away."

Luke 5:34-35 (TVB)

"Look, nobody tears up a new garment to make a patch for an old garment. If he did, the new patch would shrink and rip the old, and the old garment would be worse off than before. And nobody takes freshly squeezed juice and puts it into old, stiff wineskins. If he did, the fresh wine would make the old skins burst open, and both the wine and the wineskins would be ruined. New demands new—new wine for new wineskins. Anyway, those who've never tasted the new wine won't know what they're missing; they'll always say, 'The old wine is good enough for me!"

Luke 5:36-39 (TVB)

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"Trust the LORD completely, and don't depend on your own knowledge. With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way. Don't trust in your own wisdom, but fear and respect the LORD and stay away from evil."

Proverbs 3:5-7 (ERV)

Lyrics from "Give me Your Eyes" by Brandon Heath

"Give me Your eyes for just one second Give me Your eyes so I can see Everything that I keep missin' Give me Your love for humanity Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted The ones that are far beyond my reach Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten Give me Your eyes so I can see"