

## 4.29.19 - Naturism and Genital Jewelry

When my wife and I first discovered naturism, we had many discussions on how this lifestyle might impact our lives both positively and negatively. As Christians, our first and foremost priority was to make sure it fell within the boundary of God's law and it didn't go against Him. We came to the conclusion that naturism is how God intended for us to live our lives. We started our naturism journey by spending a warm summer day at a resort with a pool and nature trails. It was an amazing experience! The feeling of freedom, relaxation and peace were indescribable. Naturism melts all my stress away and we were hooked from day one. There is one thing that does make us feel uncomfortable and always seems to catch us by surprise and that is the prevalence of genital jewelry.

In this article I will be discussing why genital jewelry does not belong in a family naturist setting and why it goes against God's word. But first, let's look at it from the world's view.

Genital Jewelry is not a new idea. Earliest recorded history of it being used was around 300 A.D. However, in western culture it didn't become popular until the 1970's and 80's thanks largely to the Modern Primitive movement. This is a movement that promotes tattoos and piercings in a type of satanic ritual. It was from this movement that people began using this type of jewelry to attract attention while attending nudist colonies. It was largely used as a way for men to give a sign to other men that they were open to a homosexual relationship without having to be so forward, as homosexuality was largely unaccepted at this time. This tradition was carried through to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and still remains the basis as to why genital jewelry is banned or very limited in most resorts still.

With homosexuality becoming widely accepted in our world today, it's no longer necessary for men to be as discrete as recent years and use genital jewelry to convey this message. A 2015 study interviewed 484 men and woman and concluded that the main reason for having these

piercings is to keep up with what's popular in the mainstream. In the late 1990's and early 2000's, they became something to have to be different, to rebel against societal norms. However, that's not the case today. It's now on the way to becoming a "popular and fashionable acceptance" says Jeremy Thomas, Professor of sociology. Today, the sense of wanting to be unique is why men and women will get genital jewelry.

Now, let's look into why this is not acceptable for Christians. First, the motive behind receiving it. Proverbs 16:2 says "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weighted spirits" What is the purpose behind putting on jewelry? To attract attention, to be different, to look better. In a textile setting, these types of actions are not even given a second thought. However, in a naturist setting, the goal is to be as God intended us to be, complete naked without status or relying on our own abilities. Not above one another, but the same. Accepting of ourselves and of others as God made us. Adding jewelry takes away from that, it sets the wearer one step above in the eyes of man.

The other popular reason that the 2015 study said people get genital jewelry is for the pleasurable feeling it can provide. Different types of jewelry are intended to simulate either of the partners in a sexual relationship. Largely, most of the types are meant for woman, but a type of genital jewelry that I've seen several times is a few different family naturist settings is a cock ring. This type of "jewelry", if it can even be called that, has one purpose; to keep the penis erect for intercourse. Putting aside the mindset that genital jewelry is not appropriate for family naturist settings, what would be the purpose for one of these, other than to attract attention in a sexual way? I cannot think of one. Again, jewelry used for sexual stimulation is very much inappropriate for a naturist setting. Nudist resorts are a very non-sexual setting and wearing jewelry on one's genitals primarily attracts sexual attention.

Colossians 3:3 says "For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God". As a naturist Christian, there is nothing I can do to get closer to

my Lord and Savior then when I am spending time with him as he intended me to, naked. My old life is dead and gone and I have a new life in him. Without clothes, sin or blemish, he sees me as he made me. If I were to add jewelry to any part of my body, it's not to please God, but to please man. 1 Peter adds to this in verses 3 and 4 saying: whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel. But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." God wants us to be ourselves, just as He intended.

Jewelry, specifically genital jewelry in a naturist setting attracts the wrong kind of attention and does not have a place for it. 1 Peter 5:5 says "all of you, clothe yourselves in humility". There is nothing more humbling then being naked before God, with others of his creations, all naked. But when you add genital jewelry, it's no longer about humility. It draws attention to the wearer, bringing public focus to a certain body part and creating a flashy display, taking attention away from our creator.

1 Corinthians 6:20 says we must honor God with our bodies and later in 10:31 "do everything for the glory of God". We have already established that God sees the spirit and the intention, so how does adding jewelry, especially genital jewelry, honor God? It doesn't and as such, should continue to be banned in all nudist resorts.