

1.13.20 - Bad Parts

We were recently told the story of how one of our Christian naturist friends introduced the concept of biblical naturism to his children. He mentioned that he gathered the family together and asked his kids to point to the bad parts on their bodies. They pointed to their mouths lol. They passed the test as there are no “bad parts” on the body. We thought this might make a great topic for an article so here it is, we hope you enjoy!

Along with covering the body to prevent lust comes the need to beautify the “less comely” parts i.e. cover the bad parts. We are going to look at the “bad parts” and decide if they are bad or need covering. The hard part is what is meant by "bad"? The online "Webster's Dictionary 1828" has the following definitions:

- 1. Ill; evil; opposed to good; a word of general use, denoting physical defects and moral faults, in men and things; as a bad man, a bad heart, a bad design, bad air, bad water, bad books.*
- 2. Vicious; corrupt; depraved, in a moral sense; as a bad life; a bad action.*
- 3. Unwholesome; as bad provisions.*
- 4. Unfortunate; unprosperous; as a bad state of affairs.*
- 5. Unskillful; as a bad player.*
- 6. Small; poor; as a bad crop.*
- 7. Infirm; as a bad state of health.*
- 8. Feeble, corrupt, or oppressive; as a bad government.*
- 9. Hurtful; pernicious; as, fine print is bad for the eyes.*
- 10. Unfavorable; as a bad season.*
- 11. Poor; sterile; as a bad soil.*
- 12. Rough or muddy; as a bad road. In short, bad expresses whatever is injurious, hurtful, inconvenient, unlawful or immoral; whatever is offensive, painful or unfavorable; or what is defective.*

For what seems so easy to define, this should make it clear that defining is not easy in this case. The person writing the definition was not

thinking of body parts when picking examples. Let's use the "in short" part of definition 12.

We will start with feet. Are feet injurious or hurtful to the body? If you kick a chair leg walking to the bathroom at night without turning on a light, the body feels a lot of pain. That is not the foot's fault you say. Ok and along the same line, I will put up with the pain to keep the foot. Feet can be injured or hurt, but they are not injurious or hurtful to the body. Even the pain lets you know that you injured your foot and motivates you to avoid injuring it again. Are feet inconvenient or unfavorable to the body? Watching those who have lost a foot makes it clear that feet are not inconvenient. Unfavorable would need something better to compare with and I can not imagine such a change. Are feet offensive?

With all the people who wants us to change because what we are doing is offensive to them, there has to be someone who finds feet offensive. **Rom 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.** This is one of those verses where the still small voice must be heeded to apply correctly. It can be set at naught by making everything I want to do impossible to give up or it does not lie within me to give it up. On the other hand, it can be an impossible master if I try to live at peace with everyone. Jesus did not please the Pharisees very often even when He could wait till after the Sabbath to heal or tell His disciples not to pick grain and eat it on the Sabbath. He even forgave sins, which only God could do, knowing it would cause the Pharisees to become unpeaceable. Jesus was trying to call attention to errors in the beliefs of the Pharisees you say. That is true, but I can distort scripture to agree with whatever I want to do and be unaware that I distorted the scriptures. I can use my distorted scriptures to justify calling "attention" to the "misbehavior" of others. Textile believers are an example of this.

Why are people offended? Is it an adult form of pouting because someone did not do something their way? That would explain other people's offence, but mine is more spiritual than that. Oh, tell me about

your spiritual offence! It offends me when you cover your body with cheap man-made clothing with no reason except to hide the image of God. Could you give us a verse to show that Jesus was similarly offended by clothing since we are using Him as an example of causing offence. Jesus did not get offended until the Father was dishonored, like making the temple a den of thieves. That will not justify your offense about clothing! Is God dishonored by covering His image unnecessarily? Let's talk about other causes of offence. They are using it as a control of others like anger or tears. This is what the Pharisees were trying to do to Jesus. Control him with their offense at what He did.

Getting back to feet being offensive. The answer is, yes for a few people and no for most of us. We will go with the majority opinion here and declare that feet are not bad parts. None of this line of argument justifies covering feet even for the few that would be offended. I read an article on Sunny Day's site about a man who was told by his hip surgeon that he should not wear shoes. He followed the instructions, but needed to make it look like he was wearing shoes to go in some stores. No one told him his feet were bad parts and needed to be covered. They used some other excuse for the rule like insurance or sanitation. With small variations the same arguments about "bad parts" can be applied to legs, hands and arms.

Is the face a bad part? We will not consider the head since it is the command center and it is essential for life. Only Muslim leaders think the woman should cover her head. The face tells us a lot about the person, like when they are happy, sad, joking, angry, embarrassed and etc. It also tells us something about the person's age, ancestry, gender, and personality. There are times when this information is bad. The face is the most important part for identifying an individual. With all this display of information, I am not aware of any listing of the face as a bad body part. The Muslims just want everything; good, bad and ugly; covered on women.

Textile believers would certainly tell us that the genitals are bad parts because they are used for real bad sins like fornication and adultery. If that were true then the mouth is a bad part because it tells lies, takes in too much food at times called gluttony or too much wine called drunkenness; all bad sins. Then the hands would be bad parts because they are used to steal and murder, the feet would be bad parts because they take us to trouble; more real bad sins. What happened to God's statement that His creation was good? I know, the "good" disappeared at the fall. That line of reasoning is used too often to end a more detailed study. I am seeing the works of Satan in that line. Satan wanted the genitals covered, not God. The reason for covering the genitals is their part in procreation, not their other body functions. If sex is bad and good people do not have children, then after a while good people will not be available to hinder Satan. If sex is presented as bad and young people find it enjoyable, they will wonder what else God is withholding from them and stray from the faith.

If we say genitals are bad, are we saying sex is bad at the same time? How do you convince a young child that the genitals need covered without implying they are dirty parts because they are used for dirty activities? Yes, the discharge from the bladder is a dirty liquid, but how can you explain the increased pressure to cover the genitals as puberty approaches without making all sex dirty? Or is all sex dirty? Sex was God's idea. It was His way to populate the earth. It was in effect before the fall and would have been part of the "very good" statement about the creation. There is a whole book in the Bible about the relation between a man and a woman including sex. Jesus did His first recorded miracle at a celebration giving a man and woman permission to begin a sex life. If sex is dirty, why celebrate? If sex is not dirty/bad when confined to the marriage bed, then the genitals are not bad parts. They can be used for bad activities like the mouth, feet, and hands, but that does not make them bad parts unless the whole body is bad, which means God was mistaken when He declared the whole creation "very good".

Two more parts that might be on the bad-parts list are the chest and the buttocks. I do not think the problem is with the primary use of the areas, but with the pleasure they add to the sexual experience. Is sexual pleasure bad because it is enjoyable? This question implies that God does not want us having enjoyable experiences. That line of thought is hard to explain with **Jhn 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** Surely an abundant life would include some enjoyable experiences. If sex can start a new life, we would expect it to be enjoyable to help God create a new individual. Going to a verse from the Bible book on the marriage relation for a clearer statement: **Sng 5:1 I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.** The first four phrases are euphemisms for sexual activities. The last phrase is a euphemism of God encouragement to enjoy the experience to its fullest extent. In short, God wants us to enjoy sex as much as possible with our spouses. Going to the New Testament we have: **Heb 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.** This verse is giving married people permission to do whatever sexual activity the two agree would be enjoyable. If you are outside the marriage relationship, you are taking a chance on God's wrath. If God sees sex as something to be enjoyed in the proper setting then the body parts that increase the enjoyment are not bad parts of the body.

Looking at the whole body and God's view of it we can use other approaches to the search for bad body parts. If we are made in the image of God, either God did not get the image right or God has bad parts. God is perfect so He has no bad parts with any of the definitions above. God knows everything, so He knows how to make an image without flaws. God is all powerful so He has the ability to make anything He wants to make in the way He wants it made. After God made man He said His creation was "very good" i.e. no bad parts. In

the Psalms we have King David claiming **Psa 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.** If there are bad parts then there should be a list of exceptions in this verse or the ones that follow it. The Apostle Paul uses the body as an analogy of the church. **1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.** If there are bad parts of the body then there are bad members of the church. God does not see any member as bad which means there are no bad parts on the body according to God.

Most important is what you use to justify keeping clothing on your children. You should not be telling little Johnny that he needs to keep his penis covered because it is a bad part or that Suzie needs to wear a shirt so Johnny does not see her chest which would be bad. Yes, you may occasionally need to tell them they need to wear clothing, but the blame for those rules should be placed on society or civil laws or cold weather, but not on God or His Word or “bad parts” or parts that need to be hidden which would imply bad or dirty parts.

In closing:

1 Corinthians 12 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many.

¹⁵ If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁶ And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

¹⁸ But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where were the body?

²⁰ But now are they many members, yet but one body.

²¹ And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

²² Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

²³ And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

²⁴ For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

²⁵ That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

Verse 23 is the key to the whole question of “does our body have bad parts”.

There should be no parts of the body that we call bad or less beautiful than any other part of the body. Jesus Christ created it all, He Himself declared it good...why then should we hide it in shame? I declare that we should not...that Satan is the only one promoting that idea. I declare that God be true and every man a liar and that we should obey God rather than man!