

There's A Big Difference

Twice this week, I have had conversations about how the problem is actually the cure...once with a dear friend and once with my wife.

Also, this week, very dear friends of ours had an opportunity to share how a biblical view of the body can destroy the addiction to pornography.

As my wife and I discussed the doctrine this evening we realized the importance of not being misunderstood. It's not enough just to be understood, but it is so very important to not be misunderstood.

We have taught for years that the commonplace of nonsexual nudity in a person's life has the ability to reprogram the brain to allow them to view the naked body as normal and healthy and beautiful without being sexual...and this statement is true.

But then we began to think about how some naturist resorts are becoming more and more sexually oriented and how does that jive with the truth of the statement in the last paragraph. How is it possible that clubs that provide an atmosphere that can desexualize the mind can also be clubs that promote sexual lifestyles such as the LGBTQ and pride movements? How is it possible that resorts that provide an environment where a person can become porn proofed through a renewed mind and a biblical world view of the body can also promote witchcraft?

We are going to attempt to make some observations and hopefully provide some insight with this article. Just like a coin has two sides to it, so do most principles. As Satan is the great counterfeiter he takes what is good and beautiful and creates a counterfeit that is evil and ugly. The great lie being taught today in most churches is a perfect example of this. God created the first man and woman naked and not ashamed and called them "very good" in their naked and not ashamed condition. Nowhere in scripture does God ever record changing His mind on the subject. He does tell us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. He tells us that we are made in His very image. He tells us that He formed us in the womb. He has given us so many accounts in His Word of the commonplace of nudity. So, how is it that the church is the one calling the body made in the image of its Creator dirty,

shameful and sexual? Same coin...opposite sides. Same body...opposite viewpoints.

So, we come to the question of a sexual view of the body versus a nonsexual renewed mind's, godly view of the body. There are nudist resorts today who are purposely changing their focus to a sexual view of the body. Emerald Lake Resort in Porter, Texas has just changed their resort to an "adult only" resort. Oaklake Trails in Oklahoma has begun promoting "pride" weekends where sexually oriented lifestyles are celebrated. Even the American Association for Nude Recreation...a self-proclaimed family friendly organization published a picture of a homosexual couple in bed in its publication. You see, Satan has always tried to twist what is good and make it bad so it should come as no surprise that institutions like this go bad.

The fact that Satan, over time, slowly eats away at what is wholesome to twist it into something evil does not change what is good. It does, however mean that we need to be constantly on the lookout for his erosion of the good.

Here's how it works...the commonplace of nonsexual nudity...nudity that is centered around nonsexual activities such as mowing the lawn, planting a garden, doing the dishes, vacuuming the floor, swimming in the pool, playing pickleball, taking a hike, fishing, etc. change the view of the naked body from a sexual object to a normal everyday naked body thus, giving the viewer a biblical godly view of nudity. God created Adam and Eve naked and then gave them the job of gardening in Eden, so they spent their days naked in the garden managing what God had given them. Their view of each other in their naked state had nothing to do with sex. This does not mean that they didn't have sexual relations...it simply means that they were naked all the time, not just for sex. What we have done instead by only being naked for sex is to equate nudity with sexuality. The key is that what we have conditioned people for can be unconditioned. When we go back to a nonsexual naked condition we desexualize the mind and society!

But, what if someone is in an environment where nudity is still being sexualized? What if someone is going to a resort where they are naked for swimming or fishing or hiking, but where the attitude and practice is to look for others who are there looking for sexual activity? Well then, we do not end up desexualizing the mind,

we do not end up renewing the mind, we simply reinforce the idea that nudity is sexual. The resorts today who are becoming lifestyle type clubs, adult only clubs, pride/LGBTQ clubs are not desexualizing, but they are instead reinforcing the conditioning that Satan has done such an effective job at.

We need to be careful as we promote a biblical world view of the body that we distinguish and differentiate ourselves from the people and organizations that are not helping to break the chains of a satanic world view of the body!

We are not wrong in the fact that the “problem” is the solution. We are not wrong that the commonplace of truly nonsexual nudity renews the mind and allows us to see people not as sexual object, but rather as God sees them...as fearfully and wonderfully made. We are not wrong that God said that our naked bodies were “very good” and that He hasn’t changed His mind. But do not think for one minute that Satan won’t try to take what is good and twist it to his purposes. Naturism is no different than anything else in this area. We must remain true to the Word of God and promote a godly world view of the body, but we must also make sure to promote the right places to practice such a lifestyle for if we do not take care in this area, we could end up doing more harm than good.

This is not to say that we cannot use these venues for good, but it does mean that we have to be very careful how we use them. Charlie Tremendous Jones used to say that you will be the same person in five years that you are today except for the books that you read and the people you associate with. Be very aware of the things, people and places that you allow to influence you! Make sure that you are reading the Word of God and not just reading, but study It to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Base your beliefs on It, not on some pastor’s, churches or denomination’s rules. And make sure that your associations make you want to be a better person, not just make you comfortable.

The bottom line is this...God and His Word are right...you are not dirty, shameful, sexual...you are beautiful, you are made in His image, you are Created to live naked and not ashamed! Lastly, pray that a Christian focused naturist venue will become a reality and that more family focused retreats and resorts will thrive.