

### 3.16.20 – Who is a Nudist What Are They Like?

We are always trying to identify people; are they young or old, man or woman, attractive or not so, thin or meat on the bones, saved or lost, nudist or textile and etc. This is a little like Tom Sawyer selling lessons to white wash fences, the only students are those who have no experience. That would be a person addicted to clothing for this article. It is very unlikely any of them will be reading the article. Most of you already know the answer to the question. You are invited to read along to be sure you are right or that we are right.

We will start by identifying a nudist or naturist. The words both mean to be without clothing. We are going to assume the two words mean the same thing for this article even though different connotations go with each word. The more difficult problem is how often do you need to be naked to be a nudist or a naturist. We all know that you only need to tell one lie to be a liar. Someone who commits one murder is a murderer. Someone who steals anything is a thief. It only takes one unlawful sex act to make you a fornicator or an adulterer. If this applies to nudists, then everybody is a nudist. We were all born naked. We came into the world as nudists like we came with a sin nature. We need to be naked to bath or shower and usually to change clothing. Obviously, the people addicted to clothing would not accept being called nudists, so just being naked does not make anyone a nudist.

What about the amount of time you spend naked as the test? Okay, it takes about 10 or 15 minutes to take a shower or bath. Maybe 10 min or 15 minutes to change clothing. If you are naked more than an hour each day, are you a nudist? If you sleep naked, which would be more than an hour, are you a nudist? If you and your spouse spend more than an hour in your bedroom naked, are you a nudist? You waited till all your clothing was dirty and tried to wash and dry them while you bathed, but you were done bathing with no clothing to wear. Are you a nudist if you are naked more than an hour while waiting for the dryer to finish? If

you swim naked in your backyard pool which is not visible from the street or the neighbor's windows are you a nudist? If you sunbathe naked are you a nudist? If your yard and garden are not visible from the street or from the neighbor's property and you do your yard work and gardening without clothing, are you a nudist? Time does not appear to be the test, but the activity is what gets a "Yes" or "No" for the questions in this paragraph.

It seems that a nudist enjoys doing regular everyday activities without clothing whenever possible. Activities like cleaning the house, doing the laundry, cooking, washing dishes, sunbathing, swimming, hiking, yard work, gardening, painting, home repair projects, watching TV, surfing the internet, talking or playing board games with friends, to mention a few. Are you a nudist if you only wish or want to do these activities naked but do not for some reason or excuse?

Can you tell if a person is doing the regular everyday activities naked by looking at him when clothed? For example, a person who works a lot with handled tools like shovels, rakes, picks, or mason trowels, will have callused hands. If you remove the husks from black walnuts without gloves, your hands will be stained for a few days. If you work outdoors a lot you will have a dark tan and maybe bleached hair.

I read a letter to the editor of Fig Leaf Forum recently that illustrated the answer to the above question. Since the mother writing the letter did not mention her husband, I assumed she was a single mother with two children. At the time of the story, her son was 8 and her daughter was 7. She caught her son trying to spy on his sister while she was undressing. She was in the habit of chatting with a lovely older couple after church. He usually took the kids across the street for ice cream while she talked with his wife. She mentioned the "peeping" problem in the conversation with the wife and was promised a call that evening from her husband. He invited her to come for a visit. While discussing the problem of her son's peeping he asked if she had ever heard of "nudism". Her reaction, "Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather!" ...they were

nudists. Yes, some of the surprise could be that the mother was not looking for nudists, but even if she had been looking, the older Christian couple wouldn't have been considered likely candidates.

Can you tell by behavior? For example, introverts will not talk to each other unless someone gets them started. Extraverts always have something to say and can start a conversation with ease. Gardeners get excited by a well-kept garden. People who work in a trade will notice a good job or defects in craftsmanship in their trade. A chiropractor can tell what needs adjusted by watching someone walking or sitting. Obviously if you see someone at a clothing optional beach, they are very likely a nudist. If they have a tall privacy fence around their yard, they are possibly nudists. If someone says they are going to a resort where nakedness is allowed, they are nudists. These behaviors can be kept secret for a long time if their social setting does not approve of non-sexual nakedness for entertainment. Behavior could be used if the person is observed all the time, but that is not possible. Behavior will only work if the person is open about their nudist behaviors, otherwise you do not know.

Is there a stereotype of the people who are likely to be nudists? Here is a list of people that we know personally who are nudists. They are certainly a diversified group.

They are a Christian couple and he is a retired military intelligence officer who got to ride with the presidential motorcade during the Daytona 500 race here in 2020.

They are a Christian couple and he is a nuclear power plant engineer and his wife is a Christian school teacher.

They are a Christian couple and he is an oil refinery plant engineer whose wife is a dental hygienist.

They are a Christian couple and he is a state penitentiary guard while she is a stay at home mommy raising their baby full time.

They are a Christian couple where he works in IT and leads worship at their church and she is a stay at home wife and mother.

They are a Christian couple where he is manager of an RV park and teaches Sunday School and she works as a nurse at a local doctor's office.

They are a Christian couple and he is a Baptist Pastor whose wife is a full time stay at home mom.

They are a Christian couple and operate their own family ranch.

They are a Christian couple where he is retired military and a former pastor who is now a Christian counselor and she is a stay at home wife.

They are Christians who are also retired public school teachers who own their own construction company.

They are a Christian couple where he is a professional sales rep and she is a stay at home mother and wife.

He is a choir director at his local Baptist church.

He is a retired public school teacher and deacon at his church.

They are a Christian couple and he is a pastor and she is a pastor's wife and he is also a pilot.

They are a Christian couple where he works in bank security and operates their own contracting company whose wife also works at a local restaurant.

And their numbers are over 10,000,000 strong in the US only according to the latest numbers from the American Association of Nude Recreation.

They aren't weirdoes and freaks, they aren't perverts or sexual predators, they are normal everyday people that you are neighbors with or go to church with. They simply like to enjoy life as God intended rather than clothe themselves in Satan's lie. Yes, the people in this list are all solid, Bible believing Christians, who go to church every week, read their Bibles and try to raise their families in a way that is pleasing to the Lord, but you do not need to look very hard to find Christians who would be very offended if you asked them about naturist activities. The unsaved are usually surprised to find someone who is a nudist and a Christian. Most Christians can't believe that anyone can be both.

Since family-friendly group nakedness is not widely accepted and can get a strong negative reaction when discovered, it is not something that is shared without some assurance that it will be accepted. I read recently that 25% of the group surveyed had gone swimming at least once without clothing. That does not make someone a nudist, but I have read very few stories about people trying it only once. That is usually a reluctant spouse. with other reasons besides not liking the feel of the water on the whole body and the freedom from the swim suit.

The numbers are such that if you are in a group of more than 4 people it is very likely that one of them could be a nudist. That thought might ruin a textile's day...to think he could be working with a nudist and that the nudist seems like a normal person.

The Truth is, according to the Word of God, He made us to be naked and not ashamed...doesn't that mean that the textile is the one who is not normal?