

3.25.19 - What If Someone I Know Sees Me at A Resort?

The quick short answer to this question is, "So what." But we will look at it from a number of ways since "So what" is not very convincing and rather cold.

The first thought that comes to mind is that we want everyone to know about the good things we do and we try to hide the bad things we do. There is plenty of light at a ball game, but thieves work at night usually. Unfortunately, the case with a naturist resort is not that simple because of the large amount of false belief surrounding nakedness both inside and outside the church. When textile people are confronted by naturism they usually go into shock mode because they believe sex and nakedness go together. The only thing they can imagine, if a group of people are together naked, is an orgy.

False teaching needs a way to keep its followers from the truth. If you are going to say, "The Bible is opposed to nakedness." then you need to add that nakedness can only lead to extra marital sex. A similar situation is **Mat 28:12-15 - And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 - Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. 14 - And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. 15 - So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.** The book of Acts records the pressure that believers were subjected to, so that they would go along with the false report that Christ's body had been stolen rather than the fact that He had risen from the dead. The "church" in the Middle Ages violently opposed the translating of the Bible into the common languages because of the false beliefs that the "church" was teaching. If the common people could read the Bible for themselves, then they would quickly be able to find those false beliefs themselves. You see, Satan does not give up his false beliefs easily. I am nearly convinced that cry of "intolerance" is the chief cover-up for false ideas. Error can not tolerate truth, but truth can stand beside error.

If the first time you find out that an acquaintance is a naturist is when you meet him or her at a resort, then you can be reasonably sure that they will be as concerned about meeting you as you are about meeting them. You both have textile friends that you want to keep your naturism beliefs from. It would be safe to assume he or she will not share your belief knowing that you would do the same for them.

Another fear is that someone will take a photo of you at a resort and put it on social media. All naturist resorts have strict rules about cameras and cell phones so the concern there is typically unfounded.

Another issue associated with this question is, "Where are you seeking approval?" If God is motivating you (I doubt that it is Satan.) to go to the resort and you do not go because someone you know might see you, then that "someone" has become your god in place of The God of the Bible. **Pro 29:25 - The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.** There is a time to be concerned about what someone sees you doing, but it is not the dominate control of your actions. Doing right should be the dominate control of your actions.

There is also a hint in the question that you are not sure that going to a naturist resort is the right thing to do. In other words, you are not fully persuaded it is right. God does ask us to do things by faith which sometimes means doing what seems illogical and fearful. I doubt that David was fully persuaded that he could kill Goliath, but he took enough stones to deal with Goliath and his four brothers if the need arose. Most new experiences are scary at first so being unsure simply adds to the fear. If you still think attending a naturist resort is sin, then you need more study before going. It becomes like meat in **Romans 14:22,23 Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. 23 - And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

So, you should first convince yourself that it is not a sin and then face the risk and fear knowing that God approves what you are going to do. We might recommend going back through the pages of this website to help with the first part.

We are not saying that you should tell everyone that you go to a naturist resort. That would be calling attention to yourself and what you are doing. We are seldom called to advertise ourselves as this would do more harm than good for the person trying it. We are like managers for God and the advertising is to promote Him not us, but even managers have to have a good reputation.

The question is a real concern and is not to be taken as lightly as the introduction would suggest. It is another area where you will need discernment and we hope the thoughts above will help with that.

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