

3.30.20 – Stay Out of the Lion’s Den

We recently corresponded with a reader of our site who was trying to justify frequenting his local so-called “gentlemen’s” club. His main point was that going to strip clubs was the same as living life as a biblical naturist. We believe nothing could be further from the Truth and are writing this article to make sure that none of our readers think that we think that sex shops are the same thing as naturist living.

We are going to start by committing the sin that we blame the textile critics of doing, we are going to assume what happens in these shops and clubs without firsthand knowledge. We did look for information online and will use the information gathered to make our argument against such establishments. We are going to compare going to family friendly naturist resorts with so-called gentlemen clubs (strip joints) and porn shops.

First let's ask the all-important question, "Why go to either?" As Christians we represent Jesus Christ and our mission is to bring honor to God and to make Him look good (glorify Him) in the eyes of the world including Satan and his demons. If it dishonors God, it is sin and should be avoided. It is true that there is nakedness involved in both venues, but the motivation and application of that nakedness is worlds apart. So, back to the first question...why does a person attend a strip club? To view naked women in a sexually stimulating setting. They could simply view porn on the internet...however the real, in-person girls have more sexual appeal than a video of the same activity. The emotional appeal of going farther than just looking is much greater in the clubs even if that is not a reality. Why does a person attend naturist activities? To enjoy the freedom from clothing and experience God's creation as He intended us to from the moment that He created Adam and Eve. Let me remind you, that it was God who intended us to be naked and not ashamed while enjoying His creation. We are able to have a more open relationship spiritually because we are being more exposed physically and still accepted.

What is the motivation be for going to a strip joint? We can think of three; for some alcoholic beverages, for meeting with friends and for the show. The "dancers" are not going to perform for the thrill of being naked in front of a group of clothed people, so they will need to be paid. To stay in business, that cost must be added to the cost of drinks and I would assume to an admission fee. If hanging out with friends and drinking alcohol were the only motivations, then it would be far cheaper to buy some alcohol at the store and invite your friends to your house. You have control over who comes and what entertainment is provided. That makes the strip show the main motivation for going.

Well what is wrong with watching a little dancing, I can hear our reader ask, the girls that attend the naturist resorts get undressed after they are inside the gate also. Again, motivation is wrong. The girl at the naturist resort needs to wear clothing to travel to the resort. To enjoy the freedom from clothing, they need to be taken off. This is often done in private or semiprivate and rather quickly. The girls at the strip show are put on a stage for everyone to watch. They spend as much time undressing as possible and still keep the attention of the audience. The job of the dancers is to arouse the sex drive in the men in the audience and maybe show the women how to get their husband or date aroused. Getting men aroused is avoided at the family friendly naturist resorts.

It is a little like getting in the water at the sea shore. You get your feet wet and that feels pretty good so you go in a little deeper and get your legs wet. Again, it is enjoyable and you go out till the water is up to your arm pits. You look back to see how far you are from shore and you feel the water rising. A quick look out on the ocean reveals a large wave just a few feet from where you are standing. If you are not a good swimmer you are in big trouble. The first visit to the strip club may be enjoyable and it does not take you long to justify your visit. You try it again maybe at a more exciting club. Again, you convince yourself you did no wrong and it was a lot of fun. Sometime, as you follow this course, you could find yourself in a lot more trouble than you ever

imagined. At that point if you do not know how to "swim" you could "drown"...why take the chance? The idea is summed up in the chorus of this southern gospel song:

*Sin will take you farther than you want to go,
Slowly, but wholly, taking control,
Sin will leave you longer than you want to stay,
Sin will cost you far more than you want to pay.*

How can you say that watching a girlie show is a sin? Here is a verse to start with: **Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.** The stripping is done to arouse sexual curiosity and excitement in the audience. In plain terms, they are trying to increase the appetite for sex and display a gourmet model for the activity. If that does not cause you to lust or get very close to lusting, then I have no idea why you spend the extra money for such a place. Someone who does not like skiing does not go to a ski resort. Please let me make very clear that there may be the occasional guy who visits a naturist resort for the purpose of viewing naked women as a means of sexual stimulation. That said, let me also assure you that if you are visiting a family friendly naturist resort to see naked girls for sexual stimulation and that is your only reason for attending the club, I can guarantee that you will be sorely disappointed. Yes, there will be naked women at the resort, but they will be of all ages and all body types. The resort does not pay young attractive media style ladies to attend. There either won't be any of those there or they will be a small percentage of the women attending just like in the rest of society. In addition, they will be careful not to arouse your sexual appetite and if you are there to do so yourself, the management will be sure to escort you out of the facility in quick order. The ladies do not come to be on display. The rules for most naturist venues make it abundantly clear that their purpose is not sexual titillation.

If we are right (and we are) that the strippers are paid to arouse sexual excitement, then the strip joint is a prime market for sexual favors.

None of these favors would be included in what God planned when he created us as sexual beings. In other words, these favors would be considered sin by God and His Word. The money to obtain the gratification is at best, a bad use of God's provision and could rob your family of much needed provisions. These favors could make you unhappy with your wife since you see her when she is having a bad day and the girls at the club put up with your bad behavior to get their pay check. This could be the road to adultery or divorce. It does not matter how safe they tell you the activity is, the favors could gain you a sexually transmitted disease which will make the rest of your life miserable and shorter. As with gawking, any improper sexual activity at a family friendly naturist resort will get you an invitation to leave.

While looking at what was available on line about the club our reader attended, I found a site reporting a lawsuit against the establishment for back wages for the dancers. That would be proof that the dancers are not doing their performance for the thrill of performing in front of a large group. Litigation over wages is common, but what is interesting was that the charges were dropped for an undisclosed amount paid to the dancer who brought the suit. Here is a list of the charges (besides the wage dispute) that was alleged against the strip club that our reader attends: "organized crime that involved illegal activities, including a pattern of sexual abuse, assault, harassment, drug distribution and sale, prostitution, attempted rape, racketeering, illegal drugging, pimping and pandering." If the establishment was willing to pay the dancer to drop the charges, there was most likely some truth to the charges. When you spend money at a place like this, you are supporting and approving of these activities. This is not a way to bring honor to God.

We have not been able to find any God honoring activities at the strip joints. Porn shops are selling many of the same sins regarding sex. You are taking a human being that God formed in the womb and making them a sexual object, which is dishonoring to the person and the Creator. You are changing an activity that God uses for procreation and created to bond a man and a woman for life into an amusement like a football

game. You are helping to support an environment that favors fornication, adultery and alcohol addiction. You are taking money that God helped you earn and using it to advance Satan's causes.

If you attend a family friendly naturist resort, there will be no sexual activity in the public view. You will not be enticed to commit adultery. In fact, based on the biblical evidence found on the website www.mychainsaregone.org we believe firmly that you can actually conquer your porn addiction through living a biblical naturist lifestyle. Your wife will be helped with any negative body image challenges that she may face. Your children would have better self-images and a better chance of avoiding many of the destructive activities that start before adulthood. All of this, just by participating in family friendly naturist activities. You have very little to lose except some misconceptions about what goes on at these activities. A lot of family friendly resorts are owned and operated by Christians, so you would be putting your money back into God's circle instead of Satan's.

At this point we hope you can see that going to a strip joint is helping Satan's cause. The motivation for going to these places is in the direction of sin if not sin itself. Your heart will not be turned toward God nor will your activities at the clubs or while viewing the porn videos help you in this present life or the one to come. It is hard to imagine how anyone could go to these places without sinning or dishonoring God. Dr. Bob Jones Sr used to say it is never right to do wrong to do right, so no matter what your motivation for going to an establishment such as this it is never right to do.

When you go to a family friendly naturist resort, you expose your whole body which says to God, "I am not ashamed of the body You make for me". You will be able to enjoy His creation in a whole different way which should cause you to thank God for His creation. You will see others as fellow humans and not objects to be exploited. There are other benefits mentioned above and in many of the articles we posted on this site. In short, it would be hard to sin or dishonor God in this setting.

In conclusion, the main difference between a so-called gentlemen's club and a naturist venue is that one is mainly focused on the human body as a sexual object and the other is a place where one can be enjoying God's natural world as He intended...naked and not ashamed. If you cannot see the difference then it is you, my friend that has the problem. The problem isn't biblical naturism, the problem is your heart condition.