"Who Determines Nakedness? Are Mixed Pool Parties, Beaches and Water Parks Approved by God?"

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God determines EVERYTHING that we do, whether we want to accept it or not. And if we don't look to Him for guidance, for Him to teach us (**Psalms 32:8**), we become wise in our own eyes (**Proverbs 3:7**).

I can't help but to see MANY "so called Christians" vacationing and forgetting that we are commanded NOT to be "....conformed to this world." (Romans 12:2). What this WORLD approves of as acceptable attire, God calls it Nakedness. (see Exodus 28:42). Christian women should not be posting pictures of themselves in one or two piece bathing suits, men in speedo's, or any other attire that exposes nakedness. Nakedness should cause shame (Revelation 3:18), and most have become so NUMB, they fail to blush at it. (Jeremiah 6:15). Have we NOT learned how God properly clothed Adam and Eve from their nakedness, (Genesis 3:21), after they had made aprons for themselves (Genesis 3:7)?!

In addition, "IF" a man says that he could be in the midst of one or several dozen women often with bathing suits on, and his mind is free from lust (**Proverbs 6:25**; **Matthew 5:28; 2 Timothy 2:22**), he's either (a) LYING, (b) BLIND (c) In DENIAL; or (d) JESUS, and we KNOW (d) is not an option! If we are to be like **Job**, chapter **31:1** and, "**make a covenant with our eyes, not to look upon a young woman**," we should not put ourselves in situations that causes us to break that covenant.

What is Nakedness?

DBL Hebrew (Dictionary of Biblical Language) defines "Nakedness" as, "(1)....private, personal parts of the body, especially the external sexual organs; (2). unprotected, vulnerable, formally, naked, i.e., to be in a state or condition in which harm can come, and be virtually without defenses; (3). indecentness, ugliness, repulsiveness, i.e., any act. or condition that is not proper or morally repugnant, with a possibly focus on bodily functions."

BDB Hebrew (Browns-Drivers-Briggs) defines it as, "implying shameful exposure."

Louw & Nida defines it as, "the state of being naked or only scantily clothed."

For some Men, Husbands, and Many Preachers....Do you really believe that your WIFE, the woman you should be giving "honor to", holding in high esteem, (1 Peter 3:7) is not the object of some man's imagination when she parades her nakedness before them and the world with your approval? Those at pool parties, beaches and water parks? A woman's NAKEDNESS is only for the eyes of her husband and NO OTHER MAN (Leviticus 18:9; 20:17)! God has commanded you to be the "head" of

your household (1 Corinthians 11:3), and it is our job as men to lead our families in the way that is approved by God and not the world.

For the women, God commanded you to, "....adorn (yourselves) in MODEST apparel, with SHAMEFACEDNESS and sobriety." (1 Timothy 2:9-10 emp.mine)! A woman that's not practicing this has violated the Lord's command. Allow your husband to lead you as he has the authority from God to do so. You are to submit yourselves to His authority (Ephesians 5:22).

Therefore, who determines Nakedness? God does! And Christians should NOT be entertaining the atmosphere of mixed pool parties, beaches and water parks (see **1 Peter 4:3**).

I pray that we as Christians would look to God's word and allow it to guide and teach us in ALL truth. (**Psalms 25:5**).

And allow me to add this footnote:

Women can lust for men just as equally as men lusting for women (**Matthew 5:28**). We ought to be careful not to put a stumbling block before others regarding the way we dress in regards to nakedness.

May God bless you to heed (submit) to His will and be obedient to His commands.

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