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Joyce Meyer's \$23,000 Toilet:A Symbol Of The Prosperity Gospel, on: 2007/11/15 20:23

"Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA), the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, has opened an investigation into the finances of six of the leading prosperity televangelists, Paula White, Kenneth Copeland, Joyce Meyer, Eddie Long, Creflo Dollar, Benny Hinn. Grassley is looking into whether these celebrity preachers abused their tax-exempt status by using proceeds to enrich themselves with luxury items like mansions, private jets, and fancy cars."

Quotation from The American Prospect

A concise definition of the prosperity gospel: A well-coiffed and designer-clad televangelist badgers his TV listeners to send him their hard-earned dollars so that God will in turn financially bless them.

Jesus Christ never promised his disciples earthly rewards -- only heavenly rewards. For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, but lose his own soul? Mark 8:36

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/art...rticleID=42538>

Re: Joyce Meyer's \$23,000 Toilet:A Symbol Of The Prosperity Gospel, on: 2007/11/15 20:56

Quote:
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Jesus Christ never said that He wouldn't reward His disciples in this life. Look again:

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-----Mark 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold **now in this time**, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, **with persecutions**; and in the world to come eternal life.

Let us not forget that there is nothing wrong in earthly rewards, what is wrong is where is your heart? In heaven, or on the earth?

It's clear that those who teach the WOF doctrine are of the earth earthy and mind earthly things. But we who are spiritual desire Christ our treasure. But while we sojourn on planet earth, the LORD will see that every one is blessed accordingly. Some with little, others not too rich and not too poor, and just a few with a lot.

Re:, on: 2007/11/15 21:22

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The bible says He supplies our needs only. Sometimes we may have a want which may be a need such as a vacation which I need about now.:-)

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

This is how God feels about riches:

James 5:2

Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

Some who get saved are already rich and the bible cautions them concerning their riches:

1 Timothy 6:17

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Re:, on: 2007/11/15 21:26

I believe that if EVERY ministry, mega, huge and local would pay tithes themselves (take 10% or more) and put INTO the community, no one would need government help. But that's just my personal opinion. Could you imagine how much help there would be if mega churches did alone that?

I spoke with my last pastor about this and he told me that if they did that, they couldn't operate. I said, "Oh but you expect everyone of your members to operate like that."

This is from the REVIVAL email list:

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INTEGRITY, ACCOUNTABILITY & the GRASSLEY INVESTIGATION  
-by Lee Grady.

Six charismatic ministries are under the microscope as a U.S. Senate committee scrutinizes their spending practices. Is this from the devil—or God?

Depending on how you look at it, Sen. Charles Grassley is either a crusader for righteousness or a devil with horns.

Some Christians feared he was the latter this week when the Iowa lawmaker, who is the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, announced that he has launched an extensive investigation into the spending practices of six prominent charismatic ministries. As soon as news of the probe broke on Tuesday, I started getting calls from people who are worried that Grassley is plotting to take away the tax-exempt status of all evangelical churches in America.

I have been assured by one of Grassley's top associates that he does not have a hidden agenda, and he is not conspiring to deny anybody of religious freedom. What the senator does want is assurance that these six organizations are not taking money that was donated to charity and misusing it to buy mansions, plastic surgeries and other lavish perks.

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In letters that were made public on Tuesday, Grassley told Kenneth and Gloria Copeland; David and Joyce Meyer; Randy and Paula White; Creflo and Taffi Dollar; Eddie Long; and Benny Hinn that they have four weeks to send him a boatload of paperwork to prove they are in compliance with U.S. tax laws.

Grassley has been applauded in the past for blowing the whistle on financial abuses among secular nonprofit organizations including the American Red Cross. Now, because of complaints he has received from the public, the senator is turning his attention to these six ministries, demanding that they send him receipts for expensive purchases, minutes from board meetings, audited financial records and detailed compensation figures, among other documents.

Each of the ministries received a letter asking about specific expenditures or questionable practices. Among Grassley's requests:

\*\* A receipt for the Bentley convertible that Florida-based television preacher Paula White reportedly gave to Texas pastor T.D. Jakes

\*\* Information from Bible teacher Joyce Meyer about expensive furnishings in her Missouri headquarters—including a \$30,000 malachite table, a \$23,000 commode with a marble top and a \$19,000 pair of Dresden vases

\*\* Paperwork explaining how Benny Hinn's ministry purchased his \$3 million home in Dana Point, Calif.

\*\* Receipts and other records explaining how Eddie Long paid for his \$1.4 million estate on 20 acres in suburban Atlanta

\*\* Records about vacation trips to Hawaii and Fiji that Kenneth and Gloria Copeland took using their ministry plane

\*\* Clarification from Atlanta faith preacher Creflo Dollar about his role in raising a hefty portion of a \$2 million gift donated to Kenneth Copeland.

We charismatics certainly are in an awkward spot these days. At the same time that Oral Roberts University (ORU) is under the microscope for alleged financial mismanagement, some of the biggest names in our movement are now accused of bending tax rules and spending God's money on themselves.

I am not going to rush to judgment in this case. I know that Meyer pumps hundreds of thousands of dollars into missionary outreach projects in many parts of the world, and the IRS recently notified her that Joyce Meyer Ministries is operating in compliance with tax rules. Hopefully her answers to Grassley's questions will satisfy the Senate committee so she can continue her programs without interruption.

At the same time I can't understand how some preachers can take their offerings with a straight face. How can anyone, for example, think that it is a wise use of God's money to pay \$10,000 a night for a hotel room on the way home from a foreign ministry trip?

Something needs to be said. Questions need to be asked. That's why I refuse to demonize Grassley for launching this probe.

What is unfortunate about this investigation is that it had to be initiated by someone in the federal government. The Christian public should have demanded a higher level of accountability a long time ago. Why have we been silent when we know certain ministries are operating without a proper board of directors or without any accountability?

I've been praying about all the uncomfortable shaking that is taking place in the church today—from the embarrassing moral failures to the cavalier ministry divorces to the ORU scandal—and I sense that God is the one who is orchestrating these events.

I believe He is raising His holy plumb line over the church today. He is demanding that we come in line with His higher ways. He is decreeing: "I will have a holy people. I will expose greed, arrogance, larceny and corruption, and I will correct theological error that has led My people into materialism, selfishness and idolatry. The process will be painful, but in the end My people will be purified."

I hope every one of these ministries can prove they've done nothing wrong. But if God wants to use a senator to help the American church clean up its act, then I say bring on the reformation.

~J. Lee Grady is editor of Charisma.  
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**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 21:29**

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**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:09**

One thing God does not do is prosper us so we can store up treasure on earth and go to hell...

I encourage everyone to listen to this message By David Kirkwood called the sheep and the goats.

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Spiritual Blessings in Christ - Jim

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This is the old covenant.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:18**

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:23**

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You forgot the previous verses:

19Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:25**

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**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:28**

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Psalm 73:13

12Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:29**

Quote:

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chandras, I am wondering where you are from?

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:38**

Why asking?

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:46**

II Cor 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:47**

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Because modern American Christianity (or mystery babylon the great whore as the Bible seems to call it) is making the world drunk with the wine of her fornications such as the prosperity gospel.

I am just curious where you live to see how far it has traveled. I do not mean this to insult you in any way. Hey, check out this 15 or so minute compilation called escaping the theology of Babylon and let me know what you think.

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In Christ - Jim

**Re:, on: 2007/11/15 22:53**

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Are you saying He shed his blood so that I could have a gold toilet seat? :-)

Can you not post so many threads at once and give others a chance to respond to all your posting? Thanks.:-)

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 0:12**

Intens4Him said

My favorite David Wilkerson quote (from one of those compilations) as best I can remember...

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The rich man went to hell people  
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If that be the case for rich men, all Americans from the poorest to the richest, will all go to hell.

**just a thought... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/11/16 0:47**

Greetings in JEsus' Name by WHose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

well if the symbol of the prosperity gospel is a \$23,000 commode, we know what it's full of don't we?

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

**Re: just a thought... - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2007/11/16 1:34**

Morning friends,

Joyce Meyer and the rest of the gang will give an account for their life and their teaching.

Whether or not she sits on \$23 000 throne should make no difference to me. If its something that she feels God wants her to have then leave her alone. If I think that she is stealing my money, then don't give it. If I think that people who follow her are deceived, then tell them. But if they believe contrary respect them enough to walk away. As has been said before they would have it this way. They have made the choice to follow her and thats their decision. Much the same as someone who has committed their lives to following another religion.

Did she stand up in front of the congregation and state this as a 'sign' of gods blessing?  
If not, who stands to gain the most from telling the world something that would otherwise be private? All this reporting does is inflame the 'I told you sos' and justify a lot of folks negative perceptions and attitudes. Rightly so, but do I need this in my day! No, not at all. Do I need to read on this forum for the umpteenth time about what these people get up to.

Just a side note knowone as far as I can see has ever posted about what Washer and the other heroes here do. I mean not just there latest preaching date or there opinions on other ministers but their life. But, what do these guys do. This is a sad indictment on the state of the church that bad news sells like it does in the world. If the Washerites have something to post about how he helped the poor please do, or how Wilkinson helps the prostitutes in Times Square post it up. Lets read good news about our leaders and raise above the worldly garbage of bad news being the only thing that interests people.

The danger is friends is that as bad news in the world keeps peoples minds numb to the own personal accountability and makes them feel better about there situation so it does the church.

Unfortunately, man does look at the man, and Paul did say follow me as I follow Christ, so there is an example that needs to be set by leaders,preachers of these ministries. Our responses to such reporting is a good indicator of where our theology sits. Christians are blessed, but that is not the whole message, Christians do suffer, but thats not the whole message.

So, where to, let God be God, and let him do as he sees fit in every persons life. Think about it this way, to trust God and live for eternity when you have nothing, is easy, after all what else do you have. But to do the same when you have everything is probably the hardest of all. God knows our hearts, he knows what is the best way for me and when He has tried me I will come forth as Gold. This quote is from Job and his life is a good example of what exactly God is after.

Its not whether your rich or poor, its our view of him and who he is that is the most important to him.

I know that this is a bit of a digression as to the original post but we need to keep these things in mind when passing judgment rightly or wrongly in such matters.

**Re: - posted by MikeH, on: 2007/11/16 1:59**

Intens4Him quoted this

Quote:  
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Who else!

MikeH

**Re: - posted by Lkid, on: 2007/11/16 2:12**

by glorytoglory on 2007/11/15 19:12:50

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**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 2:40**

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**1Ti 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**

**1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

**1Ti 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

**1Ti 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

**1Ti 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

**1Ti 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

Today in my email - someone sent pictures of children from other nations with no cloths and they were mere skeletons with just a small amount of skin over them.

**Luk 6:24** But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

**It's time to come out of the Cast System !**

**Mat 25:41** Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

**Mat 25:42** For I was hungry, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

**Mat 25:43** I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

**Mat 25:44** Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

**Mat 25:45** Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

**Mat 25:46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

edit:connecting verses.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 8:11**

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Old Covenant:

Malachi 3:12

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

God blessed the land as a testimony to the nations.

New Covenant:

Now we are God's land:

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Hebrews 10:16

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Abraham did not seek after riches, God blessed him as a testimony. Not only for a testimony but God was giving the land to his people and that is why Abraham was rich. Abraham was to take possession of the land and it was by God making him rich and giving him all of these things. God also multiplied his seed. Through Abraham's faith God made himself a people and gave these people a land through the faith of this man. Israel was blessed and still is in some ways because of the FAITH of Abraham and so are we. We have been saved by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and we are grafted in. This is our inheritance, our salvation through the precious blood of Christ Jesus by faith, the same faith as Abraham. We are not to seek after the riches of Abraham.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 8:25**

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Krispy

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 8:33**

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Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

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I agree, outside of another great awakening, the vast majority of professing Christians in America will go to hell. As George Whitfield said in his classic, (<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?viewarticle&aid1010>) The Almost Christian the love of money is one of the greatest reasons people remain almost saved. We need to allow the Lord to continually shine a bright light on our hearts (those of us raised in North America) and make adjustments to our use of unrighteous mammon.

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I will choose to mark and avoid these blatant ministers of the darkness and to warn others about them as Paul did. They bring shame and disgrace and open reproach to the name of Jesus. These false teachers have done great harm to me and many I love. Jesus Christ has set me free their bondage and deception and I will shout it from the rooftops if I am called to!

Beware of these people brother. Check out some of the links I posted earlier in this thread.

BTW - A great thread to help us remember how good we have it in America and how much more is required of us can be seen here. May we have open ears as the Lord continues to teach all of us how to love our neighbor as ourself.

([http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id20610&forum35&0](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id20610&forum35&0)) [http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=20610&forum=35&0](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=20610&forum=35&0)

In Christ - Jim

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I am guilty of that in the past as well. I used to laugh because it's either that or cry but the Lord has convicted me of this. Sorry to come off so abruptly.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 9:01**

Make no mistake about it... I do not support Joyce Meyer in the slightest.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2007/11/16 9:06**

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Maybe he was being serious! :-P

If I don't quit now this could develop into a case of some serious toilet humor. :-D

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 9:17**

... dont be a potty mouth.

:-P

We have a 2 yr old we're trying to potty train. I bet over the course of 4 boy's we've spent \$2300 on diapers. So maybe a \$2300 toilet isnt so far out there after all, huh?

I remember with our first son my wife was on the "all natural" kick... i.e. clothe diapers. Oh boy... what fun that was. Then boy #2 was born, and we bought stock in the Kimberly-Clark Company!!

...how did I get here? Anyway... Joyce Meyer.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2007/11/16 9:23**

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AAh, I've been reading here for the last four years, had plenty of heated discussions about ministers for three years, so t here really is nothing you could possibly tell me that I haven't heard before.

Through discussions on these topics allot of my views have changed and I do mark 'these people' with a certain amount of caution and spit out the bad and keep the good. However, as regards to Msr Meyer I know people who have been ble ssed by her ministry. I just keep a real close eye on them.:-P

Also to add, it would be interesting to actually find out what these people teach as in hard facts and to have a look at the m. Not random quotes that may be taken out of context but theological positions that they hold.

I remember reading a website that 'exposed' Ken Copeland, there were allot of quotes that were taken from sermons to show that he indeed was a deceiver. I have always wondered though, what was the context of what he was talking about.

Just in case your wondering, I do not follow Joyce Meyer either, but do respect someones right to follow her. In fact I'll pr etty much fight for that right. I do however, find it an abomination that a minister of Jesus can tell someone that the reaso n they are sick is because they haven't given to his ministry. That is sick and God will ask them some tough questions w hen they give an account for their stewardship of his gifting.

**Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2007/11/16 9:25**

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IS that what GlorytoGod was talking about? 8-)

oops, I'm leaving, this has got out of hand. :-P

**Re: - posted by davym (), on: 2007/11/16 12:01**

17For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1 Cor 1 v17

I would suggest that Joyce Meyer's ministry renders the cross of Christ of none effect. Her ministry appeals to the flesh i.e. the Adamic nature. Christ put the flesh to death at Calvary. That means it no longer has any standing with God. None! Zero! Gone forever!

We as born again believers are new creations in Christ. All we want deep in our hearts is to know and love Christ more and more, but our flesh nature holds us back. It's crucified, but we die to it daily and we'll take it to the grave with us. But think of the day when we meet the Lord in heaven and our flesh nature is gone and we can worship and love the Lord unhindered!!!!

Now that is far better than Joyce Meyer and co's prosperity gospel and the devil knows it.

Preach the Cross brothers and sisters. It's the power of God unto salvation!

I always try and picture Paul preaching at Corinth. He didn't fly in on his private jet, he didn't speak with wisdom of words (and he certainly didn't have a \$23,000 toilet seat), but he was God's man! and one man with God is a great majority!

God bless.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 12:06**

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I like that! :-)

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So... basically... WOF is based on a wrong understanding of the difference between God's old covenant and His new covenant.

And it's based on greed, pride, lust and power too.... and throw in a little tax evasion for good measure.

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 21:20**

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As I write it is amazing to see how much of what we believe is built on presuppositions of other truths which in themselves can also be challenged.

Just reading through your post I am reminded of the big discussions and input from RobW, RonB on who is Israel? It is fascinating, gotta wonder where we can start from that is common ground and work forward from there to theological positions on tithing, giving, blessing, cursing etc.

**Re: - posted by notmyown, on: 2007/11/17 3:53**

Quote:  
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Excerpt from a missionary who works in Cambodia:

'As a result of a Lady Evangelist's (JM) visit in July/Aug all House Groups have been declared illegal. It is also illegal to give out Gospel tracts or booklets on the street, door to door visitation or any sort of open Air meeting/evangelism. Public worship is only allowed in registered buildings.

The US Evangelist claims on her website that 160,000 people heard the gospel and 54,000 trusted the Lord. Counting 3 Province Campaigns held by her teams, my fold tell me that 10,000 max attended the meetings (total of all meetings) but sadly not 1 pastor has seen any new faces attend services. Some rallies were almost a riot as people came forward demanding their gifts of money, clothes and books. One meeting she attempted to hold in the city was shut down by the Authorities and caused panic as people were expecting to get beaten by the police'

The gist of it all is - they came in like a bull in a china shop into a very sensitive situation and in the missionary's own words 'set the work back at least 10 years'. She went home telling her people about tens of thousands saved, great blessing etc.. none of which was true. All info comes from people on the ground in that area - not hearsay. :-)

'Thou shalt not bear false witness'

Re:, on: 2007/11/17 6:23

I think I'll take the word of a missionary over that of JM anyway...

Can you please verify this information for us? I believe you, I just think it wise to have verification of this before people go out repeating this information... because it will get repeated for sure.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/11/17 6:27

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As long as she continues to be a heretic God will continue to NOT bless her. All of her worldly riches should not be mistaken as God's blessings... if that were true, then He sure has blessed Larry Flynt and Snoop Dogg.

Until she repents she will not be spiritually blessed, and that's the blessings that come from God.

Krispy

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I praise God for how He remembers His people!

**Re: Joyce Meyer's \$23,000 Toilet: A Symbol Of The Prosperity Gospel - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2007/11/17 12:4**

Hello all...

I am by no means a "fan" or follower of either Joyce Meyer or the "prosperity" message (at least, in the extrabiblical connotation used by the "word of faith" people). In my opinion, the people who teach this are subtly teaching (and even urging) for a Church that covets the things of this world. This is a stark contrast with Abraham -- who wouldn't even build a house because he sought for a "city whose builder and maker was God" (Hebrews 11). I've never been a fan of Joyce Meyer because of this emphasis in her messages and, consequently, I have never once finished listening to a single message she has preached.

That being said, I was wondering about the title of this thread. Does Joyce Meyer have a \$23,000 toilet seat -- or was this either an exaggeration or a lie? I tried to follow the link to this "American Chronicle" website, but it is broken. So I tried to visit the "American Chronicle" homepage in order to look up any "Joyce Meyer" articles. The site didn't work the first few times I clicked on it. The site seems to "up and down" quite often. Finally, after some time, it worked. I finally found the "<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID42538>" article" with a little extra effort.

Ironically, this article doesn't seem to be a piece of good journalism. A little research reveals that this website actually seems to be nothing more than a large political blog. A (<http://whois.domaintools.com/americanchronicle.com>) "Whois" search of the website even reveals some odd information about the Canadian website's purpose. The article itself cites no sources for its claims. Even the article doesn't claim that Joyce Meyer wanted a Saddam-like gold toilet. Rather, it simply states (with harsh, added commentary) that Meyer added an antique, marble topped commode system (that cost \$23 K) within her ministry's headquarters. While still lavish and arguably quite excessive, this is not the same as a "\$23,000 toilet seat."

A further Google search only reveals rumors about this story. Most of them integrate the story from the Senate investigation (in the article that I cited last week at SermonIndex) with this rumor of the expensive commode, still inaccurately described as a "toilet seat." Ironically, I cannot find a real "source" for the story anywhere! Even the credible journalism websites are merely offering editorials about the excessive behavior of Joyce Meyer and applauding the Senate investigations or her ministry (and other radical prosperity ministries). While her ministry obviously teaches an extreme form of the "prosperity gospel" message, I wonder about the truth behind the original allegation.

I am worried that, in our zeal for the truth to be revealed about Joyce Meyers' excessive material based ministry, we may

have been found guilty of either "bearing false witness" against her or giving ear to those who bear false witness against her. We need to be very careful that we do not become a part of a smear campaign. Thankfully, this thread seems to have gone into the opposite direction, with a civil discussion about the modern prosperity teaching. I just wonder about whether the discussion was based upon a statement that might not even be true.

I'm perplexed as to the reason that "chandras" brought up this article, only to seemingly defend a position for the prosperity message. Then again, I am perplexed by the overwhelming number and manner of the threads that he has started in the two days since he registered at SermonIndex. Make no mistake: I'm not suggesting any ulterior motive from our brother (or sister) at all, but I just don't understand the motivation or rationale behind this thread. I suppose that we can view it as simply another thread where we can discuss the prosperity message. It would be helpful, however, if we could at least find some sort of source for the truth behind the original allegation about Mrs. Meyer.

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**Re:, on: 2007/11/17 13:06**

Here's one article from "The Times Herald":

"Grassley also is targeting Joyce and David Meyer of Joyce Meyer Ministries of Fenton, Mo. Seems their purchase of a \$23,000 commode with a marble top has caught the senator's attention."

<http://www.thetimesherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071117/OPINION01/711170311/-1/RSS04>

OK it's A \$23,000 commode with a marble top.

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/11/17 13:13**

Hi glorytoglory...

I read that article in my search for a source to the allegation. However, this is an EDITORIAL and not a piece of investigative journalism. Like the blog (almost) cited in the original post, this editorial does not include a source for the allegation. It is simply the opinion piece of a guy named Jim Ketchum from a small newspaper in Port Huron, Michigan. I fear that he is merely repeating the allegation as he has heard it or found it on the internet.

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**Re:, on: 2007/11/17 13:30**

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**Re:, on: 2007/11/17 13:39**

Actually I never said she had a \$23,000 toilet.

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/11/17 13:44**

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**Re: A lot to say ??? - posted by mackaymarsh, on: 2007/11/17 14:29**

Our Brother (Sister), chandras, from India seems to have a lot to say (promote) about the prosperity gospel. There have been 94 posts in less than 2 days since he/she joined.

I'm relatively new here, is this normal? :-)

**Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2007/11/17 14:51**

Chris,

You were right to question the "toilet" issue. I am for sure not a fan of Joyce Meyers, but the fact remains that the "com mode" she paid \$23,000 for is NOT a toilet, but a piece of furniture.

[http://www.philcooke.com/Joyce\\_Meyer\\_toilet](http://www.philcooke.com/Joyce_Meyer_toilet)

**Re: Rethinking - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/11/17 14:54**

Hi Chris,

I concur with you but first this might be of some help;

([http://grassley.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Blogs.Detail&Blog\\_idb7acbccf-a43a-46c9-b188-82c8db4bb155&Year2007](http://grassley.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Blogs.Detail&Blog_idb7acbccf-a43a-46c9-b188-82c8db4bb155&Year2007)) Sen. Chuck Grassley

Didn't unpackage the accompanying links, they appear to contain the letters written to the ministries in question.

Source material. What I share with you is something that I have found very bothersome amongst the saints and it is somewhat a manifold problem. One, is that we of all people ought to be relied upon for our honesty and forthrightness, for getting our facts straight before we begin repeating matters. The amount of things, topics and discussions, even the slighting of our own Brethren based on scant evidence is appalling. The more paradoxical of it all is even if we have the 'goods' on someone that there is a compulsion that cannot be controlled to let it all spring forth.

Secondly, that there is such an interest in matters that are of such controversial aspect that it draws so much opinion, believably aching and complaining well before anything has even been truly investigated. Right here there will be a flight and departing unto insinuations and assumptions, but am speaking in generalities.

The truth of the matter is the whole is problematic and not easily divested into neat and tidy bits. For every equal part of poor and wrong extrapolation of scripture is another counter of benevolence and help in some other quarter. I am personally very much opposed to all the ministries named in this investigation and am glad someone is doing just this. It is redundant but even Krispy and myself were former dupes in this whole tangled and messy 'theology' which is a difficult term to even use, it is not a 'prosperity gospel', that is but a merging of conflicting terms, I understand the labeling ...

What am I trying to say here? We need to get our facts straight if we think we are ever going to have any credibility with the world. It doesn't matter if we are talking about false teaching or law mowers, judging our own Brethren or 'global warming'. If we do not fully know what we are talking about we ought to preface our comments as such and well leave off speculative and rumor as what it is in truth; Gossip.

Lest there be any mistake whatsoever, as Zekeo mentioned, there are endless discussions about all of this here. Having come through and out from it, this 'teaching' is of a self-serving nature at it's core and has and will continue to ruin many, that is were it is most grievous, it still breaks the heart profoundly. Have gone from it's extremes to the polar opposite of an ignorant ranting against it all, righteous indignation it may have been but it was still out of control and lacking understanding. The whole thing is so muddled by parsing the truth and also using the truth. It is there, make no mistake about it. Where it is overt it is also subtle and I mean the slight twisting of scripture here and then following on straight forward in the next breath. It is just not that easy to dissimulate when one is bound up in it.

Read through the post on Joel Osteen this morning and it just grieves ... wanted to mention that if anyone is having a hard time getting to prayer, reading through it, I do not know how it could not put anyone but on their face crying out to God for ... revival, for anything, for a change in the atmosphere, for an 'awakening'. I do not despise the man but he ought to step down from a pulpit and go into the self help field and take his psychology there, sans using the bible for his antidote'

s. His doctrine is far afield as can be from what Christianity is. His hearers will be ultimately ruined if they continue on in t his manner.

I really do not profess to have the answer to all of this dilemma other than revival, but I do still believe that whatever the case, we must develop ourselves first in conduct and character far more than our words express, get our facts straight o r be silent lest otherwise we be but sounding brass and clanging cymbal.

There is a great deal being held back here, the manipulating of the sheep, the bilking them of their finances, the clever a nd not so clever appeals and quasi promises wretched from scripture ... It is a horror and a blight on the state of the Chu rch, it is ruinous to the nobility and testimony of Jesus Christ.

I don't know that there is anything new here being said and it is just as difficult to even address it, silence seems far bett er of late, less meddling, more prayer. The larger part of the common day church is bound up in these things, controvers y; "What is your take on \_\_\_\_\_?". Caught it on a Christian radio call in program yesterday driving home, was quite tempt ed to call in and ask, "Are you kidding?" Is this worth discussing, is this why the church is at such an alarmingly weak sta te because it's penchant is for pettiness and ridiculous subject matter? It is so bad I can't even bring myself to repeat it h ere, it would just turn out more of the same ... meager opinion and quick, rash judgment, railing and strife, contention ... all over something that will be forgotten in two weeks time.

Sigh.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/17 14:57**

Quote:

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I think I'll take the word of a missionary over that of JM anyday...  
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Amen Krispy

Quote:

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To paraphrase Carter Conlon: if you can't discern the prosperity gospel, there's something wrong in your heart. There i s a divison in your heart. If you can't discern that these are not just off track but they are sent by the devil, if you don't r ealize the gospel that they're preaching is leading the hearers into destruction and that it's a devils gospel, if you dont r ealize this, it is a very strong indication that there is something wrong with your heart...

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I don't know of anyone but the thread starter that suggested she had such a toilet... but we have undeniable proof that s he is a heretic, she stores up treasure on earth and teaches others to do so also.

She is a minister of the devil who teaches that Godliness is gain. She is an enemy of the cross of Christ and except she repent blackest darkness is reserved for her. The apostle said from such a woman withdraw yourself.

In Christ - Jim

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/11/17 14:57**

Marble topped commodes aside, one still needs to carefully consider the extravagant spending done by these high-profile ministries.

Just why does one need such expensive digs? Planes and all the other trappings of wealth to minister the Word of God? Jesus did not even own a house when he lived here - granted he owned all the cattle on a thousand hills, but he had no wealth to parade to the world during his 33 years here. His disciples were not people who hoarded wealth...now why do modern ministries feel they are entitled to it? or is it just another way of earning a living: put people on a guilt trip by quoting scripture at them, provoking them to contribute to them? Maybe they are the western version of beggars wearing the garb of perverted Christianity?

ginnyrose

**Re:, on: 2007/11/17 17:57**

Do all rich people go to hell because they are rich?

Quote:  
-----Luke 12:15 Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.  
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This is the the definition of a rich man, one who trusts in his wealth. A poor man may have very little, but he may trust in that little that he has, to the LORD he is like a rich man trusting in his treasures. The poor can have the same covetousness. It's heart thing, and not in the abundance of what he has.

Quote:  
-----Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
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I know poor people that are proud, stiffnecked and heart hearted, are they heaven bound because they are poor?? Of course not.

When Jesus said, "Blessed be you poor for yours is the Kingdom of God".(luke6:20)

Is Jesus referring to poor penniless people, or those who are poor in spirit? The poor in spirit of course(Matt5:3). All men are the same, sinners in need a of saviour. It doesn't matter who you are, sinner, saint, rich, poor, clean and unclean, we all need Jesus to save us.

It's foolish to say that the rich will go to hell and the poor will go to heaven. It's not your physical disposition that determines whether or not your salvation worthy, it's all has to do with God's grace and to Him whom He will have mercy on. That mercy extends to the rich and also to the poor.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/17 18:27**

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Oh your so right.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/17 20:46**

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It is in the abundance that we KEEP. According to Jesus if someone stores up an abundance rather than giving it to the poor it is proof they have a greedy heart.

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Luke six is not the sermon on the mount. Jesus and all of scripture talk about how much easier it for the poor to enter into the kingdom. The massive and overwhelming number of counterfeit converts in our rich western churches should not fool us. It is still harder for a rich man to enter into the kingdom than for a camel to walk through the eye of a needle. God has not lowered His standard to meet greedy and increased with goods American church-goers half way.

Quote:  
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Amen, though see above quote.

In Christ - Jim

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2007/11/17 22:15**

Man \$23,000 I don't think I would be using it for what it was designed for at that price. :-P

**Re:, on: 2007/11/18 7:16**

Quote:  
-----Do all rich people go to hell because they are rich?  
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No... it is harder for them to enter the kingdom because the richer you are the less you think you need God.

Before we condemn anyone we consider rich (and compared to many places around the world, our poorest would be rich by those standards!) remember that Abraham was one of the wealthiest people in the world in his time. Joseph had all of Egypt under his control. Solomon... there was none richer in the history of the world. David was rich beyond our comprehension. Job was not only rich once... God made him rich twice over.

And these were all men of faith, and one in particular was a man after God's own heart.

Scripture says it's "hard" ... but not impossible.

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And while we're sitting around talking about how the rich find it hard to enter the kingdom, may I remind you that in order to post on this thread you must have a computer with internet access... now compare that luxury with the starving millions around the world.

We're all a tad hypocritical, are we not?

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2007/11/18 7:25**

Quote:

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KrispyKrittr wrote:

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I don't believe we are because we are going BY our own standards. The way these people are living here in THIS country is not the standard, it's WAY ABOVE the standard.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/18 8:02**

God's highest will in the Bible is Prosperity.  
I Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

If someone offers to you \$1,00,000 worth of Toilet to you in the ministry do you accept or reject?

**Re:, on: 2007/11/18 8:06**

Quote:

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chandras wrote:  
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You auction it off and give the money to those in need.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/18 8:24**

So, are you expecting JM to auction the TOILET!

**Re:, on: 2007/11/18 9:01**

Quote:

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chandras wrote:

So, are you expecting JM to auction the TOILET!  
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Brother may I suggest you slow down and spend more time joining in the conversation rather than typing up all of these threads? Maybe you could join in the conversation more. :-)

Anyways I'm done with this thread because like Chris said we really don't know what the deal is with this toilet.

**Re: - posted by cthom, on: 2007/11/18 9:20**

Jesus drove out the sellers of sheep from the temple. One day He will drive out the sellers of sermons also. So it is necessary to expose those who exploit the poor in the church.

However, to balance out the negative side, here is a sermon that presents the positive side:

WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT MONEY by Zac Poonen

Listed in SermonIndex at:

<http://64.34.176.235/sermons/SID16213.wmv>

It is also on his church website: [www.cfcindia.com](http://www.cfcindia.com)

And he too is from India - like chandras - but he has a completely different opinion of the prosperity preachers.

Enjoy - and be challenged - positively.

God bless you all.

C Thom

**Re: - posted by RevKerrigan (), on: 2007/11/18 9:35**

[www.False-Teachers.com](http://www.False-Teachers.com)

**Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2007/11/18 9:50**

Quote:

-----So, are you expecting JM to auction the TOILET!  
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Once again, so we stop perpetrating a myth:

It is NOT a toilet. The commode Ms. Meyers paid \$23,000 is a piece of furniture. As I said, I am most definitely NOT a fan of Ms. Meyers, but we need to speak the TRUTH in all things, small or large, significant or insignificant.....

**Re:, on: 2007/11/18 9:54**

Quote:

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RevKerrigan wrote:  
www.False-Teachers.com  
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Thanks Kerrigan, I need to read some of these. Im not really that up on what's going on. In the past I have just tried to leave it alone but I think we should be aware after all there are a lot of people who will be coming out of these movements. Also a lot of people I witness to are following after these preachers.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/11/18 11:32**

Brethren,

Think this has ran it's course for the time being. Would imagine it might return in some form or fashion in the weeks ahead.

There are other posts that could be appealed to regarding the problems and issues associated with this teaching and it's derivatives.

This thread will be locked.