

**General Topics :: greg violi****greg violi - posted by emgcynurse, on: 2010/6/28 15:39**

I have been going to his church for over 20 years, i feel to at least give one report from someone who has seen first hand and spent alot of time with him and his family over the years. He is the real deal i can tell you that, and he has a passion for the bride of Christ to come to maturity. Many people get angry because the Word is sharper than a double edged sword, before you judge listen to what he is saying and check it out in the scriptures, look it up in the word even if it does n't agree with a doctrine that you have heard, because he wont water down the Bible because of a doctrine. And if you have questions ask him i am sure he would talk to you, he is a really genuine person who loves the body of Christ.

Re: greg violi - posted by alittlegreen, on: 2011/3/30 5:32

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Re: greg violi - posted by alittlegreen, on: 2011/3/30 5:33

Hello All,

I do not want to beat a dead horse, but I wanted to reply to a post about Greg. I met Greg in the United States while my husband and I were visiting family. At that time he had just stopped traveling with Arthur Burt whom I HUGELY admire. Arthur had traveled until the age of 90 and then "retired". Greg was the heir apparent. the one Arthur wanted to take over his ministry in the United States. I was a little leery of Gregs big statements, and it seemed although teaching on the sin of pride he had alot of pride of his own.

Another person I met during this time felt he was supposed to open up the doors for Greg to come to Europe. He first invited him to a church in the U.K. While folks reported a real move of God, there were also lots of problems. It was clear to some around them that the Violis marriage was not as perfect as they like to make out.

A couple of years later they made a trip to Germany, and i heard that they were speaking at a meeting in Aalen which is not so far from Stuttgart where I was at the time. At this time he was supposed to share the meeting with another brother I wanted to hear, but I was disappointed that this man of God was hardly allowed to speak, and Greg stopped him before he was finished speaking. It was clear that Greg thought himself the superstar with his Liberace look! When Greg started speaking he shared the same excellent translator that this brother had used, however for some reason, appropo of a absolutely nothing, in the middle of his preaching he stopped and shouted at the women "your not in the spirit, your breaking my flow, go sit down" Then in the public meeting asked if there was anyone else who could actually translate for me? The young women concerned was humbly quiet, but his outburst disrupted the whole meeting. For a long time no one came forward to translate and finally an older gentlemen in the meeting said "I could translate for you, but I will not be publicly humiliated like that". In the end the man took a microphone and stayed seated. He would not stand next to Greg.

I have heard lots of other reports about Greg including his abuse of people, overly religious attitude, misuse of finances and arrogant expectations of others.

I am only reporting my personal experience and feelings. I for one am surprised that Arthur Burt or anyone else supports Greg.

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/3/30 5:41

I find your post interesting in the fact that it shows, your proclamation must match your testimony. That for me is what I am seeking in my heart, my proclamation and testimony to be perfectly unified in spirit and truth. I don't know anything about Greg Violi but if your report is true then it would go to show this facet of ministry is important no matter how big a name you have.

Re:Greg Violi - posted by alittlegreen, on: 2011/3/30 6:07

I agree with you. Character and who we are in way more important than what we do. With Greg the 2 have never come together, which I find very strange for a public ministry.

Re: greg violi, on: 2011/3/30 9:17

I have heard Greg several times in person and on tape in the last three years. It seems he has moved on, and is willing to take responsibility for any loss of flow, instantly stopping himself to repent before God and man, and expose himself to greater scrutiny. I would be most surprised if the incident accounted for by alittlegreen would be repeated. Having said that, the first thing Greg tells is that he's proclaiming the kingdom of light, and the kingdom of darkness is against it.

Before deciding his past failure disqualifies him from being a preacher of righteousness today, I wonder how many of us have been called by God to preach, either don't do it because we feel disqualified by the state of our relationship with the Lord because of sin, or because we are not prepared to put our lives on the line, becoming a prime target for the enemy?

The blood of Jesus Christ CLEANSSES from ALL sin. GOD examines our hearts.

On a path like me and you., on: 2011/3/30 10:18

The problem with public ministry, is that things are made public. Wow! If people could see me when I'm bound by the Flesh.....I'm deeply ashamed at some of my carnality over the years; and especially in marriage...being so for 25 years..

I haven't heard Viola, but have read Pagan Christianity, and thought it historically satisfying. I've had contact with German brothers who interpreted for him, and their testimony seems overall positive.

It seems like a little nitpicking to me...."problems in his marriage..."...and frustration while preaching in the pulpit. Did you ever consider that maybe the brother was under direct Principality Demonic Satanic attack?

I've experienced that now and then....when you cannot think, or barely move as the enemy barrages me while in ministry. This is not an occasion when criticism is needed...but prayer.

Viola has not, as far as I can see, violated any principles in Christ that would come close to rejecting him. If you're looking for perfection; look to Jesus. The rest of us Earthlings are stained, struggling, and immature....just trying to learn how to love.

I think he has a lot to give to the body, especially in teaching about the understanding of Body life and order. Eat the meat; spit out the bones....but don't villainize him because he does not fit in the slots of your own Pharisaical standards.

He is, just like you and me.... weak flesh and blood.....and he IS a brother on a journey to maturity in Jesus.

Re: On a path like me and you., on: 2011/3/30 10:23

Good word, BrotherTom and Alive-to-God!

Re: On a path like me and you., on: 2011/3/30 10:51

Hi Brothertom,

I think you are referring to Frank Viola (in your mention of Pagan Christianity).

Greg Violi is a different person, now based in Germany at Bielefeld, Germany.

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My error....[forgive me..], on: 2011/3/30 11:23

"I think you are referring to Frank Viola (in your mention of Pagan Christianity).

Greg Violi is a different person, now based in Germany at Bielefeld, Germany." Alive to God..

So sorry: You are right!.....

I did talk to interpreters of Viola/i in Germany though....so it may have been a mixed error. I apologize for the mix-up. I'm getting old and have my "senior moments"...Tom

Re: On a path like me and you. - posted by learjet, on: 2011/3/30 12:26

Quote:
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BrotherTom,

I was going to make the same comment, you took the words out of my fingers and said it better than I ever could!

For the record, I've had 'problems in my marriage' 99% of them being my own fault (I say with deep shame). Most marriages do have 'problems' because you are meshing together two people with different views on certain things but most of all problems come from pride. Believe it or not we are not all 'Mike and Carol Brady' behind the scenes, that's pretend life (funny the root meaning of 'hypocrite' is 'actor' huh?) not reality.

AMEN!

Peace,
EJ Lear

Re: greg violi, on: 2011/3/30 13:25

If I may add - there is a difference between having problems which cannot be resolved within the parameters set by scripture due to one person refusing to come to Christ, and having problems which, as learjet pointed out, are more a matter of pride to the person whose repentance will free the logjam within a Christian marriage.

Re: - posted by Aussiedler, on: 2011/4/11 9:44

I can assure you that Greg definitely never has had any marriage problems. We have many witnesses here in Bielefeld. We are seeing so many good fruits out of his ministry.

If I had not met him, I would be still in deep sin. God used Greg Violi to deliver me from pornography and many other sins. That is 3 years ago and since that time I am walking in victory. Brother Daniel can testify this, many of you know him. Let every fact be established by two or more witnesses. God changed our fellowship and delivered us from judging, unforgiveness, uncleanness etc.

Many people in Germany experienced deep healing in their marriages through this ministry and in many meetings with Greg there is much confession of sin, repenting and brokenness, and because of all the confessing and repenting there is a very strong manifest presence of God in the meeting. That is the main fruit of his ministry.

Greg Violi learned many things from R. Edward Miller (the one from the Argentina revival) and from Arthur Burt. Miller is dead, but you can ask his son Robert Miller or you can ask Arthur Burt (He is still alive, he is living in Wales) about Greg Violi.

Re: - posted by violisisters, on: 2011/5/6 17:51

As our name depicts, we are the four daughters of Greg Violi. We would like to testify to our personal life experiences with Greg and Marie Violi. We have witnessed for the last twenty five years our parents lay down their lives for the Body of Christ. They have chosen to put the Kingdom of God even before their own family. As a result of making this decision thousands of times we have reaped much blessing in return. It has all been possible through the tremendous mercy of Jesus. We are so grateful to be apart of this ministry which has witnessed hundreds of families come to know the love and presence of Jesus that we have experienced our entire lives. Its all about Jesus and we are so blessed that God has given us two living examples of HIM. -Stacy, Jean, Grace, and Lydia.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/5/6 18:13

We are locking this thread. Not due to an judgment on anything in the thread but for the fact that this brother has been mentioned many times before in the forums and I don't see for a need to publically try to confirm or denounce this brothers ministry in this way. His fruit will bear witness for itself.

We wish all the greatest blessings on Greg's ministry. Amen to brother Tom. If anyone who have served the Lord had their faults brought publically every single person would be disqualified.

This thread is being locked.