

**General Topics :: Am I SERIOUSLY MISSING something?**

Am I SERIOUSLY MISSING something? - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/17 21:41

Quote:
----- "What I see about Gov. Romney is that he says "I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He's raised from the dead and he's my savior." I see him as being a believer in Christ like me."

And "that's enough for you?" Rose questioned.

"That's enough for me," Osteen stated. "There's differences in all religion. I realize that Mormonism is different from Christianity, but you know what he's a man of faith and values. And to me that's strong."

Here: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/joel-osteen-mitt-romney-is-a-believer-in-christ-like-me-67297/>

I'm seriously not asking this question with an agenda, it's honestly something that I don't understand:

Is it just me or has anyone else noticed a silence about this issue from pretty much every ministry in America?

I'm friends with a bunch of ministries that I respect and read pretty much everything that they have to say and I'm amazed at the silence surrounding this issue, it's very frustrating. I have about 15 'pastors' as friends on Facebook and there has been nothing but silence on the issue (actually there has been one pastor who has said something John Kilpatrick, that's it).

What is the thought process of these people? I think I must be missing something obvious can you please fill me in?

Throughout the Epistles Paul tells people to 'stay away from that guy, he loves money' BY NAME. This guy, this guy, and this guy abandoned me because they love respect and honor from men, BY NAME.

Are we living in some kind of bizzaro world where people don't care that many people are being deceived by this kind of stuff?

Do they fear men? Are they afraid of getting kicked out of their social circles? Seriously, someone tell me!

THESE PEOPLE FOLLOWING THIS TRASH ARE ON THE ROAD TO HELL DO THEY CARE?

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One thing I DO KNOW: in reading the Old Testament people went to GREAT LENGTHS to shut up a true prophet (Jeremiah, Elijah and Jezebel). Is this in itself the answer?

I'm telling you THIS IS REALLY BOTHERING ME and if you have any understanding please fill me in, I'll honestly listen to you!

Much love!

Re: Am I SERIOUSLY MISSING something? - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2012/1/17 22:57

this is the age that we r living in my friend, we now call wrong right and right wrong.

Re: Am I SERIOUSLY MISSING something?, on: 2012/1/18 0:04

Hi Learjet,

Your not missing anything brother. There are sacred cows in America, and to what extent these sacred cows are worshipped still remains to be truly exposed. Will ones political philosophy trump one's Christian convictions? In the end (not this coming election) will capitilism and republicinism prove to have more true followers than Jesus? Just how important is " our way of life?" Is the American dream more important? Some may say " well you can have both?"

More and more, the envelope is being pushed and social issues are taking a back seat and nullifying that argument. Its more important to beat the other guy than it is to have moral convictions. Many of my brothers used to tell me that they would never vote for anyone unless they were staunchly anti-abortion. Many used to tell me that it was vitally important that we have a Christian in the White-house. I wonder how many of these brothers will be voting for Govenor Romney? Will they once again use the tired old argument that its choosing the lesser of two evils? I dont know. I do feel that the Lord is directing this country in such a way that it is making it very hard to be involved in the political process and still be able to stand by your convictions. Most know my opinion on that and know that I think that that would be a good thing. Obviously all of that was my opinion and I have zero desire to engage anyone in a political conversation, my interest alone is in how Christians behave and should behave wherever we find ourselves.....brother Frank

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/1/18 0:27

Check out Jacob Prasch. Some of his sermons are here on Sermonindex. He doesn't flinch about standing up for truth.

The Church in the World - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/1/18 9:52

This is always one of my favorites:

http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=35703&forum=34&2

Good to read before political seasons kick off again. Helps to keep you centered on Christ and resting in Him.

Pilgrim

Re: The Church in the World - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/18 9:57

hi, pastors have more to do than worry about what joel osteen has to say and so should you.. pray for him. your criticism does not change anything but you.jimp

Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/18 10:34

Quote:

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Thanks for your responses!

There's an obvious political spin to this story but honestly that's not my point.

What irritates me the most is Joel's statement here. Heck, you don't have to give up anything now, you can even keep your cult and be considered to be a Christian?

When I was saved the first thing that I noticed is I wanted to be like Christ and disassociated myself with sin. The things that I used to love I no longer considered worthy of my time. I had a hunger to know God's word and be filled with the Spirit. There was a massive change in my life I was going this way, and the next day I was going that way.

Jesus said:

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-----Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' -Luke 14:28-30

The predominant message that you hear now is 'come to Jesus, you don't have to give up anything' you can keep on viewing pornography and Jesus will save you, you can keep your ties to a cult and Jesus will save you, you can keep all of your wealth and deal crookedly in your business and Jesus will save you.

If all of this is true then why did Jesus even mention 'counting the cost'? Surely He meant that serving Him would cost us everything! But that's not the message that we hear in 99% of churches in America.

TRUE STORY:

I was at a church meeting in Redford, Michigan. When the altar call was given a Muslim lady in full Arabic garb came to the altar sobbing uncontrollably (no doubt touched by God). In my spirit I knew what this was going to mean for her, possible death, the rejection by her family, she was probably going to be homeless, but she came anyway! This woman knew the cost that was going to have to be paid.

Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/18 10:48

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Hi jimp,

If you would be so kind, please read what I wrote. My problem is the message, not the messenger and I've made that abundantly clear.

We are to consider the message, its not being 'negative' or 'critical' to point it out either, it's our responsibility to weigh what we hear against what the Word of God says.

Peace.

Re: Am I SERIOUSLY MISSING something? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/1/18 11:28

Quote:
-----by learjet:
I'm telling you THIS IS REALLY BOTHERING ME and if you have any understanding please fill me in, I'll honestly listen to you!

Brother, in spite of Paul calling people out, I do not believe that Christ exhibited that behavior and we are reminded that Jesus did say, 'Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.' (Matt 22.21)

Let me add that I understand your pain because I can't even watch the news anymore when they are talking about politics. I can just feel anger, fear and such rising up inside of me so I am learning to turn off the TV and pray. I'm just going to be honest with you, I don't care WHO the next republican nominee for president is and I don't care what his religion is.. I'm voting for him; so I am staying out of the details that get me sidetracked from my Jesus.

Because brother, I have noticed a horrible trend for the last 3 years... Christians (or the ones I come into contact with) seem to have placed all their hope in the Republican party far more than they have the One True God; they are getting mo

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re and more political instead of more Godly.

That's just my two cents,
God bless you, I hope this helped somewhat,
Lisa

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/18 12:13

hi, my life has changed greatly over the last 48 years of walking in the Spirit. i do not put down others or their ministry because i still have so much on my own table. john osteen was a friend and one of the greatest influences in my life. i am therefore prejudiced in my feelings about joel who has had no bible school or seminary training and taking over a church of 8 to 10000 people. i am also a grace man and not a law man. sure, joel has made some mistakes that are glaring and so have i. i choose to pray for God to mature him and give him an anointing greater than he has now for he is the most popular preacher in the U.S. among the lost and the casual believer.

Re: Am I SERIOUSLY MISSING something? - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/1/18 14:20

Quote:

For the Love of Jesus, someone has got to say something! Paul Washer seems like a modern day John the Baptist in calling it out, Brother Zac in India, but other than that there isn't much talk about it.

Brother Zac in recent message told that God has put a burden in his heart to talk against this corrupt Babylonian Christianity or Churches. That is why he criticizes such preachers who preach prosperity Gospel and those who involved in fake healing ministry. So I believe God is raising people with burden to talk against false prophets. But God also let people to be deceived by false prophets.

As some poster says here, that Joel is bringing people to Christ. But what kind of people is he bringing? Will a father be happy with having 1000 kids who are totally crippled and useless and cannot live by his standard? Instead he will be happy with 1 kid who is healthy and lives by his standard. It is not the quantity that matters to God, it is the quality. God was not worried that only 8 people got into the boat during the times of Noah. Jesus himself had only 12 disciples out of them only 11 stayed true till the end and look what they have accomplished. It is sad that posters who claim to have accomplished so much in mission still keep boasting on quantity.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2012/1/18 15:26

When I vote for someone, I consider ALL alternatives...including whether a vote for one candidate (or refraining to vote altogether) might end up helping another candidate.

I have remained in prayer over who I will be voting (or not voting) for. However, abortion IS a big issue of righteousness and it will be one issue when considering my vote.

One thing is certain: I will NOT vote for a candidate who favors outright abortion rights...or the one who would prefer for our collected tax dollars to pay for abortions.

While I don't think that it is a clichéd choice between "the lesser of two evils" as some suggest, it is more about choosing the better of two imperfect candidates.

Re: , on: 2012/1/18 15:54

Hi Chris,

The choosing of the lesser of two evils is no mere cliché. If one wants to participate in the things of the world and compromise their convictions to do so, then one would have to want to participate in the things of the world pretty badly. Let each man be persuaded in Christ..... brother Frank

Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/18 18:14

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My Sister,

I hear you and feel the same way, about 3 months ago I got done reading an article on a major news site and honestly it made me angry. I had this thought (the Holy Spirit) "how does that make you feel?" then I thought of the scripture "if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off", so I did.

Amazingly, when you step back from politics and ask God to give you a view of it from His standpoint you can see that the right and the left both play the same game, it's a very simple strategy "divide the house". This group stirs up their supporters and they get hardened, that group stirs up their supporters and they get hardened.

I could care less what happens in elections now, the whole process is akin to a runaway freight train, it's beyond repair, Jesus warned of this and my hope is in the Lord!

TRUE STORY:

Before Steve Hill got really sick my wife and the kids and I decided to go down to Tennessee to see him preach. The meetings were held at TBN's studios in Hendersonville. During the last 2 nights TBN had a full camera crew there recording the messages, both Steve Hill and John Kilpatrick made a bunch of comments regarding 'TV preachers' and the trash that you hear on tv (Christian TV) throughout their messages to the point where if you tried to edit it out, the messages wouldn't make any sense.

Like a fool I came home and started looking for the services on TBN's website, for about a month I kept looking at the schedule and guess what? They were never shown, there's a reason that satan is called 'the prince and power of the air' in Ephesians 2:2. It's because he is in control of everything that goes out over the air, everything.

This is not only true in secular outlets, it's true everywhere!

Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/18 18:22

Quote:
-----Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—
-----and shudder.

Please forgive me for not communicating the heart of this thread better than I did, it's not about politics at all you can take out Mitt Romney and put anyone's name in there.

The point was the spiritual bankruptcy, I have no concern for the state of politics but I do have a tremendous concern regarding the bride of Christ.

Peace!

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/1/19 0:49

I personally don't think Joel Osteen is the greatest threat to salvation, I think Satan and his demons are. The word says our fight "is not" against flesh and blood, my guess is Joel Osteen is made of flesh and blood, so it would be a spiritual battle we should be fighting. The only way I personally know how to fight in the spirit world is by prayer. You can talk about any Pastor all you want, but remember all the demons are just smiling. If your out to satisfy the demons talk about Christians, they will be rejoicing. Joel Osteen, Benny Hinn, Captain Kirk, whoever, our battle is not against them, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.