

and Current Events :: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg Donates \$992 Million to Charity Funding Planned Parenthood**Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg Donates \$992 Million to Charity Funding Planned Parenthood - posted by David01-72**

Just wanted to share this information to Facebook users. I do have an account with them but im deleting it, this is just sick.

Philanthropy magazine released an article titled "A Look at the 50 Most Generous Donors of 2013." Topping the list was Facebook CEO and co-founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, pediatrician Priscilla Chan.

In 2013 the couple donated 18 million shares of Facebook valued at \$992.2 million to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in Mountain View, California. The couple previously donated 19 million Facebook shares to the same foundation in 2012.

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation describes its organization as a "comprehensive center of philanthropy." They partner with donors to fund for profit and non-profit organizations around the globe. On their website you can see a list of words that describe the values of their company. The first word listed is "collaboration."

This word summarizes the work of Silicon Valley Community; they work as a middle-man between donors and companies, making it easy for donors to get their funds into organizations they support. They accept a number of assets such as real estate, stock, and mutual funds and offer their donors customized philanthropy services.

One of the organizations Silicon Valley Community Foundation collaborates with is Planned Parenthood. A copy of their 2012 Public Disclosure is available for online viewing. The disclosure reports that the SVCF donated over \$480,000 to Planned Parenthood in 2012 alone. The donations benefited Planned Parenthoods in multiple cities: San Antonio, TX; New York, NY; San Jose, CA; Jacksonville, FL; and Burlington, VT. The donations ranged in amount from \$5,000 to \$361,750....

<http://www.lifenews.com/2014/02/12/facebook-ceo-mark-zuckerberg-donates-992-2-million-to-charity-funding-planned-parenthood/>

Re: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg Donates \$992 Million to Charity Funding Planned Parenthood - posted by iceman9, on: 2014/2/17 16:31

Thanks for posting this article. It is another eye opener about Facebook.

David the sad this is that the reality exposed in this article will likely not cause one single Christian to close their Facebook account; they all should.

I'm sure in a matter of minutes there will be people posting excuses about keeping their Facebook accounts and pages up.

The profits generated by the advertisements on many Christian's Facebook pages are going to be funding the slaughter of innocent babies and there is not an excuse in the world to justify keeping them.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/2/17 16:31

It is eye-opening but at the same time expected in some measure for these companies are not moral neither Christian-based. We have never gone over-board with facebook and fought trying to even be involved with it for the first many years it started. In the end all of these platforms will become less used. That is why we have chosen to not fully integrate the website with these social media solutions.

At this point we have a link to Google+ on the bottom of every page simply because it helps with google rankings. We recently chose to automate all our social media platforms so we do not have to login in constantly to interact etc. We want

to encourage all saints to email us directly through the SermonIndex website.

Re: , on: 2014/2/17 17:33

That's the problem. They think they are "moral" and we think they are not "moral".

We cannot play the game of "morality" because in this world it is relative.

We must stay on the higher plane of revelation. "The Word revealed." After the Fall, man began to define morality and became the arbitrator of morality. It is very precious to him to be able to define morality. He believes he has the power to define good and evil, even though he cannot keep his own moral rules. But man loves to have the power to stipulate what morality is and to exercise it. He cannot live without it. But what Christ calls us to is much higher than morality. He calls us to Himself, the Word revealed.

Trying to fight men on their plane of morality is like trying to provide all the evidence in the world regarding Creation in order to get an Atheist to change their mind and get saved. We cannot hope to trump them with "higher morality". They think their morality is the grandest.

The language of God is not morality, it is revelation, the Word revealed, a Person, Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2014/2/17 19:31

Just-In,
I have been following you for some time on SI, and do appreciate your insight .

Your responded here,... ' The revealed Word '....so true!

Blessings,

Re: , on: 2014/2/17 22:19

Blessings to you, Elizabeth.

Man is very adept at taking "revelation" and turning it into religion. Is Satan not a religious master? Just like morality, Christians like to show the world that their religion is better than others. Do we have religion or do we have Christ? Elijah had no religion, either.

Elijah did not battle the prophets of Baal with philosophy and theology.

1Ki 18:37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

1Ki 18:39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

The prophets of Baal have no real power and we should not try to battle on their terms (carnal warfare). We always fight on God's terms.

(Senior devil Screwtape in a speech at the Annual Dinner of the Tempter's Training College for Young Devils) "It will be an ill day for us if what most humans mean by 'religion' ever vanishes from the Earth. It can still send us the truly delicious

s sins. The fine flower of unholiness can grow only in the close neighbourhood of the Holy. Nowhere do we tempt so successfully as on the very steps of the altar." (C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters)

Re: Morality from another side - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2014/2/18 11:35

I am with you, Elibeth! I appreciate the wisdom and poignant twists Just-in brings to so many SI discussions. (Stay humble, good brother!)

There may be times when it is useful to avoid things which are wrought by evil men. But sometimes evil men put out things that are useful and beneficial to the righteous. Facebook could be one of those things, along with cars and telephones and cookware, furniture, movies, even TV! (The jury may still be out on TV...)

Men do things, and will be judged for those things. Wise men in any sphere will hear God, will repent, and both suffer the consequences in the near times and leave legacies into the future.

I use Facebook, many times to proclaim gospel truth or to encourage righteousness in others. I am not alone in this. My opinion is that condemnation of the platform for the "sins" of the founder is a fail.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/18 11:53

This is why I don't do boycotts. To be consistent, we'd have to boycott just about everything, including even supermarkets and gas stations (considering they sell filthy magazines like Hustler and Playboy). We'd probably have to live as the Amish if we really wanted to be consistent with the boycotting thing.

Re: , on: 2014/2/18 12:21

Yes, Oracio and Sidewalk.

We would have to all stop paying any taxes that are used in our estimation for "immoral" things.

The tax that Jesus paid most surely was used for the continued oppression and occupation of Israel.

This is why we are not to live on the moral plane. Jesus did not live on it, either. We are called to live on a much higher plane that fleshly men do not understand.

Col 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Col 2:21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

Col 2:22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Col 2:23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

And the previous is contrasted with where we should be living....Holding fast to Jesus (the Head).

Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Sidewalk, thank you for your encouragement. I will just say that God has unique (and painful ways) to keep one humble and I have a long way to go. But all His ways are merciful and loving. I have nothing or no one to boast in, but Him. Blessed be His Name, forever.

Re: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg Donates \$992 Million to Charity Funding Planned Pare - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/2/18 18:33

Speaking of paying taxes and what they go to; we also don't know all the good that Silicon Valley Community Foundation does as well. We do understand that Planned Parenthood isn't their only donor, correct? They help a lot of different people and organizations that do good.

My friends started transitional housing for women who've just gotten out of jail and they filed for a grant with a secular Foundation and received one, almost \$100,000!! So when you hyper focus only on abortion, you miss all the other people that are getting help also from this Foundation but again, that's just my humble and probably unwanted opinion.

But the one thing that had me a tad bit aggravated is that Mark Zuckerberg gave it all to ONE Foundation, instead of spreading it over several Foundations. This is probably a sign that one day he will be running that Foundation! Who knows??

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/2/18 18:33

Quote:
-----Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg Donates \$992 Million to Charity Funding Planned Parenthood

The thread title is very mis-leading it makes it seem as if they gave all almost 1 billion dollars for abortions but they only gave a fraction of that. So I agree with the sister there can be some good from this. But in the end they are not the Church and we should be the ones that are helping the poor and dis-advantaged.

Re: , on: 2014/2/18 19:32

Quote:
-----...we should be the ones that are helping the poor and dis-advantaged

What do you propose?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/2/18 19:50

Quote:
-----What do you propose?

It has been the success of the church over the ages to help the poor. Our Lord spoke about this often. So there are ways for us to be involved in our local areas even doing this that attaches and spreads the Gospel at the same time. The more secular groups that help without the church the less people will have the gospel shared with them together with these good deeds.

So in the end I don't think we can do much, all companies that are not Christian-based will promote and support things in the name of charity from a secular mind-set.

I think for us to support missions that are preaching the gospel while helping the poor is essential and important.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/2/18 19:55

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-----by just-in
...we should be the ones that are helping the poor and dis-advantaged

What do you propose?

One of my propositions (from about 7 years ago), is in every community there should be a "community fund" (per se) and every church in that community would pay a 10% tithe (from all their offerings and tithe), into that community fund... from the richest church to the poorest church.

The pastor that I proposed this to came out of his chair telling me that his church couldn't stay afloat paying 10% and so I told him, "But you expect every member of this church to do what you can't afford?" I added, "you expect them to budget, why can't you budget?" and I was escorted out of the office because he had a "meeting!" LOL

If churches were truly "one" in Christ something like this could be done, imho. But there is a LOT of greed running the churches these days.

What would be one of your ways?

God bless,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2014/2/19 1:20

Hi Lysa,

Actually, my quote to Greg was "What do you propose".

It was Greg that said, "...we should be the ones that are helping the poor and dis-advantaged."

Hmmmm, how to answer your question? Like the morality thread we just had, why do we have to compare ourselves with the world and vice-versa and tell each other what to do? Am I detecting competition with the world? I don't know but I don't think we should always be comparing our efforts with the world's efforts. You know, "whatever they can do, we can do better". Is that what our Christian life is all about? Upstaging the world? (I am speaking rhetorically to anyone who is reading this).

Ok, now that I have that out of the way.

The apostle Paul tells us there is a form of giving that is not an expression of God's love. In I Corinthians 13:3 Paul writes, "if I give all my possessions to feed the poor...but do not have love, it profits me nothing." Today we see a lot of loveless giving and the motivations for this are varied. Pressure from others to prove yourself a Christian is at the top of the list. Giving out of compunction is void of love and loveless giving is not Christian giving. Through the years, I have observed not a few times that men who challenge other men to "do more", "give more" and "do it better than the world", actually desire to be the very recipients of your "love gifts". I call them "smooth operators". You have all been challenged many times to "prove your Christianity" and guess what? Many of you work very hard to meet the expectations put on you because you know that your "Christian love" is going to be evaluated either by the frequency of your giving or the size of your giving or maybe even your attitude of giving. And if you don't pass the test you receive ostracizing of some sort. Is it YOUR love that is giving, anyway? Is that what you want people to know? Or is it the Son of God expressing His love for men, through you? His love that is prompting you and me to give?

Now that we finally got to that all important thought, "His love prompting us to give"...SHOULD WE really be telling other brothers and sisters how they SHOULD give?

The world is not going to be touched by our giving, Haiti is proof of that. The Church has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into that tiny island. No, the world is going to be touched by letting the Living God function in us and express His love and character through us.

The Churches of Macedonia first gave themselves to the Lord then unto each other but only by the will of God (not man)

2Cor 8:5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Ahh, "not as we hoped". Love those Macedonians!!

The will of God is always that He might express Himself through us. We are not to be conditioned by men as if we are Pavlov's dog, to give at the drop of a hat (or the passing of a plate). We are to walk closely with the Lord so we can discern God's will in the matter of giving and what He would specify. He is the One who tells us when to give, what to give, to whom to give and how much to give.

"If you see a need fill it". Have you ever heard that one? In my early Christian days some tried to condition me like Pavlov's dog to "meet the need everytime I saw one". That worked real good for the preacher who was always making known the needs of his church. Many Christians believe that Christian giving is responding to the need.

Right here on SermonIndex we read from brother Ian Thomas:

Reference:<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=article&aid=24580>

"The Lord Jesus Christ refused to be committed to the parochial needs of His own day and generation; He was not committed to the political situation in Palestine, or to the emancipation of the Jewish nation from the Roman yoke! He was not committed to the pressing social problems of His time, nor to one faction as opposed to another, any more than today He is committed to the West against the East, or to the Republicans against the Democrats (as though either were less wicked than the other!). Christ was not even committed to the needs of a perishing world; He was neither unmindful nor unmoved by all these other issues, but as Perfect Man He was committed to His Father, and for that only to which His Father was committed in Him exclusively!

The basis of His commitment to the Father is the basis upon which the Lord Jesus Christ claims your commitment to Him; you are committed to Him for all that to which He is committed in you exclusively!"

We don't respond to the need because it was the most emotional, compelling or persuasive one. We respond to what Christ wants to be and do in us. This is how we walk and this is how Christ walked. He responded to what the Father wanted to be and do through Him.

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

May the Lord bless you all and have mercy on us.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/2/19 5:31

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Brother, I know your quote was to Greg, sorry if I offended you by answering in addition to him.

You were ~~not~~ detecting anything from me about being in competition with the world! Lol I wasn't even thinkin

g about the world, but I have always believed that the church should CARE FOR THEIR OWN. And upstaging the world ?? Is that what you actually thought by my response? I realize it's hard to get across our actual feelings through the typed word.

Actually, my response to my pastor at the time, came from a place where I believed (and still do) that the church was becoming a stagnant pond... money flowing in but NONE flowed out to people in need. I saw people (me, for one) being preached to (at least 6 sermons a year) and manipulated constantly to give, give, give in support of whatever they (the administration) had a whim to do while some of the widows struggled to live; and if the widows actually called to see if there was any help, the church was always "broke."

THAT'S where my response came from and if you "detected" anything else, well, then so be it, brother, detect away!! :)

God bless,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2014/2/19 8:40

Hi Lisa,

I always write for "whoever the shoe fits", so no it was not directed to anyone personally. Just like I could not have any insight into whether Greg asks people to give because he wants to be a recipient. How would I know that. But, what I do know now is there are churches and pastors and leaders who purport to represent Christ who are in competition with the world and are looking to personally gain from yours and my giving.

And you experienced what you did because you touched "the holy grail". The money.

Whenever a sheep comes up with an idea regarding how to better use the abundance of finances that come in each Sunday, they will get a persona non grata response. And the leadership will not mind at all if you just disappeared. Remember, the mammon is holy, don't touch it, they'll take care of it.

Blessings to you and Greg.