

**General Topics :: Is Sermon Index Forbidding the Examination of Teachings? Please clarify.****Is Sermon Index Forbidding the Examination of Teachings? Please clarify., on: 2014/3/7 10:58**

Hi Greg,

In the Bill Gothard thread (where we were examining his teachings), you shut it down and said no more discussion about his teachings.

In a post that I wrote and you deleted, I asked you if this meant that SI was forbidding the examination of all Christian teachings?

Because you are shutting down discussion on Bill Gothard's teachings, I think it is important that you tell us what this means regarding other teachings? Is the message that you are sending that all teachings will get the same protection that Bill's teachings now enjoy. Would you please clarify your stance regarding the examination of Christian teaching. Is SI taking the stance that examination of teachings are now equal to slander?

Re: Is Sermon Index Forbidding the Examination of Teachings? Please clarify. - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2014/3/7 11:58

It seems to me that since Bill Gothard's ministry and the things he taught have affected millions of people, there should be some room for active discussion.

Many of the ministries and preachers represented and featured on SI affect people as any inspiring sermon should. But somehow, Gothard's ministry pulled on strings inside many of us never knew we had, and some of the effects were devastating.

Cults come and go, strange doctrines do some damage and hopefully run into a wall of truth that blunts their effect. But Gothard used good scripture to make his points and wise believers often gained good insight for their lives- I feel I am among those. Others heard the same things and went shipwreck.

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Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2014/3/7 12:22

I'm a bit curious to know what brother K.Daniel would say concerning this, being I believe it was Bill who first brought brother Keith to America.

Let us do unto others as we would appreciate them doing unto us. If I was in Bill's shoes I would appreciate the saints praying for me.

Without the grace of God we would all fall into terrible sins, and we would all be cast into outer darkness then the lake of fire.

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Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/3/7 12:31

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There is a thin, almost imperceptible line between "discussion" and "slander", the former often being a cunning guise for indulging in the latter. My question would be, why bring it up at all here? SermonIndex is essentially a classic revival sermon archive and not a Christian gossip lounge where links from unsubstantiated sources are cut and pasted to fuel healthy discussions.

What if Gothard is innocent of the charges? How do you know he is not? What business is it of ours to "expose" this ordeal at all? By taking the time and effort to expose other ministries and engage in gossip-hounding we actually expose our own lack and deficiencies in our personal walks with Christ. We are not wise by acting on allegations being repeated by others. And, most importantly, we certainly are not emulating the One whom we claim to follow, who did not even speak the name of "Judas" publically as His betrayer.

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It's not easy at times. But I must stand with Greg on this issue and ask others to refrain from bringing these types of "exposure" topics to the forum. Even if the claims are true, it is not our place to expose men. God will do it Himself, in His own way. We who stand ought to instead pray with fear and trembling for those who have fallen and take care to judge ourselves, knowing we too are just as viable to fall if not for God's grace. But to blow a trumpet in the marketplace (establish an exposure thread in the forum) and alert everyone to a brother's fall - this is just wrong and evidences spiritual immaturity.

Thank you Paul - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2014/3/7 12:59

I wonder how many still read the book of Proverbs?

Have you considered the fall of the author? He was involved in forbidden idolatrous marriages, amassed great quantities of wealth for himself, built elaborate palaces for his many wives and drove the people under him by hard labor to accomplish all this.

How many still bother to read the teachings of such a man who married 700 wives and 300 concubines?
Could the teachings of such a man be any better than the man himself?

In addition to this, just look at how Solomon's teachings on the use of the rod has caused many children to be beaten by parents applying the rod of correction. Was it not Solomon who taught that the "blueness of a wound" purges away evil?

If we are consistent with our judgments, all of Solomon's teachings should be fair game for our criticism also.

Re: Thank you Paul, on: 2014/3/7 14:49

I think that is fine if you don't want his teachings to be examined. I and other brothers, I am sure will hold you accountable to give others the same protections over their teachings as you are giving Bill.

You keep rephrasing the examination of Bill Gothard's teachings as gossip and slander, (which could be construed as an accusation in itself) but no one is talking about that pending case with his board or what he is accused of doing. We are talking about examining his teachings just as you have allowed many teachings to be examined on SI.

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Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/3/7 15:05

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Brother,

In general we have always discouraged the element of trying to look at all that is wrong and trying to focus on what is good. So for example instead of criticizing all the preachers that "do not" preach repentance we have encouraged and promoted preachers that "do" preach repentance. We do have reservations for many of the "so-called" ministries on the internet that simply expose everything they think is wrong. This ends up being much of Christianity. There is very little they leave un-touched by if this same critical look would be put upon themselves they would greatly fall short and one could write an expose on the author itself. In short we do not want to promote this type of thinking or spirit. Of course there is much wrong out in Christendom and we do not support the idea of closing our eyes to all that is wrong.

There is much slander against all the featured speakers on SermonIndex if you search the internet so should we allow these type of discussions on them? No. There is a reasonable sense of where discussions on doctrines of godly fruitful preachers becomes to the place of undermining the very speaker himself and his walk with God. We are never called to judge "all others" but in our own local context or people we listen to we are to "judge" and discern ourselves. This does not mean this "judging" should be done publicly rather it would be more wise to only address some issues in the local church context.

Of course it can be fruitful for "some" who have already wept, loved and done something for the love of body of Christ to speak against greater doctrinal problems by other speakers who are in the public eyes. Each man will stand or fall before God in that day with their true heart intentions to speak against and demean a speaker for the good of the rest of Christendom or if it was an unhealthy motive in their heart though the speaker or doctrine could be wrong.

"We are talking about examining his teachings just as you have allowed many teachings to be examined on SI. " - I believe in context with the current questions and problems with that ministry that it is unhealthy breeding groups for believers to not only examine teachings but to start to undermine years of fruitful discipleship in young peoples lives. If there was not a "scandal" good or bad outcome we would not be discussed or "desiring" to expose all that we think is wrong of this man's teachings.

Again we want to encourage a different purpose and spirit on SermonIndex. I would encourage saints to review this very short articles:

Principle 25 - Not Judging Others (pdf)
<http://img.gospelfellowships.net/pdf/principle25.pdf>

Principle 26 - Having a Right Doctrine but Wrong Spirit (pdf)
<http://img.gospelfellowships.net/pdf/principle26.pdf>

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Principle 27 â€” The Priority of Love (pdf)
<http://img.gospelfellowships.net/pdf/principle27.pdf>

Principle 28 â€” Examine Yourself and Correction in Love (pdf)
<http://img.gospelfellowships.net/pdf/principle28.pdf>

Principle 29 â€” Being Rich in Mercy (pdf)
<http://img.gospelfellowships.net/pdf/principle29.pdf>

Re: , on: 2014/3/7 15:23

Greg, when did examining teachings become slander? Don't you have to take that on a case by case basis?

I understand that you don't want your site to engage in examination of teachings. Let's just leave it at that. But, please update your rules and regulations to state clearly that SI is not a site that allows examination of teachings.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/3/7 15:35

edited:

i just found the other thread and realized i should have posted my comment there. so i am going to move it now. sorry about that (smile)

rdg

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Dear brother,

In light of all that I just wrote in the last post I hope you can understand why we at times must be wise in our discussions of other christian leaders publicly and yes be very careful of what we accuse and post to articles that under the guise of "freedom of speech" criticize and undermine a brothers ministry. Many do this and start a blog to expose a teacher, teaching, or just a Christian leader who they dislike and want to bring their character under question.

I did say in "light" of the news item about Bill Gothard that yes we must show wisdom if this is the time to discuss and bring into question some teachings of this ministry and brother. My decision is that it is not a wise time and that it would be wise to leave these considerations to each brother or sisters private reading and discerning. We must be in more of the place of prayer for this ministry, it is not perfect and I have things I disagree with it as well as "many" other ministries but in no way do I have a desire to expose or bring into question all these ministries because of a few things I disagree with.

Towards the community rules: http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=44556&forum=13

1. JESUS CHRIST THE HEAD
2. BEING TEACHABLE
3. HAVING A PERSONAL AGENDA
4. SERVANTHOOD
5. SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS
6. SELF-PROMOTION
7. SLANDERING OTHERS
8. DIVISIONS AND QUARRELLING

- 9. RESPECTING AUTHORITY
- 10. POSTING AND EDITING
- 11. PRAYING BEFORE YOU POST
- 12. CONFESSION

I believe it would do well for us all to review them from time to time. I always see the Lord working on my heart and life in some of these areas as I post and share on SermonIndex as a moderator and realize my many mistakes in my intentions, heart-attitudes and character as I post. May our discussions be pleasing to the Lord and may we realize that many read these posts all over the world that we would have a testimony for the Lord in the way we love and serve and treat each other as Christ even Himself.

Re: , on: 2014/3/7 15:55

As you wish, brother.

May the Lord continue to bless you, and all the moderators and the ministry of SI.

Re: , on: 2014/3/7 16:40

Makrothumia,

We are talking about twisting scriptures, not the scriptures themselves. And, we are not talking about a man, but a man's teachings.

Your analogy doesn't work.

By the way, there is no such word as blueness in my bible .

Re: - posted by noone (), on: 2014/3/7 19:02

Nevermind

Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2014/3/7 20:10

I fully respect the policies to lock threads in "normal times", it's just that we are not in normal times anymore, we are now in the end of days, so basically it's the last possibility to speak out. Because of that shortness of time, and regarding my own publications I do not put restrictions anymore to uphold any image of "formal correctness" of the publisher - it's something that means nothing to me anymore, the truth is much more important than what people think about the publisher. I have to be acceptable to Jesus Christ - not man.

Contrary to what I said above there is however another consideration to all of this. One elder that I know to understand the exact moment in time we are in, simply by reading the prophetic timeline he found in the psalms sent out his view of what the psalms contain for this year. He said the 'warning to the wicked' have ended. Because they already found their place where they want to be, and nobody can change that anymore. So we are wasting time to tell them their faults. It's in line with this verse:

Rev 22:11 \hat{A} He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

To the other locked news thread I would like to express my gratitude to brother Neil: Lately everything you write is absolutely something I would express myself, if I haven't done so in the past already. You put it in much nicer expressions however that have this graceful poetic quality as well.

Without the heavy content you publish it sounded sometimes too emotional in the past. But now it makes perfect sense, because your content is so deep now that it must be balanced with a sweet tender form of expression. I wished I reach that level of articulation while speaking about these things that demand so much understanding. Neil, you have grown this and last year. Bless you, brother.

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I totally agree, when a man speaks so deep, with such a graceful heart, and sweet spirit, I am all ears.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/3/8 11:47

About Neil...

One thing about Neil is he is by birth and heritage from the line of Abraham which gives him a perspective on news that us Gentiles generally miss plus there are life experiences. Enjoy his insights.

Greg, I sure wish you would have another segment on this forum where people could discuss issues you do not want to appear on these forums - Bill Gothard's resignation, Ukraine, examining doctrines that are popularized by famous teachers, etc. Make it so only registered posters can access if that would help any. I find it very helpful to read other people's reactions to these situations. It is true one can go to these other websites but unless you are a regular there you do not know the people which puts a cramp on communication. There is a lot to be said in discussing issues with people you feel like you know.

My two cents on this beautiful morning! God bless.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/3/8 12:33

by ginnyrose on 2014/3/8 11:47:58

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Brethren,

Many things Neil wrote were fine but there were quotes from other articles that he posted that had very vulgar terms describing the president and other figures. My wife even reacted to it and felt it was wrong. Neil also admitted to some of the uncharitable tones not in his writing but the writing he quoted. In the end we want to ensure that we are not having SI

as a place where conspiracy theory and allusions like that are posted. We are not condemning Niel or any other brother by stating these things, I hope that is clear in the saints minds.

Perhaps for some brethren to start blogs (that are not promoted on the website) would be a way for them to promote the se things with 100% liberty. The Lord has called us on SermonIndex to help promote the Church which is not an idealis m that controls or desires a nation under its control. We are a people of God (the Church) which are from every nation gr oup but are separate and unto the Lord Himself.

Nations come and fall the Lord's people and His kingdom are forever. Amen.

Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2014/3/8 21:19

Amen Greg. I think we are perfectly alright with this.

For the bloggers: Right now blogging is what still works, however because i was in marketing once i discovered access to bigger audiences recently. Like to give you an example. This month i'm mailing to real estate agents, totally several thousand emails. Yes, it's about a service for them that pays my bills.

And i have access to 'opportunity seekers' where i can mail whatever i want. This would be an chance to send also christian messages. It will stick out, because they dont expect that. The audience is a mind boggeling 8.8 millions per month.

So if you write things like Neil does, send it to me via fastmedia (at) fastmail.net - and i will mail it for you. Yes, you can include a link to your site or blog. Please think about the quality of your subject line, this will be the one that makes them open your mail, or not at all. Its the most important component of it.

I put my actions where my mouth is, so i invite you to start your 'last days email ministry'. As i said, the wicked will not listen to it anymore, however the ones that never heard the good news, might still respond to it. Locally where i am right now people still come to Christ, so my ministry has shifted to that: Spread the Word all around the world to absolute newbies that never heard it before.

One thing i have to say about what Greg said about "conspiracy theories" - I only invite people of "ripe age" to send me articles like that, i believe Neil is about my age group, I am personally 57 right now. So i will filter that based on experience and understanding the Holy Spirit gave to me. That's not a line young people should follow.

I think in terms of Rick Wiles and his guests in that kind of news items. Thats a good ministry because it wakes people up to reality. There are no more theories, now they have become our daily reality. So if you catch that, and can write, send me a mail, and dont forget time is short, so be serious,souls are hanging in the balance right now.

brother George

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/3/8 22:12

greg i should have clarified when i mentioned Neils writing, i was not only referring to the thread that was locked. i have read several of his post as well as Franks and been very blessed by them. Neil writing does show he has a deep rooted love for Jesus and i appreciate that as i know you do to(smile)

i never thought you were condemning neil in any way.

rdg

Dear sister Rainy, brothers George and Greg, Mother Ginny , on: 2014/3/9 12:56

all the saints at SI. I love my dear brother Greg with all my love, and the love of Messiah.....and I of course, KNOW, that he wasn't condemning me at all. Someday, in the New Jerusalem, he will be given "ten minas" for all that he has done for sake of the Blood, and the Name above all Names.....early 20's?.....crafts a website with Jesus, containing precious audio teachings AND maintains a global reach forum?

Praise God!!! I love my brother, and all of you, the saints, who I have not known in the flesh, but only in the Spirit, and in our spirits via this cyber link.

brother Greg is ENTIRELY correct....the man, Dr. Roberts, lost himself and was writing kind of visceral and foul....and I really prayed before I posted it with a modicum of unease....I knew the two words that Greg would object to....I don't blame him, they are objectionable....I wouldn't use them about ANYBODY....even somebody deemed a child of darkness....AND the very last sentence the man wrote was strong and harsh. I knew Greg might object to that.....BUT, I dint post it to taunt, or test my brother.....but posted it because this man, Dr. Paul Roberts served at the highest levels of national power, and is convinced national leadership has become insane, deluded, arrogant to the point, they believe they can WIN a first strike nuclear war.

I know what God has allowed me to see, and I cannot say...many things I cannot say, some because "I don't know"...others because i'm told not to, brethren I feel many times people are AFRAID to say, "I don't know"....and its okay to say that, because it underlines our TOTAL Dependency on God and Jesus, our Beautiful Savior, The Branch, Stump of Jesse.

and what did this man see?...or what was he told?....by either other men of worldly rank?...OR was he told by the LORD?.....the latter, I don't know. Even men that fear God (revere) can come unglued a bit, and use intemperate language, which is what he did. Greg's right.

Brother George, what you wrote about me, I take not like a compliment in the flesh, meaning....getting all happy, coz somebody said "nice" about me, but a Word from God, in that you have seen my abject aloneness. 99.9% of the time, I see no other person.....and its not because I live in the city, hiding in an apt, with 16 cats and a Bible, or in a suburban cookie cutter house, with the shades drawn....no, God answered my prayer, "Bend me LORD", and has hidden me away in the "desolate place", meaning the Upper rural Midwest, on a forested ridge, land He gave me, and a very large humble cabin. He has given the luxury of being able to spend LOTS of time in His Word, and speaking with Him.....and in the process of "bending", if I could collect every tear I have shed, mourning like a dove over a marriage I ruined, over my craven unprofitability, over a land and people grown cold, hapless and helpless....all those tears?....brother, I would have bucket s...I have NO IDEA what He is calling me for yet...but all the tears?....I thank Him for them, He loves me, as He loves all of you...Thank God for the tears, for contrition, for a broken heart.

Of course THERE IS JOY IN SALVATION!!! I love to laugh, but I beg for revival, spreading in concentric rings...personal revival, which is part and parcel of "personal work", we should be doing anyway....but also, just for starters, this county of 25,000 souls I live in, size of Manhattan....25,000 and SO MANY church buildings....and so cold. Much alcoholism, sports idolatry, idolatry over rural practices, dairy, crop, livestock, much drug use....more prescription than you can imagine...and the ONLY POSSIBLE way to stir a Merciful Loving God is to gather up a company of saints, even just 5, and pour out our souls for this little county....and I haven't found those five yet.....even then, The LORD is sovereign in revival...."I don't know"....but I have faith, and faith is enough.

Sister Rainy, as far as a blog?....babylon is all over this net, and its not that I have fear of it or their minions, i'm not giving them anything they can grab on.

You know the period of the early Church, lets say like 50AD? you had the zealots in Israel, armed up, going to take on th

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e romans, preaching rebellion....then you had the Church, preaching Messiah, and taking "out" The Word to the Gentiles , of the Blood that cleanses all sin, the Resurrected Messiah, the Holy Spirit that Baptizes you, and LIVES IN YOU, and Thru you.

you see?...one was a violent rebellion, the Other, The Kingdom of God, continues to this very day....and the problem with blogs, and "end times" is that "zealots" creep into the camp...sometimes babylon will even send their minions in, talking loud about violent rebellion, and leading EVEN the elect astray.....and this is what babylon wants...and THATS why Greg maintained his stance.

we are NOT unaware of the schemes of the devil.

May God bring revival, and THEN use(redeem) the internet to noise abroad any beautiful news of a HeavenSent Revival , just as Frank Bartleman did with brother Pike in the early 1900's publication, "The Way of Faith", among many other Holiness periodicals, which was the internet of its time.

forgive me for blithering on...sometimes I get lonely (laughing) in Jesus love, neil

Re: Dear sister Rainy, brothers George and Greg, Mother Ginny - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/3/9 13:15

neil you are right blogs can stir things up more then they can do good. i just appreciate your posts as i do Franks. as ginnyrose said your insights are wonderful, especially given your background and knowledge of how these issue work. perhaps there is room for discussion on these matters(as i believe they are end times related) to be done in such a way that stays within the boundaries of SI. perhaps sharing about current events with the insights the Lord has shown us minus the news articles/commentary itself would be best. i know i appreciate reading the things posted here by Blaine about the persecuted as well. i believe as we pray and seek Jesus He will give us understanding in this. in these times when its seems storm clouds are coming and the world only grows darker it is comforting to talk to other brothers and sister who really desire Jesus be lifted up. at least it is for me. i am always interested in hearing the things the Lord is showing others as i believe He speaks to each one of us.

at the end of the day i understand Greg's decision for modding the forum as he does. i have heard terrible stories about other forums so i know the mods do take care to do things right.

rdg

Re: Is Sermon Index Forbidding the Examination of Teachings? Please clarify., on: 2014/3/9 15:50

It seems that brother Gregs decision to not allow SI to become a haven for hearsay about ministerial failings or anti-government talk and/or conspiracy theories might not sit well with some of us.

But to be blunt, it doesn't matter if this kind of talk is fair game, or right or wrong. I personally think it should be allowed to a certain extent, but that is not up to me...and frankly there are far more important things in the world to get worked up over, right?

The end of the matter is that the owner of "the house" has asked for these kinds of discussion to cease. And as intelligent adults it is abundantly clear as to the "spirit" of what he is saying, so why ask such a question as posed in this thread?

I have been guilty many times in the past when a decision has been made that upsets me and cuts into my flesh. Many times! This has caused me to become contentious...I would humbly ask that we all examine our hearts in these matters.

We must also be careful when walking the fine line between flattering and actually honoring our brother Greg. I think true respect is to simply just honor his requests without any fuss or fanfare.

Re: , on: 2014/3/9 17:17

Hi Awakened,

You did not identify who you were talking to. Myself, I don't have any problems with Greg not allowing anti-government talk or conspiracy theories, I only wanted to examine teachings that could lead many astray and have led many astray. I recall numerous news articles in the past posted by others on SI regarding Doug Philips of Vision Forum, Tom White with Voice of the Martyrs, Ted Haggard of New Life Church, and many others. All posted here on SI. Greg says he is not opposed to news articles for the sake of prayer but does not want anyone to go into the sordid details of the particular "scandals". That is totally understandable and I don't recall anyone "piling on" any of these men. Anti-government talk does not need any explanation of why that should not be allowed, but what is "anti" to one person is not "anti" to another. For instance, speaking about historical events is not anti-government. Using SI to start a revolution is anti-government. Conspiracy theories of course are always just theories until proven fact such as the recent Affordable Health Care act. I will not name names but it is clear now that unnamed individuals and entire groups of people conspired to pass that legislation by lying to Congress and the American people. The American people did not find out the conspiracy theory was fact until the facts started getting released. That is just one example of what was a conspiracy theory that was actually proven fact. There are many more.

But, aside from all those things, I believe we should be responsible to hearing from fellow brethren for teaching that is made public and could bring people into bondage or worse. And we should be like the Bereans and search the scriptures to "see if these things are so". Are we able to do that as a community, anymore?

For instance, Greg just publicly started a new thread titled, "Very Important Book - Touching Godliness Through Submission". He puts his stamp of approval and the reputation of SI on every thread he creates and he has done it several times with KP Yohannon's book. I am halfway through this book and I have some real disagreements with this brother's idea of spiritual authority. I won't say more for fear that some will take my statements as slander. So far I have not slandered his brother and I don't intend to. Saying I have some serious reservations about some of his teaching is not slander. In fact, you would think that people would want to know why from a scriptural point of view I have these reservations. Yet is unclear to me if I will be able to quote some of the very troubling passages in his book and state reasons why I think some of his material is very troublesome? The reason I am unclear is because I got the impression that we are not allowed to bring up Bill Gothard's teachings, which are very public and explain why those teachings are incorrect and potentially damaging and in fact have damaged many.

One of my favorite teachers is Derek Prince, however he and Bob Mumford and Jose Luis Ortiz got caught up big time in the Shepherding/Discipleship movement of the 70s. Many of you are probably too young to remember that or were not yet a Believer. They were humble men and repented of their error, yet it was a very subtle thing that even tripped them up. Deception still is very subtle thing.

But to my point: Are we just posting teachings and no longer examining them? Is that what we have been reduced to?

Even if a teacher only reaches hundreds, his teachings should be examined. How much more should the teaching of men be looked at who preach and teach to hundreds of thousands?

You say this site is only for revival articles, news and preachings? I have seen revival come into people's lives when various deception they were under was exposed by the light of truth. And much deception abounds from the twisting of Scriptures.

Re: , on: 2014/3/9 19:16

Quote:
-----How many children have grown up in godly homes but fall prey to bad habits because of the rebellious influence of newfound friends in college or university where they attend?

Even a casual conversation with a co-worker, discussing shared hurts related to a leader, can be the start of incredible damage in the work of God. KP Yohannan Touching Godliness Through Submission. page 166

Quote:
-----Anti-government talk does not need any explanation of why that should not be allowed, but what is "anti" to one person is not "anti" to another. For instance, speaking about historical events is not anti-government. Just-In

â€œThere is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.â€ (Proverbs 14:12, NASB95)

When my daughter Sarah was 15 she became very disrespectful to my wife. For several years I sought her to be more respectful. She was always my daughter and never spoke against me at all. She trusted me and knew that I was for her and not against her. Two years of having to remind her to be respectful to her mother put some considerable pressure on that affection and trust she had for me and she began to doubt my motive towards her. When she reached 18 years old I came to her one day and gave her a contract to sign. "What is it Daddy she said". I explained that it was her freedom to do as she pleased. She laughed nervously and then asked me more soberly. I explained that it was the contract to a beautiful flat in the heart of the town. I gave her Â£10,000.00 and explained that as she could no longer respect her mother she could have her freedom and accept the responsibility for her own life. From that day on she changed her attitude.

A few months later a young man came along. Sarah told me about him and I asked to meet him. From the first time we met it was clear that this young man was not in a good place. He came out of a background of witchcraft and so he thought he was well versed in the meaning of rebellion. For six months I stood against him in prayer from a distance. I allowed my daughter the freedom to examine this young man for herself. One night I received a text from my daughter explaining that she and her best friend were spending the night at this young man's house. So I replied to my daughter to be wise and careful. Her reply was all that I needed to know that the time to act had come. "I am ok daddy , I am sat on the sofa with Stevens jumper on keeping warm".

Within five minutes I was at the house and I took my daughter home with her best friend. On the way home Sarah explained that for months Steven had been telling her that she was old enough to do as she pleased. He even explained that he had taken a similar position with his parents and this had been the basis for escaping from witchcraft. He had to disobey them and escape for his own life. He was right of course because his parents had both been practising witches, but he was also sowing rebellion in my daughter's heart towards the one person who had the authority to preserve her and keep her. As long as she was able to obey me she was preserved. Had she once given herself over in agreement to this man she would have been lost to another man who would have used her and hurt her for life.

Some people find this kind of thing very difficult. I have no difficulty with it at all. Unlike most believers they have never been up close and personal with Satan. I have been as an unbeliever and I know what past hurts do to inform present rebellion. Discussing the past is utter folly if that results in rebellion. When we question those in authority over us do we understand the real consequences.

Let me trouble you a little further with an explanation concerning my daughter wearing the boys jumper to keep warm. As a former occultist I practised controlling others. I did it from an early age, even as a seven year old child I was learning from the air. Most parents are worried about their children taking their clothes off. The instant I knew that he had given my daughter his garment, I knew that he was confident enough to take possession of her. Words are like a cover. When we speak them over someone we are able to control them if that person yields to our words. This reality is so like true authority that many people practise a form of witchcraft and do not realise it. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. The jumper was just a symbol. The reality was in his words.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/3/9 20:49

Quote:
-----For instance, Greg just publicly started a new thread titled, "Very Important Book - Touching Godliness Through Submission". He puts his stamp of approval and the reputation of SI on every thread he creates and he has done it several times with KP Yohannon's book. I am halfway through this book and I have some real disagreements with this brother's idea of spiritual authority. I won't say more for fear that some will take my statements as slander. So far I have not slandered this brother and I don't intend to. Saying I have some serious reservations about some of his teaching is not slander. In fact, you would think that people would want to know why from a scriptural point of view I have these reservations. Yet it is unclear to me if I will be able to quote some of the very troubling passages in his book and state reasons why I think some of his material is very troublesome? The reason I am unclear is because I got the impression that we are not allowed to bring up Bill Gothard's teachings, which are very public and explain why those teachings are incorrect and potentially damaging and in fact have damaged many.

Brother,

We are simply desiring that because of the current accusations, slander, assumptions, and possible "sin" of this Elder brother that we should really not have a "free for all" now on everything in his ministry, teachings etc. There have been people in the past who have written much against this brother and he has been reviled many times. Again, I personally do not endorse the ministry heavily but it is a godly conservative ministry and we do not want to add to any young people being deceived and discouraged by questioning this group and their upbringing.

If you feel so strongly that you MUST post about the wrongs you think are in the ministry at this time, what is your motive? Nothing good right now can come from it, the ministry is not unbiblical and wicked they are a good group of brethren. Of course we can always find something wrong and that is subject to every person's opinion.

We have put this in the Community rules on SermonIndex:

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9. RESPECTING AUTHORITY - Another guiding principle is submission to authority in the body of Christ. God has and continues to anoint men over areas of the church and ministries in the kingdom of God (Hebrews 13:17). Christian freedom is not being free from submission but rather freedom is experienced when we submit. We ask the forum users to submit to the servant leaders (moderators) on the forum here. We ask for prayers for these moderators also that they can make wise decisions as we endeavour to keep the unity of the saints. The great bible teacher Watchman Nee himself said in the local church he always sought to find someone to submit to. Therefore even leaders in the body of Christ need to submit to others. We advocate servant-leadership and those who lead the body of Christ with humility and brokenness (1 Peter 5:1-14). A recommend book resource: Touching Godliness Through Submission by K.P. Yohannan - <http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=22831>

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If there were no rules, no servant leaders in the body of Christ, then everyone would just do what is right in their own eyes and always claim it's God's leading them this way.

If you are not willing to listen to anything we are saying we encourage you to participate in another Christian forum where perhaps they are "free-for-all's" and very little moderation if any.

I have no personal agenda and my conscience is clear, simply put this ministry forums do have rules, do have servant leaders, and we are trying our best to ensure we are accountable to God one day.

I trust that is clear.

Re: , on: 2014/3/9 21:14

Brother Greg,

After praying about this and considering it before the Lord I realize you are absolutely correct. And, I really do not have any motive to talk about or uncover any man and all that is important and vital is to talk and write about the truth.

This is where I will concentrate my efforts and this is what I have always enjoyed doing and where I have been most effective. I will leave the examination of teachings up to others. To be sure, I do examine them, but I have no need to write about them.

Thank you.

Re: - posted by Beige, on: 2014/3/9 22:03

Excellent post Kelly. Your daughter is so very blessed to have a godly father. I learned some very godly things concerning witchcraft, manipulation and its manifestations from Derek Prince's teachings. I highly recommend them. One thing I remember Derek saying was that he believed that the strong men that we need to bind in the USA in order to plunder the kingdom of Satan for the kingdom of God was rebellion and witchcraft. Witchcraft follows rebellion in manifestation and you can see it in King Saul's life. After he rebelled against God's instructions he turned to witchcraft. Witchcraft and manipulation are the means by which people progress to continue to walk in rebellion against God. They have to have a path way, a roadway if you will, to progress in their goals which are denied them by God. So witchcraft becomes their means to circumvent God and godly authority. This young man you speak of was not free of witchcraft, but rather was practicing it by encouraging rebellion through his manipulation -- God bless you sir!

Right now I believe we can see those same spirits manifesting themselves all over, in and around the ministry failures in the United States -- The enemy of our souls wants to manipulate us into rebellion so that same enemy can supplant godly teaching and bring us to a path of manipulation and witchcraft. I am almost certain that the same spirit of manipulation and witchcraft is what has been sent against some of the godly people in whom was found cracks in their armor allowing rebellion to spread out against many. I hope we will all be interceding, forgiving the people who have been attacked, and in turn binding and attacking these evil forces.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/3/9 23:10

And the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

When I read this scripture above, I sometimes wonder if all the fuss about the teachings, and the faith that we have in all Pastors, just goes way too far. I think we would all probably agree that theologians do have an advantage as far as Scripture compared to most, but I don't think I have ever listened to one pastor in my life that doesn't interject opinion to Scripture. Personally I have more faith in the disciples' teachings, than I do Pastors. When I see that God can open the mouth of a donkey and have it speak that has me looking way outside the box, to the teachings of the word of God. There are couples of pastors that I do enjoy listening to, I use their message as a catalyst to send me searching my spirit for what that Scripture is ministering to me. I don't want to ever get locked into the web of letting man speak beyond my spirit and what my spirit is saying to me through the scriptures. The Lord is my shepherd, and I will let him minister to me through the spirit. I will not judge or hold any pastor accountable for their teachings, I was not called to do this, I will let God hold them accountable, while I'll spend my valuable time letting the Spirit minister the real truth to me. The spirit holds no opinions, only truth.

Re: , on: 2014/3/10 1:25

Hi Bill,

I just wanted to say that it's not opinions sprinkled in messages that are concerning. It is theology created from twisting Scripture and that can be seriously harmful to individuals and families. God will not just hold teachers accountable, but those who knew the harm of the teachings and supported the teacher while giving their approval.

I wanted to be clear that we are not talking about small stuff here. However, I believe it is still best to preach and teach the truth and let the Holy Spirit speak to the hearts of His people because as Jesus taught in Matthew 13, we don't have the wisdom or insight into the hearts of people to separate the wheat from the tares. We may destroy some of the wheat in the process. Sure, we may save a lot of wheat, but the Lord's point was that some wheat may be destroyed and that w

ould defeat one's purpose of saving the wheat.

Mat 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Mat 13:28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

Mat 13:29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

So, for example, if someone was being abused spiritually through a false teaching of spiritual authority and they read or listened to a message on a healthy scriptural teaching on spiritual authority (that did not cast aspersions on anyone), then the truth in the message may be instrumental in waking them up or giving them the impetus to do something to take themselves or their family out from under the abuse.

I think this is the best way to do things. Preach and teach the truth, and let God take care of individuals. I do understand though if seriously bad things are happening to people that an individual or group may bring it to the attention of the Body of Christ. We are suppose to expose the unfruitful works of darkness, right?

Eph_5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

As Greg indicated in many ways, this is not the forum for pointing out incorrect teachings and I am actually glad that particular point has been resoundingly made. It will force all of us to write articles of truth rather than pointing out errors of teachers. It will be interesting to watch and read threads as we move forward.

Re: , on: 2014/3/10 2:23

Hi brother Just-in,

My post was a general post aimed at us all. I don't believe brother Greg makes these decisions lightly. While you and I are frothing at the mouth of alleged injustices it is brother Greg's role to ensure that this website does not turn into a cesspool where all of us angry watchman can vent and fix everybody. Because that's what we do...we fix everything that is wrong in the world from the safe confines of our computer keyboards:)

BTW, I am tracking with you pretty much on everything you write, which is always an encouragement to me and I think you are 100% correct in saying that, "I think this is the best way to do things. Preach and teach the truth, and let God take care of individuals."

I also agree that there is nothing wrong in posting if there are bad things that have happened, only that we might pray and remember how frail and "sinful" all of us are.

I think if you have issue with BG or KP's teachings, why not post something that corrects those things where they may lack understanding. No man has a monopoly on Truth. I don't think there is anything wrong with sharing from the Light God has given us as long as we do it with a spirit of love and humility. I have read 1 star book reviews on Amazon that refute an author with much bile and contention and I have also read 1 star reviews full of grace.

Dave Hunt would be a good example of someone who was gifted to bring correction but with incredible humility and grace. I pray that the Lord might change me to become more like that as I grow older.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/3/10 9:41

Quote:

-----just-in

Hi Bill,

I just wanted to say that it's not opinions sprinkled in messages that are concerning. It is theology created from twisting Scripture and that can be seriously harmful to individuals and families.

It's early and I am on my first cup of coffee, but don't opinions have to somewhat come into play, to twist scripture?

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Re: , on: 2014/3/10 10:01

I'm working in my first cup, too.

I was thinking along the lines of a whole slew of opinions that actually create a complete theology and system if thought such as Authority and Submission.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/3/10 15:16

We are going to ahead and locking this thread. The have a thread that is questioning SermonIndex, Moderators and the authority here is "not healthy" especially for younger brethren who are learning to trust and respect servant leaders and authority in the Lord.

Your point is taken but also we trust you understand our clear point that if you are not willing to listen to the moderators at all then perhaps this will not be healthy place for you to post.

this thread is locked.