

**General Topics :: Franklin Graham's annual compensation of \$880,000 USD as of 2013****Franklin Graham's annual compensation of \$880,000 USD as of 2013, on: 2015/8/22 18:29**

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<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/living/religion/article30505932.html>

Re: Franklin Graham's annual compensation of \$880,000 USD as of 2013 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/8/22 19:12

Quote:

-----by Rev__Enue

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I know what I think about it... we need to mind our own business and keep our opinions to ourselves! That's what I think we should think about it! You did ask, brother! ;) ;)

Who are we to dictate what Franklin Graham can make a year?

It seems that jealousy is being promoted here by posting his salary and asking everyone what they think about it.

I will have to give an account to the Lord how I spend my earnings which is way more than some people. Why don't you sow discord among those people by asking what they think about my salary?

My point is, brother, where does it stop?

Lisa

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2015/8/22 19:47

I agree Lysa, why not call out the other thousands of pastors all over the world, that in some folks opinion make too much, why pick on Franklin Graham. If God changes his mind and starts making all Christians accountable for the clergy/pastor's salaries/actions, I might start calling them out, right now I think we are only held accountable for our own actions.

Re: , on: 2015/8/22 20:27

Is an accusation being leveled at Franklin Graham? If not, then what is the reason for bringing this up?

- posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/22 20:49

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Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2015/8/22 21:12

1St. Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/22 21:15

Saints,

We do not know how he spends the money. I know a non-profit director that takes half of his earnings and donates it back to the same ministry to help the poor and needy. He could be using large amounts to care for his father and family.

Re: , on: 2015/8/22 22:53

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Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/22 23:44

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No,

I was just a little shocked by the amount, and did not feel it was wrong of Enue to make everyone aware.

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/23 1:01

charity navigator gives Samaritan's Purse a very good rating

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=4423>

Re: - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2015/8/23 9:57

Franklin Graham also walks with integrity as a very courageous Godly prophet for our time and speaks for God in this generation. Pray for him.

Re: Franklin Graham's annual compensation of \$880,000 USD as of 2013 - posted by Robert_79, on: 2015/8/23 10:4

This is a significant question, and I think there is some biblical tension here. First, there are strong biblical statements concerning judging a brother, such as are found in Matthew 7 and Romans 14. So I understand the caution from brothers and sisters here about prying into things that are none of our business.

Yet, I am not sure that this type of issue is the same. Biblically, there are no parachurch organizations, nor missions organizations; there is only the church. These things are not forbidden, but neither are they found in the pages of Scripture.

If we are going to look at such organizations as an extension of the church (as it seems we should, if they are allowable at all), then what are the qualifications to be in leadership? I would suggest that the qualification for leading a Christian organization or going to the mission field are the same qualifications that you find in 1 Timothy 3.

The fact that these qualifications are widely disregarded in evangelicalism for elders, for pastors, and for missionaries is

both undeniable and is certainly a factor that the visible church is in the sad shape that it is in. Yet the question remains: what qualifications are important to us? Is it the ability to speak well, to run things smoothly, to raise a lot of money? Or is it the qualifications that God has set out?

I do not know much about Franklin Graham, and I have no desire to throw stones at him. Yet I have been thinking much on the larger issue. If a Christian ministry leader or a pastor is receiving a salary at or near a million dollars a year or more, is this concerning?

I am not being dogmatic, but asking you brethren to consider this with me, as I think it is significant. Honestly, I am concerned by this, because of the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3, which state a bishop should not be greedy for money...not covetous...and have a good testimony among those who are outside.

It seems to me that earning such an enormous salary from Christian ministry lends itself to the charge that we are lovers of money. Does a man (not speaking of Franklin Graham here) who lives in a 2 million dollar mansion have a good testimony among those who are outside? I do not believe he does.

I have spoken with many unbelievers who want nothing to do with the church because, they say, "All they want is our money." When that is the general perception, is it the time for us to take a million dollar salary? Even if we give it away, does it not give occasion for others to speak ill of the Gospel as a means of gain, rather than a way to love and serve?

I remember well a man telling me in disgust that in our small town of 30,000 people, there are 5 pastors that make \$100,000 a year or more. This is in a town where the average income is around \$25,000.

I am open to insight. I have learned it is dangerous to judge someone's motives. And yet the large salaries and lavish lifestyles do not seem consistent with the One who laid down His life as a servant and calls us to do the same. At this point, I would echo Brother Zac: "I don't have to judge those men, but I also don't want to follow them." And, in all honesty, we are to have discernment about the men that we follow. And it seems that making huge sums of money in the name of Christ while at least 1/4 of the world has yet to hear the Gospel and hundreds of millions are on the brink of starvation does not leave us in the place of having a good reputation to those outside.

Again, I have nothing against Franklin Graham, but have been pondering this much, and this seemed like an appropriate time to share some thoughts. As I write, I pray that the Lord will continue to work in and through Franklin Graham, and that He will increasingly become like our Lord Jesus Christ and be a blessing to many. I am interested in your thoughts. May Jesus be lifted up through your lives.

Re: , on: 2015/8/23 11:06

That's a 140,000 in 1970 dollars.

Most churches today have very little biblical standing, too.

If the Church is people what is the biblical model?

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/8/23 11:11

Brother Robert,

I read and appreciated your well thought out response. And I liked your stance and it gave me things to ponder. I wanted to relay that to you and to others b/c I thought a non-answer could be considered a rejection. We can never tell with the typed word on a discussion board!

God bless,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2015/8/23 11:23

The world watches these religious leaders and what they see is not consistent with what they think a Christian should be, I am not saying that Mr Graham is a \$Preacher but his example in regards to monetary income from ministry is bad on a number of levels.

Do this leaders really trust the Lord is their provision and provider?
If so why do they need such massive personal incomes?
If the Lord is you Shepard what does it matter? You have what you need. And you will have all your future needs meet as well as you trust in him.

PS: My motive in posting this is not what you suggest and accused me of Lisa. You are wrong in your assumptions. The Lord knows.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2015/8/23 11:46

Quote:
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I altered your question to an even better question.

Do some "Christians" really trust the Lord is their provision and provider? If so why do they need such massive personal incomes?

Re: Franklin Graham's annual compensation of \$880,000 USD as of 2013 - posted by narrowpath, on: 2015/8/23 16:30

I have no issue with CEOs earning millions in the world of commerce. When it comes to charities there must be a cap. \$ 800000 per annum for a Christian charity is just shameful. It makes a mockery of the widdows farthing and sends the wrong message. Just ask the guy on the street if this is right. I remember his father Billy once has been asked about his salary. His answer was that he took average salary of a Southern Baptist minister. There are other charities that are much more noble in this regard.

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2015/8/23 17:46

I think Robert, you raise an important point that is wider than the particular person in question. Should any minister of the gospel be on a salary? Zac Poonen thinks not and I would tend to agree with him.
If a person decides to forfeit the opportunity to earn a decent wage from secular employment to serve the Lord and the Church, then yes he should be taken care of in one way or another by the church, but earn a salary in line with commercial corporations, no way!

I'm sure Franklin is a decent and honourable guy and his motives good, but he is just part of the system, a system that is wrong at it's core. It equates the church to a corporate industry of which ministers are the CEOs, rather than servants of the body of Christ.

There needs to be a complete rethinking of what constitutes the Church and a getting back to New Testament practice.

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2015/8/23 19:48

Hi Enue

I think it is a very valid question to ask and any spirit filled believer would welcome these questions as they keep us in check of whether we are being deceived or not.

Finances are a big issue in the christian world. There is a difference when judging people and that is, the intent of the heart. why are we "testing (judging)" the spirit behind these actions. There are 2 ways that judgement happens either spirit filled or legalistically. spirit filled means we are judging for the benefit of the truth of the Gospel to expose Satan works and to protect others from his deception. legalistic means we are judging for our own self interests which comes from already being deceived from Satan

Either your conscious is clear or it is not.

years ago i use to see these preachers with big followings and people would say do not judge the anointed ones or God will come against you and yet they are the biggest false churches today full of scandal. I encourage you Enue that if your intent is in right order with God then continue testing every spirit in the last days because the bible says "Even the elect will be deceived" and as Christians we are accountable as individuals to what we allow into our gates of the heart.

Hi proudpapa, totally agree with what you wrote

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Re: , on: 2015/8/24 14:40

Crusader

I take no issue with a person receiving an appropriate amount of revenue from the position of leadership in the work of the Lord.

It's the gross amount of income that the professional sheep fleecers take that are an affront to the cause of Christ. The heathen mock and the gospel is discredited when such abuse occurs.

Can I pass the offering plate now?

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2015/8/24 19:25

Hi Carmine

I agree

Re: Franklin Graham's annual compensation of \$880,000 USD as of 2013 - posted by Koheleth, on: 2015/8/25 1:51

Probably people who do give to Samaritan's Purse have a right to know where their money is going. I don't give to Samaritan's Purse, nor do I plan to. There is no connection between that ministry and SermonIndex. This is just an attempt to create some dirty laundry to air, and is nothing other than speculation and gossip. I honestly don't mind if Franklin Graham makes a hundred times as much as he does now. In fact, if he made \$800 billion per year, I should probably be glad, because maybe he is a more faithful steward than I am. The Lord Jesus never talked about how much people made, and we shouldn't either. Pay attention to what you do with your own money, and let Franklin answer for his. If you don't like how much he makes, don't sin by creating gossip, but write a letter to the ministry and request a response. Let's stick to Christ and the Gospel and SermonIndex's stated themes. What Franklin makes isn't our business here.

Re: , on: 2015/8/25 16:57

No it is not an attempt to create dirty laundry Kohemoth as you accuse me of.
It is not speculation, these are documented facts and your accusations are false and without merit.

Re: Franklin Graham's annual compensation of \$880,000 USD as of 2013 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/8/26 1:38

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Look, I don't even know the man (Franklin Graham), nor do I have anything to do with his ministry, so I don't have a dog in this fight. It could be Bozo from Timbuktu that you posted "THE GROSS AMOUNT OF INCOME" of.

But it does seem that your speech betrays you... Because on one hand you tell Kohemoth that you are not creating dirty laundry and then on the other hand you bring forth: "it is not speculation, these are documented facts."

Do you believe that Graham is a professional "fleecer"?
Why did you post that he makes \$16,923.00 a week?
Why did you post these documented facts, then?
Why did you ask us what we thought about it?
Just wondering...

PS: The heathen need no reason to rage, look what they did at Occupy Wall Street and that wasn't even Christian. This doesn't seem to be about saving the face of Christianity.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/26 7:15

here is a piece from a news site:

Six years ago, Franklin Graham decided to give up his pay as head of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

"I feel that God has called me to this ministry and that calling was never based on compensation," he wrote then in a memo to the BGEA staff.

But since 2011, at the urging of the Charlotte-based ministry's board of directors, Graham has been receiving a salary again.

Read more here: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/living/religion/article30505932.html#storylink=cpy>

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This does show, I am not sure for how many years he received no pay. Also we are not sure what costs there are for his father and other things. Lastly, we do not know if he tithes most of the money.

Re: , on: 2015/8/26 9:23

Dear Lysa

I do not need to defend my post. Take it up with Jesus if you like.

Re: , on: 2015/8/26 11:05

This thread is kind of ridiculous.

Biting and devouring a man who no one has contacted personally with their concerns. Is a salary fruit? Or is character and behavior, fruit?

Re: , on: 2015/8/26 18:37

Rev keep up the good work and do not let the enemy hinder the truth. Your post was without malice. So many justify greed in the name of religion and if someone points it out some will always pull out the judgement card.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/8/26 21:38

This is my last post.

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Jesus didn't post it!! ;)

Have a great day Rev!

Re: , on: 2015/8/26 21:43

Thank you notdarkyet, satan always try to defeat God's purposes and always fails.

Re: - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2015/8/26 22:55

What if I owned a business that serves 1000's of people providing them jobs and products and services at a great price, making hard to find products available, with Godly principles and earn \$1,000,000 a year doing it, would I become evil just because I earn a large salary, but work hard for it? Is this God's blessing or a curse?

Do you know every the average Chick-fil-A's franchise store makes an annual revenue of around \$2,000,000 a year, is the franchise owner (probably a believer in Jesus) held to the same standard as Franklin Graham? You would probably not be starting a thread about the owner of Chick-fil-A how terrible it is for the "Christian" founder and owners to earn a large salary, that abides by Godly principles and also does not open stores on Sunday?

Money is not the problem here folks, it's the love of money which is the root of evil.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/26 23:28

I feel enough has been said in this thread, in the end we should speak to franklin graham's ministry or himself, there is a lot we do not know. I know a CEO of a non-profit that gives half of his salary to his ministry. That is the reason he accepted a larger salary than normal.

This thread is now locked.