

General Topics :: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer

Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer - posted by sonofadam777 (), on: 2006/10/26 11:21

Did anyone watch the episode with Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer's TV program?

Here is the link to watch online.

(<http://www.joycemeyer.org/OurMinistries/Broadcast/TV/Archive/20061027.htm>) Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer - posted by boomatt (), on: 2006/10/26 11:49

WHAT!!!

Are you kidding? Great Witness Ray.

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/26 11:58

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Joyce Meyers claims that God called her to be a pastor and evangelist. I've heard her say it on a number of occasions. Yet, God's Word says the following:

1Ti 2:11-12 *Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman **to teach**, nor **to usurp authority over the man**, but to be in silence.*

Obviously this passage is being totally and completely ignored and disobeyed by Joyce Meyers.

Y'all can get mad at me if you wish... but Joyce Meyers is a rebellious woman who teaches grossly false teachings. She is to be marked and avoided just as Romans 16:17 says.

Ray Comfort appearing on her show indicates that he believes she is a credible minister of the gospel when God's Word couldn't be any more clear that she is not.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/10/26 12:12

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Re: - posted by KindGottes (), on: 2006/10/26 12:53

Hi Krispy,

I totally agree with you on your opinion about Joyce Meyer and her ministry.

I also have learned alot from Ray Comfort and IÂ'm disappointed that he showed up on her show. I felt the same way when Franklin Graham once appeared on TBN.

In Christ,
Bea

Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2006/10/26 12:53

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Ray can use the Scripture to show sinners their state, but can't use Scripture to expose a false teacher and coworker of Satan? This seems to me to be nothing less than double mindedness and hypocrisy.

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I can understand many hold the view that women are not allowed to teach, i think many will disagree on this until the Lord returns. But Evangelism? Really do you think women are not allowed to evangelise? I may have mis read it in that case

e i apologise.

Rays ministry sells a basic training course which i teach (or you could say they teach it and i hold the class ;-)) Where does that leave me???

Quote:

-----Y'all can get mad at me if you wish

No Way!!! I thank God for you Krispy :-)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/10/26 12:59

You can download the podcast video of the show here (right click and choose "save target as"):

http://media4.joycemeyer.org/podcast/tv/october/102706_video.mp4

[Image: <http://www.joycemeyer.org/NR/rdonlyres/BA1584F0-9DED-406E-AFA7-CFD95106BDBA/0/rcomfort2.jpg>]

Ray Comfort is one of the most influential evangelists of our time. He has written more than fifty books and ministered to thousands of pastors and people in churches from almost every denomination. He also cohosts the television/radio show, Way of the Master, with Kirk Cameron.

Ray Comfort's ministry is evangelism and he is wishing to get that message out to all Christians, I don't think that being on that show is utter compromise but it will offend some. I am of a more mature mind to see that there is good fruit being accomplished over this, I praise God the gospel is being preached.

But also I respect some of the opinions expressed in this thread and perhaps at times we would wish that those men that have the truth would stand for it apart from those that misuse it. Oh how we need a John the Baptist to set us straight.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/10/26 13:13

Actually after watching this, joyce really does not give Ray Comfort the ample time to share his heart.

Perhaps in contrast hear the SermonIndex audio interview of Ray Comfort:

SI Interview of Ray Comfort

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=5050>

Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2006/10/26 13:14

Quote:

-----I don't think that being on that show is utter compromise

I agree - being on the show is not utter compromise, but being on the show and not standing up for truth is (in my opinion) utter and complete compromise. To we sit openly and publicly with enemies of the cross and co-workers of Satan and pretend to be in agreement with them?

Again I pose the question for reflection - Do you think Jesus or Paul or Stephen or Peter or John or Isaiah or Jeremiah or Amos etc. etc. etc. etc. would have gone on the Joyce Meyers show to talk about evangelism like Ray? What do you think these men who the Scriptures lay down as our example would have done on the Joyce Meyers show?

Wasn't Stephen and evangelist? And Paul and Peter and John all evangelists?

Re:, on: 2006/10/26 13:22

Just a couple quick replies I'd like to make...

Logic wrote:

Quote:

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So it makes it ok? **2Co 6:14** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

Geroldine wrote:

Quote:

-----But Evangelism? Really do you think women are not allowed to evangelise? I may have mis read it in that case i apologise.

No, I wasn't as clear as I should have been. What I was addressing was that Joyce claims God has called her to be a pastor/teacher/minister/evangelist. Surely women can evangelize... but the scripture also address usurping authority over a man. She is a "teacher", and a teacher has authority. She is teaching men. Scripture clearly forbids that in Romans 16:17. It couldn't be more plain. But yes, women are to evangelize... you should be evangelizing everyday... but not as a teacher/minister as she is.

Sermonindex wrote:

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-----But also I respect some of the opinions expressed in this thread and perhaps at times we would wish that those men that have the truth would stand for it apart from those that misuse it. Oh how we need a John the Baptist to set us straight.

Amen... and I agree. Truth is truth no matter the forum. My contention is that appearing on her show lends a certain amount of credibility to her "ministry" on behalf of Ray... and I wonder if perhaps more harm than good was done. More deception than truth.

Krispy

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/10/26 13:35

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I think it is important to point out that we don't know the full extent of their visit and that much could be edited out, etc. I think shining the light into some of these people's lives can be a good thing. As I mentioned about Jesus' method with the 7 churches- all is not utterly lost with these people. They can make amends if they see the Truth and turn from the false. Sometimes this is a process and God brings folk along. It may not be a slam dunk like we would wish- but then again a lot of what we do is likely hindering the work of God more than helping it. Just being honest. I am certain that God is trying to steer these folk into truth and salvage what is good- to strengthen those things that remain, etc.

God Bless,

-Robert

digging through the muck for some nuggets - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/26 13:45

bro Patrick

Quote:

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why don't you confront her? why don't we all? if we have it together shouldn't we be crying out louder? most of us are probably guilty of not saying a peep when someone says a foul word in front of us, do we have courage enough to go out and show sis JOyce the right way?

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it doesn't matter what they would have done, they are not here. what matters is what shall WE do? that is what God shall ask of us all...

i must say though that in spite of some of the excesses of some of these ministers on TBN, God has taught me some things through them. if God decides to take hold of one of them and speak we ought to listen. it's like digging through the muck for some nuggets of gold. think about gold mining. do you know how many tons of earth need to be excavated and processed to yield a bar of gold? a whole lot. perhaps we ought to do the same with some of these preachers, rather than write them off totally, we ought to sift through what they say and learn to discern what is from God and what is not.

for example this whole Word of Faith thing, there is something to be said about naming and claiming something which lines up with what God is working to do. it is another thing however to name and claim/blab and grab something out of our own lusts... i think of when Elijah said that no rain would fall on Israel and it didn't rain... Peter told that lame man at the temple "get up and walk" that right there is a Word of Faith.

Re: digging through the muck for some nuggets, on: 2006/10/26 13:51

IRONMAN... my brother... you know I love you... but we are about as far apart from each other on this topic as can be.

TBN is trash TV draped in enough truth to be perhaps the ultimate in deception.

As for going to Joyce about her error... I can't. Oh, I could write to her, but she'll never receive it. However, many people have confronted her about her many erroneous teachings and also about her disobedience to scripture concerning being a woman minister... and she has publicly mocked them in the studio and from the stage. I've witnessed it myself.

There comes a point where you have to shake the dust off your sandals and just warn people about her.

Krispy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/26 13:56

bro Krispy

Quote:
-----So it makes it ok? 2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

i thought Joyce Myers is a believer, misguided about some things perhaps (as we all are) but a believer nonetheless. how then does the above scripture apply if she is a believer? i think a more appropriate word for this situation is that in which Paul said those of us who are strong must bear the infirmities of the weak.

i don't agree with everything that she says or does but i'm not about to miss out on anything God may say through her or anyone else for that matter...i intend to receive all i can so i can do all i can on this side and enter heaven and have all the rewards i can. if we were to label everyone as an unbeliever if they were wrong on some aspect of the word then we all would be unbelievers because there are some things which we all hold to which have no scriptural basis.

this is why fellowship is so beautiful to me, God can file off the rubbish and add to those things which He has shown us through us. bless God for fellowship!

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/26 13:58

Krispy said

Quote:
-----Scripture clearly forbids that in Romans 16:17. It couldn't be more plain.

Krispy, I believe context is everything.... and if brethren are not having their 'authority' 'usurped' by allowing a woman to communicate God's gift of insight to them, then a woman *under authority* should be free to share what God has given her, in an assembly where men (even) are present.

I do think this statement particularly refers to 'the assembly', and is not a blanket prohibition against a woman exercising her spiritual gifts towards males. Her *attitude* makes a lot of difference both to what she will have from God to pass on, and to whether what she is passing on is sound doctrine or not. We all need to hear the 'amen's from others' lips when we are stepping out in faith with our 'gift'(s). The right kind of support and encouragement (from elders), in appropriate gatherings of saints, might not be called 'teaching', or 'pastor'ing, but might amount to the real and acceptable function of a member of the Body in her spiritual gifting.

Domestic settings also offer a challenge to the taking 1 Timothy 2:12 (which is the verse I think you meant?) of out of context.

1 Timothy 2:12

And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

Please note, I am not defending Joyce Meyer. I know very little about her. I am defending the idea that woman who is right in her heart towards God and the brethren in her local assembly, may be free to share God's word to her, just as she would be free to prophesy or pray. Also, I'm not calling this 'teaching'.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/26 14:17

bro Krispy

i love you too and i'm not sure we're as far apart as we could be. we may be closer than we think, God knows for sure. Nonetheless bro i must say that if indeed TBN is trash tv, can we say that everyone or everything that has been said/shown there is false? or is there indeed some truth which we ought to find by exercising discernment. it seems to me there is a great need for that. everything needs to be washed in the light of God, even TBN lest we miss out on some things God is trying to show us through it. i think this has more with being lazy than anything else...it's hard to exercise discernment, especially if it's not a thing we hear much from the pulpit...

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can't or won't? are we not speaking out against her because we can't or because we'd rather not? what will we say to God should He ask us about this?

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are you afraid of being made a spectacle and mocked by her? are we? am i? but didn't Christ say happy are you when men mock and ridicule you for my sake?

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then maybe we both ought to warn people about us. i should warn people about you and you warn people about me because we both feel the other is misguided in some way. but then again the apostles were sent out to preach the gospel and if nobody in a certain house received it, they then shook the dust of their feet and left. clearly this woman knows God but is misguided about certain things as we all are. the scriptures are inspired of God for teaching doctrine and reproving too. the "re" part kinda makes me think it will be a repetative process...i wonder how many times we each had something wrong and God spoke to us about it again, and again, and again....and again...again and again...

i thank God He's not as fickle as we can be sometimes!

i love you much bro

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer - posted by Sentry (), on: 2006/10/26 15:23

I don't have time to get into this right now...
but my initial impression on this post is a bunch of Self Righteousness.

I don't like what "Christian TV" represents or does either....but before you hang this woman on a tree, you should be very careful.

Her books are used by Teen Challenge, (A ministry formed by David Wilkerson).

She has extensive prison ministry. Someone I know personally was touched by this.

So who are we?...what do YOU do for the cause of Christ?

Again, I can't address this fully, but frankly, something really bothers me about the tone of this post.

In Christ,

Mark

Re:, on: 2006/10/26 16:09

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Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/10/26 16:14

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No, this doesn't fly. Some here know what ministries I am involved in, some don't. That doesn't matter. Romans 16:17 is a clear command for all believers.

I recommend you read a book that is easily available on the internet called "Who Are You To Judge?". It's an incredible book showing that yes, we are called to judge. Not people's salvation (notice I never said JM isn't a believer!), but we are called to judge doctrine and fruit.

But pulling the old "who are you to judge? You're not perfect!" is getting a bit worn out.

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Not saying JM isn't saved... but having successful prison ministries, and top selling books (filled with rank WOF heresies) doesn't mean anything.

(By the way... I'm not a big fan of David Wilkerson either. I know ... the whole forum just gasped!! I have some issues with a lot of his Charismatic doctrines.)

Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/10/26 16:15

Quote:

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Love ya, Dorcas, but I didnt take anything out of context. Saying I did doesnt make it true.

Krispy

Re: - posted by boomatt (), on: 2006/10/26 16:36

sentry

With all do respect, David Wilkerson might have started Teen Challenge, but he is not the head of Teen Challenge currently, so you can't use David's name anymore, when Associating David Wilkerson and Teen Challenge.

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Please read this link for more info on her:

<http://www.letusreason.org/Popteac17.htm>

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Well, one thing you can do is warn people about her obviously false teaching.

Re: Ray Comfort/Joyce Meyer - posted by Munchkin (), on: 2006/10/26 16:54

I saw Ray Comfort evangelising, and all I know is he made a girl cry. Not out of repentance, but out of her feeling bullied by him. That seems unacceptable to me. Evangelism is of God, but scaring people away from God isn't. It isn't about *us*, and about how like Paul et al we are - isn't that just prideful? It's about how many people can be saved, and scaring them to tears isn't the way forward. Kirk Cameron uses a different approach, but is just as effective.

The issue with Joyce Meyer isn't her gender (that verse is often taken out of context, usually by men) but her beliefs. If she is effective in her evangelising, then as far as we're concerned, that should be the end of it. Her beliefs, and her house are between her and The Father. She'll have to explain that to Him one day. But we have no right to "warn" people off her. In what way are any of us more perfect than she?

Matthew 7:3-5

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

This thread feels all tense and ugly... I think maybe that means this whole thread is drifting away from Him.

if God can make an ass speak... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/26 17:05

bro Krispy

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but then didn't Paul also say that whether the gospel is preached out of strife or some other motive or with sincerity he rejoices because Christ is being preached anyway? He's the thing, Paul knew that even if the gospel was preached from impure motives, God could still move and people could be drawn to Him. I'm sure it's a safe bet that despite some of the fallacies of her ministry (which we agree on) and perhaps some have been led to hell, some have been led to Christ in truth. I was Catholic before I was born again and that was my first exposure to God. The fact that we know of the fallacies of Catholicism and popery does not negate the fact that for many people, that is where they first meet God and God takes it from there. Just like you were in the WOF and you found some fallacies about it but wasn't that where you first began to learn of God? How is the gospel preached there? Out of pure motives or impure. bro Krispy my point is this, if we can be honest with ourselves, we have a lot of false things which we each hold to and as such one can take the liberty of saying "well so and so holds to this and so he is a false teacher" that could be said about us all to some degree. There have been some things which you have said in the past and things which I have said and I'm sure many of us here have said which we have had to recant because we were wrong. We both could be branded false teachers in that regard...or maybe even heretics.

I admit I should have clarified what I meant when I said not to write her off completely. I don't listen much to Joyce Meyer, or Jakes, or whoever but if God says "Here is something you need to check out" I'm on it and I glean from it whatever He has for me to glean and move on. I've not always shown perfect character on these boards and neither have you but we both have learned from each other no?

I liked your analogy about sifting through a dumpster for food. I suppose we all have to do that to some extent as it pertains to the things we say. Sometimes we spew forth a lot of garbage and sometimes God speaks through us, we have to learn to discern which is which and that is really the point of all this.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/26 17:10

bro kk

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this was rather timely bro, I hope we don't fall into that number out of being complacent or anything else for that matter...I pray we combat this thing with all diligence...

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/26 17:28

bro Matt

you know when you said this, it got me thinking...

Quote:
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the word does say "don't muzzle the ox when it is threshing corn" that being said, I don't think the cow/ox should eat all the corn either...but I wonder how much we could do if we spent less on some of those things we buy just because. I don't

I think it necessary to have such an expensive/oppulent home but God got on my case about that some time ago showing me that my discontent with that had to do with my own knowing that if I were in a similar situation, I would do the same. Not sure if that's true of all here but that was me. Perhaps this is something we ought to consider, if I were in her shoes, would I do anything different? Probably not. In the end God dealt with me by letting me know that I needed to take care of what He wants me to take care of. JM and all the others will have to answer to God one day, but so will I, so will all of us.

I guess a lot could have been done with the money spent on that house but I wonder what could be done using the money we spend on say, movies, Starbucks, fancy gadgets we don't need, clothes we never wear, jewelry (though it may be cheap) to name a few. I guess I feel that if we see clearly the faults of others we ought not repeat them or we should more closely examine ourselves to see if we aren't guilty of the same things ourselves...

something to consider perhaps?

Re:, on: 2006/10/26 17:34

Munchkin-

I think we may need to be a little more firm-footed than you suggest.

Quote:

-----If she is effective in her evangelising, then as far as we're concerned, that should be the end of it.

I disagree. The end does not always justify the means. And in this case, the end may be potentially thousands of souls who are accepting a false gospel based on false premises and receiving a false sense of eternal security. The means is materialism.

Quote:

-----Her beliefs, and her house are between her and The Father. She'll have to explain that to Him one day.

Her beliefs would be only between her and the Father if she did not broadcast them on national television to millions of viewers.

Quote:

-----But we have no right to "warn" people off her. In what way are any of us more perfect than she?

Where do you get that we need to be perfect before we are qualified to warn people of false doctrines?

I Timothy 1:3

"As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer."

Also reference the passage in 2 Peter chp 2 on false teachers.

I have noticed that you tend to reduce most issues to being between "you and the Father." From the suicide thread, you wrote:

Quote:

-----It seems to me issues like suicide and abortion are wholly personal, between the individual and God Himself.

Many issues are in fact not only between a person and God. Suicide is wrong because that much is clear scripturally. A bortion is wrong because the Bible says so. False teachers should be exposed because:

"They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping." -2 Peter 2:1-2

And this is not an issue of self-righteousness. It is an issue of honoring and respecting the Word of God and holding others to the same standard as I would expect to be held to myself.

-K_DAY

Re: - posted by CaptainFant, on: 2006/10/26 18:13

I think we should have a bit more faith in Ray, i think one thing he realises is to use the opportunities he gets. He has used Spurgeon's saying before "you can point out forever the crookedness of a stick but as soon as you place a straight stick next to it, its crookedness becomes instantly apparent". Those of you who have listened to Ray understand his position on modern gospel and its complete danger. Although Joyce is huge modern gospel, a lot of her listeners tune in not knowing any better and it doesn't mean that they are unbelievers. They just need guidance. A lot of people listen to these preachers because of ignorance. I think it was great Ray could show the truth, he didnt need to smash down, just show the truth. He has confronted people which is very important, but he understands that its not just preach and rebuke.

Ray said a lot of today's preaching is wrong, he showed the necessity of the Law several times. He didn't join in one of her conference things, but sat down with her and her audience and taught them biblical evangelism. Lets not be too quick to diss one of our favourites.

Re: - posted by Sentry (), on: 2006/10/26 19:41

Quote:

boomatt wrote:
sentry

With all do respect, David Wilkerson might have started Teen Challenge, but he is not the head of Teen Challenge currently, so you can't use David's name anymore, when Associating David Wilkerson and Teen Challenge.

With all due respect, I know that.

However, I was only making a point that one of the most successful ministries in the World (Teen Challenge), utilizes some of her material.

That was all I was saying.

Anyway...I realize much of what many of you are saying is true, and it grieves me.

I shall pray for her...and for you.

Mark

Re: - posted by Sentry (), on: 2006/10/26 19:46

Quote:

Munchkin wrote:

This thread feels all tense and ugly... I think maybe that means this whole thread is drifting away from Him.

I agree, sounds more like a lynch mob.

Re:, on: 2006/10/26 19:56

In the NT, the donkey was an unclean animal for which its owner had to make sacrifices. Was the donkey Jesus rode a male or female? Did He instruct the disciples to first inquire before collecting it?

Re:, on: 2006/10/27 3:09

Krispy thank you for speaking truth on this subject.

If Joyce would submit to what God says through his servant Paul then alot of this thread would not be necessary.

Also in confronting it's not that easy as krispy has pointed out. Christians who see the rebellion of JM are now left with open public rebuke and striving to correctly teach what God says concerning women teachers.

Then other christians including Joyce respond with namecalling and accusing us of gossip etc, instead of bending the knee to the simplicity of scripture.

The good of this thread is that it will encourage some of us to relook at what the scripture says on this subject and then act accordingly. All done for the Glory of God, He is glorified through our obedience.
God bless, John

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2006/10/27 6:22

Mr Meyer. Has everyone forgotten about him? Where does he fit into the picture?

Is he saved? Does he have his own ministry or does he support his wife's ministry?

I have no idea what his name is or anything.

So if anyone has any info, let me know.

Just curious. Thanks.

God bless.

Re: - posted by Meriwether, on: 2006/10/27 7:48

I am just a layperson and a woman, so I do not attempt to instruct anyone on this thread. I would; however, like to offer an opinion on any harsh criticism against a servant of the Most High, whether it's Ray Comfort or your local pastor. I am speaking of Mr. Comfort, not Ms. Meyers.

Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Re: Joyce Meyer/ Ray Comfort - posted by Munchkin (), on: 2006/10/27 9:18

K_Day, there's a difference between religiosity, and having the Heart of Jesus. With all due respect, the fact you sound angry means the conversation is going wrong.

Faith is an absolutely individual thing - intensely personal between us and God. We are told to love, to give love, first and foremost. You can quote scriptures, and denigrate Joyce Meyer until you're blue in the face, but where's the love in that?

I have no personal feelings on Joyce Meyer one way or the other, so I have no personal axe to grind, but we have no right to judge her. You're expressing anger at me, and anger at her, so for my part I'm truly sorry if I've said something to offend you.

However, if we feel we can judge another person's relationship with God, we lose the ability to love them and to feel compassion for them, and that just gives the devil a way in. None of us want someone else judging us, and our relationship with God. I know I'd fall waaaaay short of anything even approaching acceptable in His eyes.

As for my thoughts on suicide - I understand why you felt the need to bring it up here, and even why you feel the need to talk down to me, but again, it IS between us and God. Everything will ultimately always be between us and God. We can have fellowship with others, support and serve others, but I just don't think we can judge others or try to tear shreds off them then says "Well, really it's ok, cos look, the bible tells us to." The bible is The Word, yes, and it is perfect and true, however we are flawed broken vulnerable people who readily misinterpret what the bible says. Look at Westboro Baptist Church. They believe they are right in what they say and do. They preach sheer hatred, and they say it's all from the bible, every word.

God is merciful and pure and Jesus is love. I would rather give any Christian the benefit of the doubt than make assumptions as to the veracity of their relationship with God. Whether that person is someone quiet who stands at the back of church, or whether they have a multi-million dollar ministry.

It so often sounds patronising when people say this, but I will pray for you. Not cos I think you're in the wrong, or cos you "need" it, but cos I really appreciate this discussion and I'm grateful to you. Anna. x

Re: - posted by boomatt (), on: 2006/10/27 9:30

Munchkin,

Quote:

----- You can quote scriptures, and denigrate Joyce Meyer until you're blue in the face, but where's the love in that?

Wait a second here... There is a big difference between personal attacks, and a real concern for our brothers and sisters in christ.

The bible is not silent on the subject of false teachers, read Acts 20, and also another one that comes to mind is 3 john. John actually named the person that was causing offense. My question is, should we as christians, name those people who teach false doctrines?

Don't mistake our criticism of Joyce Meyer as denigration.

Somebody who has such an influence such as her, must be held up, and accounted for, for what she says...and I have heard first hand, that what she says, is not good, is not from the bible. Anybody can twist scripture around to say what they want it to say if it is not in the right context.

Be careful of such people, Paul warned about them in Acts 20.

-Matt

Re: - posted by Munchkin (), on: 2006/10/27 9:57

But she clearly doesn't have that much influence given so many Christians think she's ridiculous. If she brings people to Christ, that's wonderful. We just have to trust God will start teaching them, and people will eventually realise that her teachings are a bit dodgy. But it's not for us to warn people off her. What if someone saw this site, thought it was wrong, and decided to warn people off it? None of us are any better than anyone else. Someone fab made me realise recently, it's only by God's grace we aren't all fallen. We're no better than her.

Having a go at Ray Comfort for going on her show was super-judgemental. In his heart, he clearly loves God, so how on earth can any of us decide he now has no integrity, cos he went on the show of someone we've arbitrarily decided is rubbish? Tis lunacy!

Lest we forget, the devil is the accuser of the brethren.

Re:, on: 2006/10/27 10:27

It always baffles me how someone can quote the scriptures concerning a woman not teaching or usurping authority over a man in a church setting... and people accuse the quoter (in this instance, me) of taking it out of context.

Just saying I've taken something out of context does not make it true. If I have taken it out of context, please explain how. And please put it in its correct context. To me... it's black and white... all you have to do is read it!

So instead of making an off comment about me taking it out of context, please correct me.

Let me clarify something about this too... the worst thing about Joyce Meyers ministry is her heretical teachings. Her rebellion against scripture concerning her position in ministry is important too, but her teachings are poison.

By the way, someone asked about her husband... his name is Dave. He plays an active role in her ministry. I don't know much about him other than he obviously supports her rebellion and her false teachings.

Krispy

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2006/10/27 10:43

Thanks Krispy for the info about her husband.

Fact is you either accept or reject her teachings.

I reject them.

God bless.

Re: Joyce Meyer - posted by Munchkin (), on: 2006/10/27 10:44

Ok, if we are all so adept at interpreting the bible's every word, explain Revelation to me. That's in black and white. All you have to do is read it.

In regards to women being silent, there are varying schools of thought on it. Firstly, he may have been referring specifically to women giving false teachings at the time, as elsewhere, Paul doesn't attempt to restrict women from teaching in church (1Co 11:1-5) and, in fact, uses them greatly to spread the good news.

Further, isn't it hard to define "teaching"? If a woman can never teach a man, how are men to learn from The Song of Deborah, or the proverbs of King Lemuel which were passed on by his mother, or from Esther, who rescued her people? Do you suggest flipping past those sections in the bible?

Re:, on: 2006/10/27 10:53

Munchkin-

I think you have mistaken me. The tone of my last response was in no way angry. You have not offended me, nor was I expressing anger at you. I promise this is true.

I have learned while posting here on SI that it is OK to be opposed. Frankly, I feel like that has been one of the things that has sharpened me the most. Please do not mistake dialogue for a lynch mob.

And granted, yes, we do misinterpret the Bible sometimes - but this is no licence for us to ignore even the most flamboyant teachings of this day.

I know that the Holy Spirit is working inside of us, and I don't want to underestimate its ability to help us discern what is best or make sense of scripture. Some things, as Christians, we know. We can almost all say with confidence that we know now the basics. Ministers who are off here should raise a flag in our mind - and this without any judgement of their personal walk with God.

Anyways, Anna, I appreciate your offer to pray for me. In fact, I need it more than you know. Please try not to impose tomes on this posts when you read them. No maliciousness was intended on my part. Continue to be sharpened by this community! Its been an amazing blessing.

-K_DAY

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I will quite honestly tell you the reason for me being critical of his move to go on Joyce Meyer.

I love Ray, he has been such an awesome influence on my life, his Evidence Bible has been such a great inspiration, all the he quotes, study notes from him. Having said that...in my previous posts, it has alarmed me that he was on TBN. NOW, I know what your thinking, "whats wrong with that" I will tell you, EVERYONE, (well with the exception of Way of the master, and Paul Washer) on that network teach the Heresey known as the Word of Faith, All the way down to the owners Jan and Paul Crouch. Being on this network automatically sets off alarms in my discernment part of my spirit.

I am not being judgemental, only concerned. Remember that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump...and this is NOT taken out of context, and I am afraid Ray and Kirk are heading in that same direction, and you bet I will be praying for them.

Read some of Krispy's last SCRIPTURE (and i'm not yelling, just trying to get everyone to see the word scripture) he referenced concerning false teaching, we should know better than to go on their show. people who now watch, who were concerned about Joyce's teaching, are now comforted in the fact that they know a solid man like Ray is on the program, which is obviously false. HER TEACHING IS DESTRUCTIVE, NON BIBLICAL.

If you tell me not to judge her, please give me scripture references where someone says not to expose false doctrines of devils, and PLEASE don't take it out of context.

All through the bible I read references about exposing false prophets, teachers, from the Old testament to the New Testament.

I am sorry if I offend you, but I am doing what I am biblically commanded to do, please don't respond with any comments unless you can use scripture to back it up. If you do, I will most certainly repent from what Paul Crouch will call "Heresy

y Hunting".

In Love,

Matt

Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2006/10/27 11:20

Check out this compilation featuring Joyce Meyer and Carter Conlon from Time Square Church called Confronting The Theology Of Babylon. This is good to burn to CD and give to people you know who listen to and like Joyce.

Confronting The Theology Of Babylon

http://www.thesearchforbiblicaltruth.org/artist___carter_conlon_vs_joyce_meyer.mp3

Re:, on: 2006/10/27 11:34

Munchkin, If I may I think you need some adjusting in your understanding on a few things. Or maybe you just need to explain yourself a little better. Here are some observations/thoughts;

You say,
Faith is an absolutely individual thing - intensely personal

while in one sense it's true that only we can exercise faith unto salvation We must also "ALL" bend our knee to "the faith" which was once for all delivered to the saints. By "the faith" I mean the body of teachings from Jesus Christ and the Apostles. We all including JM need to conform our lives words and teachings to what they taught.

Next you speak of not judging, yet you are now judging many on this thread. You see, judging is unavoidable. We just need to judge righteous judgment.

You also say we are no better than her. Basically saying no one christian is any better than any other christian and therefore we can't judge. This is not scriptural. Some of us are more "sanctified" than others. D.J. Kennedy said what I just said in a teaching on his program. That there are some christians more holy than others. Not talking about "justification" but sanctification.

Lastly Paul says to test all things and hold fast to that which is good.
I have to go for now. God bless and please be open minded. God bless, John

Re:, on: 2006/10/27 11:39

Munchkin...

Esther saved her people (or rather God did thru her) as a part of the government. Deborah was a judge in a governmental position. Neither of these women were "ministers" in the temple. Yes, the Lord used many women thru-out scripture, but not as leaders of a congregation. Paul does refer to several women who were key in the ministry... but they were not ever referred to as leaders of a congregation. Paul refers to one woman in whom's house there met a church... but it is an assumption to think she led the church. I believe she merely hosted it. There is no indication that she was the pastor. This is where *you* are getting things out of context.

That's like saying women can be ministers because Hillary Clinton is a Senator, or Queen Elizabeth is a Queen. That's apples to oranges. We're not to be of the world. There is a different authority in the Church.

This is not to be viewed as a sexist position, but rather a scriptural position, and Paul gives an explanation for why he said what he said concerning women and authority in the church. In fact, he refers all the way back to the garden of Eden. So it can not be said that he was addressing one particular situation in one congregation... because his explanation covers all. That wouldn't make any sense. No, he applies it to all.

I have never said women can not hold key positions in ministry. But I am saying that women can not lead a congregation in the role of Pastor or Elder (which scripturally are the same thing), and they can not teach men in a congregational setting. The congregation (or ekklesia) would apply to a small Bible study, a church service of 100 people... or a stadium of 50,000 as Joyce Meyers does.

And if you don't think Joyce Meyers is in a place of authority when she is teaching in a stadium... try going up on stage and see what happens.

To answer IRONMAN... I am not afraid to confront any false teacher. I've done so in several situations, and even in our own house church network where as an Elder it's my responsibility. If I was afraid of people blasting me publicly do you think I would say 90% of the things I do on this forum?? LOL...

Krispy

Patrick E, on: 2006/10/27 11:41

good stuff, pray God that comp puts a button on this thread....oh man, thats a good comp.

Bro....just a suggestion...check it out, write Joyce a letter, telling her with both words and pictures the ministry you and the Lord and the other brothers and sisters got going up in inner city Mo-town, and then ask her to prayerfully consider sending the Mo-Town ministry \$10,000...no, make it \$20,000 to help do the Lord's work in feeding the poor in inner city Detroit both bread made by human hands and the bread of Life.....

do it, and let's see what she does or says in return. Either they ignore you, or you get rejected, OR what if she sends a check?

You might say, that money's tainted, but check it out, even the idolatrous king of Persia sent the boys back with money to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem...know what I'm saying?....then with the 20k, you could buy a building in the inner city for the ministry, this winter is gonna be tough, always is...I don't know....just throwing it out there, only the Lord knows.

your brother, neil

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/10/27 13:10

I have read this thread with interest. To get a feel of what the uproar is about, I logged onto the site and listened to the interview Joyce Meyer had with Ray Comfort.

From the interview itself, I found no fault with it, understanding time restraints that is upon everyone - not everything can be said one wants to in the time allocated. Even in face of that, it seems to me both JM and RC did a very good job.

My concern for this entire episode is very different from any who posted on this thread. It is not the fact that she is a woman, not that she belongs to a different church than I do. It is the fact that she is a divorced and remarried person living in adultery: Rom 7:3: So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." Mark 10:22 echoes these same sentiments. No amount of 'good works' will ever annul the clear teaching of God's word.

As for Ray Comfort speaking on her show, I am reminded of what Jesus frequently did: he ate with sinners and the Pharisees in their homes. The Pharisees were highly critical of him eating with sinners and the Pharisees were his greatest critics and Jesus had some sharp words for them. BUT there is a difference: when Jesus visited the Pharisees he did not misuse words when the occasion called for it. Moderns are too inclined to be filled with the "How to Win Friends and Influence People" philosophy than to be upfront with the gospel according to Jesus Christ and His Spirit. We would rather please our host and not offend him/her. We are too polite. Yet to be rude for its own sake is counter-productive. One must not be afraid to speak the truth as the Scriptures say it, even if it would offend our hosts! Jesus did not let the fear of man distract him. Whether RC softened his message, I have no idea. But what was given in the time frame allotted was Biblical, IMHO. They even promoted his school, literature and ministry!

In discerning, one must realize we are handling the Holy Word of God and that should instill within us a sense of Holy terror.

or lest we mishandle it and fall under its judgement.

This is my take on this issue and I do appreciate all who have voiced their concerns.

(I do hope this post will not deteriorate into a divorce/remarriage debate.)

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/10/27 13:58

Ginny... well balanced post. I too had no problem with anything said between her and Comfort. Notice I haven't critiqued the dialogue.

I purposely did not bring up her divorce and remarriage because I don't know all the facts. She claims her first husband abused her physically and sexually. There is a lot of opinions about how that should be handled, and if divorce is allowable in that situation. I didn't want to turn this into a discussion about her divorce.

However, scripture does say that an elder should be the "husband of one wife". Taking that literally (as I do) that eliminates her because she is not a husband. Secondly, she's had more than one spouse. Some contend that a divorce prior to salvation does not count... and I used to feel that way... but I don't any longer. I believe NO divorce in order to be qualified to be an elder/pastor. Some would see that as being too far to the right... but Paul followed that up with saying how can a man who can not control his own household also lead a congregation? A divorced individual has issues in their family due to the prior marriage, and there is no way around it. I believe Paul was commanding purity in the leadership.

Interesting to note that there are a ton of divorced and remarried "preachers" in the WOF and Charismatic Movement. That's not to say that Baptists or Methodists etc don't have any... but they seem to be everywhere in WOF and Charismania.

Yes, Jesus hung around with sinners... to the point where people said He was a winebibber and a glutton... which He was neither. But whenever Jesus encountered false teachers or pharisaical people He rebuked them. Harshly.

Ray Comfort appearing on TBN, and on Joyce Meyer's show without any warning of her heretical teachings is, in my opinion, putting an air of approval and legitimacy of her "ministry" and teachings.

What if Billy Graham went on Benny Hinn's show and "fellowshipped" with him? Most folks would see that as Billy Graham's acceptance of Benny Hinn as a legitimate minister of the gospel... which he certainly is NOT.

Paul told us to **MARK AND AVOID** false teachers... not go on their shows and read their books. It's not a suggestion, it's a command.

We're either going to obey scripture, or we're going to be in rebellion to it. There is **NO** middle ground.

There are plenty of grey areas in the scripture pertaining to behavior and such that get discussed on here all the time... but this is **not** one of them. Scripture is very clear on this subject. It's not something that should be open for debate.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2006/10/27 14:07

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I agree - there is not really too much to debate about. The scriptures make it it pretty clear and cut and dry in this situation.

Re: - posted by boomatt (), on: 2006/10/27 14:08

Amen Krisp!!!

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/10/27 14:46

Good post, Krispy!

Does JM actually consider herself to be a pastor? I am familiar with the scriptures describing the qualifications for a bishop or deacon. Is this what she says she is? If so, she is definately out of place, like you said.

To me there is a huge difference is a female engaged in evangelism/teaching vs leading a church. Joel tells us in the last days sons and daughters shall dream dreams and prophesy. Apostle Philip had four daughters that prophesied, but we do not read they were leaders of a brotherhood. I would consider that different because of the scriptures noted. If this - given to prophecy - is the ministry JM is doing I would have no problem with that. There were OT women gifted in this manner and they give us a pattern what you can reasonably expect to see in the NT church where all of God's people were to be filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit.

My unease with her goes beyond what anyone else said or what I noted in my other post...I just gave the basic...and that has to do with what the scriptures tell a female to do when praying or prophesying. 1 Corinthians 11 tells us a woman's head is to be covered. I did not see a veil on JM's head. 1 Cor. 11 tells us if you do not do that, this will dishonor her head. The word dishonor means (from Strongs): "infamy, that is, (subjectively) comparative indignity, (objectively) disgrace: - dishonour, reproach, shame, vile." Jesus tells us if we are ashamed of him, he will be ashamed of us. Now based on this scripture where does that put JM? or any other female who chooses to disregard this scripture?

Having said all this, I did not mention the doctrine she promotes. I agree with the other posters here on the WOF movement.

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/10/27 15:08

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When JM stands before a stadium of people (both men and women) and teaches from the scripture she is putting herself in a place of authority. If she is not an authority on what she is teaching, then how can she teach? When she does this with men in the audience, she is exercising authority over men. She is teaching men scripture, and this is expressly forbidden.

Yes, there was a husband and wife who taught Paul when he was fairly new in the faith... but it was a wife working in conjunction with her husband to minister to an individual. Scripture does not give a clear description of how that episode in Paul's life went down, but we can not assume that this gives women permission to be pastors or teachers over men. That would be quite an assumption for us to make.

JM claims to be a pastor. Back when I was into the WOF movement I remember her clearly saying so. That is what she believes she is.

I even applauded her back then. My wife and I watched her all the time.

Thankfully... as my understanding and desire for God's Word grew, so did the discernment He gave me.

Krispy

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/27 15:28

Quote:

-----Love ya, Dorcas, but I didnt take anything out of context. Saying I did doesnt make it true.

Wow, this thread has moved apace! (I'm answering on p3, not having read the rest of the thread yet.)

Krispy, I didn't say you *did* take something out of context.

But, you do ASSUME that Joyce Meyer is not in subjection to anyone, don't you? Isn't this the only way you can deduce she has *usurped authority*?

That was the substance of my post..... that a woman whose ministry is rightly related to those towards whom she should mutually submit, is not *out of order*.

If what she teaches is unscriptural, or you have any other complaint against her ministry, that is a different problem; **on those factors, many men shouldn't be in ministry either.....**

Ephesians 5

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Do you submit to *me*, Krispy, in the equality which makes submission possible (according to Oswald Chambers)?

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/27 15:50

OK, now I got to the end of the thread, I am very saddened by the legalistic tone of comments about JM's divorce and re marriage.

This is one subject that none of us has any access to the necessary detail which would enable a true judgment to be made.

Lastly, what happened to

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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Ministry is primarily spiritual, or it is dead works.

Earlier in the thread IRONMAN mentioned hearing from God through a variety of people. I testify to the same. It doesn't even matter if such persons are not Christian.... God can and does use whom He will to lead us deeper into truth.

Note: I am not talking about a non-Christian setting out to expound scripture.... I'm just saying that God uses 'people' to communicate His heart and truth to His children who are listening for His voice.

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2006/10/27 15:59

Let's not forget that God used a donkey to get the message through to Balaam.

So God can use not just who He wants, but WHAT He wants.

Just one dumb animal to another, in the case of Balaam that is.

Did anyone take that personally?

No?

Phew!

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2006/10/27 16:01

P.S

Still reject her teachings!

Re: - posted by lovegrace, on: 2006/10/27 16:53

Krispy wrote :

Quote:

-----Yes, Jesus hung around with sinners... to the point where people said He was a winebibber and a glutton... which He was neither. But whenever Jesus encountered false teachers or pharisaical people He rebuked them. Harshly.

Brother, I had a problem with a few statements you made about 'fellowshipping to false teachers or pharisaical people'.

Below is two contextual scriptures on where Jesus hung out with a Pharisee, I don't know if it is the same one, but nonetheless it's a refutation to the quoted statement above. Blessings brother.

In Luke 7:36-50 Jesus ate a meal with a Pharisee and didn't rebuke his (the Pharisee's) teaching, just his own words against the woman anointing Jesus' feet.

Then also in Luke 14:1-14, Jesus AGAIN eats a meal with a Pharisee. Here Christ just teaches them things of the Kingdom of God. No formal rebuke to them individually but instead teaching from His throne.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/10/27 16:58

Enid wrote:

Quote:

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LOL

In the NT donkeys are called "tares".:-?

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/10/27 17:00

Dorcas wrote:

Quote:

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Since when has quoting scripture become legalistic? Seems to me I see you do it all the time!

ginnyrose

Re: Whatever things are of good report ... - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/27 17:07

About Lady Joyce? She has not drawn me, but obviously she draws millions of admirers. After all, she didn't get her nice car and house from the sky - well, maybe she feels she does.

I feel intensely sorry for all those who know lots about this lady, and nothing about the great sister saints - soldiers of the cross who have contended for the faith in our past - those who learned foreign languages, taught, led, translated the Bible, and knew more miracles than most of us will ever know put together - healings, deliverances, provisions, who led entire villages to Christ. And... and who were humble servant leaders in the places God sent them. There were women who single-handedly led entire villages to Christ without a white man around. God was their Man!!!

I say, let Mrs. J do her thing. Don't waste time there. If you are wondering about women as leaders, why not get edified by reading such biographies as Catherine Booth, Fanny Crosby - who was such a mighty preacher that people lined up for blocks to hear her. (that part gets left out of the history books) Or what about Mary Slessor, Dr. Hamilton, (forget her first name), and many, many others - who went to the dangerous corners of the world without a man? What about Gladys Alward who's own church, including the missionary societies rejected - refused to put their umbrella over her.

Men, If you could, I know you'd wash the feet of these dear saints. And you'd be silenced! I sure would be!

When God puts his hand on a servant, man or woman, amazing things happen for the Kingdom. However, when man (or women) walk out from under HIS authority, you end up with a lot of hot wind. And then a debate about gender roles is irrelevant.

Diane

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/27 17:13

Quote:

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First, I didn't notice anyone actually quoting scripture on that point.... (divorce and remarriage), but merely alluding to blanket interpretations which can be made as long as God's grace and forgiveness are not taken into account.... That's what I find legalistic.... especially when Paul's lists of things to abstain from, *addressed to churches*, **frequently** begin with 'fornication' or 'adultery'. (There is another thread for this particular discussion already.)

I just don't see how a person's ministry can be dismissed on the basis of their marital status or lack of it, as if their gifting didn't come from God in the first place, and is not sustained by Him - even if they are not 100% clear with Him on all points all the time.

Secondly, I do quote scripture all the time, and you are welcome to challenge how I read it, as maybe you are doing here. :-)

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/10/27 17:20

DOrcas,

Quote:

-----First, I didn't notice anyone actually quoting scripture on that point.... (divorce and remarriage),

I quoted scripture on this issue in the post I posted at 12:10. You may have missed it.

ginnyrose

Diane, on: 2006/10/27 17:51

come now sister...this thread is yet another prime example of the type of edification that is necessary to preserve the integrity of the religion. It is our duty, it is our calling to denounce and expose the false teachers and false prophets among us, and where possible to bring them to judgement and justice. My only regret is that we cannot stone them or burn them at the stake anymore.

Now if we were the nation that we are supposed to be, that is , a christian nation, we could have our legislators put anti-heresy laws on the books, so that when we expose these false teachers, we would have legal remedies to stop this apostasy, dead, in its tracks.

we must defend the faith, we must take back this nation for christ.

I hope you understand what I'm saying. Its that bad.

bartle

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/27 17:51

ginnyrose, I apologise, and I did notice it but I'd forgotten.

The scripture you chose in Romans 7 is followed by

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another -- to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

and the law to which Paul is referring in Rom 7:1 - 3 clearly permitted divorce.

Yes, Jesus reduced the circumstances under which divorce and remarriage could occur, in Matt 5:28 and 32, and 19, 3 - 12, but He did not forbid divorce and remarriage entirely..... So my main point was that we don't know how or if the people involved in this situation have or have not made their hearts right with God.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/27 18:16

Quote:

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Such a shame, isn't it, Bartle! Why not try tarring and feathering? Of course, you'd have to include the followers - because, after all, they are the enablers. That would be a lot of tar and feathers - and then you'd have Green Peace stoning you for abusing bird-life.

I was wondering, how much authority can a TV personality have over viewers without them willingly opening their hearts and wallets to him/her.

Remember: you can leave the TV off!

Diane

Diane 2, on: 2006/10/27 18:26

Quote:
-----Remember: you can leave the TV off!

or consider this, we could also just stop reading posts and responding, which I am very very close to doing.

receeding, bartle

Re: Diane 2 - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/27 18:35

Quote:
-----we could also just stop reading posts and responding

....or select the ones you find most edifying.

"Whatsoever is true... noble... right... pure... lovely.... admirable.... excellent.. praiseworthy - think on these things." Phil. 4:8

Diane

hit the nail, on: 2006/10/27 18:53

right on the head:
Quote:
-----....or select the ones you find most edifying.

excellent point.....off to work, bartle

Re: hit the nail - posted by Santana (), on: 2006/10/27 20:02

I just watched the interview and it seemed that she talked way too much for an interview. I wanted to hear Ray not her. Sorry.

One thing I admire about Mr. Comfort is that he always goes back to the topic. :-)

Re: hit the nail - posted by kdbutton, on: 2006/10/27 20:14

This thread feels like internet gossip.

I haven't learned anymore from the back and forth I just read through than I knew before except the church needs to repent and I am not talking about false teachers.

This is an excellent website with a wealth of teaching resources. We should make good use of it and glorify God.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/28 1:14

bro Matt

Quote:
-----I am not being judgemental, only concerned. Remember that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump...and this is NOT taken out of context, and I am afraid Ray and Kirk are heading in that same direction, and you bet I will be praying for them.

this got me thinking bro...if a little leaven leavens the whole lump, i wonder how much each of us has been influenced by a false doctrine/teaching irrespective of whether we see it as big or small. none of us here at every moment of the day says and does right, we all fall short in one way or another yet God still uses us...obviously we have exposed to some extent the false teachings of this woman, but what of our own? she is in violation of certain scriptures which Krispy pointed out, but what scriptures are we ourselves in violation of? ought we not do more than pray in such an instance? doesn't the word tell us in James 2

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. F7 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without F8 thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

so beyond the exposition of these things, what shall we do? bro Krispy said "there comes a time when we must shake the dust of our feet" that got me thinking bro...where would i be if God had shaken the dust off His feet with regard to me? where would you be bro Krispy? where would we all be? surely if God put up with our mess and foolishness (and continues to do so) it should not be a hard thing to bear with our brethren and continue to reprove and correct as we are led...how many times have i been corrected? how many times have you? how many times has God corrected us all...repeatedly so even for the same thing for years...whoa, i got 2 words...AMAZING GRACE...

if we do nothing more for our sister, and she is our sister for we all believe on Christ, than expose and not reprove, what kind of brethren are we?

there are some people i know who have learned a lot through Joyce Meyer because God has spoken through her. just as surely as He has spoken through each of us at one point or other even through a minute after He got done using our tongue for His glory, we turned around and used out tongue to curse someone...or to lie...

i don't know about y'all but God is really busting some things down for me with this thread...bless Him for that.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/28 1:19

bro Krispy

Quote:
-----To answer IRONMAN... I am not afraid to confront any false teacher. I've done so in several situations, and even in our own house church network where as an Elder it's my responsibility. If I was afraid of people blasting me publicly do you think I would say 90% of the things I do on this forum?? LOL...

i didn't think you were, you seemed a bit hesitant to tackle this one so i asked. it is one thing to speak on the boards and get blasted...and i know you know like i do, it's another mission when you get blasted to your face... ;-)

love yu bro and this thread has really got me thinking...

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/28 1:23

sis Dorcas

Quote:
-----But, you do ASSUME that Joyce Meyer is not in subjection to anyone, don't you? Isn't this the only way you can deduce she has usurped authority?

whoa...something to think about...

Quote:
-----If what she teaches is unscriptural, or you have any other complaint against her ministry, that is a different problem; on those factors, many men shouldn't be in ministry either.....

ouch...never thought of that...

Quote:
-----Do you submit to me, Krispy, in the equality which makes submission possible (according to Oswald Chambers)?

now that's heavy...some things to chew on here sis...lots to chew on.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/28 1:31

sis Dorcas

Quote:
-----Note: I am not talking about a non-Christian setting out to expound scripture.... I'm just saying that God uses 'people' to communicate His heart and truth to His children who are listening for His voice.

thanks for clarifying that part of what i felt led to say. it may have come across like i was advocating non-Christians expounding on scripture.

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer - posted by Imimaginary, on: 2006/10/28 6:13

Quote:

sonofadam777 wrote:
Did anyone watch the episode with Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer's TV program?

Here is the link to watch online.

(<http://www.joycemeyer.org/OurMinistries/Broadcast/TV/Archive/20061027.htm>) Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer

I did not watch the interview yet, but, I will in a bit... Thank you for the link!

First I'd like to share a link to the text of a sermon by David Wilkerson called "A Friend of Sinners". You can find it at worldchallenge.org

I have read this thread and it reminded me of this sermon because in it Pastor David speaks about false teachers and our duty as Christians.

here's the address:

<http://www.worldchallenge.org/pulpit%5Fseries/?yr=2006&pg=n&id=0612>

and the link:

(<http://www.worldchallenge.org/pulpit%5Fseries/?yr2006&pgn&id0612>) A Friend of Sinners by David Wilkerson

I seldom visit this forum so I don't know if I'm breaking any rules by posting the direct link... I apologize in advance if I am ...

God bless you all!!!

Sara (I'm imaginary)

Re: - posted by rocklife (), on: 2006/10/28 9:17

Quote:

-----As for going to Joyce about her error... I cant. Oh, I could write to her, but she'll never receive it. However, many people have confronted her about her many erroneous teachings and also about her disobedience to scripture concerning being a woman minister... and she has publicly mocked them in the studio and from the stage. I've witnessed it myself.

Krispy

I thought Joyce Meyers was a lost cause too, but I sent her a copy of Ray Comfort's tapes anyway a few years ago. She sent a kind of cold thank you letter back, and then flipping channels, I caught a show I felt she kind of mocked Way of the Master evangelism style later on one of her shows.

since she has him on her show, I see I was wrong, so you never know

anyway, send a letter anyway, at least your conscience will be clear. I've sent many letters and e-mails to some other preachers too that I've been very critical of certain doctrines. Jesus is worthy :)

Re: Where does your mind hang out? - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/28 9:28

Okay, so this thread may be a good place to hang out for a bit. (Ironman, I really enjoyed reading your reflections).

I did view the TV episode -- well the first 7 minutes. It's just not for me. I am not into methods, and all that stuff. And I'm not into pronouncing diagnosis and doing autopsies.

From time to time I wonder if I should take a hiatus from SI threads, and spend time filling my brain with new material. After all, our sharing will have no wider scope than the contents of our minds.

Looks like I'm still here.... But I am also filling my mind with material that makes all the dazzle of the TV show look pathetically pale. It is a testimony of: Rosalind GoForth -- her book, (http://www.whatsaiththescriture.com/Promises/I_Know_God_Answers.html) How I Know God Answer's Prayer

The value of this testimony is measureless, and yet, it is FREE.

I highly recommend that you fill your minds with this kind of material. Even reading the contents page will stir the smoldering embers of your faith.

This testimony and many others occurred before the days of women's lib, back when it was thought that women's brains were smaller and had more water in them than men's. Yet look what GOD did! And ... the testimony of her furlough! Wow! She wanted to rest and focus on her time with her children. And yet, God had another plan for her.... and he provided immeasurably....

Why let your faith get dragged down in the drab affairs of man when you can energize your faith with the glorious affairs of the kingdom!

As they say: You are what you read (and hear and view).

Do you agree?
Diane

Re: - posted by Nellie, on: 2006/10/28 13:41

Diane,
I put this in my favorites.
"How I know God answers Prayer."
My Toner is low now, but I plan on printing it asap.
I love to read Testimonies about what God has done, and is doing in people's lives.
God Bless you.
Thanks
Nellie

Re: the letter - it killeth - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/10/28 15:02

Hi everyone.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this seems like a pretty controversial topic. I can definitely appreciate how passionate we can feel about things like this at times.

I would like to offer some thoughts here and I hope they will be helpfull for us.

I'd like to start off by asking a question of you all. My question, though it may not seem relevant at all is this:

why, do you think, so many of the religous leaders in the time of Christ, missed Him, as it were?

Certainly they knew the scriptures didn't they? And surely they knew what they were commanded? Why, look at what they said of the *people* for instance

Quote:

-----But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed

Yet the Lord Jesus said of them,

Quote:

-----Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

Well then, is it really possible to know and even obey, to the **letter**, those things written in the Bible and not be following God?

One of the main objections I think the religous leaders of the day tried to raise against the Lord Jesus was in regards to His actions on the sabbath. For instance, He healed on the sabbath day and in once instance told the man He had healed to take up his bed and walk. Of this, the scripture says

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

Later it says,

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Elsewhere the Lord said

Quote:
-----Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?

And then He tells them

Judge not according to the appearance
but judge righteous judgment

Brothers and sisters, is this not our need today as well? Are we not also in danger of judging only according to the **letter** and failing to follow after the **Spirit**?

Brothers and sisters, I think of the scripture that says

...as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God

And also, how the Lord Jesus told them

Quote:
----- Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Indeed brothers, the scripture does tell us to have no fellowship with darkness, yet, if we are to follow that to the **letter**, then what would we make of this...

"When I was kidnapped by police and kept imprisoned for years in strictest secrecy, a Christian doctor actually became a member of the secret police to learn my whereabouts! As a secret police doctor, he had access to the cells of all prisoners and hoped to find me. All of his friends shunned him, thinking he had become a Communist. To go around dressed in the uniform of the torturers is a much greater sacrifice than to wear the uniform of a prisoner. The doctor found me in a deep, dark cell and sent word that I was alive." - excerpt from *Tortured for Christ* by Richard Wurmbrand

Re: - posted by kdbutton, on: 2006/10/28 15:52

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Thanks for the resource Diane, I ordered the book for our prayer resource library and while I was at it I ordered books on other saints who have shown us the better way of prayer.

Re: - posted by kdbutton, on: 2006/10/28 16:11

Thank you so much for your thoughts on this subject ChrisJD. Now the nail has truly been hit on the head and may the ring of it resound to the church.

...as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God

God is calling His church to humble themselves and pray even those on wild false teacher hunts, and seek His face

Quote:

-----Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

and turn, turn, turn

the plank is larger than the mote but so often is missed. There is a "religious spirit" that looks nothing like Christ though a ll the right words are said.

Help us Father.

being uneavenly yoked with unbelievers - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/10/28 19:01

bro Krispy

Quote:

-----Not saying JM isnt saved... but having successful prison ministries, and top selling books (filled with rank WOF heresies) doesnt me
an anything.

but bro you did pull out this scripture

Quote:

-----So it makes it ok? 2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

have you quoted it out of context because here you're not saying JM isn't saved? the above isn't saying that we ought not have any dealings with the world. we are in the world yet not of it so on some level or other we have to deal with unsaved folk sometime. but this is our sister in Christ though. we are called to separated ourselves from the world spiritually, physically we can't do that till we die. We could be like the Amish, living as they do with little interaction with the world but how does that help the world? how is Christ shone forth without some sort of interaction? what Paul is saying is that we can't hope to attain Holiness by soliciting the help of the unsaved.

this whole yoking thing brought back some childhood memories which God taught me through. i don't know how much you know about farming bro Krispy but here goes. at some point in my life i got to learn how to till the land with cattle. cattle are very docile but strong creatures. when one tills the land with a team of oxen they have to be yoked together and both have to be willing to do the job or else nothing is going to happen.

one gets up early, gathers the gear, the yoke (joki in my language) which has slots cut in it in pairs wide enough apart to make room for the cow's neck. in these slots go (not sure what the english word for this is) chikeyi (zvikeyi is the plural) which are wooden bars which keep the yoke from sliding off. those zvikeyi are connected by a rope which goes under the cow's neck so that should the cow rear it's head, the yoke won't get thrown off and come back down on the cow's neck. cattle are worth more than gold...

anyhow i remember one occasion when one of the 2 bullocks we used to till the land just wasn't in the mood to work...that made for a long morning. we couldn't get that thing to work for anything, no amount of whipping, coaxing, nothing did it. eventually we got it under the yoke, where we had the other willing bullock already and it was gravy after that. going up

and down the field making the furrows was no sweat then.

so how does this apply? if we had yoked that one cow which was not in the mood to work with the other one, we would have had a long day rather than just a long morning. if we take the ploughing to be the work of God, the willing cow to be the believer and the unwilling cow the unbeliever, we can see something more about what Paul was trying to say. the work of God can't be done when an unbeliever is on the saeme yoke we are on. well some work could be done but it will not be much and it won't be easy. as believers, there is no amount of coaxing, accusing, whipping or whatever which will compel the nonbeliever to get under the Yoke we're under to do the work of God. however if we simply are as we should be, that is testimony enough without words. the unwilling cow eventually got under the yoke long after the beating and soon, i guess it finally felt like working! anyhow once it did get under the yoke, there was no need to do anything more to get it to work, it just did.

so it is with us, if we conduct ourselves as we should, the life of Christ will speak for Him and for us who called by His name and testify against the wickedness which is around us. however if we look around we see that God's work is greatly hindered because we have already yoked ourselves with unbelievers. we have fellowshiped with darkness. we have sought to do the work of God by our own strength and means hence nothing much gets done...it's not the Church which has influenced the world, but the world which has influenced the Church.

now in the case of JM, she is our sister in Christ, not an unbeliever. we ought not give up on her or cast her aside. the word says we shouldn't judge or we will be judged ourselves with the same harshness which we judge. if we write our sister off and do/say nothing to right the things we see are clearly wrong, it seems to me if we were in the same position, people looking at us would do the same.

how many times have we taught the wrong thing and done the wrong thing yet God puts up with us, day in and day out and corrects us over and over, day in and day out. surely this determination on God's part to complete the work He began should cause us be that much more determined to see this work done not just in us but others, no matter what it takes.

i think about all that God has had to put up with (and still is) with me, but He hasn't written me off...perhaps we should be a bit slower to write people off? let us consider God's mercy on us and show that to others.

Re: being uneavenly yoked with unbelievers - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/28 19:14

Quote:
-----I ordered the book for our prayer resource library and while I was at it I ordered books on other saints who have shown us the better way of prayer.

This is music to my ears!

I have shelves full of great books written by humble saints of God. I collect them from yard sales and church tables (library rejects!) Christians have been discarding them because they look old and unattractive. They are replaced with modern fiction, and such.

You can see why I am delighted to see someone like you bringing them back into circulation.

Diane

Ironman---wise words, on: 2006/10/29 0:59

Quote:
-----now in the case of JM, she is our sister in Christ, not an unbeliever. we ought not give up on her or cast her aside.

that says it all, now pray God this thread ends.

bartle

Re:, on: 2006/10/29 1:07

The thread is semi controversial because some on it want to follow their own understanding of "walking" in the spirit vs the scriptural truth of what this means.

George Mueller declared that anything he recieved from the Spirit HAD to be in agreement with the scripture otherwise it opened him to all sorts of deception.

The warning about born again, spirit filled, christians being under the letter, as opposed to seeing the letter through the Spirit is valid.

We should be careful.

However lets test this.

Many in the church "know" in their spirit that certain things are wrong. Let's use women being pastors/ having authority over men.

Now many others in the church say no it's o.k.

How can anyone know the truth about this subject?

What saith the scriptures?

Specifically the new covenant (new test)scriptures?

What sayeth the prince of grace and spirit preaching,Paul the apostle of grace?

Read plainly what he says

1 Corinthians 14:34

Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.

1 Corinthians 14:35

And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

Titus 2:4

That they may "teach the young women" to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

There are several other scriptures that Paul directs concerning the proper, orderly, Godly conduct of the women of the faith.

Paul did not speak these things against the spirit but rather in unity and from the spirit. These commands /traditions are a blessing for women not a curse.

Let not many of you be masters(teachers)for you will incur a stricter judgement. Dear sisters do you want that stricter judgement against you?

Another danger when we cry spirit spirit without the confirmation of the scripture is it will almost always end up in deception and compromise. Every man or women will do that which is right in their own eyes. We see this in the American churches on a variety of issues.

The command of Paul is that we all have the same mind and same judgment on these things(1cor chp1).

I know this is possible otherwise Paul would not have commanded it.

God bless, John

Re:, on: 2006/10/29 2:34

I would like to add a bit more.

Lest some think that I have a "personal" biased against women please let me try and persuade you otherwise.

I consider my wife to be much more spiritual than me in many areas. I also know that without her in my life I would not be as blessed of a man. She often has greater insight into certain things than I do. As a team husband and wife that is great.

MANY great things have been accomplished through the holy prayers of righteous, christian women.

It is often said that behind every great man is a greater women. Greater in her support care and advice to her husband.

Christian women wield great power on the earth. Greater than many realize.

Therefore the christian women should take her place in the great line of authority, God the Father, Jesus the son, man and then women. 1 cor 11

Behind a great and holy church are great and holy christian women!

I encourage you to shine in humility and holiness and shamefacedness. Approach the throne of grace with your humble and holy prayers and you will move many mountains on the earth, just as you have in times past. But maintain and teach other women the place of true power, grace and peace!

God bless, John

Re:, on: 2006/10/29 5:11

Quote:

thingsabove wrote:

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.....Mostly always telling him he is wrong. ;-)

Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2006/10/29 6:23

Quote:

rocklife wrote:

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since she has him on her show, I see I was wrong, so you never know

It's funny you mention this, I have often handed copies of Hells Best Kept Secret to "professional type" pastors, who have been deeply convicted by it, only to adopt the "using the Law" technique, but not realise the importance of "showing sin to be exceedingly sinful", and thereby cause the appearance of mockery. I remember sitting down to watch Way of the Master with my father a while ago, and he said to me, "Is this is that stuff the Ps So-and-So made a mess of preaching?" It's almost like they can't lower themselves to the level of not being the one to dish up manna, and because of this, serve up rotting quail, in preference.

Perhaps Meyer fits into this category. Perhaps she's heard something in the message that has pricked her heart (funny how the Word of God has a way of doing that), and once she has "composed herself", has tried to adapt it for her "viewer's benefit" and has since come one step closer to "coming to the end of herself" by admitting the need of another to present the message.

The week that Ray was recording the show, I met with a staff member from the GNN, who was visiting Australia for a Evangelism Boot Camp, and he mentioned that Meyer had purchased a massive amount of Ray and Kirk's Way of the Master book, to be used as "gifts" for donors to her ministry. He mentioned that he anticipated that Ray would cop a lot of flack for being on the show. I for one commend Ray for going on, and taking the opportunity of presenting the gospel to countless counterfeit converts who mindlessly absorb the "humanist rot" that she tends to dish up. It reminds me of a story Ray told of how he talked Kirk Cameron into starring in Left Behind 2, citing the countless people who could be influenced by his involvement in the movie. As a result of Kirk's starring in the movie, Ray and Kirk even had input into the script, rewriting the gospel presentations.

As Jesus and Paul in their day, I rejoice that the Christ is preached, especially to the people who need to hear it.

Re: ChrisJD - posted by rocklife (), on: 2006/10/29 8:06

ChrisJD, you bring up a good point. The underground and persecuted church has taught me some very interesting things, and unorthodox things, but I believe God can be unorthodox too. I believe our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ have wisdom to share.

thanks for sharing,

If anyone is interested in the ministry of Richard Wurmbrand and the persecuted church, a free newsletter is available at www.persecution.com, that book ChrisJD mentioned "Tortured for Christ" is often available for free through this ministry. God bless

Re: - posted by rocklife (), on: 2006/10/29 8:17

Quote:
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.

amen

Re: the letter - it killeth(clarification) - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/10/29 10:55

Hi everyone.

For the sake of clarity, and for those who might read or have read it, I want to make it certain that the post which I submitted in this thread titled 'the letter - it killeth' was in response to the original topic of this thread, that being Ray Comfort appearing on a TV program with Joyce Meyer.

God forbid that I should ever persuade men from obeying the Words of His Mouth!

Still, the Lord Jesus said

Quote:
-----**Judge not according to the appearance**

Quote:
-----**but judge righteous judgment**

and so I would yet ask

Quote:
-----Brothers and sisters, is this not our need today as well? Are we not also in danger of judging only according to the letter and failing to follow after the Spirit?

I do not direct this at anyone but I remember just now too how the Lord Jesus also said

Quote:
-----But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless

Peace be with you all in Messiah Jesus

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/10/29 16:09

Quote:
-----but judge righteous judgment

Joyce Meyer took many into Rwanda and visited **every** jail in the country that holds over 70,000 inmates mostly from the genocide's that happened in 100 days were 1 million people were killed mostly with axes, knives and clubs.

After ministering to the 70,000 for 4 days 14,000 committed their lives to Christ.

Hearing from a minister that is in Rwanda (pentecostal) preaching the word of God in truth, he states that the country has never been so impacted by Joyce Meyer's ministry coming there.

Now brothers and sisters, I desire to see true apostolic Christianity amongst the masses but we have to rejoice and understand that God's will is being done through many means and ways. God used Joyce Meyer's ministry to touch Rwanda! did we go? no.

It is very easy to defend the faith and jump on every heresy but Christ did not die so we could defend him. He died so people could LIVE! and proclaim forgiveness and freedom from Sin through the Cross and Resurrection.

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/10/29 23:41

Perhaps to add to the matter of judging ...

One thing about this fellowship, never judge a thread by it's cover :-) It is remarkable the things that one might find ...

Quote:
-----But I am also filling my mind with material that makes all the dazzle of the TV show look pathetically pale. It is a testimony of: Rosali and GoForth Å— her book, (http://www.whatsaiththescripture.com/Promises/I_Know_God_Answers.html) How I Know God Answers Prayer
The value of this testimony is measureless, and yet, it is FREE.

I highly recommend that you fill your minds with this kind of material. Even reading the contents page will stir the smoldering embers of your faith.

Diane, thank you kindly!

Re:, on: 2006/10/30 5:22

Yes Greg, I appreciate your observation. Yes, sometime God may use the "exception" to accomplish a goal. However He does not want it to become the "rule".

I am not going to judge her salvation but I would like to remind that many "wonderful works done in His name" does not necessarily equal according to His will.

What would be awesome to see is Joyce Meyer repenting of her rebellion against God and His word, the scripture. Repenting of her taking authority over men.

That she would "de-masculate" herself.

That she would say something like,

"I have long resisted the scriptures concerning my proper place in Gods authority structure. But if I am to be a faithful servant I must bend the knee to what God says". I will no longer teach men but rather women, as Gods word says. I believe even greater blessings await me and the christian world by my changing my view on this subject. As always it can't be about "me" and Joyce meyers ministry. Rather it must always be about Him and his ways.

Now something like that would be so powerful!
perhaps someday it will happen.
God bless, John

Re: - posted by kdbutton, on: 2006/10/30 6:47

Quote:
-----That she would "de-masculate" herself.

Not sure what you mean John.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/30 7:05

Quote:
-----we have to rejoice and understand that God's will is being done through many means and ways. God used Joyce Meyer's ministry to touch Rwanda!

May God be praised; and may every man be silenced!
Diane

Re:, on: 2006/10/30 7:11

Quote:
-----After ministering to the 70,000 for 4 days 14,000 committed their lives to Christ.

Her humanitarianism notwithstanding, what yardstick is used to measure commitment to Christ that she could boast of 14,000? I am reminded of this scripture: Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. John 6:26 (NASB-U)

Orm

Re:, on: 2006/10/30 7:55

Concerning the "de-masculate"

Primarily, that she is standing in the role of pastor/teacher(masculine role) exercising authority over men.

Secondarily, I have heard a few women comment that she even acts and sounds masculine in her delivery.

To anyone coming in please read my previous 3 posts in this thread to get my full context on this topic.
God bless, John

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/30 8:01

Quote:

-----Concerning the "de-masculate"

John, This is something Christ does this in his children. And so, "In Christ there is neither male nor female" I am crucified. It is no longer me who live, but Christ in me. Neither is my gender relevant to the work of the Spirit.

In Christ, no one has any authority but by what is given by him. All other authority is usurped.

Quote:

----- That she would say something like...

Of course, you are not God. God has plenty for her to repent of (as for ALL of us). She is accountable to HIM, not any man's expectations.

If you read the autobiography I posted earlier, you will see that God was constantly calling Rosalind Goforth to repent. It was an integral part of her life journey.

Can you be blessed by THAT woman's testimony?

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/10/30 8:15

Then I think based upon scripture she has "usurped" the the headship authority established by God in the new test. See 1 cor 11.

I don't know if he has "plenty" or little for her to repent of. What I wrote was a "suggestion" or a "picture" of what repentance in this area might sound and look like..

As I have said previously. I consider my wife and many other women of the faith far more spiritual and hence a blessing, than I am.

God bless, John

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With all due respect, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (aka the Mormons) are having what could be called

a "positive impact" in South America. Many are converting to that religion, leaving behind lives filled with violence for "new" lives filled with morality and family values.

Let state loud and clear... I praise God for any true conversions that have happened due to Joyce Meyer's ministry. I, myself, was saved in a Charismatic WOF church. The truth is the truth even if it comes wrapped up in heresy... and people have even come to Christ due to Benny Hinn's ministry... but that does not make him any less of a false teacher, and it does not mean that **we** do not have an obligation to be obedient to the Word of God. The Word of God tells us to **MARK AND AVOID** false teachers.

It's like vehicles... A moped will get you from point A to point B... but it isn't the greatest form of transportation. That's how I view these false teachers. There is enough truth for a person to get saved, but it isn't the best way. And in many cases a person may get saved thru their ministry, but it isn't very long before the heresies can ship wreck their faith.

Recently I read an article about a network in the UK (and perhaps some of our British brethren on this forum can confirm this) called God TV. God TV is a carbon copy of TBN here in the states. Same so-called preachers, same heretical teachings. I'll see if I can find that article online and link it into this thread. Anyway, it was an excellent article exposing the incredible heresy of the WOF movement.

The ends never justify the means. Even when we look at it with our human pea-brains and say "Look at all the good!" ... God still looks and you and me, and says "But I have called you to be obedient even when the evidence seems to indicate otherwise!"

Deception is just that... deceptive!

Krispy

Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/30 8:49

Hi John,

It seems that you are willing to write of *all* ministry by females?

In my post earlier, I referred to the setting of an assembly of Christians, where the 'men' (elders) are *free* to allow women to speak.... women who are rightly related to them - husband (if they have one) - and to God.

Do you disagree with such liberty being exercised in some assemblies?

Do the same scriptures you quote apply equally to evangelism?

To motherhood?

What about a single mother, who comes to know the Lord? Is she allowed to guide her family towards Him, in His nurture and admonition, expounding the scriptures as she understands their relevance to her family's needs?

Here's another scenario..... I was brought up on the missionfield, in a territory evangelised by an unmarried woman (Mary Slessor), and where *lady* missionaries arrived without husbands (and of course, some left *with* husbands :-). Incidentally, this is what happened to Hudson Taylor.... He met his wife, who was a 20 year old lady missionary in the same country....

I am interested to hear how you separate between the evangelism of someone like Joyce Meyer (in the West, in a blaze of media publicity) and Mary Slessor (for example), whose circumstances were so different.

How do you view, qualify or accommodate, the ministry of Amy Carmichael, for instance?

What about Gladys Aylward, who KNEW God was calling her to China, and who was eventually respected by the very mission societies who at first *refused* to support her - woman of very lowly social status.

In other words, where and when is God free to send a woman to do a man's work, and when should men give them the respect they deserve for being God's chosen vessel in certain circumstances....?

I have heard it said (more than once) that God has to fall back on women sometimes, because the men He asked in the first place, refused.....

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/30 8:49

Quote:

-----she has "usurped" the the headship

Well, John you may be right. That is not my area of concern. I don't know if God had intended a male figure to do her job.

The far greater concern is the usurping of authority from GOD. That has paralyzed the church for centuries. In fact, the further the church gets out from under divine authority, the closer it gets to the RC model - where a human being stands between a person and God.

I had to repent of that my own false understanding of authority. For years, I had put my church leaders between me and God in my life. I never even knew what it was to hear God's voice directly, or to seek the Spirit to help me interpret scripture. In fact, if the Lord hadn't rescued me from that worldly understanding of authority, I would still be hell-bound. God clearly said to me, 'It's time to grow up.'

Of course religious leaders like to maintain control of the people (ungodly authority), so when God calls his own, their "cart" gets upset. It was like that for Christ and his followers.

When there is a proper submission to God, then human relationships will also align properly.

Diane

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/30 9:12

Quote:

-----Yes, sometime God may use the "exception" to accomplish a goal. However He does not want it to become the "rule".

And yet God's RULE seems to be to do the EXCEPTION. He tends to turn ladders upside down. He lowers those on the higher rungs, and lifts up those on the lower rungs.

The safest place to be is on the bottom. (and I don't mean like King Saul who hid in the baggage)
Humbly serve God in the area where he assigns us, and trust in HIM. Go forth with confidence and courage! That is the kind of men and women who have been advancing the kingdom!

Diane

Re: Challenged to enlargement - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/10/30 9:20

Quote:

-----Can you be blessed by THAT woman's testimony?

Unbelievably so ... Read through the section on what the whole family went through during the Boxer rebellion...

Oh for some sanctified perspective people!

Time and again the things being overlooked while being preoccupied with all the mechanics. Forget Joyce and Ray for a moment or at least all the selective opinionating, wishful thinking, ought's and shoulds ... it is greatly besides the point if we cannot listen to the heart of the words coming from our lips, what of those mechanisms?

Would venture to state that I have a variety of opinion on a great deal of Joyce Myer and having followed a great deal of her ministry early on and later from afar, recognizing a very mixed bag of help to many women close to me, young and old and just as well many an area of problematic items. But I will not speak to any of it rather attempt to get us to look to our own selves and to the wonder of ease at which the commentary can flow often on scant evidence but the greater issue not asked is, *why*?

At what point do we not just leave well enough alone? At what point do we refuse to have our perspective altered from fixed positions of opinion and presuppositions? What of the seeming antagonism that lurks below the surface, the taste of bitterness, the hint's of self-righteousness, the *want* of passing judgment?

Brothers and sisters my heart ... This is as good a place as any to allow this to come forth. I love you dear people, even those whose words can cause so much flabbergasting at times at the wonder of just seemingly missing the greater point. But alas, that is too because I so often have and still do much the same. We can get ourselves very much caught up in these things all the while the Lord would have us concentrating elsewhere. Redundantly, there is room, there is times and seasons, it is to dissuade nothing by way of discussion here.

My prayers this morning turned towards a taking stock of things. The thankfulness for untold mercies and the Lord's peculiar leadings, promises I know that He has given that have yet to see their fruition, they will come and they will be as He has intimated to my heart, mine is but to trust and wait, praying always, shall I doubt Him? Heavens no, the Lord is faithful.

This place, this outpost along the way ... Dear people, do you fully recognize what is going on about us? That the Lord raised up this humble man, Greg, to refill the earth with His truth through such an incredible and even 'unorthodox' means? Learning begets thinking and visa versa. Have said it before but if one wants a spiritual education in the things of the Lord it can be found here and that by no means make it exclusive or entirely ...

We now have members all over the world ... It is staggering to stop long enough to just ponder *that!* Surely many a site could boast similarly, but I am thinking more directionally. The give and take, the sharing of hearts and experience and of other resources ... the links to books and forgotten saints, missionary's, preachers, workers, interceder's.

The variety of experience ... what is gender in general as it amounts to hearts here? Yes, I know what the scripture states and am not at odds with it in any such way. For this purpose I am speaking about hearts.

How about authority? Do we know what it is, is it recognizable without having to draw particular attention to it? Chip Brogren recently spoke to it;

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"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).

In the Church that Jesus is building, an older person is not necessarily a spiritual elder. We do not look to the age of a

person's physical body when determining their spiritual maturity. Of course, we owe a certain amount of respect to the aged by virtue of their seniority; but they may not necessarily be our elder in the things of the Lord.

One can be older chronologically and be quite immature in spiritual matters. Likewise, a relatively young man or woman can have a deep relationship with the Lord and be light years ahead of those two or three times their age. A young man or woman who knows God is more elder than a senior citizen who does not know God. We cannot judge by the flesh, or we will be misled.

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In a follow up...

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"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility" (1 Peter 5:5a).

If our desire is for maturity, that is, if we desire to come to the full-knowledge of Christ and grow up into Him in all things, we should naturally pay attention to those who are elder in the Lord. But being an elder has nothing to do with leadership ability, filling an office, having a title, or performing some ministerial duty or sacerdotal function in the church. The elders are simply those who are older in the Lord. It is quite simple. My elder brother, or my elder sister, has walked with the Lord longer than I have. The implication is that they are more conformed to the image of Christ than myself; they have experienced a deeper work of the Cross than I have; thus, they have more practical wisdom than I do, they have something to teach me, and I need to hear Christ in them so I, too, can grow.

It should be obvious to you who is, and who is not, your elder in the Lord. And, it should be plain to see that not everyone who is older is necessarily elder. If you say you are a believer but you live no differently from the world then you can be as old as Methuselah yet you are certainly not an elder.

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A thought occurred this morning about this vast holding ground here... What about revival? So many different faucets to this; Personal, corporate ... is this a revival in our midst, here? This stripping back of religion and the "Christendom" of our day to see what's back of it? To ask and answer the question, is it *real*? Our faith and trust and prayer, growing, developing, spurned on? Can anyone become stagnant traversing through this wonderland? On this question of revival, I admit it comes and it goes, but the challenge this morning was, if my brother desires it so much more perhaps than I, can I yet still join to his desire? Pray for and align myself with his wishes? Do we have this sort of intercession for each other, even on other matters?

Again, do we recognize the authority that the Lord has placed in our midst? Will not name names, but there are those that know the Lord in far greater measure in our midst, how happy am I that they continue on with us ... the learning, the changes, the matters that put me to contemplation and even more prayer.

All this to ask, has the love of God and the inexpressible wonder of His son, the reality of *I in you and you in Me* gripped

us, caused the reaction of praise and heart worship to come forth out of the depths of our being, giving great glory to God for everything?!

Oh it has to this poor fool... The changes people, the beautiful and wondrous changes, daily, moment to moment ... *have you considered?* often springing to mind.

Saints, put yourself to praying and breathing God's word, allow yourself the blessing to wonder at His way's and means, how lovely, how peculiar!

Especially amidst such a peculiar people that we in fact are. Absorb and abide! Partake of what is made ready for you by this provision the Lord has granted such a great privilege.

**Re:, on: 2006/10/30 10:23**

Hi Dorcas I will try and answer.

I primarily in my prev post deal with a women being a pastor/ teacher over men in the church.

I would have to give liberty to speak because I know we have that in many churches. Preferably if she has a prophecy to deliver that can be tested by the other prophets.

Concerning evangelism i would say the ladies are free to evangelize if they want.

Motherhood of course the mother must teach her son's things. However when they become men she and the husband can only give advice. The son who is now a man must be the man. more could be said of that....

Concerning missionary work. The "ideal" scenario is that if there are no men initially then the work must be done by the women till either men show up or men get born again and then when mature they take the place of pastoring and teaching .

God Almighty is free to make exceptions whenever He pleases. But often it is because the men will not go for various reasons. But also some women want to hold that position for reasons that are not good. Often there are traces of feminism.

You know each time I have made the recent posts here it is with shaky fingers and an increased heart beat of nervousness. I can tell Diane that what I am saying is irritating you and I am sorry. My intent is to convey that there are even greater blessings for the church for men and for women when we submit to what God through Paul taught concerning Who should teach etc.

Quoting Paul saying "there is no male or female in Christ" does not make void what Paul says elsewhere about order in the church and roles of men and women in the church.

Well hopefully even though you may not agree with me you can at least know that I still greatly appreciate humble ministries of christian women.

God bless, John

**Re: - posted by BradW (), on: 2006/10/30 11:40**

In regards to missionary work...

Quote:  
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If you've ever heard or read anything about Nate Saint and the 5 men that made initial contact with the Waodani tribe in

Ecuador, you can see a good example of the order of things.

The men were all killed, not so much because they were men, but because they were misrepresented by a native who lied to his people. The women, being submissive and viewed as a non-threat, came in and lived with the natives and showed the love of Christ in their actions and words.

Once the natives' hostility was ended, and as Steve Saint grew into a man, he seems to now be the man in authority in harmony and alongside the male elders of the tribe.

My take on this is that there are some places that *only women* will be able to minister. These women were under submission to their husbands and once deceased, they came under the submission of the native males but more importantly, God.

I'm not endorsing JM, here...trying to show that there are indeed exceptions but never opposing Scripture. Shouldn't God be allowed to do what He will? I love the men AND women of God, together or individually, who do so much to advance the Kingdom and have brought spiritual blessings, encouragement, and yes, teachings into my life.

Everyone will have to give account to God on the Day of Judgement...

May my words be few, and when they are, let them be Spirit-led.

Brad.

**Re: Men, how would you interpret...? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/10/30 14:49**

If you want a controversy, just start talking about females in ministry! I have been following this discussion without saying a whole lot, but must say I do appreciate many posters input...

As I was thinking about this, I always keep wondering how the males on this forum would interpret 1 Corinthians 11, how it would look like where the rubber meets the road: Consider the words "prophesy" in vs. 4-5; "power" in vs. 10; "head" in vs. 3-5,10; the role of angels as noted in vs. 10.

Just an observation: my DH and I own and operate greenhouses growing tomatoes hydroponically. Both of us are deeply involved and it could not be done well without the other. We have learned to listen carefully and take seriously the observations made by each other and act on it. There is a vast difference in the observations made by us: I notice the plants (I saw two dead white flies!) - what they need or do not need; my DH is concerned about the mechanical things: did the heaters run? what about the injectors? etc., etc. Both insights are essential to do the job well. The experts tell us when you have a husband and wife team operating a business like ours, it is much more successful because of the inherent abilities due to the nature of being a male and female: both work to compliment each other. In our business we work for success of the venture. Our goals are the same and we see the other as indispensable in its operation. Initially we thought the other was paranoid and got aggravated, at times, with what he/she was suggesting be done. We have learned to submit to each others' observations because experience has proven it to be the best and failure to do so brought unpleasant consequences.

Perhaps something can be learned from this? What would happen if the brotherhood of believers would be able to recognize the limitations and strengths - according to the Scriptures - of males and females and allow the Spirit of God to use each and forget about ego?

Now back to my original questions: I wish the males on here would share their input on how they would define these words and the practical aspects of it.

Blessings,  
ginnyrose

**Re: Ray Comfort on Joyce Meyer, on: 2006/10/30 14:59**

Hi John,

Thanks for your reply.

I do appreciate that there is a reason for God's order and when it works, it should be a blessing to all.

However, it is carried to such extremes by some men, so that other men (even) and many women are not allowed to exercise their gifts within the Body, that I felt it was worth stretching out the ways in which what Paul said is regularly not in operation within the Church.

I also agree that there is a place for both men and women being deemed unready or unfit for public office within a local church.

As a Brit, I am bemused by the phenomenon of US tv evangelism and the fertile ground it seems to offer for people going off the rails or never getting on to them in the first place. Then you have a testimony like Krispy's, where he met God in a denomination he now criticises freely for its false doctrine, proving yet again God's sovereignty over 'false' teachings.

He who has an ear to hear, hears God when He speaks, despite the assumptions which may be being made by the hearers on topics yet unaddressed.

ginnyrose,

Thanks. :-)

**Re:, on: 2006/10/30 15:03**

Quote:  
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Partly true... God can prevail over false teachings... but that does not excuse false teachers, nor does it excuse us in being disobedient toward scripture in how we should deal with it.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/10/30 15:18**

Quote:  
-----Yes Greg, I appreciate your observation. Yes, sometime God may use the "exception" to accomplish a goal. However He does not want it to become the "rule".  
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agreed.

**Re: - posted by kdbutton, on: 2006/10/30 16:38**

Quote:

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John, I'm not sure what the men are like from your neck of the woods but if people are comparing JM to them then you have more to worry about than whether or not JM is out from under the authority of her husband and pastor. :-?

**Re: Challenged to enlargement - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/10/30 17:23**

Quote:

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Brother Mike, I appreciate your heart. Thank you brother.

**Re: to John - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/10/30 21:03**

Quote:

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Hi, John, I appreciate your honest comments, and I'm sure that if we continued to work through all the surface "stuff" we'd come to a mutual burden: the need for both men and women to humbly turn to God, and seek to live the New Life which Christ has offered us by his shed blood.

There is no disputing the fact that godly order has been practically destroyed. The god-given female role of rearing and nurturing children and providing a stable home seems to be wiped out of our social fabric. And so many of our males are simply unable to provide the leadership in the homes that is so desperately needed.

It's only going to get worse. I could go on and on, but you already know. And I don't see any way that we can fix it. Any attempts to restore some semblance of proper relationships would be about as useful as putting a bandaid on cancer.

So what then?

Frankly, I've come to be grateful for any signs of Life. Just like water flows to the lowest points, God seems to move to the lowest spots— where there are humble servants. There's not exactly a lot to pick from.

In a neighboring town there is an evangelical church led by a female pastor. Occasionally I go there. I can say with all my heart that God is doing some good things there. And I hate to admit it, but it seems to be doing better than it was during past leaderships. I think that right now there is a good body of elders there, and other good aspects.

Is it God's ideal church? Far from it ... for many reasons...

But God...

Diane

**Re:, on: 2006/10/31 3:30**

kdbutton, no one is comparing her to "men around here." Thats not the point.  
Anyhow I will be offline for a few days.  
However I think for now I have said enough on this issue.  
God bless, John

**Re:, on: 2006/10/31 3:43**

Dorcas and Diane, Thank you for your gracious responses.  
God bless, John

**Re: - posted by kdbutton, on: 2006/10/31 6:23**

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John, I was trying to bring a little humor into this , sorry you missed my point. I appreciate your service to us. Rejoice, God is sovereign, that should make us all smile! kdb

**Re:, on: 2006/10/31 6:25**

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E. M. Bounds in his book "Power through Prayer" has written...

**"We are constantly on a stretch, if not a strain to devise new methods, new plans,new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the Gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man or sink the man in the plan or organization.**

**God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than anything else. Men are God's method. The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.**

**"The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer. . ."**

A little something to think about when considering our "ways and means" of bringing Jesus Christ to the world. An angel of light can slide in very easily on a motive that seems right in the eyes of man. Discernment, anyone?

Orm

**Re:kdbutton, on: 2006/10/31 6:54**

kdbutton, Sorry that I didn't catch the humor. Your smiley that you chose and what you said conveyed a little different meaning to me. No harm done.

God bless, John