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NEWARK, Texas — Here in the gentle hills of north Texas, televangelist Kenneth Copeland has built a religious empire teaching that God wants his followers to prosper.

Over the years, a circle of Copeland's relatives and friends have done just that, The Associated Press has found. They include the brother-in-law with a lucrative deal to broker Copeland's television time, the son who acquired church-owned land for his ranching business and saw it more than quadruple in value, and board members who together have been paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for speaking at church events.

Church officials say no one improperly benefits through ties to Copeland's vast evangelical ministry, which claims more than 600,000 subscribers in 134 countries to its flagship Believer's Voice of Victory magazine. The board of directors sign off on important matters, they say. Yet church bylaws give Copeland veto ...

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**Re: Analysis: Copeland's religious empire benefits his family - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/7/27 21:08**

Its tragic that:

Quote:

-----600,000 subscribers in 134 countries  
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Are deceived by his magazine and teachings. Oh for a magazine preaching the truth that is giving to that many people.

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2008/7/28 4:54**

Proverbs 23:23, 'Buy the truth, and do not sell it...'

I heard a saying before that we should not exchange truth for numbers.

Since that is so prevalent in this day and age, it would seem that numbers mean more than truth does.

I don't care much for Copeland and his ministry, but sometimes you just wonder, how it is that so many people could fall for such error.