



SermonIndex Announcements :: Why such secular adds?

Why such secular adds? - posted by groh_frog, on: 2005/10/29 5:57

Hey, just a question about the adds that appear on your site. Not necessarily about the sponsors, but more specifically about the google adds. They seem to change often, but I just saw a link that promised financial gifts, and that God would answer all of your prayers if you just buy their products! Is google the company that you run this site through, or otherwise, how is it that there are adds of such heresy?

I absolutely love this site for the simple fact that it is an awesome tool in sharing Christ, and encouraging a fundamental Church. I think it detracts from the site to have some of these adds posted. I don't mean to attack this website, I'm just curious why these particul links are here.

Grace and Peace...

Re: Why such secular adds? - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2005/10/29 8:44

Hi brother,

Just report those sites here

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id5767&forum12#57757) Google ads / sites blocked

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Brother Greg will block them!

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/10/29 11:03

Quote:

-----Is google the company that you run this site through, or otherwise, how is it that there are adds of such heresy?

Well to tell you the truth brother there are ads of such heresy on this site because Gods people aren't stepping up to help support this site enough. The google ads bring in quite abit of money and alot of the ads are not bad at all. You will get the occasional bad one. I would prefer not to have any sponsors or ads at all and just have donations coming in but at th is time that is not happening. There are many things I have been waiting and praying along time to add to the site and se rvices to offer. But I have been just waiting on the right amount of support to come in.

This site is runned by myself: Greg Gordon, and hopefully in this next while the non-profit process will be working out.

Re: Ads - posted by coops (), on: 2005/10/29 17:43

I understand this may not be something you can answer, so feel no pressure, but...

What is the monthly support goal in dollars?

Re: - posted by groh_frog, on: 2005/10/30 0:21

Yeah, What does it take to keep this place going, or moreso, what would it take to make it an add-free ministry?

Grace and Peace...

Re: google ads- STOP WATING!!!, on: 2005/10/30 6:43

Quote:
-----There are many things I have been waiting and praying along time to add to the site and services to offer. But I have been just waiting on the right amount of support to come in.

It is time to step out in faith and do it NOW!!!
It is time to clean up the temple, Like Christ did.

Do you think He is happy with these ads?

Stop blaming God's people! If this web site was born of God IT WILL PROSPER.

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Quote:
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That is the problem. Give it to God at let HIM run it.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/10/30 7:37

Quote:
-----What is the monthly support goal in dollars?

Right now there is aprox \$1000 coming into this ministry, at times \$1200 and abit more. My ultimate goal would to be \$5000+ coming into the ministry.

I would like to get many aspects of this ministry in place such as a viable cd/dvd duplication setup. This would enable me to send out materials to people who request them. Also I would like to have a viable backup solution that will ensure the sermons will be up 100% of the time. Also I would like to be able to start some projects such as an bible (study bible) with tons of quotes and resources on revival (mostly from this site), to bring the essence of this site to print to offer to people. I would like to be able to spend the time digitally restoring alot of these materials so that the archive is a better resource for people. I would love to pursue alot of the offers I have for radio. It would be tremendous to have an live video webcasting feature to the site so that there could be live teachings a few times a week. and MANY MORE things I want to do...

I would like to do all these things are more if the support was in place to do them. I never beg for money in this ministry or fleece the flock. The only plea I have given a few times is if all of the members gave \$5 a month each this ministry it would be able to run and expand.

Quote:
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I am sorry about the previous post and posted that out of abit of fustration because people were getting down about the ads. This ministry is run by God and really I have tried to hear His voice every step of the way. For instance everyone told me time and time again to sell the sermons, I never did, why? because God very directly told me not to. Until God tells me to offer any cds even just a few of the best sermons for donations, I will not.

Personally I see some of the posts that people make just as blasphemous and bad as the ads. There are only some worse ads and the majority of them really aren't bad. I have had a peace about having the ads on the site and it has been God's provision for me to run this site. I appreciate your post "freed" but a lot of what you are saying I am doing and have been doing for the last 2 years.

Currently I am living at home (which saves so much cost), going to school (correspondence), involved with a lot of outreach ministries (evangelism, prayer, bible study), and running this site full-time. There is a lot of work that goes into having this site run and at times it has been very taxing and strenuous to have just one person do it all.

I am about to move out of my home, try to continue with school and God willing run this site but I am very close to definitely getting an fulltime job, and really the amount of work I would be able to put into the site at that point would be minimal. I am praying to the Lord in what He wants. Part of this is turning SI non-profit and seeing what provision God will give in that manner. I have a lot of vision to the expansion of the website and ministry and God will allow it to expand if He wants. Or for that matter allow the site to continue how it is if that.

I would appreciate the prayers of the saints in this regard. and thank you for your questions and comments.

Re: - posted by groh_frog, on: 2005/10/30 7:54

So we need to get together and bump up by about \$4000 a month? We can do it!

To those reading this post, Sermonindex has changed my life, my walk, and my ministry. If you want to change yours, just listen to some of the people that are available here, like Leonard Ravenhill, Ray Comfort, Paris Reidhead, or even compilations like The Revival Hymn.

If \$5 is all that is being asked from each member, I think we could do that. We need to support this ministry that is such a tool in the lives of those using it. If you have any doubt that this is a much needed ministry that is being used to change lives, email me, and I'll share mine with you. This has quickly become a ministry that I've fallen in love with.

Greg, I'll keep this site in prayer, and I'll do my best to find the support you need. These ads aren't offensive enough to not use this resource, but I think it would be great if we could support this as a body of believers should. If there's any way I, or any of us can help, let us know.

Grace and Peace...

Re: What manner... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/10/30 13:08

I must speak here.

Quote:

-----Do you think He is happy with these ads?

I believe that is quite possibly a two-edged question. Part of it is addressed by Greg already;

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Let me just add a few of the details that I am aware of. Though 'we' have been together here now going a bit over two years, the forms and functions, the operations aspects of this ministry is not something I have been privy to nor care to know much about as far as monetary function is concerned. This much I do know.

The Lord has graced His servant Greg with a tremendous burden, that which we are all partakers of. He has given himself to this wholeheartedly, with time, energy, tears I am sure, and his own money. Forgetting all the stupid 'not wanting to offend anybody' or the spurious 'love offerings', the pleas for support, on and on it goes. None of these things has been ever prevalent here, ever. But it is all besides the point and something that continually gets the dander up. It is much the

same with whole issue of 'tithing' and giving, that a whole discourse is needed to teach something that ought to be axiomatic amongst those that have had their dispositions radically altered. This is just one more element of an 'easy-believism' that has so raptured the thinking of this modern day tomfoolery. Speaking in large generalizations here, but the wonder is where the disconnect is between the mind, the heart, the spirit, the strength and the action, all towards God as we profess and yet....

It is not an issue of whether to or not to, to ask or not to ask, it is all on the wrong lines and begs the same question that is always being asked by the Lord; *Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.*?

Quote:

-----Stop blaming God's people!

I will not and will emphatically do just that, put the blame squarely where it belongs, on our own heads! Again, I am speaking in generalizations and I know you Freedcd fairly well enough to understand perhaps your sentiment and for all I know you are a great supporter of the Lords work here, and even your own efforts elsewhere are tremendous. But let me chasten the crowd just a bit more here and cut straight through the rhetoric...

Is it truly necessary to go into all the benefits that are reaped here, to have to smite the rock because we aren't paying attention, go to the lengths that Paul did to try and get the attention of the people by showing how he wasn't a burden to anyone, is that what we have here? I don't think so. It is to our own shame that we ought to look at this. Why the 'adds'? Could it just possibly be to wake us up in a number of ways? One, that we have driven the servant of the Lord to rely in part on this rather than holding up his arms and encouraging his faith? Two, that the paradoxical way these adds actually work is that they take 'keywords' and in effect wrench them out of context by matching them up to a database, it's basically a search engine that grabs predominant words and produces results, just as if you did the same thing manually. Does one endorse everything that comes up in a private search?, of course not. So it is quite silly to make more of it than it is.

I get just as disgusted by many of a polished plea that comes in the mail having seemingly at some point in time managed to get on every Christian something or another mailing list that has ever been produced. It ranges from the outlandishness of Benny's (I have begged off it, but still it comes) 'sowing seed' heretical out-takes of scripture and the 'promised blessings' to the more polished and 'nice' sounding pleas and everything in between. Some of them are from worthy ministries and it is a sad thing to have to hear the cleverness or the compromising, condensating tones used towards God's own people... What in the world is the matter with us?

Have we become that ungrateful? That shallow to have to stoop to the world's ways, fund-raising and 'matching grants', 'this-a-thon' and 'that-a-thon'.

I don't think we need any more teaching on money, we need to feel the lash of the Lord's displeasure that we are so slow in heart and stingy in the pocketbook. Forget this nonsense and curiously clever methodology about "let me see your check register and I can tell you what kind of Christian you are". This is all surface level fluff. "Tithing" is no different in my mind. I think it has become the exact opposite in effect nowadays, that it gives an 'out' and sense of smugness to think one has done his duty because he has given this chump change to the Lord. Rubbish! There is so much dancing around this stuff it's pathetic.

Quote:

-----If this web site was born of God IT WILL PROSPER.

It has, it is and it will. Where we fail is in not letting the heart of His servant do his job, being about His Father's business. It is only slightly ironic that I found myself reading once again about George Mueller this morning and it is not a reach in the least that Greg has by and large been tremendously effected by this man in his operations here. That needs to be qualified and buttressed again by the same reproach on ourselves. Let's put the blame where it belongs shall we? It is sadly a different day and a larger task in many ways, the days George Mueller lived in I believe where more conducive to the people of God having a better grasp on the life that was required and likely paid more attention to the Holy Spirit than many of us do. At least they understood gratitude better it seems...

In effect it could be stated that we forced him to do it or at least that is the way we ought to be taking it. Have you been blessed here? Gained much insight? Reaped untold benefits, shared in fellowship, learned more than even what your own church might be teaching you? Privileged to hear these old time preachers brought back to life again because of this

man, giving of his own meager resources... does he not trust the Lord? Are you kidding? From what I know of our brother it is unmistakable the Lord's guidance and provisions that keep this in operation. That those who do contribute their support, (yes in dollars!) are to be applauded, all the wonderful things promised they know well enough, my hunch being that the likelihood collectively would be one of "we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

But should we be let off the hook? Is this a guilt trip?, you know, I hope so! If it applies to you. God doesn't want or need 'your' money, nor does SermonIndex for that matter all that is besides the point and all the cute and clever ways of saying things nicely is just weariness and dishonest frankly. Not really concerned how this sounds, nor particularly angry, more just puzzled...

It just seems that there is a far bigger and greater problem that keeps being driven out of those words; "Know ye not what manner..."?

It cuts across every area of this life.

The one thing missing in having a George Mueller mindset in our day is the Lord's people that helped to produce him. Believe me, Greg is possibly as close to one as you could get, why not push him over the edge of faith by being his supporter if you believe this is a noble and God ordained work, and do it with your heart... everything else will naturally fall into place.

*Edit: Let me hasten to add that each one of us needs to consider these things in our own hearts and by no means should we be compulsive and not prayerful. Some of us have various financial obligations, debts, things that the Lord would have us deal with first and foremost. The attempt here is only to cause us all to consider where we are in the grand scheme of things. If anything please continue to pray for this ministry.

Re: Why such secular adds?, on: 2005/10/30 13:41

Ok ok, where are these ads on this site? I have been coming here for awhile now, and I have not seen any banner ads from google or any ads from google for that matter. I have google on my search bar, but that is it, so where's the beef?

Ad's... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/10/30 14:02

Hey Karl,

That's interesting... maybe they only show up on those who don't support... *KIDDING!* It's a guess, but maybe it's because of having it on your search bar that it is not duplicated. Generally they show up on the left hand pane below the "Who's Online" subset.

Re: Ad's...& Chinese Fortune Cookies, on: 2005/10/30 14:26

I have found the louder the person is the less they give!

I don't mean giving of just money but anything.

Even preachers who are loud are not givers, they give yes, but they do it grudgingly hoping to get something in return.

But the preachers who are quiet and the Spirit of God comes up them and they can't help get loud I found them to be givers. Because they give when your not looking.

These men who are few and far between have back doors on stage, so that they can leave without being patted on the back by the congregation. "Oh that was a good sermon", "You really hit me between the eyes". But they give God the glory by clinging to the cross.

Oh to be such a man of God.....sigh.

The ones who cry that we should give more money to the church, never give!

The ones who cry that we should live by faith and not by our wallets, have no money, but live on welfare.

The ones who cry we should do this or we should do that, are doing the very things of which they preach against.

But those who are quiet and let their lives speak for them as a living testimony, are like apples of Gold in pitchers of silver".

Mary was found quiet at the feet of Jesus, Martha was found complaining away from Jesus.

But Jesus said to Martha, "Mary has found the best part".

"Martha what your doing is Good and Acceptable, but what Mary is doing is Perfect"

I don't put any faith in Chinese fortune cookies when I go to my favorite chinese restaurant, but my chinese fortune cookie said in which I did ponder and wondered if God used that to speak to me, "You long to be perfect".

Perhaps this is the perfection that He wants me to ponder, to be like Mary.

Always and forever in the Palm of His Hand

Karl

Re: - posted by Yodi (), on: 2005/10/30 16:54

Greg

That's good to read that God is providing you a place to live and a possible job. I'm glad schooling is going well for you too. And as God wills it, He will continue to provide for this ministry (finances, time, people, etc.).

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/10/30 20:22

Mike,

Thank you for the words, you definitely put out a lot of things that were on my mind and heart that I wanted to convey.

Re: ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/10/30 21:35

Quote:

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George Mueller

There were plenty of opportunities for the LORD to try the faith of His servant, and "the greater the difficulties, the easier for faith" to be tried, "for with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

"One morning the plates and cups and bowls on the table were empty. There was no food in the larder, and no money to buy food. The children were standing waiting for their morning meal, when Mueller said,

'Children, you know we must be in time for school.'

Lifting his hand he said,

'Dear Father, we thank Thee for what Thou art going to give us to eat.'

There was a knock on the door. The baker stood there, and said,

'Mr. Mueller, I couldn't sleep last night. Somehow I felt you didn't have bread for breakfast and the Lord wanted me to send you some. So I got up at 2 a.m. and baked some fresh bread, and have brought it.'

Mueller thanked the man. No sooner had this transpired when there was a second knock at the door. It was the milkman. He announced that his milk cart had broken down right in front of the Orphanage, and he would like to give the children

his cans of fresh milk so he could empty his wagon and repair it. No wonder, years later, when Mueller was to travel the world as an evangelist, he would be heralded as

'the man who gets things from God!' --from the "Christian Hall of Fame Series" (No.23) by Ed Reese

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George Mueller stayed in the background as the humble servant of the LORD Jesus Christ, who wanted nothing more in his life than to magnify his God. "I will praise the Name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving" (Psalm 69:30). His own life (i.e., his goals, his dreams, his passions) had value only in what glory he could direct towards Heaven and in what good he could bestow on Earth. "Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven: and come and follow Me" (Matthew 19:21).

"His own personal income varied around \$12,000 a year, of which he kept for himself \$1,800 giving the rest away." --from the "Christian Hall of Fame Series" (No.23) by Ed Reese

In 1876, a book of Mr. Mueller's sermons was published which also contained his picture and signature. His deep desire to keep the LORD Jehovah Jireh (literally, the LORD will Provide) in the forefront of everyone's minds and hearts prompted him to respond with the following:

"During the last thirty years I have been asked both verbally and in writing for my likeness, but my reply has invariably been

'As I do not wish to direct attention to myself but to my Lord and Master, I must decline to comply with your request.'

Twenty years ago I was offered 500 pounds sterling if I would allow it to be published, but the offer was declined for the reason already given." --George Mueller

Mr. Pierson reveals the opinion of Mr. James Wright (Mr. Mueller's son-in-law, and successor in the orphan work) with similar fashion concerning Mueller's desire to remain in the background-- giving God the foreground-- Mr. Pierson writes:

"Mr. Mueller's own gifts to the service of the Lord find in this posthumous report their first full record and recognition. Readers of the Annual Reports must have noticed an entry, recurring with strange frequency during all these thirty or forty years, and therefore suggesting a giver that must have reached a very ripe age:

'from a servant of the Lord Jesus, who, constrained by the love of Christ, seeks to lay up treasure in heaven.'

If that entry be carefully followed throughout and there be added the personal gifts made by Mr. Mueller to various benevolent objects, it will be found that the aggregate sum from this 'servant' reaches, up to March 1, 1898, a total of eighty-one thousand four hundred and ninety pounds eighteen shillings and eightpence. Mr. Wright, now that this 'servant of the Lord Jesus' is with his Master, who promised,

'Where I am there shall also My servant be,'

feels free to make known that this donor was no other than George Mueller himself who thus gave out of his own money -- money given to him for his own use or left to him by legacies-- the total sum of about sixty-four thousand five hundred pounds to the Scriptural Knowledge Institution, and, in other directions, seventeen thousand more. This is a record of personal gifts to which we know no parallel." --from chapter 20: "The Summary of the Life-Work" ---

There was but one thing foremost in the mind of George Mueller, and that he continually tried to keep foremost in the minds of others, "Let the BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD be UPON US: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it" (Psalm 90:17). "One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after... to behold the Beauty of THE LORD, and to inquire in HIS Temple" (Psalm 27:4).

"Two things are here plainly put before us:

first, that Elijah was but a man, of like nature with other men and subject to all human frailties and infirmities;

and secondly, that this man was such a power because he was a man of prayer: he prayed earnestly; literally 'he prayed

with prayer'; prayed habitually and importunately." --from chapter 24: "Last Looks, Backward and Forward" ---

**Re:, on: 2005/10/30 21:54**

You misunderstood what was being said, I know the story of George Mueller, but I wasn't talking about that.

I know people who proudly proclaim that we should live by faith, but live on welfare, and they lack faith.

I am talking about people who shout that we need to do this and we need to do that, but don't do it themselves.

Do you understand what I am saying now.

"Can you hear me now"

Karl

**Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/10/31 0:18**

Karl, I think it's just that it seems like you write with such an angry tone so often. If you have a correction for somebody, than you should give it, but you don't need to attack every aspect that you can think of. It makes it hard to listen sometimes.

Anyway, I do believe that we could raise the support for this site, and I believe that we could make it more than it is now. Just as you don't wait for Christians to walk through the church doors, I don't believe you should just wait for the funding to hit the basket. At the same time, it's not right to expect someone to give grudgingly.

I speak honestly when I say that the sermons, texts, even discussions that are available on this site have changed the way I walk, talk, and live. This is a congregation of believers, and we need to support it.

Thanks again, Greg, and moderators for taking care of this for us. This site is a blessing, and the people brought in create an awesome fellowship, even if different than traditional.

Grace and Peace...

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/11/2 8:25**

Praying this morning and...

Just want to be obedient to the prompting;

"Retract it"

Best I can tell the sentiment is what the Lord might be after and this as well;

"I will do the convicting"

Can only pray that this is not misconstrued, nor borne out of my own head... Awoke with a heavy groaning and this was as far away as could be, in fact there is a part of me still resisting... The retraction is not in pulling the words off, it's in handing back the authority I attempted to usurp.



Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/11/2 10:35

Quote:

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Hi Mike

It is difficult, when you see someone being crucified, to keep your mouth shut! ;-) I think one of the lessons I find it most difficult to learn personally is how to defend someone without attacking someone else. As a young pastor the Lord took me on one side and told me that He had called me to be a 'shepherd not a sheriff!' When you see someone who is pouring his life out become the target for attack I still have a tendency to 'buckle on the gunbelt'!

I think I know what you were doing and I think I know why you are feeling the way you are now. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." (James 1:19-20, KJVS)

Having said that I stand four square with you by Greg's side in this issue. I would have not have asked the question 'how much is coming in?' but rather 'how much is going out?' The costs of this gift to the church ought not to be born by one man, and each person who benefits from the site ought to ask the questions 'how can I give something back?' I am happy to leave the answer to the individual conscience but it is the job of each one of us to ask it.

Sometimes our mistakes show our heart better than very correct web etiquette. God bless you, my brother.

Re: - posted by Yodi (), on: 2005/11/7 19:48

Greg

I know that you take much of this ministry to prayer, especially the support aspect. It really is awesome that you provide all these resources for free. And you had mentioned that God specifically put it upon your heart not to charge anyone for the sermons, if I remember correctly. If things changed however, and you had to start charging for some service on SI to keep this ministry running, I really don't think anyone would complain. There are several organizations that I can think of that provide a certain amount of services for free, but if you want access to the other services they provide, then you pay for a year's subscription. Maybe it would help people appreciate all the hard work you put into this as well. But at the same time, you can't make everyone happy, nor should you strive to. I'm sure you do this ministry as unto the Lord, and if your labor, heart and efforts are pleasing to Him, then He'll take care of those who may not be appreciative, and He'll keep providing for your needs. Continue to be a good steward of the things God has given you, and faithful with what He has put in your care, and everything will work out for the glory of God.