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Despite the economic downturn, the prosperity gospel remains alive and well. Pastors like Cowan or televangelists like the Rev. Creflo Dollar and the Rev. Kenneth Copeland continue to promise that financial blessings will follow donations to their ministries.

But it faces a challenge from a new austerity gospel, which says God blesses those who work hard, save their money and pay off their debts.

Believing in God's provision is common to most Christians. What makes the prosperity gospel unique is the idea that God's blessings can be triggered by donations known as seeds of faith. ...

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Re: Prosperity gospel faces challenge: frugal savers, on: 2009/12/3 15:12

As man reaps what he sows!

Re: Prosperity gospel faces challenge: frugal savers - posted by kathleen1 (), on: 2009/12/3 15:59

It is a sad testimony to the laziness and carelessness of many who call themselves Christians yet are duped by this kind of gospel because they are too lazy or careless to read the Bible for themselves and pray for understanding. What's really heartbreaking is how these men take this false gospel into other countries who are poor and people see and hear their lies and wonder in pain and disbelief at their own poverty and suffering...

Re: Prosperity gospel faces challenge: frugal savers - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2009/12/3 17:30

These teachings that have been popular in the faith movement for years is the equivalent of "giving to get". Many of the prosperity preachers are practicing what they are preaching, because they are living like kings in this world, and to them financial prosperity is the equivalent of spirituality.

Many of these teachers are teaching that not only will God reward you with financial blessings if you sow your seed into their ministry, but He will bless you with whatever it is that you are believing for. This is the equivalent of the selling of indulgences that took place in the Catholic Church during the days of Luther.

The Word of God does teach the principle of sowing and reaping, but many of these teachers are not teaching the whole word on the subject.

Christians should follow the instructions in the Word and flee from these teachers.

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:3-10).