

General Topics :: Worried about possible WoF type teaching

Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by MetaCipher, on: 2010/2/2 10:58

I am very worried about the direction my church is going. I am seeking help and God's will - to know if I am in error, or if my church is in error.

I tried posting a sermon on here a few weeks ago, but due to forum rules, my post was deleted because I linked to an mp3. At any rate, I still have the mp3 available, but I will only be able to send it to people who Message me.

To basically give a quick overview of the message. The topic is "DNA of a Difference Maker." We've been going through a series of "Being a Difference Maker" - which essentially means, making a difference in other people's lives. That's all well and good. One of the latest sermons talked about David and Goliath. We went over several points, and this is our central verse:

Romans 8:37

"No, in all these things we are more than 'Difference Makers' through him who loved us."

(Yes, he really changed the words to Difference Makers, but then said, it might say 'conquerors' for you)

Key points:

1. It's in you - Each of us have the spirit of a difference maker. We can rise above the ordinary. When we understand Jesus says we are, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.
2. The DNA of a Difference Maker - David was a great difference maker.
 - 2a. Humbly Dedicated - I am going to do what's necessary.
 - 2b. Prepared - David was ready when he walked into that situation with Goliath. He was prepared to act and do great things for God.
 - 2c. Great Faith - Understands and believes the word of God. Believes God will do what he said he would do.
 - 2d. Victory is a done deal - You don't have to worry about it, Jesus said it, so it's a done deal.
 - 2e. Speak to the Situation - David spoke to Goliath, not about Goliath. So he had victory.

In addition, in the latest sermon, he gave the following story (most transcribed word-for-word - I tried to keep the context intact):

Quote:

(Welcome, and all of that - few testimonies)

I started putting into practice some of the things we've been talking about being a difference maker...

(Talks about how he has to get blood work done, and that he passed out multiple times during his last visit. He then begins to talk about his most recent visit).

As I was driving to the VA to get all this done, this is what I began to do. I began to speak to the situation. Amen. And I began to say, I do not pass out in Jesus name. That is not me. That used to be me, that's not me anymore.

And as I was going there I began to speak to my blood levels in Jesus name they are going to be normal, they're going to be perfect, all these things are not a problem, they're going to be good.

So I get there, the lady takes my blood. She was amazing, I didn't even feel it. I was looking out the window... I was quoting scripture and praying. I wasn't doing it obnoxiously, I was doing it under my breath. And usually they take about 2 vials, and for some reason they took 3. I don't know why, and I was really good; first vial, second vial. And when she popped in a 3rd one, I thought, you've got to be kidding me. And so I began to pray in tongues at that point. (Audience chuckling). It works. And so everything was good. She slapped a cotton ball, slapped some tape on there, let me go, and I'm good to go. So I said Praise God, and it was good.

So I get my lab work back and my cholesterol was the lowest it has been in the 6 years that I've gone to the VA. So all my numbers, everything was perfect, great, good. I take my blood pressure on a regular basis, and it has been low also. I just want to tell you all that, because Speak to the Situation.

Whatever it is that's going on in your life, believe by faith it's a done deal. Speak to the situation, and watch begin to do amazing things. Because I have to be honest with you, in the 6 months since I went, I really didn't do a good job of eating and exercising. So, it was all God.

Again, I don't wish to take anything out of context - so I have original audio available to those who are willing to help. Thanks.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/2/2 11:40

I believe GOD honors His Word and keeps His promises.
I believe we need to realize and understand who we are in Christ and know our position in Him.
I also believe GOD is far greater than the circumstances and situations we face.
That said, I don't speak to the situation; because I'm not in charge and it is not in my hands !!
I believe GOD is working in the situation and can use the situation to bring about His purpose and will.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching, on: 2010/2/2 12:17

"Speak to the Situation - David spoke to Goliath, not about Goliath. So he had victory" MetiCipher

I guess I don't see it quite the same way. First of all David was speaking to a person, Goliath. Secondly, God had prepared David many years in the wilderness (as a shepherd) for this battle. God gave the victory, not the words David spoke. The same with Joshua and the trumpets, God crumbled the walls, not the trumpets themselves. In the prelude up to the moment where David confronted Goliath, I see it more important how God prepared David for the battle than the battle itself. I don't see this battle won through simple methodology, but won in the years of faithful and patient preparation between God and a chosen vessel.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by davym (), on: 2010/2/2 12:21

Hi there

Your post resonates with me as I have concerns over this type of teaching also. Many of my friends have DVDs of WoF preachers and teachers. If I dare question them it leads to an awkward debate I usually give up on because it becomes acrimonious.

We must also be careful we don't end up judging these people. We can assess their teachings, but only God knows their heart and we mustn't misinterpret what they are saying.
If you search the forum you will find a host of threads dedicated to this topic. They may be years old now, but they contain a wealth of truth which you may find helpful.

Considering your post I would say that the sermon misses the point of Romans 8:37. The apostle is talking about believers being conquerors over sin (through Christ) and the trials that come with being a follower of Christ. The verse is not about making a difference in other people's lives. The latter is not untrue, just not the focus of this verse.

I personally find that WoF becomes cultish, like a works based religion e.g if you just believe it will happen. If you do this then this.....
Really, it's nothing new. Just a new form of error appropriate to a prosperous period of human history (well, for the West anyway)
WoF works well if your goal is to boost your self esteem, prosperity, health etc. These things are likely to happen anyway in a prosperous nation where healthcare, investment/ employment opportunities and a semblance of moral values exist. But the real joy of Christianity comes from the knowledge deep in our souls that our sins are forgiven and we are new creations with eternal life in Christ. This begets in us a desire to tell others about Christ as well as show charity and love to our fellow humans. It is all from Christ though. In and of ourselves we are nothing.

God's will may be to prosper us, heal us..... whatever, but this is not promised in scripture and shouldn't be taught as such. Picking a verse here and a verse there and creating a doctrine out of it is highly dangerous. This is what WoF ministers tend to do and is why it is sometimes difficult to discern truth from error.

There is plenty of power in the WoF message, but little or no spiritual power because although sin, Christ's substitutionary death and resurrection along with our sanctification are mentioned, they are not the emphasis of the message, but more a side issue. This is wrong and often fatal.

We should pray earnestly for people caught up in this and be discerning when listening to preachers/teachers. We must also remember the grace God has shown to us and reflect this grace to others in our questioning. I think you've shown this in your post.

In Christ

David

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching, on: 2010/2/2 12:31

Hi MetaCipher,

Is your church part of a denomination?

You're absolutely right to be concerned. I've just discovered that the leadership of the AoG in the UK is going this way. Right up at the top, they are recommending books by people who have departed from the biblical faith, and have found ways of circum-navigating the cross of Christ.

Re: - posted by MetaCipher, on: 2010/2/2 12:44

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Yes, my church is an AoG church. I've noticed other things as well. Such as people talking about Joyce Meyers teaching - also, a lot of people seem to really like Tommy Barnett from Phoenix First AoG. Which, from what I read briefly, he has had guests like Joyce Meyers and TD Jakes. We also went over teachings by John Bevere before. I'm only 23, but I don't remember AoG churches always being this way.

Everyone else, thank you for your help and support. I am going to soak it all in and then reply back.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by wayneman (), on: 2010/2/2 13:00

I listened to a few minutes when you first posted the link but the thread was deleted before I could respond. The preacher lost me when he said, "Turn to the person next to you and say..." That is a form of crowd manipulation known as "auto-suggestion." Everybody hates when preachers do that but they do it anyway. The message is no better or worse than the man-centered gospel we hear at just about any evangelical church in America: a Bible-based self-improvement course, "How to Take Charge of Your Life," Christian Dianetics.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/2/2 13:06

hi, like all things ;eat the fish and spit out the bones. the bible says that we are healed by the stripes of Jesus.it also says if you have the faith in his word you will have what you say.look at rom 10 9,10 for salvation. look up the greek for salvation and see what it includes.what are we to say... the opposite no...jimp

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by HeedWatchmen (), on: 2010/2/2 15:29

This is a very New Age teaching. The New Age teachings are rampant in the church today. I would suggest that you distance yourself from these teachings before they take root in your own life. God's Word is what all our beliefs should be based on. Anything that does not line up with the Word is not of God.

Warren Smith has some good books on the New Age. His testimony "The Light that was Dark" is excellent reading telling of his journey in seeking the truth.

Re: - posted by murrclor (), on: 2010/2/2 15:44

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-----We must also be careful we don't end up judging these people. We can assess their teachings, but only God knows their heart and we mustn't misinterpret what they are saying.

We can also look at them and the fruits they bear

Mat 7:15-20vBeware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by MetaCipher, on: 2010/2/3 15:11

Thank you everyone for your help.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by twayneb (), on: 2010/2/3 21:12

I grew up in a movement that was at the very heart of 20th century American pentecostalism. I knew elderly people who were personal friends of some of those who were participants in the Topeka, KS outpouring in 1901. But this movement had become a very closed group. I often heard criticisms of other ministries who were not part of our group and warnings that if you listened to any of those other people you would get off into error for sure. I think many really believed they were part of the only group who really had all of their doctrinal and theological ducks in a row.

I say that to say this. Over my 30 years as a Christian I have been exposed to all kinds of teaching and have never been afraid to go here or there to see what God was doing. One thing I have always done is prayerfully study the scriptures and compare everything I heard with the sure word of prophecy (the Bible). I have seen those who have only studied scripture through the glasses of their denominational affiliation. Guess what...they came to the same conclusions as their teachers. I have learned to dig deep into scripture and count no interpretation of man as sacred. Teachers and preachers help us understand scripture, that is true. That is part of God's system. But we are never to get over into the, "I am of Paul, I am of Apollos..." camp. And this is very subtle sometimes. Be a Berean and search it out.

Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. The WoF movement caught a revelation from the Word that had been lacking in the body to that point. But, some of them went to seed on some things. WoF doctrine is not 100% accurate or correct, but it is not occultish either. The same can be said of almost any denominational movement that has been built by men following a move of God. Baptists have caught hold of some powerful revelation of the Word of God in some areas, and in others they have just flat missed some things. The same can be said of AoG, Presbyterians, Methodists, you name it. We must be students of the Word and compare everything to it. We must be followers of Christ, not of any denominational interpretation.

I would never speak against Joyce Meyer. God has used her to have a powerful impact and many many people are born again and living for God because of her. Likewise I would not speak against any man or woman of God who is preaching the gospel and bearing fruit. If there are areas of teaching that I feel strongly are not in accordance with the Word of God, I might say, "I don't believe so-and-so is right on that issue and here is why...". I would have studied the issue and prayed over it until I felt like I could show clearly from scripture what the error and truth are.

I have been very wrong before in my interpretation, and I am sure I will be again. Praise God for His instruction and His

grace.

Anyway, that is my opinion for what it is worth. I do believe there is great truth in exercising the spiritual authority given us by God and speaking to your mountain, commanding it to be removed into the sea. Nowhere do we ever find an example of one of the apostles praying to God asking Him to heal someone who was sick as if He had to subject Christ to the stripes again for each request. The apostles said things like, "such as I have given you, in the name of Jesus rise and walk". This guy may not be right about everything, but the idea of exercising spiritual authority out of the power of the Holy Spirit operating in our lives is scriptural.

Travis

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/2/4 1:16

hi, in my time of close fellowship with bro. ravenhill he would always tell me not to believe anything a preacher said without studying the bible; especially him.jimp

Re: , on: 2010/2/4 7:39

Preachers and teachers are admonished to preach the whole counsel of God. Not just a specific form of revelation, not a new wave of experience, not a confined theology, not a current methodology.... the 'whole' counsel. This is why we have a crossless church and a compartmentalization of theology and methodology that tells sheep to speak out loud a certain way, say certain things, plead the blood on certain objects, claim 'our' authority over satan (not Christ's authority 'ours'). if you don't have Christ you don't have authority. many are rebuking satan and casting out with no fruit in their lives at all because they've been given instructions and not the cross), have a warped and unbiblical view of sowing and reaping that directly affects the bottom line of their ministry with unbiblical promises for the sheep who do what they say. Some are deceivers, others are sincerely deceived.

God's sheep are worth the whole counsel, there may be some beneficial revelation of the Word in some regard with WoF but that isn't 'because' of this teacher or that preacher it is 'despite' their lack of whole counsel... through the mercy and grace of God.

There is a certain and ugly falling away in the last days, the Bible is very clear about it. And this isn't because the preachers and teachers of this last day are preaching the whole counsel of God with an unction of the Holy Spirit that springs from a genuine and jealous heart for their flock. And it's not because ears are itching for the whole counsel of God.

Alot of people say that the seed of Christ was sown in me while I was in the catholic church. I say that seed was sown despite the catholic church out of God's love and mercy and, perhaps, people of God who prayed for me. I can't allow them (the church) to boast even if a crumb of truth and revelation came from them. I say this because many who had the same teaching are deceived and in a pit of sinfulness with no desire to get out. I see the same in other ministries too.

Just as others have said or implied, seek out God and His word. Compare it to what might be being taught. If you have a deep concern in the pit of your crawl as you do this, then I would heed that. The reason why some have concern and others don't is because some are seeking Christ with all their heart, and they want the truth which is the whole counsel of God. God won't forsake these.... He'll bring them out of mixed and half truths and draw them to Himself. It may take time, and it may be a journey, but He'll do it. And by His grace and mercy, and your desire for Him and His truth, will be a relationship that spares a certain falling away that awaits others. I believe we live in an hour where prayer for the whole counsel of God is essential.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching, on: 2010/2/4 9:57

I'm grateful that you posted this Metacipher, and also for your candidness. In short, the WOF doctrines are unbiblical and presumptuous, and have done much harm to the body of Christ, and have destroyed many.

The gist of their ideas, are to put man upon the Throne.Genesis 2: 3

4."And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

"You shall be as gods!"

...and they are. This is the true application of these doctrines. We no longer trust God, but ourselves, and by proxy of becoming born again, are independent and free to exercise our godhead upon the Earth. We just have to say it, believe it, and wah-lah!... we change the inert values of the Universe to accommodate our own desires.

Isn't it telling that their main emphasis is never upon holiness, love and mercy, the major tenets of true Christianity, but upon our prosperity, our victory, our happiness....all earthbound and carnal counterfeits of the Heavenly.

1. "It's in you - Each of us have the spirit of a difference maker. We can rise above the ordinary. When we understand Jesus says we are, there is nothing we cannot accomplish".....

THAT'S WHEN THE LORD SCATTERED BABEL, AND DESTROYED THE TOWER.

2. The DNA of a Difference Maker - David was a great difference maker.

2a. Humbly Dedicated -

"I am going to do what's necessary."

SELF WILL...AN ACT OF THE FLESH.

2b. Prepared - "David was ready when he walked into that situation with Goliath. He was prepared to act and do great things for God."

DAVID'S PREPARATION WAS THAT HE REALLY KNEW JESUS.

2c. Great Faith - "Understands and believes the word of God. Believes God will do what he said he would do."

YES, IN THE BIBLE, OR WRITTEN PROPHECY THERE PROPHECY, OR MAYBE IN PERSONAL PROMISES, BUT IT DOES NOT QUALIFY US TO DEMAND THAT HE DO SO FOR US, BASED UPON OUR WHIMS. THIS IS CLASSIC PRESUMPTION, NOT FAITH.

2d. Victory is a done deal - You don't have to worry about it, Jesus said it, so it's a done deal.

AGAIN, THERE ARE MULTITUDES OF MARTYRS, AND SAINTS THAT HAVE SUFFERED. READ HEBREWS 11 TO VIEW THE CHARACTER OF THOSE GODLY WHO HAVE. WAS IT PLEASANT, AS JOB'S TRIAL WAS, NO! BUT THEY ENDURED UNTIL THE END, FOR GOD'S GLORY.

2e. Speak to the Situation - David spoke to Goliath, not about Goliath. So he had victory....

"YOU ARE A GOD, AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY IT, JUST LIKE JEHOVAH!"....LIE, LIE, LIE, LIE. YOU ARE NOT GOD, AND YOU DO NOT POSSESS THE CREATIVE RHEMA WORD, EVEN THOUGH SATAN WOULD LIKE TO DECEIVE YOU TO BELIEVE SO.

I have family members who have been deeply immersed in WOF, and friends, for 30 years. I have watched the life drained out of them. They are selfish shells of their former christian selves; dry, and hateful. This subtle error has destroyed millions, I think, and the fruit of it is cold and wicked. Learn of Jesus, who is meek and lowly, and become as that child he set out in the midst of the crowd, and pronounced; "AND SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!".

The infant was dependent and filled with trust that he would be cared for, not ascendant and confident in his own strength and faith to deliver himself. Is it faith in faith, or trust in God.

2 Corinthians 12

9."But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

10."That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Paul was surely in the flesh when he wrote that, you think? Or perhaps he just had a lapse of the good faith confession. ...or maybe he knew the Lord, and it proves that all of these other WOF preachers have been taken by a doctrine of devils.

Re: - posted by Joyful_Heart, on: 2010/2/4 12:12

Twayneb, I really enjoyed your thoughts on the subject. I know that people who are hungry for God, no matter where they are, God will show Himself to them. I know from experience. When I was searching for the correct religion. God used a Jehovah Witness to open the Bible to me. I read what she pointed out but the Holy Spirit came on me and I kept reading as it came alive to me and she kept talking but I didn't hear a word she said. I gave my life to Jesus of the King James Bible several months later in a living room full of very, very young hippies! Glory to God! God is searching for hearts longing for Him. I guess we need to pray that people will be hungry for God more than hungry for the things of the world. God loves us all. I have seen one in particular preacher grow in his sermons lifting up the Lord and His ways more and more almost every time I hear him. I know God loves him. This is what counts. Are we growing in our relationship with Him and is there fruit. And we who are more mature - grin - should be praying for these preachers who are so popular that the Lord would bring revelation to them so that their followers will also find Truth. I believe that is God's heart.

Re: , on: 2010/2/4 13:09

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves

Ephesians 5:11

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

2 Timothy 3

Godlessness in the Last Days

1But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

Jude 1

1Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,

To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:

2Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

The sin and doom of Godless men

3Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. 4For certain men whose condemnation was written about **long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.**

5**Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.**

8**In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. 9But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" 10Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals—these are the very things that destroy them.**

11**Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.**

12**These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. 13They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.**

14**Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones 15to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." 16These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.**

A call to persevere

17But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19**These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.**

20But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. 21**Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.**

22**Be merciful to those who doubt; 23snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.....end**

....As God dictates in His word, we have multiple responsibilities whether it be to pray in love, expose out of concern for the flock, avoid altogether, or be merciful to doubters. Paul, Peter and Jude were no less loving or mature by warning the flock of preachers such as the one's described, than anything else they may have said through God including wanting 'all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth'. This is God's whole counsel. And this whole counsel is His whole heart. He doesn't suspend one attribute of His heart at the expense of another. He doesn't tell us to just pray and not expose or warn. Nor does He say 'expose such darkness' and 'avoid those' who are deceived and Godless, but not pray. Many Epistles were written to admonish and warn the flock of pending dangers and there was no love lacking in this. Just as there is no love lacking in praying for those who are deceived.

I think the last verse of Jude demonstrates much of God's heart: 22Be merciful to those who doubt; 23snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching, on: 2010/2/4 14:31

twaneb said

Quote:

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Brother, if I may dispute with you? When looking at what they purport to believe and its closeness to scripture, I understand and why you said that. But the outworking of extra-biblical doctrine from books by modern religious writers, is indeed with chcraft, according to scripture. It is not added into the whole word of God which would be bad enough! It is put in place of some of the word of God, and in this they do greatly stray from the narrow way.

The false teachings permit the preacher to accuse his audience of lack of faith, lack of generosity of spirit, and generally hold them responsible for everything that is wrong in their lives (or, that of the church - in 'love' of course), bringing much legalism and bondage to bear; while offering no solutions except harder work, more appearances at church, more money in the offering (and so on). Sin is not addressed (while lack of 'faith' appears to be) and the cross is a distant memory even when breaking bread. The blood, and its power, is not even understood properly, and so it slowly disappears from songs which already lack substance, hymns are never or rarely sung, and open fellowship in prayer is a religious exercise completely lacking in power - if it is even permitted. These are the outcomes of following 'other teachers' than Christ and His apostles.

Sometimes, I think that those of us who are pressed by the Holy Spirit - to grapple with scripture until we know we understand a fresh point - forget just how dependent some others in the flock *really* are, upon the preacher, for hearing the real meaning expounded fully, so that they may grow in their knowledge of the word, and its applications in their lives.

In this, every inflection which misrepresents the heart of God, is capable of feeding a false view of Him in the believers mind, which is already cultured in suspecting Him of being like them, or their natural fathers. Truly, I see preaching as a minefield, and one not to be entered upon without a clear call from God, and a willingness to hold back every thought which He has not given.

I hope this doesn't sound too much like a rant, but I am watching WoF deceptions being worked on a large group of baptised in the Spirit believers, and it makes me both angry, and sick at heart. As crider said, there can be a variety of legitimate responses, but I feel quite strongly that I can't walk away. The very seeing of what I see, places a responsibility on me; however, I find myself in great need of continuously being renewed in mind, while preparing to address the situation in a biblical way. It strikes me deeply, that Jesus could say, '... as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love' John 15:10 There was not one commandment that He did not keep. That is what I desire to be able to testify, so I think, by His grace.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by JCGarc55, on: 2010/2/4 17:13

It sounds like a willow creek association message. Go to their website and see if your church is listed there. The message more or less sounds like a self esteem message. Sort of like Joel Osteen where the assumption is made that you are child of God and without sin. By the way, have noticed if your church preaches against sin anymore? One symptom of your church going the Willow creek seeker sensitive path is if they say they are making Sundays a day of celebration and will focus on grace and love.

(http://www.willowcreek.com/wca_info/find_a_church/profilesearch.asp) click here to find out if your church is part of WCA

Re: WoF - posted by twayneb (), on: 2010/2/4 17:44

Quote:
-----Brother, if I may dispute with you? When looking at what they purport to believe and its closeness to scripture, I understand why you said that. But the outworking of extra-biblical doctrine from books by modern religious writers, is indeed witchcraft, according to scripture. It is not added into the whole word of God which would be bad enough! It is put in place of some of the word of God, and in this they do greatly stray from the narrow way. The false teachings permit the preacher to accuse his audience of lack of faith, lack of generosity of spirit, and generally hold them responsible for everything that is wrong in their lives (or, that of the church - in 'love' of course), bringing much legalism and bondage to bear; while offering no solutions except harder work, more appearances at church, more money in the offering (and so on). Sin is not addressed (while lack of 'faith' appears to be) and the cross is a distant memory even when breaking bread. The blood, and its power, is not even understood properly, and so it slowly disappears from songs which already lack substance, hymns are never or rarely sung, and open fellowship in prayer is a religious exercise completely lacking in power - if it is even permitted. These are the outcomes of following 'other teachers' than Christ and His apostles.

Alive-to-God: You may dispute with me brother, and it won't upset me in the least.

I would be in total agreement with you if you said, "There are many in the WoF movement who have become unbalanced and have gone to seed on some legitimate teachings, taking them far beyond what is Biblical and in doing so have led many astray." I would also be in total agreement if you had made this same statement about most any denominational faction in the church.

What I would disagree with is the blanket statements made about the WoF movement in general. For example, preachers accusing their flocks of having a lack of faith. There have been many in the WoF movement who have taken this teaching to an extreme I do not see Biblically, but that does not diminish the fact that faith pleases God, and that everything we receive from God comes as we put faith in what He has done. Faith is our positive response, taking Him at His word, and taking hold of something that is already a reality in the Spirit but must be manifest in the natural realm. Many people began to try to use faith like a lever to move God, as if God had some kind of a faith-o-meter and when you had extended enough faith, then whammo, you got it! But this is a perversion of a genuine truth, being that we must receive from God by faith.

There is a truth that we are often responsible for what is wrong in our lives. Sometimes it is through our own sins and choices. I am sure from things you have said before that you would agree with that statement. But sometimes we are ignorant of the Word or have had wrong teaching and it prevents us from receiving from God and causes problems in our lives just the same. For example, if I think that it is God's will that I am sick for some "higher redemptive purpose", then I will not be able to stand in faith for healing. I will always be trying to guess whether this time I am being attacked by the enemy, or by God? Some have taken these truths and have then gone beyond and perverted them, saying that if you have not received healing that you are in sin, or that it is "your fault", and "what is wrong with you?", heaping condemnation on someone and not at all in the true love of Christ. This is wrong, but it is not all WoF people who have gone down this road.

If I were more familiar with the teachings of some other groups I am sure I could draw similar things from them. My point is that just because some have gone into error does not mean that the entirety of the movement is in error.

I do know a great number of very solid people who have come up in the WoF movement, and they are able to identify the same things you spoke of and recognize them as error and a perversion of the teaching they have had all their lives. There are things I have learned from WoF people, and there are things I have rejected from WoF people. I am just saying don't throw out the baby with the dirty bathwater.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching, on: 2010/2/4 19:31

Hello Wayne,

I didn't think you'd be offended, and I appreciate the fulness of your reply, and your earnestness.

However, you are making a sincere assumption - that there is a genuine desire for biblical Christianity in the situation I describe; that blind spots and extraneous teaching injudiciously imbibed previously, leading to misunderstandings,

would happily be abandoned for something better. No. It is far worse than that. There is a real question arising, over whether the person doing all the talking, actually desires truth in the inward parts as an end in itself to the glory of God. Because he seems to have accepted an unbiblical construct so absolutely, that he is not open to discussion about what the Bible itself actually shows us. He uses it like a book of quotations which you add to make your sermon sound as if it has some spiritual content. Rarely does he seem to understand it, or expound it in a safe way. And, he is not afeared by scriptural warnings. It's as if he believes God has given him power, a bit like the ancient 'divine right of kings' fallacy.

If what he says is an expression of his heart, then I am not overstating the situation, and he really does see 'doctrine' as dispensable, despite the many New Testament mentions of it. Indeed, he does not believe it's possible to know 'the truth' - which is alarming! - being that he doesn't consider truth an absolute; although from time to time he sounds as if he sees how a bit of truth might be useful for his general agenda to keep folk on board. I could say more, but I should desist, apart from to list two passages of scripture which capture the conflict.

Isa 56:9, 10, 11, 12, and Rom 8:5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2010/2/4 21:21

I guess the "he" you were referring to was the preacher at the beginning of the post??? I am not sure I follow what you are trying to say in the second paragraph. It sounds as if you are implying that this person does not believe himself what he teaches and is using the gospel deceitfully for his own gain with no interest in the people other than support him?? I could not say as I am totally unfamiliar with this specific person, but I would hate to question another man's motive without having close knowledge of him.

My point is that one cannot simply say, "That WoF camp is ALL wrong." Brother, I know too many of them and see the maturity and fruit they bear and the solid and balanced doctrine that they live by and teach. One can say, "This man has missed it Biblically and here is why." One can say, "This group has a doctrine that is not Biblical and here is why." I could point you to other denominational groups that have just as many adherents who have gotten off into flaky doctrine and error and have caused harm to the body as a result. But I could also point to just as many people in these groups who are solid as a rock. I have learned a lot that helped me to grow from people who have come from the WoF movement, just as I have learned a lot from people from many other groups as well. I am just saying that we cannot throw a blanket over the entirety of this group and say they are all one way or another way.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/2/4 22:32

hi, blanket judgement is an awful trap that stems from pride of which i could be an authority, after losing any fellowship that could be mistaken for anointing in my ministry because of it...should we denounce abraham for lying twice to pharaoh offering his wife...or david for adultery and murder...gideon for his lack of faith...peter for his denying Jesus...paul for being chiefest of sinners. we are to receive the truth and not the error in love. some of the wof people are as wrong as rain and are to be avoided but some were and are good people and like me are not perfect. jimp

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2010/2/4 22:49

Good word jimp.

Re: - posted by intrcssr83 (), on: 2010/2/5 8:14

Just thought I'd post this video by Justin Peters entitled "A Call to Discernment":

(<http://justinpeters.org/Chapel.wmv>) Justin Peters - A Call to Discernment

Justin Peters is a Baptist evangelist and itinerant preacher. For his postgraduate research, he focused on the WoF movement with an emphasis on the teachings and ministry of Benny Hinn. Like myself, he has cerebral palsy, and as such has seen upfront the deception on the part of so-called faith healers. Most recently, he attended Todd Bentley's short-lived "revival" at Lakeland, FL as a "secret-shopper".

The above video is merely the introduction to a larger seminar, but it touches on where the WoF movement goes over the edge.

Re: , on: 2010/2/5 8:24

"...should we denounce abraham for lying twice to pharaoh offering his wife...or david for adultery and murder...gideon for his lack of faith...peter for his denying Jesus...paul for being chiefest of sinners." jimp

As the chiefest of sinners Paul denounced deception and errant teachings and so did Peter. I don't think those speaking to this issue are talking about making a mistake here or there or being perfect, we're talking about flock being led astray by preaching dogma and theologies that clearly don't line up with His word, then calling it truth. The Epistles speak of deceiving and being deceived in this area. Even the unsaved believe they are good people, and even the greatest of preachers are not perfect. But there's a difference between making mistakes or not being 'perfect' and making it your calling to preach God's truth to a flock and not considering the whole counsel of God. Although they are not perfect, the Bible says they will be judged more strictly because they are 'teachers' by profession, this is what they do... they teach the Word.

It pains me that those who have heard WoF and know that much of their style and theology is errant or false are labelled as being prideful or unloving. The warnings given on this thread are not personal attacks... yet the pride and unloving label or implication by those who get defensive about it, I think, is. Many have questioned and denounced the theology and teaching, not the people. And some have been in the WoF movement and know by experience the difference. I know Brother Tom has been exposed to errant teachings in these areas and so have I (books, cd's, and the like for me). I don't know him to be prideful or immature about these things. Pride should be the last thing in someone's spirit after being caught up in something they are now out of. God's mercy and grace is one thing we cannot boast of ourselves. I'm sorry but I have to stand with Alive to God on this when he says that he cannot just walk away. If this is seen as prideful or judgmental then I guess at some point God will resist me to the point that I will say no more.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/2/5 8:27

hi, how do we go from a pastor agreeing with the bible with a confession of faith in what Jesus did for him to these overboard weird self seeking people.jimp p s i heard the doctor in charge of the cancer r.c. in houston say' half the battle is won if we can get folks to believe that they are going to make it' jesus saves,heals and delivers.sozo

Re: - posted by JCGarc55, on: 2010/2/5 16:50

When I think of WOF teachings, I think of Oral Roberts and his disciples. A majority of their teachings are outright heresy. I don't know any other way to put it. I can go point by point on their teachings and it would take pages and pages. I previously was part of a church that allowed WOF teachers to take the pulpit. The bottom line is their teachings are man centered. It's about using God to advance and prosper self. I'd advise anyone who is okay with WOF to carefully study their teachings and the many quotes that are out there documented. The "bible answer man" has a book out called Christianity in Crisis and it's very heavily foot noted.. Also, search on youtube. It's very grieving and i can't understand how a person can support them after seeing what they believe and to this day they have never repented of. I'll close my post with a segment of a message from the pastor of my church. It's on the bottom. I think he clearly explains why it's heresy.

I hope i don't come off as prideful. My motive is not to bash someone. But to warn people who can possibly shipwreck their faith by sitting under these teachings. Listen to Carter Conlon's message which is titled "Run For Your Life".. Another good message is "The Spirit of Anti-Christ in the Church". In both he gives a very clear warning about putting up with false teachings.

(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v3O_g1WsEHCg) WOF is Heresy (true Faith)

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/2/6 12:15

MetaCiper, have you studied the book of Job? The concepts you shared and what the WOF teaches is nothing new. The basic issue is "how does one evoke the blessings of God successfully?" The absence of them is what concerns people the most. Since this is raw human nature hankering after physical/spiritual perfection may I suggest you go study the book of Job, using several translations, if necessary.

By way of testimony: I never did like the book. You had here several windbags engaged in circular reasoning and I promise you these kind of folks annoy me. Back in 1994 the Holy Spirit urged me to read that book and I did, or rather I read most of it. It taught me a LOT. Several months later our only daughter was diagnosed with brain cancer (glioblastoma). The concepts God had shared in this book came back to minister to me. God knew all along what was up ahead and he s

trenghened me by using this book to teach me a few things. Now isn't God wonderful? He does care, but lets submit to his sovereignty and then we may be able to get a glimpse of his majesty, his power and love. (I did develop an appreciat ion for this book.)

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2010/2/6 14:57

Hi everyone.

If I could I'd like to take up a few points that have been made by others in this thread as I think these things are important enough to mention again.

About speaking against others:

I agree, that we should not generally "speak against others", but I mean, **in the sense of villifying them**, that is, to speak evil of them in order to defame them or in a way that singularly does damage to their reputation and character. However, it may be nescessary to mention people from time to time, and pastors or others in a similar position may need to do so in order to inform or warn the people they are entrusted to protect. There is a difference between light exposing darkness and a tar and feathering. Or denuding someone for the purpose of putting them to open shame.

I believe that primarily, the focus should be on exposing what is wrong **with what is being taught**. This is what I think is nescessary, and also Apostolic and Biblical and so much as I understand it, is the most prominent and frequent way that the Apostles dealt with things like this(at least in the Epsitles that we have), that is, that more often it seems they address the teaching specifically, and those that taught it only generally. See for instance the language that is used in 2 Peter 2

This brings me to something that Brothertom mentioned(EDIT:I don't mean he is teaching it himself) that I think is worth repeating here specifically:

Quote:

-----2e. Speak to the Situation - David spoke to Goliath, not about Goliath. So he had victory....

"YOU ARE A GOD, AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY IT, JUST LIKE JEHOVAH!"....LIE, LIE, LIE, LIE. YOU ARE NOT GOD, AND YOU DO NOT POSSESS THE CREATIVE RHEMA WORD, EVEN THOUGH SATAN WOULD LIKE TO DECEIVE YOU TO BELIEVE SO.

I strongly believe this is an essential and underlying quality of the kind of teachings that are being promoted in association with these things, and that it is the taproot of the Devil's purposes among them.

I've quoted from this book following several times and in different threads recently on the forums because I thought some of the things in it were relevant and one quote in particular seems to be appropriate again. It is a quotation from a poem attributed to Karl Marx and appears in a book written by Pastor Wurmbrand called "Marx & Satan". The title of the poem attributed to Marx is called "Human Pride". The quote is as follows:

With disdain I will throw my gauntlet

Full in the face of the world,
And see the collapse of this pygmy giant
Whose fall will not stifle my ardour.
Then will I wander godlike and victorious
Through the ruins of the world
And, giving my words an active force,
I will feel equal to the Creator.

It is true that the scripture relates in many ways how the Lord Jesus spoke with authority and how He healed so many with the power of His spoken word. Yet, this isn't the totality of that expression or a full view of how Christ is seen in the scripture.

Christ also said that His words, were not His own. And that He could do *nothing* of Himself. But all that He did was of and from God.

To say then that any weak and untempered vessel, because it has faith in God, could exercise the same power, even by way of **right by faith**, to say that **anyone** can do similar things if only they have faith, regardless of their own spiritual condition or maturity otherwise, to say something like that, as I see it, is to possibly incite them to recklessness or worse to ruin them by pride.

Does God give gifts to all different sorts of people? I believe that is true from the Bible(1Co 12:7-11), even so much as to give them to differing persons who may lack in some way else(1Co 12:22-25), but that is by way of **His choosing**, and according to **His Own knowledge of what has need in His body**(1Co 12:18).

And this is not rather to say that gifts and power and authority are some sort of heavenly smorgasborg to be piled upon the plate of whoever would name it and claim it for themselves.

That kind of attitude, so far as I can tell, is worthy of spiritual charlatans that have no qualm of conscience in putting the word of God out for prostitution, and not humble and grateful saints.

edited to correct spelling

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/2/6 15:15

hi, i give up...there are giants in the land and we can not take it as i said we could,so lets roam around til you all die and then take it as God said we would. jimp i could use a smiling face to put here.

Re: Worried about possible WoF type teaching, on: 2010/2/6 19:15

Chris, as ever, you have separated out the issues again, and given a more objective biblical basis.

I felt you were speaking to me (again) because of the things I've said about a specific person (although I have not named him publicly, nor the church where he preaches).

What you would have preferred, is that I quote him only, and show what is wrong with what was presented? It sounds possible, but it is not simple. I cannot emphasise enough, how subtly the deception is being perpetrated over men and women who know scripture well - who know the Lord and move in the gifts of the Spirit - who cannot bring themselves to doubt the accolades which accompanied this man's advent and ministry, despite knowing in their spirits that something is very wrong.

One of the ways he deals with individual approaches, is simply to say that things are not going to change, and he knows he will be held accountable. Many of those people have left now. Under emergent church doctrine, that's okay, because he is not seeking to bring together and shepherd the sheep God has called. He hopes to build around himself, a group of people he can call 'his' church, who will stick with *him*. Jesus Christ is gradually being edged as a reason for anything. If you have time, please google the AoG website of the UK, and find the places where individuals voice their aspirations.

Only because I lived through something parallel (shockingly similar, in fact, which helps me know it has a spiritual root) some years ago, have the tiny give-away signs and symptoms - sometimes just one obvious *faux pas* a week in Sunday service - been mounting up in my estimation, to the point where a formal challenge to the eldership in the near future, is inevitable.

There was a sound church plant at my end of the city, which was passed for oversight between Elim and the AoG, which the new pastor closed down, moving the money those people had given for the work of the kingdom of God in a very needy part of the city, into the bank account of his congregation (which is also in a needy part of the city).

This is very confusing behaviour from someone who seems to care that the gospel is preached successfully, and makes us sing a non-worship song about the work that needs to be done in our city (which we all hate).

It is also confusing to see money being spent in many ways which are unwarranted, unapproved by the whole congregation, and, to have had no AGM by which the accountability he claims to espouse, might be exercised.

The emergent church emphasis on 'local church', which IS biblical, also leaves this kind of man a lot of freedom to move. Because the congregation at large are not privvy to the written words from God he receives, no-one can say he is not obeying them. I believe though, that the lack of blessing currently being experienced is a direct indicator that he is not (obeying them). There is no fellowship there during the service/performance itself, but there are many dear people attending, who do love Jesus Christ. This has been their church for decades.

Another aspect of his doctrine is the belief that there will be a block by block, street by street, city by city, revival across the world. The words of Christ 'and few there be that find it', don't seem to alert him to the certainty that this is a doctrine of man, of the kind against which the Lord Jesus has already spoken.

Chris, I now know that the whole AoG is moving towards the emergent church model, which means they can keep anything they like from any other doctrinal statement, and dispose of anything they don't like. This man uses a minority text, and so the discrepancies with scripture are harder to spot. The Bible is talked about, but the Reformers would be alarmed at the lack of the Table, the Pulpit, and the Lectern, which, I now realise, had very good reason for being where everyone in the church could see them.

Your emphasis on what the doctrine itself should be, is very helpful. But I hope you see it is helpful for those who don't know what they're looking for, to have an idea of what a false church construct actually looks like, in action. Most of the jarring words and practices, by the very fact that they do jar, help one to take note, and to resist submitting.

However, this is not a healthy place for Christians to gather, as there is no rest or joy or food. Somehow though, God makes it that in this barren place, there is still growth, even if it is below the surface where roots are put deeper down, searching for the source of all true sufficiency - Christ, Himself.

Re: the madness of the prophet - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2010/2/6 19:52

Dear Alive,

I just read through your post quickly and I hope it will be alright if I only respond to one thing specifically that you wrote. It really jumped out to me because it has been on my mind recently also:

Quote:
----- I cannot emphasise enough, how subtly the deception is being perpetrated over men and women who know scripture well - who know the Lord and move in the gifts of the Spirit - who cannot bring themselves to doubt the accolades which accompanied this man's advent and ministry, despite knowing in their spirits that something is very wrong.

What has come to mind recently is that deception is not so much a matter of knowing or not knowing, but(perhaps) *more* so, an issue of the heart?

What came to mind a while back is the phrase in the Bible that is said of the prophet Balaam, that is, *the madness of the prophet*.

It wasn't that Balaam did not have or know the word of God to him. He did. He was specifically told by God at his first request to not go with them. But God had not only told him this. The Lord had also asked him a question: 'what men *are* the se with thee?'

And this, it seems to me, could have been as much as if to say, Balaam, what sort of men are coming to you asking you this?

But he knew who they were, and what they were asking him to do, and then also He knew the Lord's response to Him. And yet he went a second time and asked the Lord again. Not because he did not know. But what was in his heart?

I remember something that an elder once told me, I don't remember the exact words, but it has always stayed with me, and that in order to win in spiritual warfare, we need to be pure in our heart.

Re: Worried about WoF type teaching, on: 2010/2/6 20:36

Quote:

-----And yet he went a second time and asked the Lord again. Not because he did not know. But what was in his heart?

Chris, again thanks for your reply.

There is, also, the possibility of sitting under the word of God, but not 'hearing' it in such a way that it opens the ear and brings about faith toward God.

Quote:

-----that in order to win in spiritual warfare, we need to be pure in our heart.

The Lord spoke to me during last summer through Psa 127:1, and this very much settled me to wait until I knew what, if anything, to do/say and to whom. I do believe it is up to the elders to take the situation in hand, and that God doesn't hold me accountable, while I have not disobeyed Him.

Re: - posted by davym (), on: 2011/2/21 4:34

http://www.justinpeters.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5&Itemid=5

This teaching is excellent and extremely important, especially for those caught up in this dark movement. Justin's analysis is articulate and revealing. Wof ministry is subtly deceptive. The emphasis on health and prosperity is only the tip of the iceberg.

Re: - posted by davym (), on: 2011/2/21 7:00

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Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/2/21 9:13

Quote:

-----heard the doctor in charge of the cancer r.c. in houston say' half the battle is won if we can get folks to believe that they are going to make it'

I believe this.

The well-being of a person's soul, emotion, spirit will impact the body's health. Those in the medical profession know full well its reality. There are stories out there to prove this point. Included in this is the value prayer plays upon one's recovery process - even those who pray to foreign gods!

Now, where does this find the Christian?

Re: - posted by davym (), on: 2011/2/21 10:53

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I'd tend to agree with you here, but can't see how it could ever be proven. I'm sure there are many stories of people who believe they'll be healed but never do.

Quote:
-----Now, where does this find the Christian?

I feel it leaves a Christian exposed to these false prophets. The (understandable) desire for healing can be so great that people can, in some cases I'm sure, empty their life savings to these vultures.

The real sickness is sin sickness in the heart and this is the reason why we all become physically sick and eventually die, at whatever age. One must see Calvary and Christ's work on the cross and repent. A genuine acceptance in faith will birth a new life never to be confounded by sickness. This becomes obscured in WoF preaching to the point where it is ignored. A tragedy by all accounts.

Re: ??????? WOF - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/2/21 16:03

I waited too long to catch this post and now I'm not sure where it is going. I have first hand exposure to the WOF through some of my family members. Three decades for some of them. You can tell the latest heresy as it is quick to come down the pike. Yes they have been speaking of DNA for a while. Yes they have been speaking of speaking into things for a while (faith in faith). Why? It originates in their central belief that we are little gods. Therefore the power to speak things just as God spoke things into existence. DNA is a constant topic because we have a God like make up or so they teach. That Billionaire wolf in Ft. Worth promotes that which is man centered. Can we contemplate why that Billionaire might do that? Shall we be so bold as to quote scripture and ask the question where this billionaires heart is, seeing that he has amassed billions to himself. Should we question where his treasure is? Are we so blind? Shall we wonder if his teachings are man centered? There are so many false teachings he promotes. Few will speak up and say where his treasure lies as they actually believe that God could be blessing him this way and so they are afraid to speak out against it.

On the other hand I have learned to be patient with those who have been led astray by some of the WOF teachings. I have seen my family come out of some of these teachings and I pray that their eyes will continue to be opened. Common ground in Christ is what I seek with them. That is always where I go in conversation when I feel they are reaching into their bag of WOF tricks. Pointing to the glory that is God does seem to halt their departures from our first love and keep them from off tracking to yet another man elevated WOF teaching. There is a remnant amongst them but I would once again heed caution in considering fellowship with them. There is much heresy even amongst the most sincere of them.