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I do understand why people get all upset about Pastors such as these, being extreme and living a very wealthy life because most people think all Pastors, preachers, evangelists etc. should be living a very conservative life without luxuries and wealth! They are ignorant to really know God's word, if they read enough and studied the whole Bible they would see that at many of God's chosen prophets were greatly blessed not only with an anointing but with wealth, riches, good health, etc. ! more abundance of everything they could possibly need or want. Just one example is King David. They dedicated their heart to God and put Him first in their lives and God knows the heart. I find nothing wrong with pastors being blessed in their ministry, while they are preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world, everyday, traveling around, in places we will never go to. Everyday of their life is going about the Father's business, preaching, teaching, spreading the word. Not all are called to do the same thing. There are many gifts, we are all unique in the body of Christ. I say God bless them for reaching so many people in this troubled lost world. People have no problem with a football player making millions of dollars running a ball around a field but have a real issue with a pastor or preacher telling them to repent and turn their lives over to the Lord Jesus Christ and because they are making money, it seems to offend them.

Re: In regards to Pastor Rod Parsley and the comments about him and other top tv evangelists - posted by Lovefirst (), on: 2012/11/11

Rod Parsley made me upset when I was lost, I can't even tolerate him now. Not that I hate him but the Gospel isn't being preached by him. Prosperity Gospel, yes, but that will not save you. Old Testament taught that obedience to God brings prosperity, we see a change in the New Testament. All twelve disciples of Christ left everything they had to follow Him, Jesus. After Jesus spoke to the rich young ruler they asked what they will get for leaving everything. Paul considered everything he had prior to meeting Jesus as nothing, even his knowledge. My friend you seem to be venting and searching for something.

Re: In regards to Pastor Rod Parsley and the comments about him and other top tv evangelists - posted by learjet, on: 2012/11/11

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Actually, we know the word very well, we understand that we are not living in the Old Covenant, we understand that King David, Solomon and Abraham are not our examples. All of these great men looked forward to Jesus.

Was Jesus rich? When He was done with His ministry on Earth did He die rich?

How about the Apostles? Did they die rich?

No, they all died poor, they could not justify getting offerings from poor people and then living opulent lifestyles, they had consciences unlike the mega-ministries of today.

Watch this news report about mega-ministries: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ9oBCLwwL0>

How do you feel after watching it? If you feel grieved, why?

It's a sad day when a secular news outlet knows more about the heart and spirit of Christ than the people who go to these churches. It's a sad day when unbelievers would tell you 'hey that guy is all about money' and people in these churches don't recognize it, they are deceived.

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Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/1/13 21:08

My take on this is, there has been rich and poor since man was first on earth, and there will always be. Rather it's Sports Figures, Pastors, Lawyers, Doctors, I don't care. My Dad used to tell me, "if a man is making an honest living, it's none of our business how wealthy he is". I still believe in that statement, I have a hard enough time minding my own business, no time for others business.

Re: In regards to Pastor Rod Parsley and the comments about him and other top tv eva - posted by savedman, on: 2012/1/13 21:08

Grace and peace to you in lord Jesus our lord just to comment real quick I think we should live modesty and if we were being so greatly blessed it's only because God wants us to bless others some pastors and preachers put way too much emphasis on giving it's like any Christian should know about giving and tithing and if the church of that pastor or preacher was blessed and anointed by God all things would fall into place he wouldn't have to get on TVs and beg Leonard Ravenhill said this "I look at the church in the new testament they didn't have alot of money they didn't have stately buildings they couldn't get on tv and beg they didn't have paid evangelist but I'll tell you what they did they turned the world upside down!!! If that doesn't give you goose bumps what will the thing is if you are getting all this money and your living according to the will of God your going to be so caught in giving, ministering and supporting missionaries that you wouldn't have time for all that stuff God gives so you can give that is of course after you take care of your families needs may the LORD bless you in Jesus name

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2012/1/22 13:26

Lovenote, I love your call sign. Welcome to SI. When I came to Christ this site brought me nourishment and it does today as well. The men and women through thousands of recordings have left us with a legacy of Holy Spirit inspired messages. These are men and women who have seen a glimpse of the Almighty and have been changed in such a way, that they count wealth as rubbish, and instead, seek the wealth of Christ. Two thousand years ago Christ was exposing men to what prevented them from true wealth. He never spoke about amassing riches except in the negative. If you listen to the sermons gathered here, you will come to see that there are those who are sold out for Christ and their words identify this. They will point to Christ and a separation from those things that distract us from our Lord and Savior. I won't labor at tacking men who love money, for their actions give them away. The problem is there is practically no discernment to observe the obvious. Seek the truth of Christ and qualify anyone you listen to by how much they point away from the things of this world and point to the true treasure, that is Christ.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/22 15:02

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Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/22 16:42

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Hi jimp,

What are you going to say when the Lord asks you why you didn't warn people of deception?

Read 1 and 2 Timothy and look how many times Paul warns Timothy about 'false teachers' first by the term 'false teachers' and then a few by name. We have a responsibility to warn people about these things, it's called LOVE. We love them enough to speak the truth.

Would you drive down the street in the middle of the night, see a fire at a house that you know hasn't been called into the fire department and just keep going? Or would you run into the building to make sure the people were awakened and removed safely? How would you feel the next day when you watched the news and found out that people died as the result of your silence? It's really that simple.

What kind of 'intimate personal knowledge' do you need to point out a false teaching? It's not the man that is the problem

m, it's the 'principle' that is being spewed forth by a 'principality and power' and it's damaging tens of thousands of people.

Principalities defend ungodly principles, that's what this means:

Quote:
-----For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. -Ephesians 6:12

Your point is that we can't even talk about the principle, meanwhile this thing that we can't talk about is destroying lives.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/22 17:31

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Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/22 20:12

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I'll agree to disagree, maybe it's just the difference in between what the Lord has called each of us to? I just wanted you to know that I respect your opinion on the matter.

Much grace and love!

Re: In regards to Pastor Rod Parsley and the comments about him and other top tv evangelists - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2012/1/22 20:12

I like Rod Parsley, back in the 90's I watched him on t.v.
I don't mind that they are rich and have big mansions, automobiles that cost more than my house and some of these televangelists have lear jets too, I have no problem with it. My bible tells me that they have their just reward.
Don't get me wrong I like to watch Rod Parsley some times and few very few televangelists when I have time, which is rare these days.

However, I rather store my riches in heaven where it won't depreciate, get stolen. When I get to heaven I am going to lay it all down at Jesus's feet, amen.

Now a little word about televangelists, We should be following someone that is following Christ or better yet following Christ instead of some man or woman preacher on television or the internet. You shouldn't be following a preacher because he tickles your ears either.

You should be involved in a local church body, seeking God daily and witnessing your faith to a lost and hurting world through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Speaking of wages here is the best wages we can receive:

The Gospel of John chapter 4 Verse 36: The reaper gets pay (the kjv says wages) and gathers in a crop in preparation for the life of ages.

The pay or wages here is referring to souls and the value of a soul will bring much fruit and will be mark to the credit of the sowers and the reapers What an Investment.

Re: - posted by vaimoa, on: 2012/2/11 1:48

I love the book of acts, especially how it speaks of early believers selling their goods and bringing it to the apostles, and how everyone had all they needed, none had too much and none had too little, I love it that God gives accordingly and how he sees fit, but when he gives he gives enough to satisfy all your needs!

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/11 2:38

hi, i do warn people all the time and know that i must point out bad doctrine and wickedness. i just tell people about how stupid it is to believe that Jesus had to go to hell to pay for our sins by suffering in hell. God would have to stop being God. i tell people to make sure that the person they follow has nail prints. i also tell them if you have an opportunity to give to a widow or orphan or a poor person or a preacher in a 4000.00 suit that they should give to the poor and needy. he who gives to the poor lends to God. i attack without putting names if i can. one fellow i have a real problem with once told a lady on tv that the reason why she was not healed even though she sent in 500.00 was because she had a 1000.00 sickness. i know how wicked and evil this is and they, as well as i will stand before a thrice holy God naked and alone one day. jimp

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2012/2/11 9:50

THANK GOD for His clear teaching in His Word which brings us to a clear understanding. I don't judge people. God is the only One who will determine if someone will spend eternity in heaven or hell. The same chapter that tells us not to judge (Mat. 7) tells us to inspect the fruit of those who claim to present God's Word.

How can ANY Christian live in luxury on this earth while SO many people around the globe are dying of hunger, and WORSE, so many people have never even heard the gospel for the first time. At this website: <http://www.gfa.org/bundles/equipping-missionaries/> I can spend \$5 and buy 1,000 gospel tracts that a missionary can use to get God's message to people who have never heard.

The good used car that I drive cost me \$4,000 a few years ago. I could have chosen to spend \$50,000 on a car, and felt justified that I deserve it "because I do so much for God ...". With that \$46,000 that I DID NOT spend on the vanity of luxury, I can buy 9,200,000 tracts for missionaries to at least make a little dent in the need of the 3 or 4 billion souls on this planet who have never heard.

How can I say that I have love if I live in luxury while living a lower standard of wealth would make me able to help others?

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

1Jn 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

1Jn 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1Ti 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

1Ti 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

1Ti 6:9 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.

1Ti 6:10 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.

1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Several years ago, I was sitting in a church where a preacher was making an urgent appeal for sacrificial giving to the need of building a bigger church but at the same time, he was justifying his own luxurious lifestyle. At that moment the Holy Spirit clearly spoke to my heart and told me: "NEVER give sacrificially to a ministry that does not live sacrificially". Since then my "sacrificial" giving (giving to the point where it "hurts a little") has always been to ministries (such as www.gfa.org) who LIVE sacrificially, and God has TREMENDOUSLY blessed me financially much more with much more ability to give.

The reason that I put "hurts a little" (in quotations) is because I would be ashamed to say I "give until it hurts" living in the USA. Embarrassed I admit I've never gone without electricity nor running water nor quite a few other luxuries for the sake of giving. Sometimes I almost wish that I had been born in another country for the shame that I know I will feel at the awards banquet in heaven when SO MANY from other countries will be SO well awarded because they REALLY gave sacrificially.

God bless you all