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Joyce Meyer - I was wrong - posted by docs (), on: 2019/3/25 11:53

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Joyce Meyer Says She Let Prosperity Gospel Teaching Get 'Out of Balance'

Bible teacher Joyce Meyer renounced prosperity teachings during a sermon on the book of Galatians. Meyer said her ideas of biblical prosperity had grown "out of balance" with Scripture.

"the Word and Faith movement back in the '60s and '70s, lot of teaching in that about prosperity," Meyer said. "I thank God for it. God touched my life back then in a powerful way because I knew I was saved by grace, but I didn't know anything about using my faith for anything but salvation....I'm glad for what I learned about prosperity, but it got out of balance. So every time somebody had a problem in their life, it was because they didn't have enough faith. If you got sick, you didn't have enough faith. If your child died, you didn't have enough faith.. Well, that's not right."

Instead, Meyer said that the Bible promises we will experience trouble - regardless of how much faith an individual has - and believers cannot simply believe their way to success.

There's nowhere in the Bible where we're promised that we'll never have any trouble," Meyer said. "I don't care how much faith you've got. You're not going to avoid ever having trouble in your life."

Re: Joyce Meyer - I was wrong - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/3/25 14:21

Good!

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/25 14:29

That is great any way people of this nature are seeing the imbalance and error they have been teaching,. it is a step in the right direction. Let us keep praying for her and others of the same teachings.

Re: Joyce Meyer - I was wrong - posted by Sree (), on: 2019/3/25 23:28

Every preacher has some degree of imbalance. For example I hear Bro Zac a lot but he himself agrees that he is imbalanced. He gives more importance to discipleship which is not preached in Christianity today but he rarely preaches on evangelism which is also a part of great commission.

So the problem with Joyce Meyer is not imbalance, it is erroneous teaching. Teaching self confidence instead of putting our trust in God. So she is only agreeing the imbalance in her teaching here but not the errors in her teaching. Which is still a good start but it has to start with her life style change rather than changing her teaching.

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2019/3/26 9:14

I may not understand you correctly. But whatever Joyce Meyer taught or teaches I can't see it as being self confidence and not confidence in God. Faith in God and His word was the emphasis in the stream of teaching she was involved in.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2019/3/27 6:30

Not unless she sells her private jet I don't take her seriously and delete all her previous books
Considering through the prosperity gospel is where most of her money came from

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/3/27 8:57

Linus Van Pelt: "Charlie Brown, you're the only person I know who can take a wonderful season like Christmas and turn it into a problem."

Dom, you're the only person I know who can turn a wonderful thing like a very public well known figure admitting she was wrong about a dangerous theological view - and in front of the whole world mind you- into a problem.

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/3/27 10:48

I've never seen anything good come out of the prosperity gospel. It teaches "gain is godliness" which is plainly warned against in scripture. It turns faith into merely saying the "right words" like they're a magical formula.

I recall some time ago I was having a coffee with a friend of mine who is heavily into the word of faith movement, specifically Kenneth Copeland. (I have warned him about being involved in this.) He is well respected and many people in his church look up to him. He told me that even though he has been following Jesus for decades he still does not know what God's will is for his life.

Another sister who is also into WOF has a son who was a hardcore drug addict for years (like I was). He has stopped doing some of the more harmful drugs (though he still smokes cigarettes and marijuana and takes methadone) and has settled down and has a family. He says he believes in God; I have no doubt he does, but he is not saved. His mother, though, is convinced he is on his way to heaven, and every time I try to question her on it she says "don't judge".

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/3/27 10:51

And just so I don't stray too far from the topic of the OP, it's good Joyce Meyer has recanted some of her teachings, but possibly she should "sell all that she has and follow Jesus".

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/3/27 11:29

Perhaps the same can be said about John MacArthur. He ain't starving to death.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/3/27 11:38

Joyce Meyer will no doubt get some push-back from that article from those in W.O.F. that she has ran with for decades. From her standpoint, it may be a huge step...and one I believe is in the right direction.

"what did you bring with you"? "we only have a few loaves and fishes"...but see what Jesus can do with what little we have.

This is an encouraging thing even though it's not a complete thing.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2019/3/28 7:07

Love believes the best but where is repentance

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2019/3/28 9:04

I'm happy to hear this story. I saw someone said something about her selling everything, repentance comes from the heart. In Joel 2:12-13, the Lord calls to Israel, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." If someone kills someone, and repents, that life cannot be brought back. My guess is if Joyce is confessing she was wrong, her heart is what had her confess this. See the problem with a lot of Christians is, they want microwave repentance "right now" I believe true repentance is a process, give her a little time, she may decide to give some of her possessions away, but that's between her and God, not for man to decide, or really comment on, just my opinion.

Marvin said "This is an encouraging thing even though it's not a complete thing." True, but give her some time, it took the almighty 6 days to complete his creation, and he's God, and if he wanted to, he probably could have completed his task in one minute. So I'm guessing there's something about time "In God's Mind" that creates perfection.

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2019/3/28 9:10

Thank you for a wise post MrBillPro.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/4/1 13:24

There is one red flag for me, it's a minor point but...

quote "There's nowhere in the Bible where we're promised that we'll never have any trouble," Meyer said. "I don't care how much faith you've got. You're not going to avoid ever having trouble in your life."

If Joyce actually said this, it's a funny statement because W.O.F has never denied you will have trouble in the Christian life.

I've not read anywhere that W.O.F. teachers have preached 'trouble free Christianity'. So I'm really not sure where any real concessions are being made??

But hey, maybe they are now I don't know.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/4/1 14:44

She was very likely exaggerating a tad, but WOFers do believe you can speak to your problems and command them to leave.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/4/1 15:44

Hi Todd: Yea, I think that's the point I might have missed "commanding them away" is the 'imbalance' she is referring too? So, in the statement this is handled as a minor point, but maybe it was stated in a way so as not to start a fight?

Just thinking about it that's all.

Re: - posted by cryinthenite, on: 2019/4/26 21:19

1 Tim 2:12 I permit not a woman to teach nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2019/4/27 17:38

Hmmm I can tell not many here have ACTUAL first hand experience with WOF leaders.

Please read this I KNOW it is not what most expect ... but it is 100% true.

I was there in the room. I know.

"It is sometimes God's will that we endure tough, hard, and difficult times. Those who have endured and overcome very little in natural life can normally endure very little in spiritual matters. Things get tough so they give up and quit.

It isn't good to have things too easy. In America we had a generation that came through the depression that were tough. They could push through tough things spiritually because they had conquered difficult and hard times in natural life. They never gave up and survived the most difficult times our country had faced. They also did the same in spiritual matters. Those who have endured little in the natural can rarely endure much in the spiritual.

Physically, mentally, and spiritually they were a different breed because of the things they endured and pressed on through. It's not good to have it too easy spiritually. Folks that are ALWAYS having folks pray FOR them... exercising their faith FOR them...everything going easy.. the money just rolling in with no strain on their part. Folks that have it too easy then wilt when they run up against hard times. Sooner or later you will run up against something... something hard. If you have

n't run up against hard times then you haven't been far yet.

I don't know where in the world some of the so called faith people get some of the fantastic ideas they have. It's nothing in the world but mental fantasies. They think they are just going to float through life on a cloud. Float down the stream of time on a flowery bed of ease. Well....you will soon find out dear brother and sister... some of you folks entering ministry or if you get out and begin pastoring a church...you will soon find out if you are floating down a stream on a flowery bed of ease or not! Somebody will remove all the ease there is about your life from you. Crisis comes to us all.

I want to see us toughened up bless God. Get ready to win when in a spiritual battle. Tough times will surely come. However, you can be prepared. Some things you must just pray through. Stay right in there until you pray them through. Don't quit and don't faint but endure. Endure and keep pressing on with the Lord.

Ken Hagin Sr., November 14, 1986, Winter Bible Seminar, Broken Arrow Oklahoma

I was in the meeting where Ken Hagin shared this. I was actually one of his personal ushers that night. I know several dozen people that have been used mightily of God in regional revivals for the primary reason he shared about. They developed backbones like crow bars set in concrete and refused to allow the enemy to take them down or discourage them. They kept on pressing in through the very, very difficult times and a day came God rewarded their integrity and fortitude with a blessed visitation of renewal in their geographic region.

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2019/4/27 17:41

Hi cryinthenite. I noticed the scripture you pasted from Paul's letter to Timothy.

May I ask....when the scripture speaks of prophecy (or people prophesying) in the New Testament what you believe the definition of prophesying is?

Re: - posted by cryinthenite, on: 2019/4/28 12:25

A foretelling of events that can be judged by the body as true or not. In a true sense any time we share our faith it is prophetic, but that is not the Spirit bypassing our mind and giving one a message of things only God can know. Context is everything. Women can prey and share testimony to the faith in the assembly but never take authority over men in the church. We all know this as Christians.....

Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2019/4/29 0:03

Marvin,

A lot of the prosperity Gospel stuff plays out in such a way that whenever what you are praying for or, as they say, "believing for" doesn't pan out, you have only 1 place to look as the source of failure, yourself.

WOF teaches that healing--financial, medical, marital, etc--was all purchased on the cross by Jesus and that we have 0 excuse for not having great finances, great health, great marriages, successful jobs, etc. They never leave room for trouble, because they negate it by saying you can believe it away. The assumption is that the devil sends you trouble and you have to believe it away. Joyce here is admiring that THAT idea is crossing the line.

Let us hope this is a sign that she is moving toward orthodoxy.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/5/2 14:30

Sorry Havok: I hadn't seen your reply till now.

I certainly agree, I do pray she is aligning herself towards scripture more and more.

Re: - posted by profitadune, on: 2019/6/19 16:38

Somewhere in the comments here someone said something to the effect that John MacArthur should repent because he isn't starving. Far it be it from me to defend anyone with a large ministry, but as believers should we really be judging other believers by how we perceive them to be, or by the success they may or may not have? I looked it up and MacArthur has an annual salary of \$160K/year between the church he pastors and the Bible college he founded. That is peanuts compared to the televangelists. He is worth considerably more because of the royalties on the over 150 books he has published. Any author who writes 150 books AND sells them successfully is going to be worth a large sum. Why do we judge other Christians who are financially successful? Let me put it another way, why do we judge Christians who are MORE financially successful than we are? One of the greatest struggles every Christian faces is pride, and I dare say that we often find more sinful pride in being poor than others do in being wealthy.

In regards to the topic (Joyce Meyers), I praise God that she has seemingly "seen the light" about at least part of the many falsities she has promoted over the years. She certainly has a long way to go, but my prayer is that God is dealing with her, and that this is just the beginning. We should all be praying for her.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/6/19 19:53

The point regarding MacArthur is that it's not only the televangelists who are rolling in the dough. More conservative ministers who are on TV and have radio ministries and large churches are very well to do.

I could care less what ministers make but the implication was that the prosperity teachers were the ones making all the cash.

Re: - posted by profitadune, on: 2019/6/20 5:22

I understand. I don't consider \$160k salary to be "rolling in the dough". It is on the high end of middle class in America. But your point is taken. In any other profession (I am not calling the ministry a profession, just making a point) someone with his high level of education, and success of his efforts, that would be considered on the low end for a yearly salary.