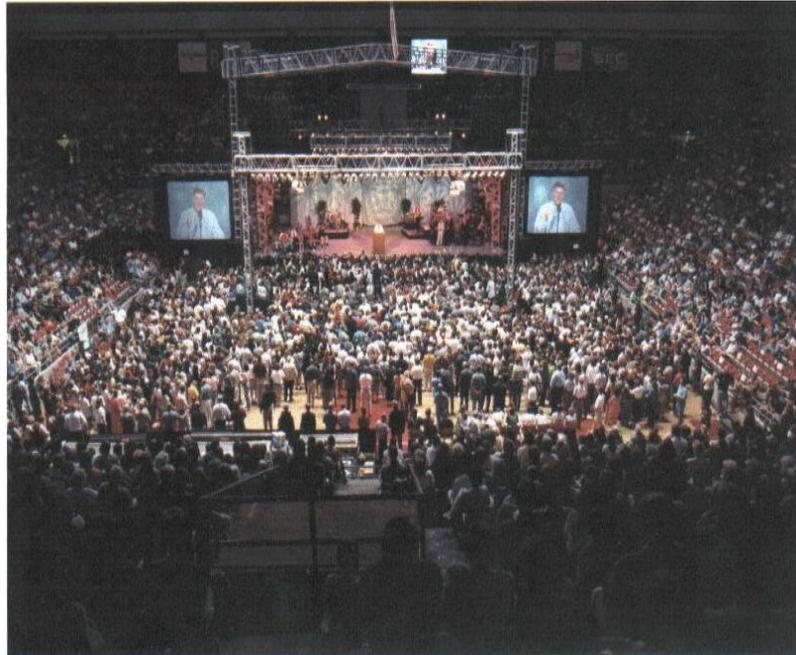


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## **MONEY AND RELIGION: HOW CHRISTIANS ARE BEING MISLED**



**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN EVANGELISTS, TEACHERS, AND PREACHERS ARE GROSSLY MISLEADING AMERICA AND THE WORLD, CONCERNING MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

It has been said that: 'Money is the Root of All Evil'...well that statement is no more true than in the way it pertains to the message given to the seekers of God, by today's misleading Christian leaders, most of whom are from America. These misleading evangelists and preachers are telling people that money is the 'seed' that must be sowed, in order to receive blessings from God. This is in direct opposition to the Word of God, and to the teachings of Jesus and the Prophets.

The root of any plant grows from a seed of that plant, through a germination process; likewise, these false prophets are sowing a false seed of 'Money', the root of which has produced 'Evil' (false doctrine) in the world, all through the instigation of Satan.

Today's leaders (many seen regularly on TV) are being held in bondage to 'darkness', meaning: lack of Knowledge of the Truth of God. These leaders do not know that as they live the 'good-life', and that as they build up their treasures here on earth, they will not have a good life on the 'other side' (in the Hereafter), because they will not have stored up treasures in Heaven—they will have had their 'heaven' here on earth, while living a life of deception. How can these blind

Christian leaders guide others out of ‘darkness’ when they, themselves are totally engulfed in this darkness, due to their arrogance and to their love for money (gold) and material possessions?

Irrespective of all the hype going around, coming from today’s evangelists, pastors, teachers, etc., promoting prosperity for individuals by their investing money into someone’s ministry; I rebuke these gestures, as they are used by many only to get people’s money for their own personal gain. God does not need money, and neither Jesus, nor any other prophet of God collected money, or was in the business of receiving from needy people; they were in the business of giving. The true prophets of God did not condone the living of lavish lifestyles, as many of the TV evangelists do. These evangelists also preach false doctrine in many other areas of God’s Word.

Money is among the dirtiest of items that are handled by people, as it contains on its surfaces: all types of contaminants, from human excretions and drugs, to viruses and many other pollutants; yet, it is among, if not the, most sort after substance in the world. American money even has a symbol for the ‘god of this world’ on it, and a slogan commemorating trust in this god. Money is totally of the ‘world’ and it has no spiritual value. So all of these false prophets, who lust after money by using false promises and divinations, are only conforming to the world, because they are of the world, and not of God.

To sow a Seed for God is to sow the Truth, to sow the Truth is to sow the Word. Therefore, the Seed is the True Word of God, sown in righteousness, out of love for God only. It is not money given to someone’s ministry, for something in return. Jesus wants us to use our love to bring more people to the Knowledge of the True Kingdom of God; that is our increase: the numbers of souls we help save from that Day of destruction, through our testifying of and our acting on God’s Word.

*Jesus said about the Seed and the Word:*

“Become earnest about the Word! For as to the Word, its first part is faith, the second love, the third works, for from these come life. For the Word is like a grain of wheat: when someone had sown it, he had faith in it; and when it had sprouted, he loved it because he had seen many grains in place of one. And when he had worked, he was saved because he had prepared it for food, and again he left some to sow. So also can you yourselves receive the kingdom of heaven: unless you receive this through knowledge, you will not be able to find It.” – TCJ: II 91-G.

“For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.” – Matt. 13:17.

“He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.” – Matt. 13:22.

“But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” – Matt. 13:23.

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.” – Luke 8:11.

*Jesus and the Bible says about Money:*

“Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.” – Prov. 16:8.

“How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!” – Prov. 16:16.

“Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.” – Zeph. 1:18.

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” – Mark 8:36.

“Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” – Mark 8:37.

“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” – Mark 8:38.

“And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!” – Luke 18:24.

“For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” – Luke 18:25.

“Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.” – James 5:1.

“Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.” – James 5:2.

“Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.” – James 5:3.

“Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.” – James 5:4.

“Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.” – James 5:5.

“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:” – Rev. 3:17.

“Then Jesus wept and said: ‘Even so, verily, are the lovers of the world. For if they lived according to reason, which holdeth a middle place in man, they would follow the law of God, and would be saved from eternal death. But because they follow the flesh and the world they are frenzied, and cruel enemies of their own selves, striving to live more arrogantly and more lasciviously than one another.’” – GB: 141.

“Whoever finds the world and becomes rich, let him renounce the world.” – TCJ: V 173-F.

To please God, our efforts are to be focused on the relief of pain and suffering of the poor and the deprived, and not on spreading false doctrine, or building elaborate temples and churches, or financing the perpetrators of these false practices. So the giving of money into these TV ministries (and other organizations) for them to spread a false gospel is fruitless and a waste of resources, when this money could be used properly in the God ordained service of helping the poor.

Remember we cannot take love nor money with us when we depart this life; we must expend them both during our lifetime in the service of God. Jesus’ parable about the talents (money), revealed that the talents is ‘love’ and ‘the neighbor is God, who has given to man all that he (man) hath, with life itself, so that, (man) living well (righteous) in this world, God may have praise, and man the glory of paradise.’ Also remember Jesus’ instruction to the rich man: to sell all that he has and distribute it to the poor, this is how we build-up treasures in heaven, which assures us a home in heaven.

More is revealed on this subject of: Money and False Prophets, as well as on the subjects of: God’s Knowledge and Worship, and the Judgments of God, in the Guide Book: *ONE GOD ONE WORD: The TRUTH About The KNOWLEDGE and WORSHIP of GOD*. Visit website: <http://www.onegodoneword.com/> for additional information.