



Followers of Jesus Christ..SUFFER!

Concerning the **FIRST** sign of the **END OF THE WORLD**, Jesus said, **"TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU"** (MATT. 24:4). And yet, men and women have *overwhelmingly* fallen victim to thousands of *covetous ministers*.

These wicked *men and women* lay their snares while quoting to their followers the words of Jesus:

"GIVE [MEANING GIVE TO THEM, NOT TO THE POOR], and it shall be GIVEN unto you; GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, and SHAKEN TOGETHER, and RUNNING OVER, shall men give into YOUR bosom" (LUKE 6:38).

And, the people **GIVE**, making these *hungry covetous wolves* **RICH**, and people **DO SO**, because they are ignorant of the Word of God, and have **NEVER REPENTED**, to be *born again!*

These religious ministries have become a billion-dollar industry, but Jesus told the rich young ruler,

"If thou wilt be PERFECT [COMPLETE], go and SELL that thou hast, and GIVE TO THE POOR [NOT TO HIMSELF], and thou shalt have TREASURE in heaven: and COME and FOLLOW ME [TO BE IN THE SAME WAY WITH; TO ACCOMPANY]" (MATT. 19:21).

Are **YOU** *"in the same way with"* Jesus? Or are **YOU TOO** as *covetous* as these *greedy ministers* who **SPEAK** **"...ENTICING WORDS of man's wisdom"** (1 COR. 2:4), and care for **NOTHING** but your *riches and admiration?*

A certain scribe came to Jesus and said, **"Master, I will FOLLOW THEE [TO BE IN THE SAME WAY WITH] WHITHERSOEVER thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes HAVE HOLES, and the birds of the air HAVE NESTS; but the Son of man HATH NOT where to lay his head"** (MATT. 8:19-20).

In other words, Jesus is saying, **ARE YOU SURE** you want to *follow me?* These *covetous ministers* *don't want to follow Jesus in poverty*; they want their **CAKE NOW**, and they're getting it!

However, if you **WANT TO BE** a **FOLLOWER** of Jesus, you **MUST BE WILLING** to bear your cross! There is a **PRICE TO PAY** when you **FOLLOW** Jesus!

The **WORLD**, *including FAMILY*, will **"...SEPARATE YOU from their company, and shall REPROACH you, and CAST OUT YOUR NAME as evil, for the Son of man's sake"** (LUKE 6:22).

"...ye shall be HATED OF ALL MEN for my name's sake" (MATT. 10:22), **"...they shall deliver you up to be AFFLICTED, and shall KILL YOU: and ye shall be HATED OF ALL NATIONS for my name's sake"** (MATT. 24:9).

Jesus said, **"...WHOSOEVER doeth not BEAR HIS CROSS [SELF-DENIAL], and COME AFTER me, CANNOT be my disciple"** (LUKE 14:27).

Seeking honest-to-God televangelists

Congress looks into their finances

Washington — Twenty years ago, televangelists were the most visible and successful of religious leaders. Today, they are being scrutinized by Congress and the public alike. A report by the House of Representatives' Committee on Oversight and Reform, released last week, details the financial practices of several prominent televangelists, including Oral Roberts, Benny Hinn, and Jim Bakker. The report, titled "Televangelists' Financial Practices," reveals that many of these leaders have engaged in questionable financial practices, including the use of shell companies and the creation of complex trusts to hide their assets. The report also notes that many of these leaders have received large sums of money from the federal government, often for projects that have not been properly vetted or approved. The report concludes that the public has a right to know how these leaders use their money, and that Congress has a duty to ensure that they are being held accountable for their actions.

What the law says

Many of the ministers are not only receiving money from the government, but they are also receiving it in a way that is not fully disclosed. This is a violation of the law, which requires that all federal employees and contractors disclose their financial interests. The report notes that several of the televangelists have failed to do this, and that they have received large sums of money from the government without providing any information about how they intend to use it. This is a clear violation of the law, and it is a cause for concern. The report also notes that many of these leaders have received money from the government for projects that have not been properly vetted or approved. This is also a violation of the law, and it is a cause for concern. The report concludes that the public has a right to know how these leaders use their money, and that Congress has a duty to ensure that they are being held accountable for their actions.

Legislators look to act

As a result of the report, Congress is looking to take action. The House of Representatives is considering legislation that would require all federal employees and contractors to disclose their financial interests, including any money they receive from the government. This would include televangelists and other religious leaders who receive money from the government. The legislation would also require that all money received from the government be properly vetted and approved. This would ensure that the public has a right to know how their money is being used, and that the government is being held accountable for its actions.



Televangelists Clark and Kenneth Copeland lay hands on Oral Roberts.

But, in this world, these hypocrites **"...HAVE THEIR REWARD"** (MATT. 6:2, 5, 16), because **"WOE UNTO YOU, when ALL MEN shall speak WELL OF YOU!** For so did their fathers to the **FALSE PROPHETS"** (LUKE 6:26).



If these *"generation of VIPERS"* were followers of *Jesus Christ*, the **WORLD** would **HATE THEM**, for **NO SERVANT IS "...GREATER THAN HIS LORD"** (JOHN 13:16).

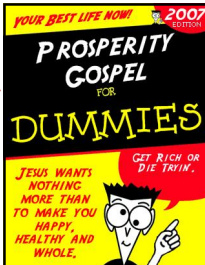
Jesus said, **"If the world HATE YOU, ye know that it HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU. If ye were OF THE WORLD [AS THESE MINISTERS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS ARE], the world would LOVE HIS OWN: but because ye are NOT OF THE WORLD, but I have CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, therefore the world HATETH YOU"** (JOHN 15:18-19).

It has been noted from the **BEGINNING** of the church, that **FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST** **"...MUST through MUCH TRIBULATION enter into the kingdom of God"** (ACTS 14:22). Therefore, **"...ALL that will live GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS shall SUFFER PERSECUTION"** (2 TIM. 3:12).

But, this **"PROSPERITY GO\$PEL"** that is being preached, is the forerunner of what is called the **"LAODICEAN CHURCH,"** better known as the **"LUKEWARM CHURCH."**

After the **TRUE** church *meets our Lord in the air*, this *lukewarm church* with the *membership of millions* will be **LEFT BEHIND!**

"...because thou art LUKEWARM, and neither COLD nor HOT, I will SPUE THEE out of my mouth...because thou sayest, I AM RICH, and INCREASED with goods, and HAVE NEED of nothing" (REV. 3:16-17).



The world, the **UNSAVED**, see these *men and women* as they truly are...for all of their **HYPOCRISY**, and the **REPROACH** that they bring on the name of Jesus Christ, is **REVEALED** among men:

"For there is NOTHING HID, which shall not be MANIFESTED [TO RENDER APPARENT]; neither was ANY THING kept secret, but that it should COME ABROAD" (MARK 4:22; LUKE 8:17).

In the picture above, if *Oral Roberts* (seated), could *come back from the dead*, he would **PREACH** the sermon he **SHOULD HAVE PREACHED** while he was *alive*: **"REPENT YE: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"** (MATT. 3:2; 4:17).

These preachers have no worries **AT ALL in this world**; they have their jets, their homes, their wealth, their cars, their reputations; and their children inherit all of their goods.