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False prophets and 'The Prosperity Gospel'



The Bible tells us in Matthew chapter 7 to beware of false prophets. Those are just some of Jesus' words from his Sermon on the Mount. Specifically, he says.

(Verse 6 KJV) Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

(Verse 15 KJV) "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Of whom was Jesus speaking?

He was speaking of those who were attempting to impress Jesus with their work, and false teachers who would tell their listeners anything they wanted to hear; that is, as long as it made the teacher look good.

Today there are several Christian TV Networks that have programming that certainly does fit Jesus' description of "ravening wolves". I don't believe I have to name names here, it is quite obvious of whom and which Networks that I am writing about. And; if you spend any time on their designated channel in your hometown, you have probably seen or heard the suspects that I speak of.

In watching one of these programs, it generally will not take a true Christian very long to find it necessary to raise their eyebrows to something that has been said on the show. I know that I have watched some of these programs simply for educating myself on why Christianity is getting a bad name. These people and networks are just one of the reasons.

The Prosperity Gospel – Basically, you will hear how important it is to support their ministry. That's fine as far as it goes, but it doesn't stop there. In many instances, the first thing that they do is to twist Scripture to meet their needs. Their needs on that day and program is to get as much money from you by making you feel 'guilty' and 'useless'..... unless you send them lots of money so they can continue their ministry. I have personally heard one of these so called preachers tell his viewing audience that "even if you only have 50 dollars on your credit card, max it out and send it to us, and God will send you a financial windfall within 30 days"

What a sham! That's not how God works, but the folks in the audience and at home somehow fall into their trap of twisted Scripture and ridiculous reasoning. Of course, not all TV Ministers are like this, but even the 'real' Ministers of the Gospel who are NOT false prophets become tainted because they appear on the same network WITH the false prophets. Guilt by association.

I used several words in this article to describe who and why people fall for these False Prophets. The words were "guilty" and "useless". Those words are not intended as an insult to anyone, but to show how these False Prophets can and do use our inner feelings against us to gain wealth for themselves.

Support your own church. Neither cast ye your pearls before swine or fall prey to the "ravening wolves"!

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