

January 10, 2014

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First Steps

Re: Open Letter to Bill Gothard / IBLP /LaGrange Bible Church

Dear Bill, IBLP Chairman and Board members, Dr. Bacon and LaGrange Bible Church Elders

As I have mentioned before to you, Bill, if the desire for reconciliation you have expressed is genuine and serious and is a work of God in your heart and mind, responding to these first few examples of offenses will be welcomed by you and be processed without any of the previous patterns of obfuscation or prevarication. This would be where you can “count it all joy” and “rejoice in trials” which will test the purity and genuineness of your faith and obedience to Jesus Christ, just as you have taught millions of people over the years. James 1:2; I Peter 1:6.

You have now received the materials and details to the two questions you have asked, the two requests you have made of me. The next communications and requests will be placed on a tight schedule with each of the three parties involved in the offenses including LaGrange Bible Church (LBC), IBLP Board of Directors, and yourself. After 33 years of delay, continued blame by you towards myself and others, the repeated rejection of attempts to pursue truth and reconciliation, there is no obvious need for any further consideration, politics, strategizing, or maneuvering to further threaten or intimidate myself or others. These are clear and straight forward requests which spiritual men quickened by the Holy Spirit should be able to respond to fully and with the humility required.

The first fruits of genuine conviction, repentance (if God will grant it to you, II Tim. 2:24-26) and the evidences of godly sorrow (II Cor. 7:8-13) as expressed in writing by you, the IBLP Board, and the LaGrange Bible Church Board of Elders will be appraised and responded to promptly. Before any personal or direct meeting with you, we would require the following communications from you and each of the Boards:

	Action	
	Schedule, 2014	
a.	Draft of BG letter recanting w/ apology the entire 19 page letter of libel	Feb. 1
b.	Draft of BG letter of apology to Otto G and family re: Pork	Feb. 1
c.	Draft of BG confession for delivery in person to Emmaus Church, KS w/ reference to any participation in this meeting by IBLP Board and LBC	Feb. 1
d.	Draft of BG apology to all the specifically listed prophets and ministers rejected by BG, with his new found thanks to them and honor of them.	Feb. 1

- e. Draft of BG declaring that his use of the “Lord’s Anointed” is no defense of a NT minister of the Gospel and he will submit to the NT teaching that all overseers, teachers, and ministers are subject to review of charges and discipline Feb. 1
- f. Draft of BG “My Confession” for mailing to IBLP alumni and public Feb. 17
- g. Determination by Bill Gothard to voluntarily resign or allow Hearing to examine charges with evidence and witnesses. See Jan. 11, 2014 letter. If the Resignations were accompanied by a clear and complete confession which is published widely, a Hearing and publication of Reports may not be necessary. Feb. 1
- h. Draft of IBLP Board letter recanting w/ apology the entire 19 page letter of libel. Feb. 1
- i. Draft by LBC letter recanting w/ apology the entire 19 page letter of libel Feb. 1
- j. LBC publish an open letter of apology to Rev. Chuck Lynch and Tony G for the LaGrange Bible Church’s rejection of their urgent request for a hearing of charges being brought against a member of the church. Feb. 1
- k. LBC letter of response to request to schedule a hearing to examine the charges against Bill Gothard which relate to unconfessed and unaddressed sins and wrongs of behavior with a careful examination of his development of teachings contrary to the pure doctrine of the New Testament. Feb. 1

Drafts when received will be reviewed, with comments returned for any additional need for clarity, transparency and offer to repair what has been damaged to every extent possible. When final versions are approved, all three parties will agree to publish, distribute and make available the final and approved versions to all IBLP alumni, pastors list, and to the church of Jesus Christ.

These first exercises in obedience will allow for a new confidence that others who have been damaged by Bill Gothard and the ministry can define their offense(s) and request your help in their healing and recovery. We will want to consider the establishment of a third party and neutral Commission to administrate communications between all parties so that this important work is not compromised in any way regarding the interests of either party.

Importantly, it should be noted, that any delay to provide drafts beyond these calendar dates will prompt immediate release of documents to the public which have been copied previously to each of the three parties, dated Dec. 30, 2013. The materials are already in place and being prepared for wide publication to the church of Jesus Christ as a plain and instructional warning to all who would consider sinning in such ways as illustrated in these materials. We want to warn as many Dads and Moms as possible so that no more would expose their children and youth to this behavior and these teachings. The sequence of documents to be released are outlined in the Jan. 11, 2014 letter, “Resignation Request.”

We trust this schedule and clarity of the process will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Tony G

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