

**Does Bill Gothard Understand  
the Damages that come from his Hating  
another Brother with Libel and False Witness?**

It would be good evidence of the convicting work of the Spirit of God if Bill Gothard would acknowledge his sins in this case and if it would include acknowledgement of his violations of God's holy Word and the consequences of his sins in the lives of others, a few outlined below.

1. Bill Gothard's rejection of Christ and violation of His teachings on how to resolve conflicts with brothers as clearly stated in Matthew 5:23-26, Matthew 18:15-20, Ephesians 4:32.
2. Bill Gothard's rejection of friends, ministers and prophets who wrote letters decrying the falseness of his letter and the maliciousness of its widespread distribution.
3. Bill Gothard's 34 year delay in correcting these wrongs, his hardening of heart, his rejection of the Holy Spirit's convicting work, and his rejection of new appeals for him to confess these sins and make things right in 1980, 1981, 2008, and again on Jan. 2, 2014.
4. Bill Gothard's rejection of the facts on Dec. 1, 2008 when in a conference call with Gary Smalley and Tony, Bill Gothard declared that he had "never written a 19 page letter in his life" and that he "had never called another person an agent of Satan."
5. Bill Gothard declared a Christian brother "an agent of Satan" 69 times in a 19 page letter.
6. Bill Gothard and IBYC/IBLP published this hateful and malicious letter of slander and Libel, distributing it widely to Christian leaders, pastors, friends in common, all to intimidate and warn all who would read this letter that if they questioned Gothard's character or teachings, they should also expect to receive a similar treatment in public by him. He additionally sent this letter to Tony's unsuspecting parents and to his home church leadership. He failed to send a copy to Tony.
7. Bill Gothard multiplied the damage done by paying money to two men to fly to Kansas to falsely accuse Tony before the Elders and Pastors of his life-long home church in a secret meeting Bill Gothard had arranged.
8. This combination of spiteful actions by Bill Gothard resulted in many consequences which continue until today including:
  - a. Loss of business in the community. The business relied heavily on local ranchers involved in Tony's life-long home church. For survival Tony's family asked him if he would move out of State to give the family business a chance to survive.
  - b. Loss of standing in the church, loss of church membership(s)
  - c. Area churches repeated shunning and rejection of fellowship as did the first church Bill Gothard presented his false witness to.
  - d. Loss of standing in the small and rural community

- e. Loss of and restriction for ministry opportunity
  - f. Ruination of a man's opportunity for ministry in the very field of his training and heart's preparation.
9. Bill Gothard delayed 33 years in asking Tony for any response he might have to the claims expressed by Bill in this 19 page letter. After the Responses were provided to Bill Gothard on Jan. 2, 2014, Bill Gothard has failed to say thank you or acknowledged his receipt of these responses in now a five month period.

The Scriptures are clear.

“Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth. I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the church. Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.” II John 1:8-11