

January 11, 2014

Rev. Bill Gothard
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Resignation Request

Re: Request for Resignation of Bill Gothard
“Open Letter” to Bill Gothard / IBLP / LaGrange Bible Church

Regarding Rev. Bill Gothard:

Based on your continuation in sin, the abundant evidence of your unconfessed sins, the testimony of witnesses of sin provided to you personally on a number of occasions, delivered to the IBLP Board of Directors, and presented to the Board of Elders of the La Grange Bible Church (Dec. 30, 2013), you are asked to voluntarily resign all titles, resign all posts (ordination, commission, doctorate, chancellor, president, CEO, overseer, teacher) effective immediately.

We would encourage and be glad to support a decision to commit to a life of pursuing qualification of a new title, “humble servant of Jesus Christ” spending the next years of your life understanding the nature of the gospel of Jesus Christ and working to put back right, as much as you can, the damage you have caused by your personal actions and by your teachings contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Four Approaches

1. Resign all posts and titles voluntarily, effective immediately.
2. Schedule a Hearing for examination of charges of disqualification to be hosted or co-hosted by the LaGrange Bible Church which issued the ordination and commissioning and ongoing support of Bill Gothard.
3. Schedule a Hearing for examination of charges of disqualification from the ministry which would be assembled as a Council to include representatives of national church denominations, ministry organizations, Christian universities, theologians and apologists, and others as needed to examine the charges against Bill Gothard which relate to unconfessed and unaddressed sins and wrongs of behavior by him, with a careful examination of his development of teachings contrary to the pure doctrine of the New Testament.
4. Publication of Reports on findings by the LaGrange Bible Church and the Council, as a warning to the church of Jesus Christ worldwide.

If Bill Gothard would prefer to not resign these titles and posts at this time and would invite or require a public hearing in regards to the charges outstanding against him, we would welcome his participation. We would proceed with such a hearing regardless of his choice to attend or not.

If the IBLP organization Board, LaGrange Bible Church and any other parties that have a direct interest would require the public examination of the charges outstanding against Bill Gothard personally and against the IBLP organization, we would support such a Hearing to be held very soon and with the design and arrangements for such a Hearing to be initiated by those presenting charges for consideration according to I Timothy 5:17-25; Ephesians 5:10; Matthew 18:15-17. Coordination with the IBLP

organization and the LaGrange Bible Church will be welcome including within limits the schedule for the Hearing, the guidelines and rules for speakers, management of content, invitation of witnesses and guests, the recording and documentation of the Hearing, and other related matters.

The Hearing will be scheduled and arrangements made regarding charges against Bill Gothard for a careful review of the disqualifications from ministry by his personal behavior and teachings contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Final Date to be Determined. Tentative Date: March/April 2014

This Hearing may be delayed if clear documents are received confirming the resignation of all titles and all posts by Rev. Dr. Bill Gothard by immediate dates set and certain.

If Bill Gothard, and the Board of Directors of the IBLP organization, and the Board of Elders of the LaGrange Bible Church would additionally agree to provide clear and complete responses to the sins and wrongs of which they have participated in individually and corporately, additional considerations would be given to permit time for their publication of their individual and corporate confessions of sin, seeking of forgiveness and reconciliation in regards to each of the charges brought to them with clear and ample documented evidence (reference Jan. 10, 2014 letter, "First Steps").

If Bill Gothard, the IBLP organization, and/or the LaGrange Bible Church would choose to ignore or delay responding to these requests in a clear and honest way according to the Scriptures, you will have confirmed your decision to have these charges and their supporting evidence and testimony published widely as a warning to the church of Jesus Christ according to the instructions of Scripture.

The planned sequence of documents to be released (subject to change):

Provide "news release" with introduction or summary articles to select Christian media with reference and link to web sites for each publication release at MCO / RG websites. Include World, Christianity Today, EMNR, etc.

1. Open Letter to Bill Gothard (BG) with Request to Resign All Titles and All Posts
2. History of confrontations regarding charges against BG
With focus on current 2013/2014 events. Focus on this space for weekly updates:
Give summary of 2013-2014 additional attempt to call for repentance and restoration of BG and his ministry organization.
3. BG 2013 Letters (4) Requesting Truth and Reconciliation
Include TG "Concerns" letter with cover letter sent with Dec. 30, 2013 materials package with evidences of charges.
4. Disqualifications of BG
Qualifications for Overseers, Teachers from Scripture, why they are so important; are to be maintained; why the argument they are not possible for any man to attain is not valid.
5. Summary of Violations by BG, LaGrange Bible Church and IBLP Board by approval, endorsement, support of Letter of Libel.
 - a. Signature page
 - b. Excerpts showing maliciousness, attributing to Satan the work in the name of the Lord
 - c. Summary of charges with no details, no 2-3 witnesses, no hearing
 - d. Rejection of Jesus Christ and teachings regarding how to resolve conflicts
 - e. Summary of John McLario's quick resignation when confronted about his personal immorality

6. Knowledge of Immorality by BG Pre-1980 with His Cover Up
 - a. Citing Dr. Gary Smalley (GS), BG's attempt in 2009 to solicit GS's help in removing Wikipedia article that described in detail BG's intimacy with female staff late at night in his cabin. #18
 - b. BG detailed interview of one staff woman violated sexually by brother w/ copy of statement by staff woman (name redacted). #7
 - c. Excerpt from Dr. Rachmacher and Dr. Smalley conference call with LG and wife with reference to BG's regular visits to staff women's bedrooms late at night after they had dressed for bed. #22
 - d. Multiple accounts and descriptions of Dr. Gary Smalley of BG. #1 (includes acknowledgement of sexual addiction of masturbation).
7. Publications of IBLP designed, written, edited and published exclusively by men and women involved regularly in ongoing immorality.
8. The All Sufficiency of Jesus Christ vs. Pig in a Poke
9. Other articles and evidences in development...

We are praying that your responses to these requests will not resemble your responses in 1980 and 1981. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Tony G

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