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To: Chairman and Board Members of the Institute in Basic Life Principles, Dr. Tim Levendusky
Re: Bill Gothard's Dilemmas Preventing Spiritual Solutions (15)
Cain, Balaam, Korah, 50 Year Behavior Patterns Identified, Nov. 1 Open Letter
Bill Gothard and his Children, Introducing the Curse

Dear Dr. Payne, Members of the IBLP Board, and Dr. Levendusky,

It has been a while since copying to you correspondence with Bill Gothard. It seems to me that at least these pieces may be helpful to your considerations and your desires to reach a correct spiritual understanding of the needs and issues you are hoping to address effectively. I believe the Dilemmas piece explains a combination of issues that keep Bill Gothard from proceeding as you and we would typically expect a man of God to act, much less Bill Gothard whom we all have known for so many years.

"Cain, Balaam, and Korah" outlines 50 years of behavior patterns outlines that are now more obvious as actions and deeds of Bill Gothard. This letter provides links to the documentation provided by previous IBLP Board members who knew him very well as closest of friends for many years. Detailed testimony previously sent to each of you is referenced, along with now much more evidence covering the last 50 years. These are serious, I understand that, but the evidence is accumulating without any apparent course correction on his part.

I trust and pray the summary of how Bill Gothard has incorporated the Law into his blend of formulations of the 7 Universal Principles with the mixture of references to the Grace of God will somehow spark a careful review by you men of the underlying foundational cause of the current confusion. It will also, I pray, lead you men to the only Biblical solution to the current impasse as well as suggest personal help that ought to be yet offered to Bill himself.

If Bill Gothard would happen to have a Counselor or Pastor whom he trusts, and if the Board has communications with such a Counselor, we believe these observations over many years may provide the additional insight to offer the spiritual help needed at this time. Let me be clear: these represent needs which tragically have gone unmet. They suggest also specific spiritual restoration which God desires, which I am fully confident is possible, and for which we pray daily.

A full confession of all noted sins before a holy God before His children in the great congregation would be honored by God with much blessing. A partial confession and the continuation of covering up and rebelling against the confession of other sins cannot be honored by God (Prov. 28:13; I John 1:9). No spiritual cleansing can begin. Jesus made it fairly clear...

John 3:17-21 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.**"

It is clear to me that this Board and President/management of IBLP have a wonderful window of opportunity to consider the Biblical /Gospel provisions offered by God to respond to the serious standing charges against the IBLP publications' content and against the author of all of those publications.

This historical opportunity is yours to offer to the world-wide church of Jesus Christ in two ways:

A biblical model for responding to serious charges regarding behavior and doctrine.

A comprehensive correction and introduction to the all sufficiency of Jesus Christ who is our life, wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption. I Corinthians 1:28-30.

Today I do not have any direction or sense of what might be God's will regarding the endurance of or future of the IBLP organization. I am clear that God would be pleased that the IBLP organization acknowledges its wrongs humbly and completely, recants what is clearly error, clarifies what has been obviously confusing and spiritually damaging to 10s of 1000s and comes back to the church with a strong rejection of all that raises itself up against the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus (I Corinthians 10, 11), introducing to IBLP/ATI participants and alumni a clear and comprehensive review of the good news of the Gospel which is in Christ Jesus alone. That message will always be garbled if the acknowledgement of wrong is not first accomplished clearly and publicly. The introduction of the sufficiency of Jesus Christ to alumni and students will be most powerful coming out of a confession of sin and a cleansed conscience, a vessel of honor. "Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a **vessel for honor**, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work." II Timothy 2:21

If your confession is clear and comprehensive and Biblical, the church of Christ will honor your integrity and courage and offer increased support for finding every way possible to introduce the freedom in Christ to the church and 1000s of congregations continuing to greatly struggle with this confusion.

I have the sense this Board and this Management have been opposed to communicating with me this year and with many other 1000s of friends of the IBLP ministry who are very committed over many decades to its integrity and purity, and which are now calling for its' needed correction. It is also clear that Bill Gothard in early January of 2014 bore false witness to you men about me (as well as Bill Wood and Larne Gabriel). Bill Gothard called Bill Wood and Larne Gabriel a few months ago by phone to acknowledge to them this serious violation of the Law of God by him, and they forgave him based on his confession to them. After now nine months, Bill Gothard cannot bring himself to confess this same sin of January 2014 against myself which directly affected your Board, affected certain 1980 staff, and prevented important and timely spiritual work which was very much needed. This rebellion against the 6th Command of God by Bill Gothard is simple evidence to what you may now see more directly yourselves.

The additional enclosures with this letter relate to the first draft of a letter Bill Gothard provided to the Denver meeting July 7, 2014 suggesting what he might be willing to acknowledge to those he offended related to his letter of Libel and paying men to fly to KS to falsely accuse me in a secret meeting with my

home church. His letter, you will see, was vague in its wording, did not address most of the offenses and issues he is fully aware of, intentionally confusing for the intended readers, and quite unacceptable. I quickly responded with an edit to his draft (July 16, 2014 draft) outlining what I would request for his consideration of an acknowledgment of wrongs and confession of sins, along with a call for Bill Gothard to first deal with his bearing of false witness against me earlier this year. Bill Gothard has gone silent, with no response to me.

By now you have had many more opportunities to observe how Bill Gothard behaves and reacts to basic Biblical instructions of Scripture when he is confronted directly with sin and with his unbiblical teachings. The rejection of God's authority by Bill Gothard is confirmed by his continued rejection of calls by a growing number of pastors, theologians, teachers, and parents for a hearing to review the serious charges standing against him and against the IBLP ministry. The question is how long will your board participate in rejecting a review of these serious and still standing charges? That will be the only way these charges can be cleared as baseless and ill motivated, or found to reveal spiritual needs to be addressed by you men, the church, and his spiritual friends. And it is clearly outlined as a requirement by all of Scripture for men who would desire to represent Christ and whom Christ requires they live "above reproach." To not deal promptly with these charges of sin and error is to void God's blessing as described in 100s of Scripture texts well known to each of you.

Your Board, each member, has been in possession for now 10 months of the still outstanding charges against Bill Gothard and against the publications of the IBLP organization. These charges are supported by the 140 pages of clear documentation, abundant testimony of first hand witnesses, and detailed accounting to demonstrate that these charges and the related sins and wrongs done have not yet been acknowledged or confessed and the damage done has not yet been put back right.

Each member of the Board and each management director of the organization will increasingly be defined in Christian media, by an increase in warnings to the church of Jesus Christ world-wide, all based on your decisions to not act, based on your determination to not communicate with sincere believers addressing you about their serious concerns, by your choice to not support an acceptable and Biblical hearing of charges being brought to your attention. You will be defined rightly in four ways that become part of your own personal pending judgment before a holy God:

1. You are now also participating with Bill Gothard in the cover up of serious sin and wrong.
2. You are approving of ungodly behavior and wrong doctrine, continued to generate revenue.
3. You are endorsing and supporting the ongoing ministry of Bill Gothard who has a filthy conscience and is nowhere near "above reproach" as the Scriptures clearly require.
4. You have and are now rejecting God's Word which is clear on every point related to calling for these serious charges to be heard and examined for their truthfulness. I Timothy 5:19-25; Matthew 18:10-20.

Your opportunity to obey Scripture's clear instructions and honor God and His Word is slipping away. Your four decisions will join you to the judgment which God promises for such rejection of God's Word and the working of His Spirit. We can only pray that God will yet, in His mercy, provide to you His illumination to understand what the will of the Lord is (not ours!).

Would this Board consider a carefully planned series of private meetings to explore a comprehensive approach to these issues and challenges along with the development of a clarified message and much needed ministry to IBLP alumni, ATI families as well as to the church of Jesus Christ at large?

A few years ago I was in some business meetings in Cape Town, South Africa. I was introduced privately to a lawyer, a life-long citizen of RSA, Mr. Richard Rosenthal. He spent a few hours telling me his story, now in book form (Improbable Mission). With Apartheid in full control by the minority white population, with Nelson Mandela languishing in an island prison, quick growth of a civil war, riots, burning of entire towns, planned murders between the government and the people, and a black population in full rebellion, Richard Rosenthal and his wife considered immigrating to Canada and had purchased their airline tickets and set a departure date.

Richard Rosenthal explained to me he felt a pang of guilt to flee the country he loved and do nothing. He cancelled his flight, sold his sizeable law business to partners and officially “retired”, disappearing from all social contact during the ensuing years. He began private talks between the white government led by State President P.W. Botha and the ANC resistance in hiding in nearby nations led by Thabo Mbeki, the man who would become president after Mandela. Over many months and years, he was able to assist all parties in coming together, write a new national constitution, end white minority Apartheid control over the population, and allow a nation at war to develop a new start based on improved democratic ideas. It is still a nation with much cultural baggage and a century of crimes and loss of morality among the people. Even so, it is a new beginning. His is an inspiring story in print, and even more so in person. I have the same confidence of all that God Himself wants to do in your present conflict and desire to clearly understand a new direction, a new foundation, for a much needed ministry to the children of God.

There are many believers praying faithfully for you.

If I can be of any service to you, I would be glad to hear from you or someone you assign. Thank you very much for your time today.

Tony G

Enclosures:

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July 7, 2014 Draft Letter from Bill Gothard to Tony G via Denver Meeting (Bill Gothard, Gary/Norma Smalley, Bill Wood, Larne Gabriel)

July 10, 2014 Revision of Confession Letter offered by Tony G to Bill Gothard and Denver Meeting team
Notes Requesting Bill Gothard acknowledge and correct his bearing of false witness January 2014

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