

## Letter received from Mr. Jim Sammons on January 2, 2014

Addressed to Bill Gothard, copied to Tony G by Jim Sammons by USPS

Dear Bill,

Enclosed is a notebook I received in the mail today. I have not looked at the notebook nor read any of its contents (other than a quick glance to realize I have no desire or intention to do so).

I have so informed the sender by copy of this letter.

Jim Sammons

Notebook” being referenced is a set of materials titled “Request by Bill Gothard for Truth and Reconciliation, 2013-2014” sent to members of the IBLP Board of Directors on December 30, 2013.

## Board of Advisors, IBLP

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### **James A. Sammons Chairman of the Advisory Board**

Jim Sammons has been an integral part of the IBLP ministry for many years. Thousands have been helped through the [Financial Freedom Video Series](#), which he developed from personal experiences (including nearly going bankrupt) and application of Biblical principles to his life, marriage, and business.

He was the president of the [Advanced Training Institute International](#), and served on the IBLP Board of Directors from 1980 to 2002. He continues to serve this ministry as Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Jim and his wife, Fay, live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where they have established a successful, respected real-estate development company.

January 6, 2014

Open Letter

Dear Jim,

Thanks for your note (received Jan. 2, 2014).

I am sorry to see you disqualify yourself from being an Advisory Board Member in representation of the IBLP ministry. And I am surprised to see you disqualify yourself and resign from this duty directly to Bill (Gothard).

Bill Gothard requested this information provided to you by two phone calls and three letters to me over the last three months. He will want good quality spiritual counsel for how to best proceed in his life and for the purposes of the ministry of IBLP and ATI International over which you have previously presided. We had prayed you would be such a special and spiritual friend for him.

It would seem you may be more than familiar with the materials provided to you and that **you are the first of the Board of IBLP to vote that we proceed directly to the next step** of “telling it to the church” (Matthew 8:17). Jim, your vote has been counted.

In our seeking two or three witnesses, as instructed specifically by Jesus Christ, so “to confirm every fact” (Matthew 18:16), you have been clear in your note that you do not “desire or intend” to become involved. We would conclude you are thereby recommending we proceed with the next step outlined by our Lord, “telling it to the church, and for “those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning” (I Timothy 5:20), “...do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them,” and “...but the one who is disturbing you (teaching you must receive circumcision and become obligated to keeping the entire Law) will bear his judgment, whoever he is.” Galatians 5:1-10

My own hope was that you would fall into the biblical class of “easy to be entreated” (James 3:17) and that you would be of important and timely help at this time in church history. Regrettably this important work does not seem to be of any interest to you.

The possibility exists, I suppose, that in actuality you may be doing your part in covering up the wrongs and sins detailed in the materials presented to you. If this is the basis of your decision and action as a Board member (since 1980 when you would have first seen these evidences from Board minutes and files, legal files, and the ongoing wrongs being wrought) and Director of the ATI organization, your personal efforts to prevent a Biblical confession of sins and wrongs, and a spiritual reconciliation will become widely known as well.

Jim, I remember with great fondness my times of fellowship with you and your family in your home in years past. Having not spoken to you in the years since those times of friendship and participation together in the service of the Lord, it seems strange you would now reject the opportunity to respond to my letter to you personally.

The most important piece in these materials is “The All Sufficiency of Jesus Christ” article. I do believe you would have been encouraged by the review of Scripture which is so very clear that Jesus Christ is to be in our lives preeminent, exclusive, and always all sufficient. I trust you will have another opportunity to read that material.

Praying for you.

Tony G

C: Rev. Bill Gothard

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and easy to be entreated*, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.” KJB

“...the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.” NKJV

“Real wisdom, God’s wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results *only* if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.” MSG

James 3:17