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OPEN LETTER

Dr. Dean Youngberg  
Derby, Kansas

Listed Advisory Board member of the Institute in Basic Life Principles ([www.IBLP.org](http://www.IBLP.org))

Dear. Dr. Youngberg,

I am in your receipt of your letter of 1.15.2014 (copied below).

Thanks for making contact with me, though I wish you would be willing to meet in person, in that we live only 42 miles apart. I would certainly be glad to drive to your home or business or local café and meet for the first time and share our common desires for God to be honored in how some of these serious issues might be resolved.

As the organization's website declares: "God has raised up wise, **faithful men** to guide this ministry as the Board of Directors. Learn about their lives, our statement of faith, and how this ministry is financed." (Bolding of words is by IBLP author.)

I truly had presumed that because you are currently listed as an Advisory Board member that you would be one of the faithful men that would have an interest in Bill Gothard's recent communications with me and a number of others. As copied to you, his several letters make clear he is seeking to confirm the truth about past events he was involved in, and his desire to seek reconciliation with believers in Christ from his past which he has deeply offended.

It is a surprise to me that you would have "no interest" in assisting the ministry of Bill Gothard by a review of the questions he is asking and the historical materials he has requested. You did misunderstand the first letters of the materials sent to you, in that they are the requests of Bill Gothard and not of me.

Bill has telephoned me on his own twice in the last 2 months and visited for some time, along with sending to me three letters making two requests of me. 1) That I would provide to him every detail that would be in error, malicious and opposed to the Scripture in his 19 page letter of Libel against me (written, published and distributed by his organization in September 1981) and how I see this great wrong and resulting damage might be put right and reconciled; and 2) that I would provide to him every detail of any proofs and evidence that demonstrates to what extent he had detailed knowledge of ongoing immorality over a seven year period prior to 1980.

The report I mailed to Bill Gothard (with a copy to you as a Board member) provides abundant evidence from many sources that Bill Gothard has a great deal of detailed knowledge of ongoing immorality at his research and publishing facility at the Northwoods Retreat Center. And he covered up that knowledge while he continued to send additional young daughters of Dads and Moms to live and work in this remote location where they also were spiritually and sexually abused.

That was a very large request. As nice as he was acting and his tone of voice, etc. I could not tell if this was genuine desire to make things right, or if there was some other trap or agenda he had in mind??? I pushed back, explaining to him the detail he was requesting was presented to him and his Board on June 5, 1980 and they had a copy of it which should be in their files; and secondly, Bill Gothard had his law firm subpoena me in 1981 in response to two lawsuits being filed against him (I like others did not want to be involved in either one). His law firm forced me to Chicago where they deposed me for 8 hours a day for 5 days (all at my own expense and loss of work) through which process they obtained every jot and tittle of my knowledge plus cross examined me on each point for 40 hours. I told him those interview notes were in a warehouse and I had not seen them in 32 years and that it would take a lot of work and likely a month or two to work through. Even with this explanation and push back, he repeated his request to me to provide to him something on this for his desire to clear up these matters and resolve them once and for all. You might have missed a copy of the three letters from Bill Gothard to me making these requests.

It is hard to imagine that as a friend of Bill Gothard and as a past board member and a currently listed Advisory Board member, that you would have no knowledge of any complaints or charges outstanding against Bill Gothard

and the IBLP ministry organization. A simple Google search would lead you and your associates on the Board to a disturbing volume of church divisions, family disruptions, and personal conflicts and despair by those who were long time followers of Bill Gothard and involved in the ATI program. If you were a shepherd and had 100 sheep, and you learned that even one or two of your sheep had fallen, were caught in a thicket, were struggling to find their way, what would you personally do? There are specific reasons that 100s, even 1,000s of people involved with the IBLP teachings are experiencing serious repercussions from those teachings or confusion about them. We believe and are confident the good news of the Gospel provides the very corrections of the life of the Teacher, the correction of the message and teachings that would become a wonderful resource for the church of Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures are fairly clear, that the lives of those men involved in representation of Jesus Christ and the Gospel in public ministry must live their lives in such a way as to be...

Above reproach

Having wronged no man

Clean hands

Defrauded no persons, taken advantage of no persons

Does not advocate abstaining from foods

Knows how to take care of his own house

Not a striker

Blameless

Vigilant

Submissive to authority

Not soon angry

Not a threatening person

Love without hypocrisy

Holding fast the Word which is in accordance with sound doctrine

Does not teach "commandments and precepts of man" and thereby turn away people from the truth

Proves to be an example to the flock

As one of the men appointed to stand on the wall as a watchman for the rest of us, many have seen you listed as one of those "wise and faithful men" in which they trust to oversee and be involved in sounding a warning and working to correct anything that would put at risk the lives and faith of those sleeping and working in the town below the wall. If you no longer desire to stand on the wall to be that watchman, would you agree to work quickly to have your picture and your bio removed from the IBLP website? I do believe that otherwise you will be at risk of the warnings of Ezekiel 33:1-39 which express the attitude of God toward you and me and our duties toward each other in the community of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Bill Gothard at his website continues to represent to the world wide public that you, Dr. Dean Youngberg, are indeed involved with this ministry and organization... (Dean Youngberg) continues to give input as a member of the Advisory Board." If this posting of you is a misrepresentation of the truth and reality, would you work to put at least that right with the world?

I will look forward to your soonest answer.

Thank you for your time today.

Tony G



**Dr. Dean Youngberg**  
**Advisory Board Member**

After attending a [Basic Seminar](#) in 1976, Dean and his wife Judy began to implement Scriptural principles in their marriage, family, and medical practice. As a result of following Biblical principles of finance, Dean obtained release from a medical partnership and established a private practice.

Dean served on the Board of Directors from 1994 to 2003 and continues to give input as a member of the Advisory Board. He and his wife reside in Kansas.

**From:** Dean Youngberg [mailto:deanandjudy@pixius.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014 8:12 PM

**To:** Tony

**Subject:** recent mailings

Dear [Tony],

I was not a member of the IBLP Board in the 1980s, nor am I am member of the Board now. I have no knowledge of the accounts that you have referenced in your multiple mailings. I have no intention nor interest in being involved in any of the requests you are making. Please remove me from your mailing list.

Thank you.

Dean Youngberg, MD