

Bill Gothard's Direct Involvement in Immorality

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Good morning friend,

Your question is a good one, to what extent was/is Bill Gothard involved in personal immorality?

For background, it is important for you to know I have provided to Bill Gothard, to the current IBLP Board and to the LaGrange Bible Church Elders and pastor the following documents which detail the immorality of Bill Gothard which I will summarize below for your consideration.

Bill Gothard's Detailed Knowledge of Immorality Prior to 1980

Authorship and Publication of IBLP /ATI Materials by Men and Women Involved in Immorality

History of Attempts to Confront Bill Gothard

Qualifications / Disqualifications of Teachers and Overseers...With Disqualifications of Bill Gothard Illustrated

The immorality of Bill Gothard has several aspects more serious than if it would ever be discovered he slept with and had intercourse with any of these women (which I have no evidence that he did). But the greater immorality involved here has at least six aspects to it:

1. He did engage with intimate physical contact with many of these girls during times they were dressed in bed clothes, e.g. regular visits to their bedrooms after they had gone to bed, at least two hiking in bed clothes to his cabin late at night, observed on several occasions touching the girls on legs, breasts in daytime public occasions, etc. I noticed RG and MCO have published *The Cabin Story*, which details one of those occasions (which story I titled *Cabin Story Bill Gothard's Revised Dress Code for Visiting Women*), Bill Gothard, by his continued and constant and intimate contact with all of these women over many years, he, Bill Gothard, broke down all of their normal defenses to allow such close physical contact with men, late at night, in their bedrooms, or in his cabin, opening them each up to the intimate, spiritually wicked, manipulations by Bill Gothard's brother.
2. His adultery with many women comes from his combination of an addiction to masturbation and his engaging in play with young girls and by engaging in what stimulates him sexually/mentally, the asking these young girls to submit to him and his desires for them to change their hair, fix a facial defect, repair crooked teeth, wear different underwear, etc. etc. ad infinitum. With their adoration of him and their quick obedience and submission to him, the visual and emotional content for his private masturbation is all in place. See excellent description of this by CS Lewis in the Authorship article.
3. The 3 or 4 women he knew for sure had been involved sexually with his brother over 7 and up to 14 years, he, Bill Gothard required them to submit to the authority and daily management of the very man who had tormented them and had broken them down sexually!!! What kind of a man would put young women, already violated sexually, back under the daily authority and remote location with the very man who had tormented them? That is as much immorality as you can assign to Bill Gothard. If he did it to any extent to utilize their talents to continue to produce materials for the generation of \$10s of millions of dollars each year, that makes Bill Gothard a PIMP. (Merriam Webster Definition: a criminal who is associated with, usually exerts control over, and lives off the earnings of one or more prostitutes). In this case, the women were not themselves characterized by this avocation though were

used by Gothard to generate wealth, keeping them sexually enslaved, he giving them a very small share of his earnings along with the occasional gifts he purchased for them.

4. The 3 or so women Bill Gothard directed to move up North and live with and work with his brother (against staff and parent protests in some cases), with Bill Gothard knowing in detail the immorality ongoing / continuing by his brother, was to accomplish by his Chain of Command, command them to move in with his brother and be subjected to his spiritual wickedness and sexual violation of them as well. That is even more immorality by Bill Gothard, in person, with full culpability.

5. In 1980, with all of these perversions well known to him, he, Bill Gothard, was found to be traveling secretly to meet with the parents of these women to try to persuade any one of them to approve the marriage of their now violated daughters to marry his brother (to resolve this problem!!). Now that is sick, and that is perverted thinking. As staff of 1980 learned of that, they all went crazy, as they should have.

6. Bill Gothard has lied about it for now 40 years. As of today, he continues to deny to any and all that he had ANY knowledge of immorality going on with his staff and his brother before April of 1980. He has in the past few months, via ongoing and continual phone calls with a number of the women involved, gotten them to "forgive him" for the damage they experienced. I interviewed one to some extent and she was clear that she had recently fully forgiven Bill Gothard because he swore to her that he "had NO knowledge of ongoing immorality by his brother before April of 1980." She and others have recently forgiven him (making him feel good for this great accomplishment) though it is based on his continued lying to them. What will happen when these women realize they forgave him based on his lie??? What is the damage of Bill Gothard lying for now 40 years to 90,000 pastors and 3,000,000 alumni that he had NO knowledge of ongoing immorality and therefore he is clean, pure, right, and should be trusted fully and completely without question?

This sickness is multiplied when you learn what Dr. Gus Hemwall (IBYC Chairman of the Board in 1980) knew of the perverted sexual assaults on at least one woman, who came to him for a physical exam after the perversion. Someone needs to ask Bill Gothard, face to face, whether Gus Hemwall ever told Bill Gothard of that physical exam. I will be most interested in his response (if he hesitates or tries to lie about it), or if he actually is ignorant and cannot read the materials already provided to him on July 5, 1980, again after his deposition of me for 40 hours where he received it again, and again now Jan. 2, 2014.

This sickness is multiplied again when you realize the 1980 Board and the current 2014 Board and the LaGrange Bible Church continue to provide him cover, will not hold a hearing on these charges and evidences, and choose to participate in covering up these sins so that the business and sales of doctrinal confusion can continue to the masses of believers who are naïve and do not know better.

This is the evidence and detail that was presented by me to the 1980 Board, after which they did terminate Bill Gothard from being President, from Board member, and from teaching the seminars. That lasted only 17 days. Bill Gothard then brought in Bob Jones III and Dr. John McLario which aided him in reversing the termination and put him back in charge, without any addressing of the disqualifications that were clear 17 days earlier. Bill Gothard is powerful and experienced in manipulating ALL people in his world. One method is to make sure you bring in people to assist you and provide support for you that are also hiding and covering up immorality!!! Bill Gothard nor the current IBLP Board will answer my questions put them in writing about Dr. John McLario (1980 Board) and Dr. John Stancil (current 2014 Board). It will help you understand why it is so difficult to get these disqualifications of Bill Gothard and ALL of his

materials resolved!!! He controls the people involved!!! And he now is utilizing David Gibbs Jr. just as he did McLario. History does repeat itself.

Let me know if you need anything further.
Thanks my friend.

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