

June 24, 2015

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Dear Tim,

Attached you will find a statement we have sent Bill Gothard and others regarding our failed attempt to bring Bill to true repentance. We have spent countless hours over the past 35 years and specifically in the past 22 months in this futile attempt. As Matthew 18:17 is applied one more time we wash our hand of any further attempts unless it become evident that his heart has been changed.

As Bill will be held accountable when he stands before our Lord and Savior so will the Institute and its leadership. Through out Scripture God calls all of us to be holy, honest and to proclaim truth. This is regardless of the consequences that it might bring. God continually punished Israel and its leaders for their sins throughout the Old Testament. Some of the punishment was to the future generations such as David's sons. This is also true of Institute under Bill, its management and Board as they are responsible before God for some of the grievous actions that occurred. Your responsibility is not just to change policy but to seek confession, repentance, asking forgiveness and making restitution for those sins. As we have told Bill you can deal with it now or when you stand in front of our Lord and Savior. Then He will either say well done thou good and faithful servant or I knew you not. Matthew 7:13-29 and 25:21.

The survival of the Institute does not matter to God; He only cares about our hearts. We are commanded to love the Lord our God and be Holy and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:30-31, Ephesians 1:4), in doing so we will show the world the true meaning of Christianity. IBLP/IBYC/Campus Teams are really about Bill and his ministry. This was made abundantly clear to us by Bill this past year. But we are commanded to put all our focus on Christ and His ministry. In John 3:30 John the Baptist says; "He must increase, but I must decrease." You are at a cross roads, will the tombstone of IBLP say "They covered sin"? If so this will surely be the reason for its demise. Or if this sin is dealt with you could have a lasting legacy of proclaiming the truth and love of the One who gives us eternal life through His shed blood and set an example for the world?

Humble servants of a mighty God,

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Enclosures: 2

■Matthew 18:17 Statement to Bill Gothard

■“Biblical Pattern of Reconciliation”, Dr. Chuck Lynch, Living Foundation Ministry, 611 NW R.D. Mize Road, Blue Springs, MO 64014 (used with permission).

Dr. Chuck Lynch is skilled at understanding people and helping them deal with the hurts and hard issues in life both from an intellectual and a biblical perspective. After graduating from Biola College, he received an M.A. and an M. Div. from Talbot Theological Seminary and a D. Min. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has served as a pastor, Bible college teacher and administrator and consultant to pastors and Christian leaders who face difficult personal and ministry issues. He is a published author in English and Spanish and has spoken extensively on Christian radio and television. Dr. Lynch shares practical biblical insights into human nature and conflict resolution as he counsels, teaches seminars or trains biblical care givers on five continents. He and his wife Linda have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Dr. Lynch is the author of “I Should Forgive but...” and “You Can Work it Out”

Bio

Bill Wood was a volunteer as usher and committee chairman for Bill Gothard's IBYC/IBLP Los Angeles Basic seminar committee for 5 years of which during three of those years he was employed part time by Gothard. He also served on staff in at the Oak Brook, IL headquarters for 3 ½ years. Mr. Wood oversaw the Publications, Art, IT, Transportation and Registration Departments and oversaw TV Production.

W. Larne Gabriel was the volunteer co-chairman of Gothard's Seattle Basic Seminar committee for 6 years and on staff at the Oak Brook Headquarters for 18 months as a corporate pilot. Larne's late wife Ruth was Gothard's personal secretary for nine and a half years and was one of women who was abused by Gothard's brother in the 1980 Institute scandal. They were married for 13 years prior to her death in 1994. See “Ruth's Story” link:
<http://www.recoveringgrace.org/2014/02/ruths-story/>

Both of Bill Wood and Larne Gabriel left the Institute in Basic Youth Conflict in 1980 as a result of the Institute's failure to biblically deal with Bill Gothard's sin and the Institute's covering of sin as related to the 1980 scandal. Both have personally known Bill and have dealt with him for over 40 years.