

Where to Start With Correction?

Bill Gothard's Greatest Point of Pride: His Rejection of the Authority of The Church and the IBLP Board

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Good morning friend,

Good question, where to start?

You might recall, the answer is actually in the Basic Seminar taught by a Rev. Bill Gothard.

The place to start confession of sin is your GREATEST point of pride.

Remember that? It may be one practical thing he taught that was close to correct.

As to where to help him get started, my thinking always has been:

1. God may NOT want to grant him repentance!!!!

You would be in a very bad relationship with God if He ever decided to not even let you repent!!!

Consider the case of Esau (Hebrews 12:14-29) and Cain (Gen. 4) who out of jealousy and anger his own efforts were rejected by God while his brother's simple lamb sacrifice was accepted, he killed his brother. II Timothy 2:24-26 is clear, it is God who grants or does not grant repentance.

If God does per chance grant repentance, here is what it looks like: II Cor. 7:9-11. Everything else is "sorrow of the world", a psychological "regret" which produces only DEATH, and more death. The last 40 years has proven he has NOT been granted repentance by God. That does not bode well for him. You will soon know if God will change His mind and if Bill Gothard will truly humble himself. How will you know if he has? See #4 below, his greatest points of pride, fear, and inability to trust God with a whole heart. If he does not, or cannot repent, the Christian community must join together in fully exposing all of his ungodliness and all of his contrary doctrine until the entire church of Christ world-wide have the opportunity to reject his teachings and fear repeating his ungodliness.

A public reading of Ezekiel 18:1-32 may be a healthy devotional source for the day.

2. In this case, God may not want to grant Bill Gothard repentance because of his long and repeated exercise of maintaining a very stiff neck. God would then use Bill Gothard as a case history before the world wide church of Jesus Christ as an example for why you should not sin, lie, cover up your sins. I Timothy 5:20, 22, 24-25.

3. Bill Gothard loves it when his friends (and enemies) complain about this or that, no matter the seriousness of the offense. He loves it when they come to him to address him to obtain some agreement, some compromise, to request any aid or assistance or compensation, some clarification of an understanding of a point of Bible interpretation, or a request for a conciliatory letter he pens and signs. This ALL keeps the real and underlying and more serious issues at bay and never part of the conversation or review of his responsibility. These distractions prevent the addressing clearly these underlying issues and his now quite clear disqualifications from the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

4. What Bill Gothard does not want to do, and will NOT do, are three things he must do first:

a. Acknowledge he is NOT the Lord's anointed and therefore no one should be allowed to lift up their hand against him. This is a false doctrine he has presented to millions over now 40 years. He needs to reject this as a false doctrine. It is not supported by any of the teachings of New Testament, nor the Old Testament! Many great articles have been written on this subject and posted at Recovering Grace.org if he needs real and actual help to coming to an agreement with God on this topic! If this is not resolved first, he will always default to what he has always believed (he is the Lord's anointed) and will always manipulate all meetings back to the surface issues of #3 above.

b. He needs to acknowledge and submit to what the Scriptures do teach, that as a Teacher and an Overseer, he is subject to any called for hearing where two or three persons bring charges against him with evidence and testimony. I Timothy 5:15-23. He needs to request the LaGrange Bible Church to schedule and hold such a hearing. If they have too much fear and spiritual confusion, Bill Gothard should ask for a representative group of pastors, theologians and apologists to develop a hearing where the charges against him of ungodly behavior and distortions of the Gospel are reviewed and the matter of his qualifications for ministry are ruled upon with a very public Report of the findings. Bill Gothard should then embrace that Report and proceed with that group's advice for obtaining counseling and theological training in righteousness, exercising his new trust in a merciful God to work the outcome to His glory only.

c. In the immediate phase, he should write a clear, thorough, detailed letter to be published to 90,000 churches on the IBLP list, and made available to all Christian media, his acknowledgement of lying for 40 years, admitting that he did indeed have detailed knowledge of ongoing immorality among his staff and failed to address it fully and Biblically, which makes him fully responsible for the additional sexual assaults on many young women by his brother and others involved at the Institute. His acknowledgement must include these young women were set up to fail by Bill Gothard's own seeking and demanding more intimacy with young women than is permitted spiritually or legally, influencing many of them to drop and give up their natural defenses against wrongful sexual harassment and assault inside of the IBLP organization.

5. The IBLP Board and the LaGrange Bible Church are all fully culpable in covering up these sins and rejecting every request put to them to assist in addressing each complaint and each charge, and bringing them to full correction. If they will not now participate in confessing their own sins and responsibilities in these same matters, they also ought to be fully exposed for the great sins against the Church of Jesus Christ, and for which they will soon stand in Judgment before a holy God.

Those are my thoughts, consistent since 1980.

Thanks.
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