

~"Word of faith" 'Televangelists'~  
--the modern blight on Evangelism and the word of God

**1 Tim 6:3-5**

3 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching,  
4 he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions  
5 and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and *who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.*

*"The deplorable conditions which I recently encountered when I was a visitor constrained me to prepare this brief and simple statement of Christian 'teaching'. What wretchedness I beheld! The common people have no knowledge whatsoever of Christian teaching, and unfortunately many pastors are quite incompetent and unfit for teaching. . "How will you pastors answer for it before Christ that you have so shamefully neglected the people and paid no attention at all to the duties of your office? May you escape punishment for this! Woe to you forever!"*

**Martin Luther (preface to Luther's Shorter Catechism)**

It is amazing how easily folks are deceived into believing the sort of stuff that comes from these so-called 'faith teachers'. Without sound Biblical teaching, it is no wonder. With all the glitter of Hollywood, the glitz of Las Vegas, the smoothness of Madison Avenue, these tricksters attract folks like the deadly flame attracts the moth!

I have watched these charlatans (and have provided a list of those to avoid at the end of this article) on TV and if it was not that these folks are being taken seriously, it would be funny! The tragedy is, that these pirates are deadly serious in taking the money from the victims they prey upon! Take a look to the following and listen to some of the more prominent 'teachers' of the health/wealth 'gospel'. By the way, I have the audio tapes upon which all these quotations are recorded. This is the real thing folks--believe it or not!

**Benny Hinn:** "Man, I feel revelation knowledge already coming on me here. Lift your hands. Something new is going to happen here today. I felt it as I walked down here. Holy Spirit, take over in the name of Jesus...God the Father, ladies and gentlemen, is a person; separate from the Son and the Holy Ghost. Say, what did you say? Hear it, hear it, hear it. See, God the Father is a person, God the Son is a person, God the Holy Ghost is a person. But each one of them is a triune being by Himself. *If I can shock you - and maybe I should* - there's nine of them. Huh, what did you say? Let me explain: God the Father, ladies and gentlemen, is a person with his own personal spirit, with his own personal soul, and his own personal spirit-body. You say, Huh, I never heard that. Well you think you're in this church to hear things you've heard for the last 50 years? You can't argue with the Word, can you? It's all in the Word."- **"Benny Hinn" program on TBN, 10/30/90.**

"God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost - three separate individuals, one in essence, one in work - and, may I add, each one of them possesses His own spirit-body. You don't like it?"  
- **"Praise the Lord", 10/23/92**

"The Holy Ghost is upon me...The day is coming when those that attack us will drop dead. You say, 'What did you say?' I speak this under the anointing of the Spirit. Can I tell you something? Don't touch God's servants; it's deadly...Woe to you that touch God's servants. You're going to pay. 'And the day will come,' the **Lord said that to me**. He said, 'The day will come when I will punish instantly. Woe to those that touch my chosen.' They will fear us. Hear this: today they mock us; tomorrow they will fear us."  
**"Miracle Invasion Rally," Anaheim Convention Center, 11/22/91**

"Adam was a super being when God created him. I don't know whether people realize this, but he was the first Superman that really ever lived. First of all, the Scriptures declare clearly that he had dominion over the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea - which means he used to fly. Of course, how can he have dominion over the birds and not be able to do what they do? The word 'dominion' in the Hebrew clearly declares that if you have dominion over a subject, that you do everything that subject does (*it does??-bob*). In other words, that subject, if it does something you cannot do, you don't have dominion over it. I'll prove it further. Adam not only flew, he flew to space. He was - **with one thought he would be on the moon.**"  
- **TBN "Praise the Lord" program, 12/26/91**

"God came from heaven, became a man, made man into **little gods**, went back to heaven as a man. He faces the Father as a man. I face devils as the son of God...Quit your nonsense! What else are you? If you say I am, you're saying I'm a part of Him, right? Is he God? Are you His offspring? Are you His children? You can't be human! You can't! You can't! God didn't give birth to the flesh...You said, 'Well, that's heresy.' No, that's your crazy brain saying that."  
**"Our Position In Christ #2 - The Word Made Flesh" video tape #255, Orlando Christian Center, 1991**

"Ladies and gentlemen, the serpent is a symbol of Satan. Jesus Christ knew the only way He would stop Satan is by becoming one in nature with him--(*he did??-bob*). You say, 'What did you say? What blasphemy is this?' No, you hear this! He did not take my sin; He became my sin. Sin is the nature of hell. Sin is what made Satan...It was sin that made Satan. Jesus said, 'I'll be sin! I'll go to the lowest place! I'll go to the origin of it! I won't just take part in it, I'll be the totality of it!' When Jesus became sin, sir, He took it from A to Z and said, 'No more!' Think about this: He became flesh, that flesh might become like Him. He became death, so dying man can live. He became sin, so sinners can be righteous in Him. **He became one with the nature of Satan**, so all those who had the nature of Satan can partake of the nature of God."  
**"Benny Hinn" program, TBN, 12/15/90**

"Now, are you ready for some real revelation knowledge? OK. Now watch this: He laid aside His divine form...so one day I would be clothed on earth with the divine form. **Kenneth Hagin** has a teaching. A lot of people have problems with it. Yet it is absolute truth. Kenneth Copeland has a teaching. Many Christians have put holes in it, but it's divine truth. Hagin and Copeland say: "You are god. Ye are gods." 'Oh, I can't be god.' Hold it. Let's bring balance to this teaching. The balance is taught by Copeland, who is my dear friend, but it's those that repeat what he says that are messing it up. You see there brother? When Jesus was on earth, the Bible says that first He disrobed Himself of the divine form. He, the limitless God, became a man, that we men, may become as He is."  
**"Our Position In Christ" cassette tape #A031190, Orlando Christian Center, 1990**

**Kenneth Copeland:** "God cannot do anything for you apart or separate from faith. Faith is God's source of power." -  
**"Freedom from Fear," KCM, 1980, pg. 11-12**

"Adam committed high treason; and at that point, all the dominion and authority God had given to him was handed over to Satan. Suddenly, *God was on the outside looking in*...After Adam's fall, God found Himself in a peculiar position...God needed an avenue back into the earth...God laid out His proposition and Abram accepted it. It gave God access to the earth and gave man access to God...Technically, if God ever broke the Covenant, He would have to destroy Himself." -  
**"Our Covenant With God," KCP Publications, 1987, pages 8-11**

"God's reason for creating Adam was His desire to reproduce Himself...He was not a little like God. He was not almost like God. *He was not subordinate to God even.*" -  
**"Following the Faith of Abraham I", KCM audiotope #01-3001, 1989**

"The Spirit of God spoke to me and He said, 'Son, realize this. Now follow me in this and don't let your tradition trip you up.' He said, 'Think this way - a twice born man whipped Satan in his own domain.' And I threw my Bible down...like that. I said, 'What?' He said, 'A born-again man defeated Satan, the firstborn of many brethren defeated him.' He said, 'You are the very image, the very copy of that one.' I said, 'Goodness, gracious sakes alive!' And I began to see what had gone on in there, and I said, 'Well now you don't mean, you couldn't dare mean, that I could have done the same thing?' He said, '*Oh yeah,(?)* if you'd had the knowledge of God that He did, you could've done the same thing, 'cause you're a reborn man too."  
**"Substitution & Identification", KCM audiotope #00-0202, 1989.**

**Bob Larson:** "Christians are combatants in a conflict between good and evil, light and darkness, God and the devil."  
**"In The Name of Satan," Thomas Nelson, 1996, page XI**

"I insisted that Christians claiming to have demons were making excuses for problems of carnality or personal lack of discipline; they were avoiding the tough part of growing in grace and maturing in a deeper understanding of Scripture. I overcame this theological prejudice...I discovered that the issue wasn't as conclusive as I had thought...I realized that those pastors and Bible teachers who had repeatedly reinforced the 'Christian can't have a demon' outlook had very little practical experience with the phenomenon. I concluded that, while doctrine is not based on experience, the lack of experiential testimony is about such a crucial area of spiritual deliverance was a glaring weakness....The moment a person is born into the kingdom of God by faith in Christ (Eph.2:8-9), the spirit is eternally reborn and belongs to God...However, man is a tripartite being (1Thess 5:23), and there are aspects of the human condition that Satan can afflict. While he is prohibited from touching the spirit of God's saints, nothing prevents him from tormenting the body and soul - if the disobedient conduct of a Christian allows him to do so."  
**"In The Name Of Satan" - Thomas Nelson Publishing, 1996, page 75**

"What about those instances in which a demon manifests *in a Christian*? In most cases the demon entered before the believer's conversion to Christianity, and the evil spirit continued to control some part of the Christian's life because the specific occult sin was never renounced. The demon claims squatters rights." -  
**"ITNOS", Thomas Nelson Publishing, 1996, page 78**

"I have had *my physical appearance duplicated* by demons." **"ITNOS", Thomas Nelson Publishing, 1996, page 154**

"Our future is at stake, I'm battling the forces of darkness and I've got to know that you are there and you care about me remaining behind this microphone to deal with the devil and expose what the forces of evil are doing to destroy your home, your church, and your family--so back me now!"

**"Talk-Back" radio program, 1/7/97[**

**Larson, in speaking to an alleged demon, says:** "Breathe in the Holy Spirit right now - I command you to breathe deeply, BREATHE DEEPLY, breathe the Holy Spirit! The angels of God make you breathe in the Holy Spirit!!"

**Live radio broadcast, 1/7/97.**

**Fred Price:** "Some people say when they pray: 'if it be thy will'. Sounds holy, doesn't it? It's really foolishness!"

"I'm following the teachings of Jesus, that's why I drive a Rolls-Royce"

**Rod Parsley:** "God hasn't stopped giving faith - He is still imparting faith to you. That is the reason your spirit man on the inside of you is always full of faith. It is not your spirit man that is full of doubt and unbelief - it is your mind, your will, and your emotions. Your spirit man will believe. When you hear somebody preach under the anointing or you read something in the Word, something on the inside of you just says, 'Yes! Yes! Yes' Your spirit man believes whatever God says. Your spirit man will believe whatever God says...Your spirit man can take your mind's limits off of God." -

**"Repairers of the Breach," Results Publishing, 1992, page 172**

"Forget Paul's Thorn! We know God has the power to heal. He translated us out of the power of darkness and into the kingdom of light...You know Jesus has the power to heal. In this chapter, I am absolutely intent on convincing you that not only does He have the power to heal you, it is His absolute and perfect will to heal you. We do not have to sift through Paul's thorn, Job's boils, or Timothy's sick stomach to try to understand the perfect will of God. You must realize Paul's infirmity was not in his flesh; it was his soulish man - his mind, his will, and emotions. We know this because he told us the thorn was a messenger of Satan sent to buffet him....It is time preachers stop trying to make excuses for their lack of faith and understanding of the Word of God." - **"ROB", Results Publishing, 1992, pages 267, 268**

Regarding 'speaking in tongues'-- "On the inside of you, you will sense something prompting you to say words and syllables. Just open your mouth and let the words flow. I do not care if it is 'la, la, la,' or 'da, da, da.' The devil hates it all."

**"ROB", Results Publishing, 1992, page 236**

"It's as simple and as tragic as this: When I cut stations, souls may be lost for eternity."

**- Fundraising letter, September, 1997**

"I don't want to look like I slept upside down in a posthole, like I bounced off the back of a covered wagon, like I am eating out of trash cans, like I am living out of a food pantry, or like I am getting my clothes from the missionary barrel. I have had enough of that. You can keep it if you want to. I will endure the persecution that comes with the blessing. Why hasn't the body of Christ received this truth?

Why are we not living this reality? I am telling you, if you will pray God's way, God can open up

whatever you need opened up in your life. Your prayer, ***mixed with giving--(to Fred, no doubt! bob)***, will become a memorial before God."

***This last statement sums up what the whole 'televangelist' programs are all about! Their teachings-- your money!!***

Many, many more examples of this can be produced, but these few will suffice to show that these guys are out in space concerning the Gospel. For a fuller, more detailed examination of the heresy of the 'faith teachers', please read "Christianity in Crisis" by Hank Hannegraff, at Christian Research Institute, and try and get his audio tapes on it. In them he records the actual comments-by the 'faith teachers', themselves (and more) that are written in this article.

Some of the teachers on radio and television to avoid are:

**Fred Price**  
**John Avanzini**  
**Jim and Tammy Bakker**  
**Morris Cerullo**  
**Kenneth Copeland**  
**Paul and Jan Crouch**  
**Creflo Dollar**  
**Jesse Duplantis**  
**John Hagee**  
**Kenneth E. Hagin**  
**Marilyn Hickey**  
**Benny Hinn**  
**T. D. Jakes**  
**Kathryn Kuhlman (d)**  
**Bob Larson**  
**Aimee Semple McPherson (d)**  
**Joyce Meyer**  
**Rod Parsley**  
**Oral Roberts**  
**Peter Popoff**  
**Robert H. Schuller**  
**Jimmy Swaggart**  
**Robert Tilton**  
**Jack Van Impe**  
**Mike Warnke**

***Avoid them like the plague!***