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"It is useless for large companies of believers to spend long hours begging God to send revival. Unless we intend to reform we may as well not pray. Unless praying men have the insight and faith to amend their whole way of life to conform to the New Testament pattern there can be no true revival." - A.W. Tozer

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Thesis 1 - The evangelical church at large has forgotten that the chief end of man is to glorify God. (Romans 16:27, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Mathew 6:9).

Thesis 2 - Evangelicals ignore most of the methods, practices and principles found in Acts chapter 2. (Acts 2:42,44, Acts 2:46, Acts 2:38).

Thesis 3 - We meet for one hour a week and consider that apostolic church. Many evangelicals treat church like any other social club or sports event that they attend. (Acts 2:46, Hebrews 10:25, Acts 1:14).

Thesis 4 - We have made Christianity about the individual rather than a community of believers. (1 John 2:19, 2 Timothy 4:16, Jude 19).

Thesis 5 - In evangelical churches the priesthood of all believers is not acknowledged and the role of pastor is abused. The biblical view of a plurality of elders is practiced by very few. (1 Peter 2:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12, Ephesians 4:11-13).

Thesis 6 - The evangelical church as a whole has lost the concept of their being grafted into the promises given to Israel. (Romans 11:17-18,20, Romans 11:25, Romans 11:15).

Thesis 7 - There needs to be a recovery back to teaching through the whole counsel of God expositionally. (Acts 20:27, 1 Timothy 4:6, 2 Timothy 2:15).

Thesis 8 - We take it too lightly, the blessing and honor of having God's Scriptures in our possession. (Psalm 119:16, Acts 13:44, Nehemiah 8:9).

Thesis 9 - There has never been more access to the word of God yet so little reading of it. (1 Timothy 4:13, Nehemiah 8:1-3, Psalm 119:59).

Thesis 10 - Some read the Scriptures to attain knowledge and do not practice what they read. (James 1:22, Matthew 7:21, 3 John 4).

Thesis 11 - Worship has become an idol in many churches. The music resembles the world more than anything else. (Amos 5:23, Philippians 4:8, 1 John 5:21).

Thesis 12 - The world is shaping the views of the evangelical church more than the church shaping the views of the world. (Romans 12:2, Matthew 5:13, 1 Corinthians 1:22-23).

Thesis 13 - The evangelical church spends more money on dog food than missions. (2 Corinthians 9:6, Luke 21:2, Acts 4:34-35).

Thesis 14 - We take lightly the cost of discipleship laid out by Jesus Christ and consider following Him a sort of jovial thing.

g rather than it truly costing us our actual entire lives.
(Luke 14:33, Luke 14:26-27, Matthew 8:19-20).

Thesis 15 - There is a lack of true discipleship and making others to be obedient disciples.
(Matthew 28:20, 2 Timothy 2:2, 2 Timothy 2:14).

Thesis 16 - The modern day evangelical believes the error that parts of life are to be spiritual while other parts are to be worldly and secular. Rather than our entire life's being spiritual and our walk with God.
(1 Peter 4:2, Colossians 3:3, 1 John 2:6).

Thesis 17 - The modern day evangelical finds Jesus' command to sacrifice and serve abhorrent.
(Philippians 2:21, James 3:16, Romans 12:1-2).

Thesis 18 - Self disciplines in the Christian life such as fasting, praying, suffering are considered legalistic.
(2 Timothy 2:21, 2 Timothy 1:8, Matthew 6:17).

Thesis 19 - Little thought and contemplation is put towards the lostness of men, the seriousness of the gospel, and the sacrifice of the call of Christ.
(Philippians 3:8, Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 10:34).

Thesis 20 - We are living with an epidemic of cheap grace in the Church. Flippant confession, shallow consecration, superficial surrender.
(Luke 14:28-30, Luke 14:26, James 4:8).

Thesis 21 - Since the inception of the Church, the Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached with the requirements of repentance and discipleship.
(Acts 2:38, Luke 14:26, John 8:31).

Thesis 22 - Presently, the "High-Calling in Christ Jesus," has never been offered at such a low level. Forgiveness without repentance, discipleship without obedience, salvation without sanctity, confession without consecration.
(Hebrews 10:29, Hebrews 4:11, Luke 13:24).

Thesis 23 - Such terms as: Introspection, counting the cost, godly sorrow over sin, repentance from dead works, are all foreign to this church age of cheap grace.
(Acts 2:37, Psalm 119:9, Hebrews 6:1-2).

Thesis 24 - The modern evangelical church loves itself more than its neighbor.
(1 Corinthians 3:3, Galatians 5:13, Philippians 2:3).

Thesis 25 - The church must repent of its idolization of personality and business principles.
(2 Corinthians 2:17, 1 Corinthians 3:5, 1 Corinthians 12:23).

Thesis 26 - The elders and pastors of the church, as ministers of the gospel, are charged by Jesus to feed the sheep. But sadly many are fleecing the flock to supply their wants.
(John 10:12-13, 1 Peter 5:2-3, Revelation 2:15).

Thesis 27 - The qualities most in demand in today's pastorate are frequently foreign to the qualities which are made most important in Scripture.
(1 Timothy 3:2-3, 1 Timothy 3:5, 1 Timothy 1:5-7).

Thesis 28 - The professionalization of the pastorate is a sin and needs to be repented of.
(2 Corinthians 11:13, Galatians 3:1, Galatians 2:6).

Thesis 29 - There must be repentance for the ambitious desire and idolization of the celebrity pastorate.
(3 John 9, Jeremiah 17:5, 1 Corinthians 12:22).

Thesis 30 - The evangelical pastor must trust the Spirit, not statistics.
(2 Samuel 24:1, 1 Corinthians 1:25, Romans 8:14).

Thesis 31 - Modern day prophets are being stoned by criticism and neglect.
(2 Timothy 4:3-4, Galatians 1:10, Jeremiah 1:7-8).

Thesis 32 - God's prophets are ill treated and shunned by most evangelicals and considered too extreme or harsh.
(Jeremiah 6:10, Isaiah 6:9-10, Galatians 4:16).

Thesis 33 - An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And my people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?
(Matthew 24:4,11-12, 1 Corinthians 1:19, Jude 8).

Thesis 34 - There are many false gospels being preached from pulpits. God has no interest and is not required to honor a gospel that is false.
(2 Corinthians 11:4, Galatians 1:8-9, Jude 16).

Thesis 35 - There is an epidemic of a sort of "mock" salvation being preached from many pulpits today. It is a gospel message that is not authentic. It is correct in doctrine but false in reality.
(2 Corinthians 3:6, 1 John 5:11-12, Romans 8:9).

Thesis 36 - What is this "mock" salvation that is being spoken of? Simply defined it is a salvation that does not make men holy.
(Jude 4, Romans 8:1, Romans 6:17-18).

Thesis 37 - No other evangelical phraseology has caused more damage to true gospel preaching than this simple coined phrase: "we are all just sinners saved by grace."
(Ephesians 1:1, Hebrews 6:11-12, Hebrews 10:26-27).

Thesis 38 - There is a gospel message that keeps men sinners and never allows them to change and become saints in actual experience.
(1 John 2:29, Colossians 3:5-8, Titus 3:8).

Thesis 39 - The warning of Christ is against this gospel where professors of religion are forbidding people to be a part of the holy body of Christ.
(Matthew 23:13, Psalm 119:1-2, 2 Peter 1:3-4).

Thesis 40 - Preaching has become all about the happiness of man and not the glory of God.
(John 6:26, Romans 4:20, 1 Peter 4:11).

Thesis 41 - Preachers give smooth words to entice men, yet very few give any words of correction or rebuke.
(Jeremiah 6:14, Proverbs 1:23, 1 Timothy 5:20).

Thesis 42 - Run from gospels that focus on your success and prosperity. From those that use the name of Jesus Christ only for personal gain.
(John 2:16, Acts 20:33, Jeremiah 6:13).

Thesis 43 - Run from gospels that focus only on self-improvement.
(1 Timothy 6:5, Hebrews 12:14, James 4:14).

Thesis 44 - Run from churches where men and not Christ are glorified.
(Colossians 1:18, Jude 25, John 16:14).

Thesis 45 - Run from churches where there is no Bible, no cross, no searching Word, no repentance from sin, no mention of the blood of Christ.
(1 Peter 1:18-19, Ephesians 3:13, Revelation 1:5).

Thesis 46 - Run from churches where the worship leaves you cold, where there's no sense of God's presence.
(1 Corinthians 5:4, Psalm 80:14-15, Jeremiah 12:11).

Thesis 47 - Run from churches where you're comfortable in your sin.
(1 Corinthians 14:25, Hebrews 10:30-31, Hebrews 4:13).

Thesis 48 - Run from churches that use the pulpit of God for a personal agenda.
(Jude 10-11, Jude 19, 3 John 9).

Thesis 49 - Run from those who preach division between races and cultures.
(James 2:4, Galatians 3:28, Revelation 5:9).

Thesis 50 - Run from ungodly, spasmodic movements and endless empty prophesying.
(Jeremiah 5:13, 1 Corinthians 14:33, 1 John 2:16).

Thesis 51 - Run from preachers who tell only stories and jokes.
(Ephesians 5:4, Titus 1:8, Titus 2:12).

Thesis 52 - Run from those that are only after money and they use one gimmick after another to get your money.
(2 Peter 2:3, 2 Corinthians 12:14, 1 Corinthians 9:18).

Thesis 53 - The phrase "accept Jesus as your personal Saviour." Is not found in the Scriptures.
(Romans 10:9-10, Colossians 1:13, Acts 26:20).

Thesis 54 - Evidence of true conversion is something that does not seem important to modern day evangelicals.
(1 John 2:6, 1 John 4:17, Matthew 7:20).

Thesis 55 - In result thousands of sinners think of God having only one attribute, love! which has allowed multitudes to sit at ease with their sins.
(Romans 1:18, Acts 5:11, Psalm 2:12).

Thesis 56 - God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life has caused much confusion in evangelism to the lost.
(Romans 3:19, Acts 26:18, Philippians 3:18-21).

Thesis 57 - A Gospel of love and grace only without the law of God is being preached. Martin Luther called this gospel a doctrine of Satan.
(2 Timothy 4:3-4, Romans 2:4-5, Romans 3:19).

Thesis 58 - We have inherited a system of evangelistic preaching which is unbiblical. This has clearly arisen from the careless mixture of 20th century reasoning with God's revelation.
(Colossians 2:8, Romans 1:25, Galatians 1:6).

Thesis 59 - Decisionism and the sinners prayer has been the major cause of false conversions in the evangelical church.
(2 Peter 2:1-2, Ephesians 2:4-5, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18).

Thesis 60 - Evangelicals are swelling the ranks of the deluded with a perverted gospel! Many who have made decisions in churches have been told in the inquiry rooms their sins have been forgiven will be surprised to hear "I never knew you depart from me."
(Matthew 7:22-23, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21).

Thesis 61 - Men have taken the place of the Holy Spirit of God in confirming men in their supposed salvation.
(1 John 2:3-5, 2 Thessalonians 1:8, Galatians 6:12-15).

Thesis 62 - The doctrine of hell and eternal suffering is something little grasped by most evangelicals.
(Matthew 13:42, James 5:1, Psalms 9:17).

Thesis 63 - The judgment seat of Christ is perhaps one of the most neglected topics in the modern evangelical pulpit.
(2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10, 1 Corinthians 3:13).

Thesis 64 - The second coming of Jesus Christ needs to be re-instated as the general thrust and burden of the church.

(1 John 3:2-3, Colossians 3:4-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17).

Thesis 65 - The evangelical church has lost the fear of God and has over emphasized the love of God.
(Hebrews 12:28-29, Luke 12:5, Hebrews 10:31).

Thesis 66 - The church has left evangelism to a few trained professionals rather than simply obeying the Scriptures call to personally evangelize themselves.
(Acts 8:1,4, Acts 4:29, Romans 10:14).

Thesis 67 - Repentance is considered a one-time act in modern evangelism rather than a way of life.
(Revelation 3:19, Hebrews 12:17, 2 Peter 3:9).

Thesis 68 - The Lordship of Jesus Christ is something that is not imposed on sinners initially and creates half-saved people who have a Saviour but not a Lord.
(Acts 2:36, 1 Corinthians 12:3, Romans 6:18).

Thesis 69 - We are not open to correction, discipline or rebuke. And most would rather just move to another evangelical church somewhere down the road.
(1 Corinthians 5:5, 1 Corinthians 11:31-32, Hebrews 12:7-9).

Thesis 70 - There is a great deal of preaching that amounts to a mere believing of the different theories about salvation, instead of persuading men to come to Christ and be saved.
(John 5:40, Colossians 1:28, 2 Corinthians 4:5).

Thesis 71 - There has been a loss of the fullness and majesty of the gospel.
(1 Timothy 1:11, Jude 25, Romans 15:29).

Thesis 72 - There is little mention of sin or the depravity of man from evangelical pulpits.
(John 3:20, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5).

Thesis 73 - Covetousness, consumerism, and coddling the world's goods is something that does not appear wrong to evangelicals.
(Jeremiah 22:17, 1 John 2:15-16, 1 Timothy 3:3).

Thesis 74 - Little is made of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in churches or in evangelism. Yet it was one of the major themes and glories of the apostolic church.
(1 Corinthians 15:14-15, Acts 4:10, Acts 4:33).

Thesis 75 - The evangelical church has relied more on technology than God.
(Zechariah 4:6, 1 Corinthians 1:21, 1 Corinthians 2:4).

Thesis 76 - The prayer meeting is considered in the evangelical church one of the least important meetings. The idea of meeting for an entire day together seems ridiculous and a waste of time.
(1 Timothy 2:1, Acts 4:31, Philippians 4:6).

Thesis 77 - Pastors have never prayed less than they do in the evangelical church in our day.
(Jeremiah 10:21, Philippians 2:21, Ephesians 6:18-19).

Thesis 78 - Very few are waiting on God for His direction and purpose for the church.
(Ephesians 1:11, Psalm 37:7, Isaiah 40:31).

Thesis 79 - The evangelical church has many organizers but few agonizers.
(Philippians 3:18-19, Romans 9:1-3, Jeremiah 9:1).

Thesis 80 - We need to have the gifts of the Spirit restored again to the Church. The one gift we need the most is the gift of prophecy.
(2 Timothy 4:2, 1 Corinthians 14:39, 1 Corinthians 12:31).

Thesis 81 - The evangelical church at large has never been more frivolous about the things of God. A serious, sober, self-controlled Christianity is very seldom found or preached.
(2 Peter 3: 11, 1 Peter 4:7, Jude 3).

Thesis 82 - The evangelical church at large has forgotten how to pray.
(1 John 3:22, Acts 6:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Thesis 83 - Churches are more dependent on tradition rather than on the leading of the Holy Spirit.
(Mark 7:13, Acts 16:6, Acts 13:2).

Thesis 84 - It might seem strange to say that ministers of religion are "pleading for impurity and sin." Yet this is exactly what multitudes of professors preach and teach that you cannot be free from sin. That you must sin!
(Romans 16:18, Romans 6:1-2, 2 Peter 2:1).

Thesis 85 - The Apostles and Christ always preached from the vantage point of the possibility to walk holy and free from sin.
(Titus 2:11-12, 1 Peter 1:14-16, Romans 6:19).

Thesis 86 - Sinners are not saved to sin but rather saved to holiness and good works.
(Romans 6:13, Ephesians 2:10, 2 Peter 3:14).

Thesis 87 - Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner. Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of the church.
(2 Timothy 2:19, 1 Peter 4:17-18, 2 Timothy 3:12).

Thesis 88 - A baptism of holiness, a demonstration of godly living is the crying need of our day.
(1 Timothy 6:3, 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 2 Thessalonians 2:13).

Thesis 89 - Most in the Church are utterly confused about the practical godliness, obedience, and good works which the Scriptures readily mentions.
(Titus 3:8, John 10:32, Revelation 3:15).

Thesis 90 - Little or no emphasis is put in evangelical churches on the plan of God to make us like Jesus Christ, conforming us to His image.
(1 Peter 1:14-16, 1 John 2:6, 1 Peter 4:1).

Thesis 91 - Christ did not die on the cross to obtain a worldly Church or for worldly Saints but for a "glorious Church."
(Ephesians 5:27, Titus 2:14, Colossians 4:12).

Thesis 92 - Christ does not come into our unregenerate, sickly, impure hearts as many contemporary theologians say. He gives us a new heart to dwell in wherein is found holiness and righteousness.
(2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 5:8, Ezekiel 18:31).

Thesis 93 - A holy Church is God's blessing to the world; an unholy Church is God's judgment upon the world.
(Matthew 5:14,16, Ephesians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:12).

Thesis 94 - If Christianity is to make any headway in the present time, it must be proved to be more than a theory.
(2 Thessalonians 3:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12).

Thesis 95 - Unbelief has us captive; the evangelical church is gagged and bound as risen Lazarus, it needs release in this final hour!
(Hebrews 3:12-14, 1 Corinthians 3:21-23, Hebrews 11:6).

Re: 95 Theses To The Evangelical Church by Greg Gordon - posted by HeartSong, on: 2010/2/21 23:50

Amen.

Re: 95 Theses To The Evangelical Church by Greg Gordon, on: 2010/2/22 5:56

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Matthew 5:8

my brother, this is very very good. For the first time, i need to print this out, and spread it before the LORD and pray on it 's 95 thesis's.

Re: 95 Theses To The Evangelical Church by Greg Gordon - posted by fieldlaborer, on: 2010/2/22 7:44

Very good. How did, what we now call the church, ever get to this state? I pray God sends a revival to bring what is called the church back to the truth.

Re: - posted by sermonindex, on: 2010/2/22 10:41

Quote:

-----Very good. How did, what we now call the church, ever get to this state?

The first step is prayer and also awareness re-producing this article and others like it to many Christians will help. Feel free to re-blog this or email it to friends.

Re: The Church - posted by Dalin (), on: 2010/2/22 20:26

Would the "real" church please stand up! What is being called church is not church at all. The Lord has always known who His real bride is. We have confused who she is, but the Lord knows those who are his. - Dalin

Re: 95 Theses To The Evangelical Church by Greg Gordon - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/2/22 23:17

I like the 28th,55th, 57th, 67th They all hit home for me especially 55 I have was actually shown this one the hard way by the Holy Spirit and I thank God that He showed me His holiness, Justice, and Righteousness. Many Christians walk in their sin thinking God is going to come back as a big giant Hippy that is cool with anything since He is Love. But we must understand that its a Jealous Love that wants us all and nothing less. And I get so sick and tired of hearing half Gospel preaching people saying JUST BELIEVE oh No You need to repent too? NAH God is love and is okay with me doing what I feel like. UGH so tired of this, I don't mean to rant but I am ashamed of the state we as Christians have come to be in. Father WE REPENT of Our Half-gospel messages We are guilty HAVE MERCY!! Amen.

Re: - posted by sermonindex, on: 2010/2/23 7:26

Here is a challenge for all that have been blessed by these theses.

A CHALLENGE! 95 NEW THESES.

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Re: - posted by sermonindex, on: 2010/8/3 17:04

I am bring this back up for others to see.

Re: 95 Theses To The Evangelical Church by Greg Gordon - posted by FriendofGod2, on: 2010/8/3 17:39

It seems we had the same idea, Maybe we could learn from one another.
Contemporary version of Luther's Theses to the Modern Church

- 1) When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said, "Repent", He called for the entire life of the believer to be one of ongoing repentance.
- 2) The word cannot be properly understood as referring to repentance, confession, deliverance and salvation, as ministered by today's modern indulgent preachers.
- 3) It's meaning as pertains to the interpretation of the esoteric wisdom given these indulgent preachers is marred with greed and lustful hearts, having men's persons in admiration.
- 4) As long as these interpretations abide, (mixed with it's toxins), a changed heart will never effect transformation which Christ has called us to. Yea, rather it will only gender strife, and feed greed.
- 5) These preachers have neither the will nor the heart to recant the prosperity doctrine so long as it feeds their ego and builds, so to speak St. Peters Cathedral, or the monumental empire of today's religious world. Even at the expense of the widows mite.
- 6) These so-called preachers cannot admit guilt. But only declares to themselves and the world that they have done nothing wrong, or at most as they have said of their critics' "hell cannot be hot enough for them". As the adulterous woman wipes her mouth and says "I've done nothing wrong", so likewise have these ministers.
- 7) God never retains sins against any upon repentance. This however is left to God himself through Jesus Christ, Son of God. Not by donations sent to top name evangelist. Hence" send a picture of your loved one along with your best offering".
- 8) The salvation of man is totally dependent upon the drawing of the Holy Spirit. (John 6:44), No man can come to the father except the Spirit draw him. All have access to the Father. He favors no mans prayer over another if they be requested with the right heart. Your prayers are heard by God alone, FREE OF CHARGE!
- 9) Accordingly, the Holy Spirit, acting in the person of Jesus Christ, (not conclusive to the special spiritual elitist preachers), has the power to redeem your loved ones FREE OF CHARGE! The blood of Jesus has already paid the price.
- 10) It is a wrongful act when price is put on prayers.
- 11) When the prosperity doctrine was ushered in on the wings of hyper faith, indeed it would seem as tares was sown among wheat while the true prophets slept. Can we recover truth?
- 12) In former days when the prosperity gospel was imposed, Satan had so worked on the hearts of men and grew their lust for wealth that this doctrine has now embraced 85% of Christendom. (Gen 3:1) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast. To this, if John Bunyan were living today, he would reply, God has set a Savior against sin, A heaven against hell, light against darkness, good against evil, and the breath, length, depth and height of grace that is in Himself for my good, against all the power and strength and subtlety of every enemy".
- 13) This grace that is in Himself for my good spares me and anyone else against Satan's' deception. But we must first recant our heretical prosperity doctrine has so issued by these false teachers.
- 14) Defective interpretations of truth without a doubt will leave a heart full of fear at the point of death. However truth embraces death and even martyrdom as the faithful saints of old.
- 15) The fear and horror of death is sufficient in and of itself without being accompanied to departure with heresy.
- 16) As far as heaven is above earth so great is his mercy toward them that fear Him.
- 17) Of a truth and for the love of truth we need to examine ourselves in the light of the scriptures to see if we are indeed living in the truth and not on some fanatical wave of delusion.
- 18) Moreover, it does not seem proved on any ground of scripture, that a name it, claim it, blab it, grab it doctrine exist anywhere in our sacred text.
- 19) Nor does it condone in any place, to make the minister "rich", at the sheep's' expense. In fact a curse is applied to those who work the work of God deceitfully, (Jer 48:10).
- 20) Therefore these preachers in speaking of all the hundredfold returns on the seed faith offerings, do not speak in the broadest sense of the word "all". Yea, rather 'all' of the indulgent preachers and the building of their earthly empires.
- 21) Hence those who preach prosperity are in error when they corner God in a box and promise the people gain through manipulation of truth. (Lam 3:37), Who is he that saith it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not.
- 22) Indeed, it is unlawful to bring a scripture out of text to make it say what one wants it to say to his profit. A text without a context is only a pretext.
- 23) If a hundredfold is granted to anyone it is because God chose to give it to them and they chose not to manipulate God to get it.
- 24) It must therefore be the case that the majority of the people are deceived by that twisting of the text at the mouths of the indulgent preachers.
- 25) The same power that these preachers exercise over struggling people make them more accountable in the day of judgment than the people themselves. Though this does not relieve them of the consequences of their freedom of choice

to partake of that which is received through deception.

- 26) The ecclesiastical heads do indeed err when they presume themselves as authorities over Gods' elect, recommending to you that you read the Koran.
- 27) They have no divine authority to proclaim the moment you "pick up that phone your miracle is on the way"
- 28) It is certain that when you pick up that phone the money clings in the (coffer), bank accounts of those preachers who already have more than enough.
- 29) Who knows where all the money goes that comes in through "Praise-a-thons" Write to egotistical ministers, if you can catch them as they vacation at the most extravagant resort spots that your money can afford.
- 30) No one is quite sure what gets pocketed and what gets production. With all the money that has been taken in we should have already won the world to Christ, if indeed money could purchase salvation.
- 31) One who buys relics, is as guilty as the seller of relics. " For your love offering this month you could get a genuine photo of these ministers and their families" or a special prayer for your lost one.
- 32) All those who believe gifts from God can be bought by contributions to religious programming, do err, not knowing the scripture.
- 33) We should be most careful where we place our money God hath entrusted to us. (1Cor 4:2) Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.
- 34) The supposed graces conveyed by these love offerings are heretical. Should we not take it in hand to feed the poor ourselves, as well as to go into our world and minister to the lost surrounding us. If we would do this we would soon see we need no middle man. Did not Paul and the apostles become known as men who turned the world upside down (without the aid of satellites)?
- 35) It is not in accordance with scripture to have a filter to which we give our gifts. That not isolated to money, but to the gifts Christ has given us when he ascended up on high and led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.
- 36) Any Christian who is truly repentant enjoys these gifts so has to allow their cups to overflow wherever the souls of their feet shall tread. They bring forth fruit unto life eternal.
- 37) Any true Christian whosoever, living or dead, participates in all the benefits of Christ: and this participation is granted to him by God through Jesus Christ, Son of God.
- 38) Some preachers would undermine the promises of God making them beneficial only to themselves and their personal agendas.
- 39) It is very difficult even for the most learned theologian to go back in and unscramble heresy seeing most minds are inclined to material success. (Jer 5:31) The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priest bear rule by their means: and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?
- 40) A truly contrite Christian seeks out and loves to give. When this contriteness is taken advantage of, the sincere tend to pull back. The prosperity doctrine does a great injustice to the Christian as well as to the lost.
- 41) Giving should be done with caution seeing we live in a world full of religious manipulators.
- 42) Christians should be led of the Holy Spirit, and not by the coercing of prosperity thieves.
- 43) Christians should be taught that he who gives to the poor, or lends to the needy does better than over indulging the bank accounts of the modern day Tetzels.
- 44) Because by works of love, love grows and a man becomes a benefit to those who are truly in need right at his doorstep.
- 45) Christians should be taught that he who sees a needy person, but passes him by in order to give to the wealthy does himself a great harm.
- 46) Christians should be taught that unless they have more than they need, they are bound to retain what is necessary for the upkeep of their homes, and should in no wise squander it on religious relics sold by greedy preachers.
- 47) Christians should be taught that they are under no obligation to give to Christian hype, no matter the unjust threats opposed upon them.
"And so the principle here is if I take for myself when it's time to give to the kingdom I can bring a curse on myself." "You will die! You will die unless you go to the phone and do what God says to do." "Don't just listen to the Word of the Lord, you got to do the Word of the Lord! You will die! You will die unless you go to the phone and do what God says to do."
(Paula White, Benny Hinn Telethon, LeSea Network, April 16, 2004), Hence, unjust threats!
(Ezekiel 22:27) Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravaging the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.
- 48) Christians should be taught that these so called ministers stand in far greater need of their prayers than their money. Pray that truth would invade their lives and that they would repent of their deceptions.
- 49) Christians should understand (Prov 22:16), He that oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.
- 50) Christians should also understand (Eze 34:2-3), Woe to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? Ye eat the fat, and ye cloth you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: BUT YE FEED NOT THE FLOCK!

- 51) If their hearts were right within them, should they not go and sell all they have and feed the poor themselves?
- 52) It is vain to trust in men who make void promises to seduce you.
- 53) Those are enemies of Christ whose god is their belly, whose glory is in thier shame, who mind earthly things.
- 54) The word of God suffers injury if, in the same sermon, an equal or longer time is spent on taking up a offering.
- 55) If they so loved the world as they proclaim, should they not take greater care of how many hours are spent taking up money for their empire? Seeing it does injury to Gods' Holy Word.
- 56) The monetary gain seems to be of more importance to broadcasting than the gain and affections of lost souls.
- 57) These monetary treasures are only temporal and shall fade with the passing of time.
- 58) It would behoove many a prosperity preacher to realize every sermon they have preached will be given an account o f in the day of judgment.
- 59) Should they not therefore consider the long term effect of lies than relishing in the temporal pleasure these lies bring ?
- 60) I do not speak rashly, when I suggest they ponder long and hard the consequences they shall reap if they fail to prea ch jot and tittle that which is written and recorded in the scriptures of truth.
- 61) For it is a clear and present danger to misrepresent the word of God as it is written in the scriptures of truth.
- 62) The true treasure of the church is the Holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God through Jesus Christ.
- 63) It is right to guard this treasure as most odious, for it gives to man a blessed hope, both in this life and in the life to c ome.
- 64) On the other hand the treasures of this life and all that it can give is at best a deception that hinders us from the mor e valuable things.
- (1John 2:15-17) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Fat her is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of th e Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth f orever.
- 65) Therefore the treasures of the gospel is of far greater substance and has a more enduring value than any earthly thi ng. It also contributes a great peace of mind that can not be purchased with any amount of money.
- 66) The treasures of greed leave a man lonely, self-deceived and in the end swept away by the storms that blow so une xpectly.
- 67) Should not man build his house on the rock of Christ's' word and not on the sand of our mere earthly existence?
- 68) Nevertheless, nothing in all it's seeming splendor can compare with comprehending the incomprehensible God.
- 69) Pastors and evangelist in duty bound must receive their commissaries and support from their religious head.
- 70) They are under much obligation to watch closely what they preach, that it be in concordance with the canon of the e cclesiastical heads, lest they loose their easy money.
- 71) Let him be anathema and accursed who obeys man rather than God. (Acts 5:29)
- 72) On the other hand let him be blessed who would dare to step out from underneath a unholy covering and preach the gospel of God freely.
- (1 Cor 9:18) What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without cha rge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.
- 73) In the same way those who preach truth as recorded in scripture is tossed aside as wayfaring men, whom much lear ning has made mad.
- 74) It is much more in their views to excommunicate those who would take the text and put it into context.
- 75) It is foolish to think that the prosperity doctrine is part of the sacred text of scripture. Those who do so heap coals of f ire upon their own heads.
- 76) I assert the contrary, and say that these prosperity preachers have neither part nor lot in any matter as pertaining to t he kingdom of Christ.
- (Luke 11:52) Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and th em that were entering in ye hindered.
- 77) When scriptures say, "give and it shall be given back to you" could this not mean love, kindly deeds, friendly works?
- 78) The greater graces of the gospel even above faith and hope is 'Love'.
- 79) It is blasphemy to say all these scriptures point to monetary gain. It is vain to suppose that though Christ was rich m onetarily, yet for our sakes he became poor monetarily, so we could become rich. This my friend is of the highest order o f blasphemy against the sacred text that one could commit.
- 80) The pastors and evangelist who permit assertions of that kind to be made without let or hindrance, will answer for it.
- 81) This unbridled preaching makes it difficult for learned men to guard with respect to the scriptures against false accus ations, or at least from keen criticisms of the laity, or even yet sinners themselves.
- 82) They ask, why do not these preachers liberate everyone from the bonds of affliction for the sake of love and becaus e of necessity with a confession of faith? Why do they not feed starving Zimbabwe with a confession, with a spoken wor d.

- 83) If you can have what you say, is it not greedy to confess for self only, if your very word could empty hell?
- 84) Again, this would be a sort of compassion, on the part of prosperity preachers, if confession will get you what you need, should you not thus, use that same power of confession to liberate spiritual captives. They can't for they speak from the abundance of their own greedy hearts.
- 85) Again, why is the world still lost and America under such great judgment, if all we had to do was to confess our way out.
- 86) Again, since these preachers salary is second only to our president, why do they not relieve the world of its hunger pains, the aged from the burden of collapsed medical assistance and the lower class from thier struggles of never having enough.
- 87) Again, why do these prosperity preachers not remit or dispense to people who, by their perfect penitence, have a right to plenary resources?
- 88) Again, Surely greater good could be done to the church if they were to bestow these remissions and dispensations not once, but a hundred times a day for the benefit of any believer.
- 89) Contrarywise, these remissions are not being given. Rather heavy burdens are being laid upon the hearts of Gods' elect, that he could relieve, refuses, and greater yet, refuses to lift one finger to release anyone else from obligatory sacrifices.
- 90) These questions are a serious matter of conscience to the laity. To suppress them by force alone, and not to refute them by giving reasons is to allow the church to come under Gods' judgment, and to make Christian people unhappy. (Jer 48:10) and cursed be he that keepeth his sword back from blood.
- 91) If indeed the true word were preached in accordance with the right heart and the right spirit, all these difficulties would be easily overcome and cease to exist.
- 92) Away then with those prophets who say to Christ's' people "Peace Peace," when there is no peace.
- 93) Hail, Hail to all those prophets who say to Christ's' people, "The Cross, the Cross," where there is no cross.
- 94) Christians should be exhorted to be zealous to follow Christ their head through repentance, fellowship and through possessing a hope that is steadfast and sure.
- 95) And let them thus be more confident of entering heaven through many tribulations rather than through a false assurance of peace based upon deeds done through sacrificial giving.

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Thesis 4 - We have made Christianity about the individual rather than a community of believers.

"We have made Christianity about the individual", very true but is it not supposed to be about Christ rather than a community of believers? The doctrines of me-ism have infiltrated our churches to the point that we have lost the heartbeat of the gospel which is Jesus Christ.

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Thesis 9 - There has never been more access to the word of God yet so little reading of it.

AMEN!!!!!!!!!!