

# *Jesse Duplantis – A Wolf Among Sheep*

*He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not. Proverbs 21:26*

Recently on a major news station, a man claiming to be a Born Again Christian was asking his followers in a round about way for money so he could buy a 54 million dollar jet. His reasoning was that, “If Jesus were here right now, he wouldn’t be riding a donkey.” When are you people going to take your eyes off these greedy dogs who preach that godliness is gain (1 Timothy 6:5), and get your eyes back on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2)? Did Jesus ever pull a stunt like this? Did he ever beg for money? Did he ever turn anyone away because they were too poor to donate to his ministry? Did he ever lay a guilt trip on anyone? These men have to be stopped! They are giving Jesus Christ and true Christianity a black eye. These men have no shame in their face and should be put in jail like Jim Bakker was when he and his wife were caught scamming 858 million dollars from the PTL Club back in the 1980’s. Jesus said “you would know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16). And the men and women who pull these scams of theirs for filthy lucre sake (1 Timothy 3:3) should be exposed and avoided at all costs (Romans 16:17 - 18).

The Bible says it is better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35), and yet all these people do is ask for money so they can live their lavish lifestyles, while the real Christians struggle to make ends meet. It is obvious that these people never read what the Apostle Paul said in Acts 20:33... “I have coveted no mans silver, or gold, or apparel.” Yes, we should tithe, but not to shysters like these. There are many ways to give to the Lord, besides putting money in the coffers of these devils. You can buy Gospel Tracts to pass out. You can buy a Bible for someone you just witnessed to and can’t afford to buy one at the moment. You can help the poor. You can donate to reputable charities and ministries that are truly doing the Lord’s work.

This man, among many others, is famous for preaching the prosperity gospel. I guess Mr. Duplantis never read 1 John 2:15 – 17a, which states: “*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father 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 the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof.*”

The Bible says to “count the cost” in Luke 14:28. Yeah, he counts the cost.... all the way to the bank! Jesus Christ prayed for His followers, but Jesse Duplantis preys on his. The sorry thing about all of this is that this is nothing new. As you read the following scriptures, you will see that this kind of activity has been going on for a long, long time:

- 1) 1 Samuel 8:1-3 “And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beersheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.”
- 2) Isaiah 56:11 “Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.”
- 3) Jeremiah 6:13 “For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.”
- 4) Jeremiah 8:10 “Therefore will I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them*: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.”
- 5) Ezekiel 33:31 “And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness.”
- 6) Micah 3:11 “The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, *Is* not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.”
- 7) Luke 16:13-14 “No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.”
- 8) Act 5:1- 4 “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy *to it*, and brought a certain part, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

- 9) 1Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”
- 10) Titus 1:10 -11 “For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.”
- 11) 2Peter 2:3 “And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”
- 12) Jude 1:11 “Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.”

Jesus Christ is coming back soon and He is not in a good mood. What do you think He is going to do to all of these hucksters who have handled the word of God deceitfully? (2 Corinthians 2:17a, 4:2b). The Bible says “He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live” (Proverbs 15:27). Also, “So are the ways of everyone that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof” (Proverbs 1:19). Jesus warned in Luke 6:24 “woe unto you that are rich! for ye have (past tense) received your consolation (reward).” If Jesus said it, you can bank on it! That is why the likes of Jesse Duplantis, Jim Bakker, Marilyn Hickey, Paula White, T.D. Jakes, Benny Hinn, Joyce Meyer, and Kenneth Copeland, just to name a few, are going to receive the greatest condemnation (James 3:1). They are using the Lord Jesus Christ and the precious Holy Gospel to make money, and lots of it. All of them are proponents of the prosperity gospel and appear to care nothing for the well being of a person’s eternal soul. The apostle Paul warned about people like them when he said “*For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.*” (Philippians 3:18-19).

But, their eternal souls is all that Jesus cared about when the Father sent His only begotten Son to the planet to die for us. Our precious Lord was mocked, spit upon, beaten, and finally crucified so that He could save our souls from eternal damnation (John 3:14-16). He died, was buried, and then rose from the dead three days later (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), so He could make a way for us to be reconciled to the Father in heaven (1 Timothy 2:5). Jesus paid a terrible price for us to be saved. A price no one should ever have had to pay. The just for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18), dying on a cross like a dog or a worm (Psalm 22:6).

Jesus did His part, now we are called to do ours. All throughout the Bible repentance is called for, and that is what we must do (Acts 17:30). We must repent of all of our sins, receive the Lord into our hearts (John 1:12), and confess Jesus as Lord and Saviour of our life (Romans 10:9-10). Once we do this, we become new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17) we become Born Again (John 3:3)!

The Bible also says “we are the ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20). If we’re not going to defend the faith (Philippians 1:17) and reprove and expose these people for what they really are, then who will? (Ephesians 5:11). Just remember what Jesus did to the money changers (Matthew 21:12-13). He did not tolerate it for one moment when He saw what was going on in His holy temple, and neither should we. And to Jesse Duplantis, and all the others like him, we say what the Bible says, “Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully” (Jeremiah 48:10a)

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