

# Prosperity Doctrine Is Satanic

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‘Name it and claim it’, is the nickname given to this doctrine which teaches that Christians can have whatever they want; just claim it in the name of Jesus.

This prosperity doctrine so prevalently being taught in the NeoPentacostal and Charismatic movement, is basically another exponent of the ‘Word of Faith Positive Confession’ school of theology, which finds its roots in the teachings of ‘Sir Frederic Geoge Kenyon (1863-1952).

Confess your wealth, confess your healing, it's your divine right, and God's will that all His children be materially prosperous and wealthy as well as totally fit and healthy. This is the type of poison and leaven, these false prophets are infecting into people's minds as well as subverting the simple who are still babes in God's word and not, mature enough to rightly handle God's word.

This wealth and mammon gospel of pseudo happiness has nothing to do with the pure and uncorrupted gospel of Jesus Christ. What does the apostle Paul say about these false prophets who preach pseudo-gospels?;

**‘But I fear, lest by any means as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that preacheth another gospel, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him’.**  
– 2 Corinthians 11:3,4

Before we look at what God's word says about this satanic deception, let us look at some of the things these false prophets have said. Their words speak for themselves;

## **Jerry Savelle**

- ‘If you please God, you will be rich.’
- ‘Son my people are in financial famine and I'm giving you the assignment to tell them how to get out.’

## **Kenneth Hagin**

- ‘Give what you can't afford’.
- ‘God wants his children to... wear the best clothing. He wants them to drive the best cars, and he wants them to have the best of everything.. just claim what you need.’
- ‘Too few people today know that they can write their own ticket with God.’
- ‘The Lord spoke to me and said ‘don't pray for money anymore. You have authority through my name to claim prosperity’.

## **Robert Tilton**

- ‘We're a powerful group, and we're not going to go limping in (to the kingdom) barely making it... When God delivered the children of Israel, they were laden down with silver and gold.. He's given us power to create wealth and we're already seeing this thing happen and I believe that in these last days the believer is not going to be at the back of the bus taking a back seat any longer!’

- ‘Christians.. who do not believe in prosperity they do not believe in what was atoned for at Calvary.’
- claims God spoke directly to him; ‘The Spirit of the Lord has given me this (prosperity message) to share with you.’

### **Kenneth Copeland**

- claims Jesus told him one must ‘believe that: your words (Copeland’s or any other christian’s) have power, and the things you say will come to pass. The result is that you can have whatever you say when you believe’.

### **Gloria Copeland**

- ‘you have a title deed to prosperity, Jesus bought and paid for your prosperity... this prosperity already belongs to you,’ (incidentally, God’s word forbids woman preachers; 1 Timothy 2:12)

### **Charles Capps**

- claims Jesus told him, ‘I have told my people they can have ‘what they say’, and they are ‘saying that they have’.

### **John Osteen**

- ‘Did Jesus die for your prosperity? Yes’.

In light of these amazingly evil and wicked quotations from these false prophets it must be realized that the only reason that they get into positions of power and authority (whereby they have a platform to preach their lies) is that their hearers do send in money.

This is of course because they really love the lies that their ears are getting tickled with; here is what God's word says about about this;

**‘For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears’ – 2 Timothy 4:3**

Itching ears to hear lies, is exactly what the majority of NeoPentacostals and Charismatic have, and why? The apostle Paul tells us why. It is because of their own lusts, and the lusts of their heart are a major priority in their life, even if it means changing God’s truth to suit their desires and lusts;

**‘Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts’. – James 4:3**

God will give His children (christians) what they need, not what they lust after and claim with their sick motives.

**‘If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you’.**  
– John 15:7

If we are in Jesus Christ and His words remain in us, we will make petitions and request of God according to His will which we will know; if we know His word. God's true children will not ask God to bless them materially and send prosperity their way because of selfish, self centered motives, because it is not the way of the cross. It is amazing how these prosperity teachers twist and wrest scriptures to fit them into their own doctrinal mould, which has nothing to do with the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ

spoke plainly concerning the riches of this corrupt world which are antithetical and opposed to the true spiritual riches God has in store for His children.

**‘Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal’. – Matthew 6:19-20**

**‘No man can serve two masters;... ye cannot serve God and Mammon’. – Matthew 6:24**

**‘How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God.. How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter to enter into the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God’. – Mark 10:23b,24b,25**

A multitude of scriptures more could be added to the ones already quoted, but the afore mentioned ones are enough to show us how deceived these prosperity teachers are. Even so, it is more than certain that they will not listen to what these verses truly say, as that of course would mean denying their worldly and material ambitions, and taking up their cross.

What I ask does worldly ambition, success, material gain and mammon loving have to do with the cross of Jesus Christ? Absolutely nothing as true Christians won't be self centered and vain-glorious heaping to themselves material treasures and riches.

Instead of poor people sending their money to these false prophets, why don't these prosperity prophets of deceit send \$100 to every person on their mailing list in order to get billions of dollars in return. After all, they claim that God is bound by His law of sowing and reaping, so that if we give 1 part, God is bound and has to bless us 100 fold. Such lies indeed, the way they twist the sowing and reaping principle of the New Testament. Is it any wonder that the apostle Paul states;

**‘For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, peirced themselves through with many sorrows’. – 2 Timothy 6:10**

The christians proper attitude on the other hand should be as the apostle Paul states, governed by the following principle,

**‘For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out’. – 1 Timothy 6:7**

Even though we have all these warnings and admonitions in God's word, multitudes upon multitudes in these sinfully rich churches will totally disregard this warning and continue to flock to these false prophets, giving heed with their itching ears. This is why God's judgment is already spelled out clearly in His Word concerning those who love and follow mammon more than God, even though they of course deny it and say otherwise;

**'But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of, 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'. 2 Peter 2:1-3**

In verse 3, God tells us plainly that it is the sin of covetousness, that these people are guilty of. NeoPentacostals and Charismatics beware and take heed, this teaching of the **'way of Balaam'** is your camp. - **2 Peter 2:15**.

If you are sick of these false prophets soliciting your donations for their private kingdoms, then do something about it yourself!

If you are a christian as you claim to be, then here is one evil that you can stand up against, in His power and grace. Instead of sending in your money, send in this message or some pertinent scriptures from the Bible which come against this ungodly evil.

Of course the sin of covetousness is not confined to the NeoPentacostal and Charismatic camp, as any preacher or church group can fall into this trap, but this message is addressed to them primarily, because they are the chief propagators of this rot from hell.

May God have mercy on their souls and open their eyes to the subtle deceptions that have deluded them.