

Dr. Michael Brown and Gary De Mare
The Church and Ecclesia



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[Music] and stations now the final time check before the start of our number one of the line of fire with dr. Michael Brown 30 seconds until our number one from mark that was her final verbal time check for the line of fire with dr. Michael Brown we'll have a long tone at 10 seconds before when talking about the prosperity gospel what do we make of it it's time for the line of fire with your host activist author international speaker and theologian dr. Michael Brown your voice of moral cultural and spiritual revolution Michael Brown is the director of the coalition of conscience and president of fire school of ministry get into the line of fire now by calling 866 gonna have a really important i opening edifying scripture based truth based spirit lead broadcast that's our goal as we tackle some controversial issues and let me be as plain as I can number to call eight six six three for truth calls today only relating to today's subject matters eight six six three four eight seven eight eight four may be as clear as I can be with you as we talk about the prosperity gospel as we talk about a recent interview with Kenneth Copeland that's creating a lot of discussion and controversy let me tell you who I'm looking at right now in my mind's eye I'm looking into the eyes of Jesus in other words I'm accountable to the Lord I'm not trying to appease a critic I'm not trying to please a friend I am NOT thinking about what other human beings have to say I'm thinking about the fact that I'm a servant of the Lord and I must give account to him and as a shepherd in the body I'm not a pastor of a local church but

I'm a leader in the body that speaks to many is able to reach millions of people for the gospel I have a sacred responsibility to the shepherd in terms of how I influence the Sheep James Jacob chapter 3 says not many of you should be teachers because teachers will be more accountable for what they say when a pastor gets up on a Sunday morning it opens the scriptures and teaches you what the Scriptures mean that is a high responsibility when you call me with your questions and a wrestling through things and I do my best to answer in a responsible way that's something that I do in the fear of God and I don't do lightly and I'm gonna do my best to avoid just giving you my opinion on something I want to speak as definitively as I can and leave gray areas gray and make black areas black and white areas white all right I have a letter an email from Justin Peters that he sent me today if you don't know Justin Peters he has spent years working against word of faith teaching he would say that for example Benny Han Kenneth Copeland and many others are heretics and are not are not saved men we've had some interaction over the years he called the show once we talked he has no problem whatsoever saying that he believes Kenneth Copeland is demon possessed and with his permission I'm gonna read to you the email that he sent because I want you to hear his perspective I want you to hear his perspective all right now let me lay out a few parameters for you because this is really really important and and I'm not just addressing this issue and this interview all right I'm looking at larger controversies within the body and doing my best to help model something in a way that is constructive or the glory of God okay and we've got some clips I'll play probably starting the next segment some clips that I want to play for you all right but number one if you want to know what I believe and what I teach it's not hard to find out okay don't say well you did an injury on this radio station or you appeared on this show or or someone saw was a friend of a friend of yours okay you want to know what I believe you want to know it's important to me you want to know what I hold to I've written more than 35 books you can find out what I believe okay it's not it's not hidden all right let's go let's go further I've been on live daily talk radio one to two hours a day for 11 straight years how many thousands of hours of radio is that my beliefs are well known what I believe about who Jesus is about the nature of salvation the nature of Scripture and on and on and on and on oh if that's not enough we also have what thousands of articles now on a wide range of subjects posted online all available or free reading and God knows how many hundreds of sermons are out there as well so if you want to know what I believe it's easy to find out now I have issues with hyper Karris Mattox

and I have issues with hyper critics I have primarily addressed in writing my issues with hyper charismatic and errors within the charismatic camp I have focused more on that than dealing with the critics because I myself am a charismatic Pentecostal so these are the circles in which I largely travel now I teach at seminaries that are not charismatic I preach in settings that are not charismatic but primarily for decades I've been in charismatic Pentecostal circles so for example my 1991 book whatever happened to the power of God has the subtitle is the charismatic church slain in the spirit we're down for the count my more recent book came out last year playing with holy fire a wake-up call the charismatic Pentecostal church that deals with those issues focuses on them now many other books have written for example hyper grace that's dealing with an error that is primarily in charismatic Pentecostal circles the way I've addressed it what I focused on hyper grace primarily there all right my book house saved our way my book came to the American Gospel enterprise and it's time to rock the boat other books dealt primarily with abuses within the charismatic Pentecostal movement because that's where I primarily travel and that's where I can speak as an insider at the same time there is a danger to hyper criticism there is a danger of those that just think they can judge everyone and they often judge superficially and inaccurately and I have a whole book authentic fire which responds to John MacArthur's strange fire all right but my primary focus in dealing with error is not to expose the error of in ISM which is a serious biblical error it is not primarily to confront the hyper critics who do a lot of destructive damage but primarily to deal with abuses within the charismatic Pentecostal movement but again if you want to know what I believe if you want to know what I hold you if you want to know what's important to me it is there it's in books and if you think that you are going to make an evaluation of me based on a tweet or someone's out of context YouTube clip then I don't respect the seriousness of your quest there's one hypercritical website I won't mention it by name because I no desire to give it exposure I don't visit there I don't look there every so often someone will send me so you got to see the latest thing it is so lacking in integrity it is so full of factual error it is so off the wall and yet it is anonymous it's all anonymous there's no accountability and I ended up blocking these folks on on Twitter some time back and when I told them what was this I I told them this listen you tell me who you are and I will interact with you but if I have no idea who you are you could be some 18 year old troll out there who just gets a kick out of blasting others you could be a pastor that committed adultery never repented and has been excommunicated by your denomination and and you're out there attacking

or you could be someone that hosts on the wackiest doctrine that if it was held of the scrutiny you wouldn't last three minutes so when there is no accountability it's one thing if you're doing secret ministry in North Korea all right and to reveal your identity could cost you your life I respect that but it's the other thing when you're gonna blast others by name and will not even reveal your own identity sorry you lose my respect in the process now a couple of the things I want to say we are going to address head on the issue of the prosperity gospel and we're going to play a couple of quotes from this Kenneth Copeland interview that I want to focus on the purpose of this broadcast is not for dr. Michael Brown to sit in judgment of Kenneth Copeland and give a full assessment of his ministry or if I felt called in burden to do that then I would do the necessary investigation and do the work on that I have a busy life as you can imagine I do three or four full-time jobs every single week in ministry and have and are focused on quite a few issues so I have to focus on what I feel the Lord wants me to so I the goal huh all right we're gonna lose he when my brand is said by Kenneth called no no I'll give you my understanding of things and then I'm gonna read a very very strong email from just computers okay I'm gonna read that email but here's here's what I take issue with are you ready and I'm just my goal here again is I want to make this a teachable moment all right I want to make this a teachable moment I get asked why would you go this with a false teacher what would you go this one false prophet why won't you do it well are you aware that for the critics asking me to call out this charismatic in that charismatic but there are charismatic s' wanting me to call out this critic and this critic here III do a debate with Sonny Hernandez about limited atonement did Jesus die to make salvation possible for the whole world or did Jesus die exclusively to save the elect well according to Sonny I'm not saved because I don't believe in limited atonement all right on the flip side my dear friend and colleague dr. James white he's told me that churches will not have him because he's a Calvinist and therefore he's a heretic and therefore he's not safe all right I got people on either side damning the others to hell here's suppose that last year and a half ago Todd Frio had Phil Johnson on the air with him and they concluded that I was dangerous and questioned whether I was saying I feel bad for them when they do I don't question whether they are safe ours I know they're they're they're born-again believers and will spend eternity together and maybe the day will come that that will laugh about the comments that they made etc all right I've got no animosity towards my upset with them and I took it the opposite way yeah I'm dangerous to the kingdom of darkness so bring it on dangerous dr. Brown I have people

reading me how come you're not damning John MacArthur he's not saved he you can take the mark of the beast and still be said he's not safe I'm not responding to the noise on either side and as I understand it this is the way I use the word Jesus says false prophet is a wolf in sheep's clothing Matthew 7 a false prophet according to the New Testament is not a believer a brother a sister in Jesus who wrongly prophesized the Lord told me it's gonna rain tomorrow and it doesn't rain the Lord told me that that Barack Obama is gonna come back and be President wrong not true I don't call that person a false prophet if they're truly saved I say they are prophesying falsely they are not a prophet they should shut their mouths that's what I say all right so I understand false prophet based on New Testament usage to refer to a non-believer who is leading others astray who is a wolf in sheep's clothing all right not someone who prophesized mistakenly but they are born again and they hold to biblical orthodoxy they are they prophesied wrongly they need to shut their mouths okay and especially in the New Testament when anyone can potentially prophesy at the same time the term false teacher to me is not well look I get people tell me you're going to hell because you deny the pre-trib rapture this this is everyday by the minute on the youth on YouTube I have people damning others to hell back and forth and damning me to help false teachers I understand it second Peter 2 is someone who introduces damnable heresies not an error emphasis on a secondary doctrine but someone who is bringing in damnable heresies so if you believe that you go to hell all right we're just getting started we'll play some clips when you come back remove a fly fly you say what are you gonna talk about in the Hebrew word of the day about a fly well we'll start Old Testament we'll go to New Testament here's where we start there's one verse in many of our English translations that King James and many of our English translations that starts with the words dead flies and in Hebrew the word fly comes first so flies of death dead flies that's how it's translated dead flies caused the ointment of the Apothecary the ointment of the perfumer to send forth a stinking smell so does a little folly affect someone who has a reputation for wisdom and honor so what a great picture from proverbs chapter 10 verse 1 the perfume you worked so hard some perfumes a mega expensive right a dead fly drops in there and dies yeah there's a stink that comes from it that's what happens in our lives that's what happens in our lives when we can have a reputation for wisdom on our you spend years and years working on your reputation years and years and years gaining respect gaining honor and then you mess up badly and and you do something unwise and foolish a little folly and it can spoil your whole reputation so

remember dead flies but you know the New Testament that that Satan is referred to as as Beelzebub or it Beelzebul there are different traditions in terms of what this comes from but one view is it is a disparaging word meaning Lord of the Flies the disparaging title meaning Lord of the Flies is another that associated with dung Lord Lord of the dung pile but if it is in fact savu by Elza boo alright then that would mean belzebub right Lord of the Flies a mocking oh the great and mighty Satan you are just the Lord of the Flies that in fact is a biblical perspective get into the line of fire now by calling eight six six three four truth here again is dr. Michael Brown let me make one more statement eight six six three four truth if you have a question for your way one way in on the issue of false teachers you want to weigh in on the issue of prosperity gospel etc phone lines are open but we're restricting calls to the subject matter today I want to say one last thing then I want to play a couple of clips from the interview with Kenneth Copeland I have written categorically strongly as recently as last year as a major portion of one of my books against the carnal prosperity message I want to make that very clear we're gonna play a couple of clips and I want to read to you what Justin Peters wrote okay this new Peters would be maybe the foremost critic of the Word of Faith Movement today I want to read what he sent to me today with his permission all right but I want to just make one more statement if you've been following things on Twitter you see that I had blocked Justin Peters and he emailed me today and there's a reason I blocked him but one was that anytime a charismatic leader would make some controversial comment or something would happen would be the latest video attacking this or that that with great regularity Justin would copy me and what about this and when are you gonna call this out listen uh I do not copy every Southern Baptist leader and say hey when are you gonna call out this abuse what are you gonna dress this problem when you get addressed that problem alright it's just it's it's not what I'm gonna do nor is it my calling to respond to folks who will never be satisfied with where I stand unless I damned to hell some folks that I know are godly men and what I'm not mention names at this moment okay so who are you talking about I'm just just telling you that there are critics that have told me over the phone right in my ear that so-and-so is a false teacher and if they died right now they'd go to hell and I know these people love Jesus and I would try I would trust some of these people without ten thousand times more than I would trust some of the critics damning them to hell and these folks are busy pursuing Jesus and reaching the laws to making a difference their last concern is that this critic or that critic attacked so I'm just constantly getting dragged in Justin as a gentle-

man in the midst of our differences he's going to be gracious and seek to be upright but the flood of trash the flood of ugliness the flood of I'm talking about stuff that was as unchristian as you could imagine that would then follow from so-called Christians yikes are you kidding me how come you're calling that hey I just told you I spent years I spent decades addressing abuses within my own house okay in writing I'm not responsible to respond to every critic someone on Twitter with zero followers right so where do you gonna address us tell you what when the Lord tells me to cuz I'm busy doing his work when he tells me to stop doing this to address that one I'll do it but I give you an example all right Justin post it the other day that I claimed when I went on Benny Hinn show I claimed to be ignorant Benny and Steve that's not correct it's not accurate as I wrote to him today that's not accurate here's what happened I had played clips on my show of teachings from Benny Hinn that I found to be dangerous and wrong and erroneous ok clips I played little God your little gods and there's stuff like that I played clips I critiqued it a grad from my ministry school that has spent many many months traveling with Benny Hinn said dr. Brown I think you should really get to know him because the stuff he doesn't teach anymore and and other things he no longer holds to so I got online and I saw here he repudiated this much it's here he repudiated that message there I thought all right I don't know what to make of it I then got an invitation to come on a show and one of the subjects we were gonna discuss was hyper grace that I thought ok if I can reach his audience and talk about hyper grace because he's got a big t be an audience in other places it might be worth it let me let me pray about it let me think about then I talked to others close to him and I said look this is important to me this is important to me this is important to me I differ with this with this with this mrs. dr. Brown you'll find that and agrees with this and this and this and this and you may have heard this about him but it's either in the past and he doesn't hold to it anymore or it's been exaggerated so because I get lied about all the time and misrepresent it I thought here's what I'm gonna do I got this invitation I'm gonna get to spend time with him one on one I am going to walk through that door to reach his audience and then make a fresh evaluation other words I know all the evidence is not ignorant I know all this evidence against him I played clips from it on the air in the past you critique and now I'm having others that I trust saying that's not accurate that's not true etc so what did I do I said all right I'm gonna go in with a clean slate as if I don't know anything it's not ignorant that was my strategy I'm gonna go in I've heard the negative I've heard people saying that he's repented of the

negative or the negative was exaggerated I'll go in face-to-face all right and ultimately though for shows were aired talking about Messianic prophecies and other things the hyper grace show never aired if I knew that show was not gonna air I would not have done the interview was it a mistake to do the interviews anyway maybe could be could well be my friend dr. James this side that side let me go in and let the man speak for himself and then I followed up with a private letter to him raising some serious differences and and urging him to call out certain people but for carnal fundraising and other things like that okay I did that privately and that's the only contact that's where it ended okay I don't know whatever happened after that and I've had no contact since and if I was invited on the air tomorrow with him I wouldn't do it okay but I did it strategically then was it a right move or not maybe a wrong roof but I did it with a pure heart to honor the Lord all right and I did it to try to reach other people and I hope you would want me to do the same with you all right if you had a mount of evidence against you but but others were saying no no it's not true he's repented of that and you said dr. Brian can we talk face-to-face I would hope that you'd say yeah well let let's do that and sort things out right so Kenneth Copeland is classic word of faith teacher so he refers to Oral Roberts as a mentor he would have come out of teaching from Kenneth Hagin though interested in Kenneth Hagin without book later in life about the misers touch warning that the message of prosperity had had gone off the rails that the message of God providing and and blessing his people so that they can be a blessing to others that that message had gone off the rails and in going off the rails he was now warning about it saying there's danger but word of faith teachers would emphasize the power of confession that we speak the word that our reality is determined by what the word says not by what circumstances say that when Jesus died on the cross he not only paid for our sins but our sicknesses so that because he already died on the cross by stripes were healed we're already healed and we just have to appropriate it that words have power that we can create certain realities with our words etc and some hold to a terribly defective view of atonement it might others hold to a view of atonement that is absolutely heretic --all and others are believers that I've known for decades that are mainstream believers that emphasize certain points all right so I want to focus on two parts of this interview with Kenneth Copeland where the discussion comes up about living a wealthy lifestyle and prospering here's the first clip all right the blessing of Abraham Abraham was extremely wealthy and he had covenant with God not it's not the Jewish blessing it's the Abrahamic blessing how do I get excited talking about it

because I love it and I started out who deep in that with nothing Galatians chapter 3 if you belong to Christ then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to his promise and his promise was great well alright so he's explaining his theology why he believes that God blesses his people with wealth that it is a covenant blessing and then he's asked directly about the way he lives and being a wealthy man personally so let's listen to his response when he's asked directly well how about the way you live what about your wealth isn't that wrong for a preacher here's his response or living a life of luxury you've got great homes you've got great planes you do you drive in limos and you're a very wealthy man people would say that is it is it appreciate add something to that uh my wealth doesn't come from offerings alone sell things books and DVDs yes and I have a lot of natural gas on our property now one friend of mine told me that over the years Kenneth Copeland's ministry has donated more than fifty million dollars to their outreach overseas so it's a massive missions organization others have told me that he's one of the most generous men on the planet and others would say who cares how generous he is he's fleecing the flock he's getting wealthy off the the offerings of poor widows he's misleading people about God's will to heal etc etc so here's what we gonna do second half of the show I'm gonna star it with reading the Justin Peters email okay it's a long email you should read it in the air just read in full great I'm gonna read it in full then I'm going to give you my take and how we sort these things out and what our view should be on the message of prosperity oh oh and what about preachers traveling by private jet hey I flew overseas business class Korea they paid my fare overseas instead of like a two thousand dollar economy take it it was maybe a four thousand dollar business class ticket but you tell me how you gonna travel 26 and a half hours get off the plane and one hour later preached meetings to hundreds or thousands of people and do with two straight days and get on the plane and come back in the back of the plane they paid their bill their choice is that wrong is it better to just fly economy no matter what where this one draw the line maybe just get a more economical airline that has lists perks where does one for a long serious questions gonna have a serious discussion about it and we're gonna be constructive as I said at the outset I'm looking at Jesus in my mind side I'm not looking at you the critic the charismatic fray I'm looking at Jesus Lord I want to please you and draw people of you on today's broadcast we'll be right back so did God create sin does the Bible say that God created evil if that's the case wouldn't he then be the author of sin the author of evil wouldn't it be contrary to verses that say that God is light and in him is no darkness at all

let's take a look at Isaiah chapter 45 verse 7 and I want to explain how this verse has sometimes been understood to say that God created evil Isaiah chapter 45 verse 7 says this so King James I form the light and create darkness I make peace and create evil I the LORD do all these things to say well there it says create evil well the New King James correctly changes it to create calamity other translations say create disaster so what in fact is this verse saying the Hebrew word translated evil in the King James or calamity in the new King James is the Hebrew word or that word means fundamentally something bad when human beings do something bad they commit evil when God brings something bad on someone say in judgment then he is creating calamity he's not creating evil the idea that God could do evil or create evil is totally contrary to his nature everything he does is good and right that's why the Bible says that God kills and gives life he puts to death and gets life but this a murders because murder is the unjust taking of a human life so you know God does not create evil that's a mistranslation in the King James the Hebrew rock are always in this context would mean calamity disaster when God will say you've done ha you've done evil so I'm gonna breathe Rock I'm going to bring calamity disaster that's the constant context in which these things are found and even in the verse itself it's not opposite it's not good or bad but it's Shalom peace or calamity God's thing I'm bring them both you say where people come from then that is part of the mystery of free will be it the free will of the angels in heaven or the free will of Adam and Eve on earth that freedom is given to say yes or no and if we choose freely to say no then that actuates evil then evil is actuated through the action of our will and now born in a fallen world evil is just part of our world part of our society part of our human nature from which we need deliverance and forgiveness through the cross but this God creates sin is God the author of evil does the Bible teach that absolutely not he will work through Satan he will work through demons he will work through evil in this world to accomplish his purpose but his purpose is good he doesn't do evil [Music] it's the line of fire with your host dr. Michael Brown your voice of more cultural and spiritual revolution here again is dr. Michael Brown and Galatians one Paul said that if he had ceased men he wouldn't be a servant of the messiah romans 15 does talk about pleasing others meaning putting others first but if you're gonna please God you're gonna displease a lot of people you're gonna please God you're gonna get people that love you and people that hate you my goal is to please the Lord and by please pleasing the Lord I can best serve you what do we make of the prosperity message is there truth in it mixed with error is it all heretical how do we

sort that out and how did we respond to a recent interview with Kenneth Copeland on TV that's going viral on line Justin Peters a foremost critic of the Word of Faith message by the way I've offered to debate him publicly on issues of divine healing and the gifts of the Spirit for today he's declined that and said he'd debate me on word of faith odd to comment because I'm not word of faith myself why would I debate that when it's not my own position okay so he writes this to me today and I'm reading it with his explicit written permission um dear Michael I hope this finds you well from a screenshot a friend sent me I see you have said I have disqualified myself from being taken seriously on the issue of Kenneth Copeland um as I told Justin on correctness no I didn't say he'd disqualified himself for being taken seriously about Kenneth Copeland I said from takings being taken seriously period in other words he's posted things about me that have been accurate he has when I've emailed that length to his concerns and never get a response back that's why I made that statement I didn't say that he can't comment about Copeland or not never made that statement he said I would have tagged her on my tweet except for the fact that you blocked me yes as I explained why and in particular the shameful behavior that many of those who follow Justin Peters that's not his fault but it is shameful to see the behavior of those and by the way why in the world would I when I go out of my way to address it critic that and on the table I Justin Peters okay that's how mad anyone you know by name there's some generic person out there they don't pray for me they don't fast for a ministry they don't contribute to our ministry they don't sacrifice to help us reach people around the world why in the world what I try to appease them when I want to please them as long as I'm still a tongues talking believer in the power of the Spirit okay I want to piece them until I I damned people held that I know are true believers all right why don't we when I do that and then in doing that I'm not gonna be able to edify you and bless you and help you and teach you and deal with other areas of real concern all right now I'm gonna read on justice said this I mentioned that you had call Copeland a brother with the simple fact that I know your opinion carries much weight in the charismatic world and many charismatic follow me I absolutely do believe Kenneth Copeland is demon-possessed this is what Justin Peters wrote obviously he'll give account to God either God will save glad you call them out or God will say how in the world could you do that about my child all right Justin writes this it troubles me greatly that you would call a man who is as manifestly evil as he a brother yes I know you say you do not agree with all of his teachings but you still affirm a man who is quite likely the most brazen an obvious false

prophet in the entire history of the charismatic church a brother he has other the most vile and despicable heresies imaginable and to make matters worse exponentially worse has attributed these same heresies to God himself he claims that God gave him the heresies disputes the understand Utley teaches prosperity theology he unashamedly exploits the poor sick and widows for personal financial gain he unashamedly blames the sick for being sick if someone is sick it is his/her own fault he has been challenged literally for decades now and yet remains unrepentant okay so let me just say this if everything Justin Peters said there is accurate if Copeland has uttered the most vile and despicable heresies imaginable and has knowingly and willingly exploited the exploited the poor and widows and has blamed the sick for being sick yes then the man is a false prophet a false teacher or heretic okay if everything Justin says here is accurate this is an accurate assessment then yes Kenneth Copeland's not a brother if that is assessment is accurate all right he continues if Kenneth Cole penis not a false prophet then the word truly has no meaning if Kenneth Cole penis not a false prophet then no one is you will not even call Todd Bentley a false teacher man who claims to kick your elderly women in the face with this biker boot literally is kicked a man in the gut with stomach cancer doubling him over in pain I have that on video it's not enough to criticize aspects of their teachings Michael these are wolves they're predators now again it's not my job to respond to every complaint in the body which comes to me every day sometimes by the hundreds sometimes by the thousands what about this one what about this one what about this one what about this one would you call this one out you call that one out okay that's that's not my job or my calling I'm not God's policeman when I'm burdened about an issue I address it my name specifically right hold books about it in detail again if you want to know what I believe read the books so I don't support Todd Bentley's ministry I have profound differences with him but those that have known him for years said he's a save man following Jesus I don't know that he's not therefore I don't call him a false teacher but I have strong differences don't support his ministry said that publicly for years and the subject okay we go on he says I'm very willing to call these wolves out and very willing to state that they are unregenerate I have no prick of conscience whatsoever saying they're not believers it matters not that they have a statement of faith that would pass a basic doctrinal spell test they're wicked jasira charlatans and heretics one of the great ironies and this movement is those who claim to have the highest view of the Holy Spirit the most emphasis on him actually have the lowest view of the Holy Spirit all word faith in most charismatic would

look at me as a cessationist and say oh did not believe in the power of the holy spirit to the contrary I'm so confident the power this indwelling third person of the triune God that I do not believe someone can be indwelt by him and teach the heresies these men teach offer the false prophecies this these men offer and exploits the poor and sick people that they exploit do so with no prick of their conscience whatsoever even if your myriads of people have called him to repent I have too much confidence in the sanctifying work of God's the lumen worried by the holy spirit to believe someone searches Copeland Bentley Johnson ham etcetera in drove by him my view of the Holy Spirit is far too high to allow for this hey Justin you'll live and die before God with that all right probably have those you mentioned I've never met Kenneth Cole but may have shaken the sand once at a big meeting with a bunch of people but but otherwise never met him uh Bill Johnson I've got more of her friendship with we've been together over the years and and I don't question Bill salvation or a split second so if you're just you're sure enough to say that they're all unsaved going to hell if they were to die right now that's between you and God all right that's between you and God but I'm not gonna prove my orthodoxy by agreeing with you okay that's not how it works you want to know what I believe read what I believe listen to what I believe watch what I believe that's where we lay it out I believe denying the gifts and power of the Spirit at work today which are literally touching and healing and delivering millions of people around the globe attested documented miracles that are leading people out of Darkness to follow Jesus all right hear me okay better leading people who are Muslims atheist Buddhist who are drug addicts who are prostitutes terrorists and by encounters with the power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus name I'm not mentioning other names here but people that I know that I have known for many many years who preached a simple clear Gospel message whom critics have damned to hell that those critics denying the work of the Holy Spirit on the earth today which is glorifying Jesus and setting captives free by the millions around the globe even as I speak the Holy Spirit is doing these things and working these miracles in Jesus name according to the scriptures I will debate that with anyone any time that divine healing is for today according to the scriptures as a normative pattern according to the Bible whether I never see a sick person healed or not I believe it because it's written and I'll debate that with anyone anytime in a fair setting if they are a true representative of their position that has respect in their community I'll debate them if not it's a waste of time because you demolish someone's view that no one respects anyway but to me it's a shocker that someone could claim

to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit and deny what that Holy Spirit is doing to the glory of Jesus name around the globe today that's Grievous that's greed and yet I don't question that Justin say I don't question that he's a child of God I don't question that he wants to please the Lord and do the will of God he's just in serious error on aspects of the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit and other things he's done a great job of critiquing some real abuses and some real problems okay back to his email just almost done he says about all the above they are hell bound deceivers I pray that God would grant them repentance 2nd Timothy 2 but I fear that it is these whose judgment from long ago was not idle and their destruction is not asleep second Peter 2 3 I would love to be wrong I actually do pray for them I'm glad you do Justin that's that's meaningful I mean that from the heart from the screen shot said to me you think I should have emailed you first I've asked you in several emails to strongly renounce these people but you will not do so you will critique here and there but you will not call a spade a spade I intended in my tweet to do that and to make the distinction between our two positions clear I did not disparage you I said I call your brother I obviously I said you call him a brother obviously you not again I've emailed back at length when Justin's written to me and not gotten a response I've said let's have a public debate on differences but no listen I'm doing my best right now to look at Jesus not to look at anybody else right in my mind's eye to look at him he is the one who's gonna decide who saved and who's not saved and unless I have hardcore evidence that someone denies fundamentals of the gospel in this therefore a heretic or is living a sinful life thereby denying the gospel I will not call that person hell bound sinner or say that that person right now is a false teacher I'll say this is wrong this is wrong this is wrong this is wrong and I'll do it in book-length forum and I'll take on issue you know many nearly people and in the hyper grace camp of the hyper prosperity camp are upset with me that so be it so be it and I laid out with quotes with details do you know that we are currently working with Nigeria in fact well you'll get an email maybe next month we were seeking to raise money to help a publisher in Nigeria publish playing with holy fire hyper grace and can you began Christian playing with holy fire has a whole chapter on the pep talk the the pep talk prosperity gospel and another whole chapter on mercenary profits and another whole chapter on sexual immorality and on and on it goes on and on agos head-on forthright because as God is moving mightily in Nigeria heresy is spreading in Nigeria and we're doing our best to address it all right Justin says this I've commended you before enabling defending things like penal substitution area tone meant you have done so

fall asleep it is why I wish you would be equally clear thinking and this billions are being to see by those you refer miss brothers millions they're being led to hell by these men and some women you need to speak of these walls with the same clarity with which the Bible speaks of them all right so again my mission is to honor the Lord and to please the Lord not any critic however sincere they may be what God has called me to do when there are widespread issues in the body is to address the issues all right if you are so sure just remember just remember you're so sure about the I mean this one to hell with that one to hell just remember that some on the other side are damning you to hell for what you believe I have folks that have followed Copeland's ministry I know them maybe they follow this ministry 30-40 years I don't know and they would say this emails crazy I've listened to him daily for years he teaches the gospel preaches the gospel edifies people with the word yeah you may differ with certain points but what they said about it was crazy someone else tweets it says my mother came to Jesus through Copeland's ministry and is an Orthodox believer on all accounts and someone else just posts something about people being led to the Lord through his ministry around the world I know people have known him for years said he's our brother but we have some serious differences I'll let God work those out but we'll address the prosperity gospel question the last issue now when we come back you it's Satan everywhere at the same time is the devil omnipresent I see no scriptural emphasis on that or no scriptural backing for that whatsoever God alone is omnipresent angels are not omnipresent created beings are not omnipresent and Satan is both a created being and an angel a fallen created being a fallen angel you know in Matthew the fourth chapter of Matthew chapter 4 verse 11 after Jesus is being tempted in the wilderness it says this then the devil left him and behold angels came and were ministering to him so Satan left angels came neither of them are omnipresent just because Satan is a spirit being and we can't see him you gotta have the feeling well he's omnipresent no only God fills universe only is it said of God and Psalm 139 where can I go from your spirit only of God as it says in Jeremiah 23 that he fills heaven and earth it's not said I'm Satan Satan is not omnipresent Satan is a powerful dark spiritual being very powerful very deceptive and he has a well-organized army of demon powers under him whether those are fallen angels wherever we get the class of demons from and and they are sent out and when we resist demons we are resisting Satan when it tells us in first three or five to resist Satan it doesn't mean that each of us is personally resisting him because he's everywhere at the same time you know he comes and he goes just like

in Matthew the fourth chapter he leaves and looks for more opportune time Satan is not omnipresent let's not give him credit he doesn't deserve only God is almighty only God is omniscient only God is omnipresent absolutely not Satan it's the with your host activist author international speaker and theologian dr. Michael Brown your voice of more cultural and spiritual revolution get into the line of fire now by calling 866 3 for truth here again is dr. Michael Brown alright as I said friends my goal is to make this whole show a teachable moment now looking at larger issues of criticism of abuse and how we sort those out I've done whole shows on the prosperity gospel I have written whole chapters in books about it but let me say this concisely if you preach and believe that God blesses his people in many different ways and that is you honor the Lord and give to him and work hard that he blesses you I say amen to that and how many of you would say yeah you know before I started giving generously to my local church we never had enough money and I thought the Lord convicted me to honor the Lord first I started giving it and we've just been blessed or you know before we were saved we just spent all our money on drugs and alcohol and wasted money now we honor the Lord we're frugal and we moved out of this rat infested apartment we have a nice house down many have testimonies like that our friends in India who despised the prosperity message they say it's the biggest problem right now the Indian Church is the prosperity message they would be the first to talk about God's provision they would be the first to talk about how the gospel is swept this unreached area where the people lived in utter poverty and and Hut's that were falling apart that they now have would these little wood homes I mean you wouldn't live in that wood home for a day okay but now it's better than the hut they had we believe that we believe God is faithful we believe God provides all right we believe that we preach that and the New Testament reinforces what's in the Old Testament about giving it will be given to you and there even financial promises that if you give and honor the Lord that that as you sow you'll reap those messages are true the carnal prosperity message says that Jesus died to make you financially rich that is bogus that is erroneous that is heretical that is enough front to the cross Jesus did not die on the cross to make you financially rich plenty of saints around the world have been poor and have died in poverty and have died in the midst of persecution and have literally run it running from from running for their lives have had to eat grass to survive and they have been Saints blessed by God and Paul himself talks about knowing how to abound but also knowing how to be abased and going around hungry and without adequate clothing and on and on and

that was for the gospel sometimes following Jesus means you lose everything sometimes following Jesus means that everything you have in this world is given up Hebrews 10 talks about the believers and losing everything and doing it joyfully for the gospel having their goods confiscated but they knew they had better treasure in heaven the carnal prosperity message says that godliness is a means to financial gain which Paul categorically rebukes in first Timothy the sixth chapter now if you truly believe that the Old Testament promises still apply that the promises that God gave to Israel now apply to the believers today that God promised Abraham to bless him and he was a wealthy man and that wealth is a blessing of the gospel and that you should say Lord I believe you want to make me wealthy so I can help the poor and meet the needs of others and so on I'm not gonna say that's heretic 'el if you say the purpose of the cross is to make you financially rich I'll say that's heretical blatantly outright no question about it that is not the gospel and if you get 10 million people to pray for Jesus to quote save them so they can get financially wealthy that's not the gospel and that's not salvation David Wilkerson for whom I preached 40 50 times in the 90s like 91 to 95 he's on record are saying that the carnal prosperity message is birthed in the pit of hell and I fully agree with that but I see that as very different from someone who has an error in their thinking and who realize that our heart is not an earthly possessions now here's the other thing I have no issue with someone being blessed I have no issue with someone being blessed that how how many Christian businessmen do you know that love Jesus maybe you're one of them businessman businesswoman you love Jesus you honor the Lord and he's blessed your business and now you've got more money to give to missions and more money to help projects for the poor and also your own lifestyles improved praise God I rejoice with you but if you have your heart in earthly riches and if you hear a message that gets you to put your heart and earthly riches and now it's the whole message as money comes to me now your carnal now you're in the wrong place now let me say one more thing I've watched this with my own eyes there are many who thought that the poorer you are the holier you are like like the Church of which I would say they used to joke that the pastor so Holies got holes in shoes and that the whole goal was you kept ministers of the gospel poor and struggling that's not the gospel either Paul says those who preach the gospel should make their living by the gospel Jesus says the laborer is worthy of his hire so if you have a living that's fair that's good stewardship based on the income of your ministry that's righteous and fair and you've been blessed maybe you're an author and you've been blessed I

mean I I worked just about around the clock joyfully it's a joy it's an honor and and it and if I receive compensation for that I was praise God what wonderful although we keep constantly trying to put funds back into the gospel however if I exploit the poor to get rich that's sinful that's ugly when a graven Hill used to say to me Mike just think these big ministries every dime that comes in from the repor Widow they're gonna have to give account to God for it and that help fuel the fire of my book house saved are we that type of thinking and and in my chapter in there about carnal prosperity emphasis if I'm saying you hate get behind our ministry help our ministry help our ministry we got a project here we're helping the poor in the Philippines and you're pouring in money so I can get rich and we give a little to the Philippines that's sin that's despicable that's ugly now when Kenneth Copeland urges people who give as yours you them to give so that you can get personally rich resurging them to give because you gods generally gonna bless them as they give and he wants to see them blessed God knows I don't know and you don't know what's in his heart God knows he'll give account to God on that day where I differ with emphasis I'll say a planet now what what about what about private jets what about this salt here so here's a clip Jesse Duplantis there's a TV show going after him about private jet so just watch this little clip here that I want to comment Jesse Duplantis zips around in this Dassault Falcon 50 jet paid for by his church here he is boarding the plane with his wife for a short one-hour flight from Fort Worth Texas to his home outside New Orleans estimated round-trip cost fourteen thousand dollars if he flew commercial it would be as low as one hundred and eighty bucks all right so what do we make of that okay here's the deal here's the deal it may be in some cases very frugal wise constructive excellent stewardship or a ministry to have a private jet okay just like businesses do it may be frugal it may be wise it may be excellent stewardship you look at it on a business basis makes perfect sense okay and for others it's an abuse for others it's fleecing the flock Mike riffalot dollar put out a request for a sixty four thousand excuse me sixty four million dollars for a new jet I wrote an article why creflo is not getting any of my dollars and I understand pressure and I understand their international schedule and I understand that the crowds everyone wanted to get near you and he's a far more famous person on TV so I understand that okay I understand all that but I made it very clear why I differed with that and why I felt it brought reproach to the gospel that being said I said the same article it may be good stewardship for a ministry to have a private jet they often share it with others and then they break it down in order to get from here to here to here to here and do

these meetings and reach all these people that we can't get to these places and do this we have a private jet that's between that organization and God and they're givers okay yes I don't know I'm not there to sort that out this much I know when I travel overseas when I go to India every year when I just went to Korea we work out a way the the ministries large ministries that bring us over they automatically pay a business-class fare otherwise we work out a way we use miles to upgrade we look for a good rate to be good stewards because here's the deal I'm gonna be traveling say my India trip I'm gonna leave my house to when I get there is about 40 hours all right and when I get there often I get off the plane I'm gonna be speaking well if I can have a setting where I can lay down and I can rest and I always have writing deadlines when I could sit and write and have better focus etc it's a good investment instead of paying 2,000 for a ticket we pay four and a half thousand for a ticket that's a good investment for us and I feel good about it and I feel I'm being a great steward and our team is always looking for the best rate and the best fare etc when I fly stateside its economy doesn't matter if it's a five-hour flight its economy if I get upgraded great this is different I can easily handle it but what I'm saying is every ministry and organization has to work that out and then they have to have a board with accountability then they have to be able to look they're givers in the eye and say hey here's the investment here's where your money went for us our goal is that we want to tip all the money out all right so I get a salary reasonable salary for everything I do our staff gets reasonable salaries actually we have to we have to bump their salaries they're underpaid okay and and we do what we do all right others would settle for what you do you should get more that's that's not the goal that's not the goal all right every new thing I take on I don't take a dime more for taking that on all right we do what we do our goal is to get everything out out out out out out to touch as many people as we can and I know ministries that bring in tens of millions of dollars and that's their goal - that's their goal is to generate funds to get out and touch the world and glorify Jesus I am NOT gonna sit here and just swipe back and forth this is wrong that's wrong unless I have factual details and unless it's my job to address that I don't spend all my time addressing the critics I don't spend all my time addressing cessationist abuses on a spend all my time addressing charismatic abuses seek to do but God's called me to do as plainly and clearly as possible this whole hour I've had one goal make this a teachable moment to build the body and glorify Jesus and we go forward from here [Music]

