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Today's churches do not hold to the teachings of the biblical text. They have become self righteous, money hungry, materialistic scavengers that prey upon the human need, and desire for spiritual guidance.

The proof is right before your eyes. View Matthew Chapter 19 verses 16-24. The Rich man and Jesus.

Jesus tells the rich man what to do, in order to follow him. and in verse 19 Jesus says "Love your neighbor as yourself." When Jesus tells him in verse 21 to go sell his possessions, he doesn't tell the rich man to give his possessions or money to the church or synagogue. No, he says give it to the "POOR." The man goes away sad, because he wasn't going to give up his wealth.

Today's church is all about the money they can bring in. Preachers driving expensive cars, living in expensive homes, having big salaries wearing thousand dollar suits. And look at the Roman Church, its worth billions of dollars, fine buildings, cloth, gold, paintings and all types of worldly wealth.

What's the 2nd greatest commandment? "Love your neighbor as yourself!" Are the churches and its elders following that commandment? Absolutely not!" yet its reiterated over and over again Matthew 5:34, 19:19, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27, Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14 and James 2:8. And Jesus explains who your neighbor is in Luke 10:30-37 Is the church and its elders loving us as a neighbor? No! Is it picking us up, brushing us off, treating us poor, as they are treating themselves? No! The church and its elders are hoarding money and valuable materialistic items that are making their lives more comfortable, as the poor struggle. They are not loving their neighbors, as they love themselves and that is blatantly evident!

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Jesus addressed this hoarding in Matthew 6:25-34 specifically look at verse 26. Jesus states "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Jesus goes on in verse 32 to say the pagans run after such things. And today's churches are doing exactly that, chasing financial gain, sowing, reaping and storing away billions of dollars. Jesus warned of these false prophets in Matthew 7:15-23 and the churches of today are filled with them. People "Christians" should not be giving to these churches. For Jesus could not have been more clear Matthew 19:21 give it to the poor.

I've asked churches in the past for assistance in retaining counsel, or just for small financial donations. They would deny this request, stating they are only concerned with my soul. Would they turn themselves away from financial assistance? No, of course not, but they're not concerned with loving you as they love themselves. Jesus said in Matthew 5:42 "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."

Today's churches are filled with money hoarding con-artists, who will lie through their teeth, being false prophets, saying "we are doing it for the poor," when in actuality, they're doing it for themselves. They do not live or abide by the biblical text, other than twisting it and manipulating it for their own financial gain. It's a crying shame, but the evidence is right there before your very eyes.

In Peace & Love

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