

Sometimes, I'm Embarrassed for Them

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Sometimes I actually get embarrassed for people. Especially when they demonstrate that they don't have a clue. A case in point - *No Need to Say*, who made several comments on the post entitled "Stay Away Doctor Gregory." According to the letter he/she is apparently going to write to Dr. Gregory, he/she states the following:

"I know you received a letter recently from a Mr. Melvin Jones. I have visited his website and I know the personal feelings that he has against my pastor and my church. I know that everybody has an opinion, but this individual has been gone for a number of years now, but can still find dirt on the church and my pastor and slander his name all around his website. Now tell me, how can you even begin to believe a person's intentions with those morals?"

I cleaned it up a little. You can look at the original comment if you want to make sure I didn't change the intent of what he/she is saying. It almost seems as if *No Need to Say* is seriously conflicted. The person states that I am digging up dirt on the pastor and the church. Correct me if I am wrong, but I have said nothing that John Jenkins himself hasn't said. I am not revealing any deep dark secrets best left covered. John has publicly stated that he has taken on T. Dexter Jakes as his mentor. Why would repeating this be considered either slander or dirt? John has publicly and repeatedly taught that Jesus suffered in hell for three days in order to pay for our sins because His death on the cross was not sufficient to pay for them. He even had some of his ministers teaching it. Why should repeating this be considered either slander or digging up dirt?

John has publicly stated that he is God's mouthpiece to the people attending First Baptist Church of Glenarden and publicly told the congregation that if they had trouble obeying him as their Man of God, then they should leave the church and find a Man of God they can sit under. Why would repeating that statement on the website be considered either slander or dirt?

A flyer announcing his participation in a conference featuring Kenneth Copeland was on the church bulletin board for all to see. Why would mentioning this be considered digging up dirt? Why would someone look at it as slander? He wanted to get the word out. Why is it dirt if I get the word out?

Finally, he publicly invited Oneness preachers to come in and address the congregation. He doesn't deny it or try to hide it. Why then should bringing this up be consider slanderous or digging up dirt? One possible answer, just a possible answer, is that *No Need to Say* considers these actions and activities to be wrong. After all, *No Need to Say* refers to them as dirt and seems to consider statements of fact as accusations of wrong doing.

Is *No Need to Say* upset because I'm lying about his/her pastor or because I have the temerity to point out (not reveal) the errors in what his/her pastor is teaching and the manner in which his/her pastor is flaunting scripture by associating with the men he has been associating with? *No Need to Say* doesn't really say that the things I point out are untrue. *No Need to Say* accuses me of digging up dirt, that is, things that are true but are best left alone.

If this stuff is dirt (remember, we know that it is true) then why would *No Need to Say* remain in a place that does these things, under a man who says these things? The Bible says we are to draw attention to those who teach another Gospel (*Romans 16:17*). Denying the cross' efficacy in washing away our sins and requiring something else is a different gospel. Denying the Trinitarian nature of God is preaching another Gospel.

The Bible says we are to contend for the faith (**Jude 3**), not just sit around and be silent. We are to reprove, rebuke and exhort with great patience, not just roll over and play dead (**2 Timothy 4:2**). *No Need to Say* actually seems more upset that I dared speak out against the things his/her man of God says than the fact that his/her man of God actually says them. After fifteen years, that's the best he/she can do? What has he/she been doing for the last one and a half decades? I'm really embarrassed for him/her.