

*"For such are false apostles, **deceitful workers**, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 KJV*



A ministry of lies healed a man in Lakeland, Florida who died one week later. What was his malady, I wonder, healing? Satan's ministers are all show and no substance. Beware of "feel good" preachers whose stages are full of music and performers to get the crowd in a good mood for the apostate "minister." The "shows" range from miraculous to downright ludicrous! I'm sure names spring to mind as you read this. Good Bible preaching has no audience these days, because people don't want Truth, they want signs and wonders. Paul warned Timothy in his day, *"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; And they shall turn away their ears from the Truth, and shall be turned unto fables."* Satan and his "ministers" are more than happy to oblige. They are the Pied Pipers of Perdition who pipe as many as they can into the eternal Abyss which is why it is more imperative than it ever was that we *"preach the Gospel to very creature!"* Many amass small fortunes "selling faith." Traditional religionists are the most dangerous of all. They say all the right words and do all the right things under a pretext of worshipping God, when the truth is, all they worship is power and money. It's not a steadfast rule, but good preachers are usually poor by the world's standard of riches, and false prophets are usually well-to-do or wealthy. Like the old saying goes, "just follow the money." Many are in the ministry as a profession, not a calling. For the Godly, Truth is its own reward. I give you the apostles who were most if not all martyred for their faith. Then there are more recent names; John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, John Bunyan, David Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, Charles Finney, George Whitfield, Adoniram Judson, David Brainerd, Nate Saint, Jim Elliot, Pete Fleming, Ed McCulley, Roger Youderian, Jack Palmer, Bud Cramer, and the list continues to those still living today, missionaries and preachers alike who gave and are giving their lives to preach the Gospel. The ungodly need the profit of "filthy lucre" to prosper. Beware of the rich preacher/performer who claims to need YOUR money! Beware the "healer" who builds hospitals! Beware of "new" prophecies" not found in God's Word! Beware of "feel good faith." Watch what they do when not "performing." Beware! *"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. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water."* Do yourself a favor and check their bank accounts before following them!

They handle Truth like magicians on stage,
They entertain folks for glory and wage,
When those they have "healed" remain all undone,
Abracadabra! They're suddenly gone! -CGP

When will men learn that, if it can be seen, it doesn't require faith? The crowd is almost always wrong. Truth must be only believed and obeyed. Faith doesn't need "signs and wonders!" It motivates and captivates all by itself.

"[Jesus] answered and said unto them, 'When it is evening, ye say, "It will be fair weather: for the sky is red." And in the morning, "It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering." O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas.' And He left them, and departed." Matthew 16:2-4 KJV