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The recent scandal and embarrassment caused by Jerry Falwell, Jr. again highlight the refusal of leadership to hold wrong-doers accountable. The entire board to whom Falwell answered over the past years should resign. They are complicit in what has taken place and are responsible for not taking action, well before this debacle which patently forced them to take action.

**The board is not taking principled action by accepting his resignation.
Anything called "Principled Action" has long passed its expiration date.**

Principled action is what could have and what should have taken place long ago. Principled action would have never even allowed "an indefinite leave of absence," no less giving him the opportunity to resign. [1]

This pattern of *irresponsible oversight* continually reappears because there is no call for the resignation of **ALL** the leaders, pastors, board members, deacons, or fellow administrators who refused to take action when it should have been taken, and/or who well knew the facts, but continued to cover, conceal, and/or who were willfully blind (at best) to the truth of the situation.

"Acting university president Jerry Prevo, the school's executive committee and board of trustees set meetings for Tuesday to accept Falwell's resignation."

**"Accept"
Are We Serious!**

Might this situation been prevented? We will never know! But what we do know is that those who were there to hold leadership accountable, need to step down or be fired by the powers that be. They are no longer worthy of the trust which has been placed in them!

Resign or We Will Remove!

That is the possible remedy for stopping this Merry-Go-Round of unaccountability. Perhaps when the men and women who are . . .

- in that position of trust,
- there to hold ministry leaders accountable,
- in a position to know what is or what has happened

. . . are called on to resign, along with this-or-that ministry leader, then some board members, pastors, deacons, elders, etc. will take their unique position more soberly.

Failing to hold college presidents, pastors, fellow-board members, deacons, para-church CEOs, missionaries, fellow pastors, or school administrators accountable should be understood a sufficient "cause" for resignation or dismissal. They ought to resign and allow those who are sober-minded and genuine to carry out that task.

Dealing With Sexual Immorality :

When you are dealing with sexual immorality, you are dealing with a sin that typically has been successfully covered and covered over an extended period of time. It is a vice that overrules reason and sensibility. Sexual immorality engages all the powers of deception and dissembling in order to stealthily concealed its existence – far beyond that of most all other sins.

**In the end, when it comes to sexual immorality,
no matter how “repentant” an individual
may be or may appear,
remove them from office, position, and/or the church rolls!**

Too Harsh??? – Not when you understand the nature of sexual immorality!

Proverbs 6:27

No matter what assurances you have been given by the immoral individual, or by those who are attempting to convince you or make the case that he or she is truly repentant, only the Lord knows, not even the person involved in such immorality. Immorality blinds and excuses, and the proof is found in what has been taking place all along and far too long. Those involved in sexually immoral behavior cannot read their own heart, mind, and soul. The proof abounds concerning that reality (Proverbs 26:11).

Far too often, boards, pastors, deacons, elders try to figure a way around removal! Relationships are operating, and there is either a naïveté, or a willful blindness, or a relational corruption, or ignorant and therefore untrustworthy leadership.

Too often, long past the time when the sexually immoral action was known, or worse yet, known to have occurred prior to this most recent occasion, a pastor, elder, school administrator, or board may ***finally be forced to take action.***

**Ask for all of their resignations!
Their action is no longer principled, but forced-pragmatism at best,
or corruption at worse.**

Whatever Their Decision, It Is No Longer A Principled Decision!

That is why all those who knew, and/or knew long before action was finally taken, and now finally announced, need to step down from their leadership positions. Board members, pastors and/or any church leaders which knew about it and covered it up – and shockingly sometimes twice over – need to resign or be removed from their position of trust.

They have violated their position of responsibility and power, and may have even been willing to put at risk others who were totally unaware! Such was the case with Thomas White, and John Ortberg.

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Pastors and other ministry leaders are making a serious error in judgment when they cover-up or conceal the immorality of a supported missionary, fellow pastor, individual on the church staff, or faculty member. Unfortunately, some are willing to take a bullet because of the corruption of relationships and/or the dishonesty and duplicity of leadership in ministry.

This is what happens, on the large stage of national and international ministries, and on the far small backroad “theaters,” which also headline the same long-running pastoral screen play titled: **LOYALTY OVER PERSONAL INTEGRITY!**

The board members, leaders, chairmen, administrators, pastors, or elders only need be asked a few questions – questions we have heard repeated asked midst the political scandals of Washington.

- **“What did you know?”**
- **“When did you first know it?”**
- **“What else do you know?”**
- **“Is this the first occasion about which you knew?”**
- **“What else don’t we know that we should know and which would make a difference in our evaluation of the situation?”**

When those questions are asked and answered, and the truth is known, it may well become evident that they, along with *others, need to resign as well.*

That is when this “Merry-Go-Round” may finally stop, and new leaders, board members, pastors, administrators, deacons, and elders are appointed, comprising a sober-minded, steeled, and responsible board of moral accountability.

1. https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2020/08/25/Jerry-Falwell-Jr-resigns-from-Liberty-University-after-back-and-forth-Monday/5551598367431/?ocid=uxbndlbing

"I was never called to be a pastor, my calling was to use my legal and business expertise to make Liberty University the evangelical version of Notre Dame. Some of us are called to be preachers, that wasn't mine. I was called to make Liberty University the greatest Christian university's in the world and I couldn't have done that as a preacher." – Jerry Falwell, Jr.

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