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Destiny Church

Meggy- I only attended the Church a few times but saw enough (and felt enough) to move on. Firstly there was the tithing, which is fine and Scriptural but then they began asking for a 'Gold coin' or two dollar donation over and above the Tithe each week. This later evolved into giving an extra donation for future Church building and establishing a Political party.

The next step was when the Pastor made himself a Bishop and announced a New covenant with the Church. This meant that all the Men had to pay \$300 for a 'Covenant ring' with attached rules and regulations. Some of these rules were to not speak against the Bishop and a new campaign which asks families to give \$2000 over seven months.

The new campaign was called 'give it heaps' and was aiming to raise 3 million for a Destiny School.

Recently, the Pastor of the Brisbane, Australia destiny Church walked out in protest and took up to 100 of the congregation with him.

Also it has been revealed that the Pastor is paid an average of \$3000 every time he speaks at Church. If he speaks at a non local Destiny Church the fee's can be up to \$12000.

- * Salary from Destiny Auckland: \$200,000

- * Salary from Destiny Rotorua: \$148,500

- * Pastors' tithes: \$100,000

- * Speaking engagements: \$150,000

- * First Fruits: \$350,000 to \$500,000

Extras

- * Profits of messages sold at

Destiny Church pay for \$500,000 boat

- * All 20 Destiny Church branches are encouraged to give at least \$1000 to buy gifts for celebrations, including birthday, Christmas Day, anniversaries and Father's Day.

Meggy- There is no doubt that the Destiny church has and still does a lot of good in Society. Pastor Tamaki is a Maori and has helped many Maori people find God and improve their lives. I think the issue is related to the Pastors brothers. Both of his Brothers are big business men here in Rotorua in the tourism trade and I believe that the Pastor has encountered the 'Prosperity Theology'.

Early on in his Ministry I remember that he visited Pastor Eddie long in the U.S. Correct me if I'm wrong but i believe that Pastor Long is big on the Prosperity Theology?

Bless you Meggy- I hope you don't think i am too judgemental of this Church and any of my Christian brothers, I simply want to see the 'right' thing being done.

