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The Cowboy Church Movement: Lariat Ropes, Loud Mouth Women, and Loose Living.

Let me start off by saying that I personally know several men who are involved in the “cowboy church movement.” One is a man who has been divorced three times and is now on his fourth wife; he sings, preaches, and claims to be a “**faith healer**”.

(1 Timothy 3:2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach. How does the “cowboy church” where this man is, “two step” it’s way around this passage? The other man is a member of a church in a town nearby. He is a man who hardly ever went to church, but would frequent topless bars while his wife was at the casino gambling. Now his cowboy pastor calls him an “awesome man of God” just a couple of months after attending the “cowboy church”. I have interviewed him about the teachings and doctrines of his church and pastor. The reason being, all the websites I visited, to get some sort of doctrinal statement, were either vague, or referred to the Southern Baptist Church’s statement of faith. Why are they so afraid to put down what they believe? Maybe it’s because they don’t want to deal with sin and repentance during their sermons, lest it make someone sorry for their sins.

The atmosphere of this movement is of a western flavor, which, I have no problem with; I am as much of a “country bumpkin” as you could find. The issue is lariat ropes, water troughs, bales of hay, and such “décor” belongs out in the field, and with **REAL WORKING COWBOYS**, not in a so called house of God. These men I know that are members of these churches, not a single one is what you would call a cowboy. They don’t even own a horse, yet they like to “dress up” in their dime store apparel, and go and listen to someone make them feel good, and have a hoop hollering time. They talk about how blessed they feel, and how good God is, yet when asked if they ever feel conviction from the preaching for sin; they give that same “blank stare” that most Baptist’s give. For they have no idea what you’re asking them, because they never hear true, shell it to the cob, sin killing, barn burning, hell, fire, and brimstone preaching. So hold on to your boot straps, pull your cowboy hat down, and pull up your tight blue jeans ladies, and look at a few comments, and scriptures I have put down for you.

I want to address the liberal minded, sissy acting, silk panty wearing wimps, who will no doubt have the opinion that I shouldn’t be calling names. My response is your attitude just proves your lack of bible knowledge when it comes to dealing with religion that teaches things contrary to the word of God.

(1 Kings 18:27) And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. Here we see Elijah “mock” the prophets of Baal and after Elijah prays a 63 word prayer, the fire of God falls from Heaven and consumes all the offering, the wood, the dust, and all the water in the trenches. Elijah had the approval of God in this whole contest with the prophets of Baal, and yes, even the mocking of them. In **(1 Kings 18:40)** Elijah commands that all the false teachers be taken down to the brook Kishon and he kills every one of them. There are no murderous intents in my heart, but it is very clear how that God feels about false religion. **(Matthew 3: 7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?** John the Baptist called two of the main religions of that day, a bunch of vipers. Notice though the word of God names exactly what groups John was speaking to, yet **“Puppet Preachers”** in the day we live in are afraid to mention a false church by name, because they’re afraid it might cause a wallet to close up and hurt the preacher’s salary. Stand up, take the lace off of your underpants, and expose the damnable doctrines of false religions **(2 Peter 2:1)**.

I’ve already mentioned tight blue jean wearing women briefly, now let’s look a little closer to what God has to say about this. **(Deuteronomy 22:5) The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.**

The word “pertaineth” according to Strong’s Concordance means *something prepared, that is, any apparatus (as an implement, utensil, dress, vessel or weapon): - armor ([-bearer]), artillery, bag, carriage, + furnish, furniture, instrument, jewel, that is made of, X one from another, that which pertaineth, pot, + psaltery, sack, stuff, thing, tool, vessel, ware, weapon, + whatsoever.*

It is very simple and clear to see that a woman is not to wear, use, work, fight with, etc, that which belongs to a man. The argument is given by those who defend women wearing pants, that they are designed for them. If that be the case, then is it acceptable for a man to wear a dress? Their answer is always “NO”. So you want to keep the second part of that verse, and cut out the first phrase? The problem is that God hasn’t changed his mind on this, it is his Word, and a true child of God, male or female, once shown shouldn’t have a problem with it. **(John 14:21) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.**

Your response to the word of God shows your heart’s condition, if you truly love Christ, or if you’re just “Playing Cowboy Church.”

(1 Timothy 2:9) In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Here yet again we see instructions from God's word on a woman's place, and that her apparel should be modest, and not look like **"ten pounds of sausage in a five pound sack"** as my pastor says.

I invited a man that goes to one of these "cowboy churches", and one of his concerns about a group coming to our church for a revival effort was, would the evangelist "preach at them," the women, for wearing wranglers? My response was I didn't know; if he did, I would be shouting him on, if not, then God didn't bring it to his heart. If wearing blue jean pants was right for women, why was this man so concerned? Because his preacher's wife is the "Praise and Worship Leader", and since **(1 Timothy 2:12)** plainly tells us that a woman is not to "teach, not to usurp authority," I guess he was afraid they might be exposed for rebellion against the scripture!

This leads into the loose living part of the "cowboy church". When you have women in leadership, **(Isaiah 3:12) As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.**, and men that want to play dress up in western wear, it will lead you down the path to destruction. Many are falling for the cowboy church because of the fun and games, and the club house atmosphere of these churches. Women are leading them to err, and the preachers are allowing this, since they don't stand up and preach about men looking like men, and a woman looking like a lady. Both being in their places and living according to scriptures. It makes me wonder exactly what else they are cutting out of the old King James, to try to fit what matches their own desires. The sad thing is, although I have named the "cowboy church" in this article, these same things can be said about most so called Independent Fundamental Baptist Churches as well; I just thank God for the remnant, however small that may be.

I invite any who would like to reason with me **(Isaiah 1:18)**, to contact me through my church's website, and for other articles by my pastor at:

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