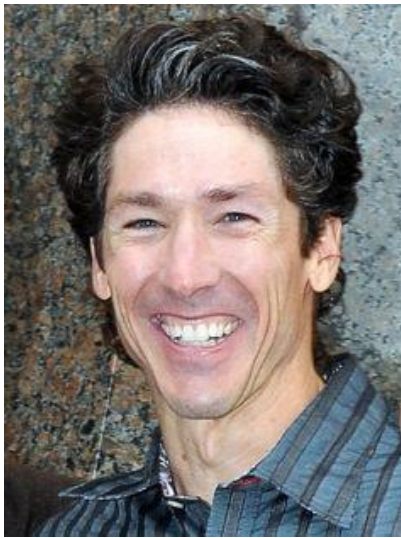


WHY IS JOEL OSTEEN THE MOST POPULAR PUBLIC SPEAKER ON PLANET EARTH?

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“His broad appeal means personalities ranging from Oprah Winfrey and John McCain to Khloe Kardashian have declared themselves fans. Osteen is also a best-seller machine, one of the biggest names in publishing. (His new book, *The Power of I Am*, debuted in October 2015 as a New York Times best-seller.) His net worth is reportedly somewhere between \$40 million and \$60 million.”

“The main event, on Saturday night, is part old-fashioned revival, part epic Christian rock concert.”

“Osteen is heavily involved with preproduction. Even after all of these shows, he’s still excited to see the booms, jibs and cranes. He has fun figuring out where the cameras go, like putting together a puzzle. A man walks slowly back and forth across the stage so Osteen can see how it looks on-screen.”

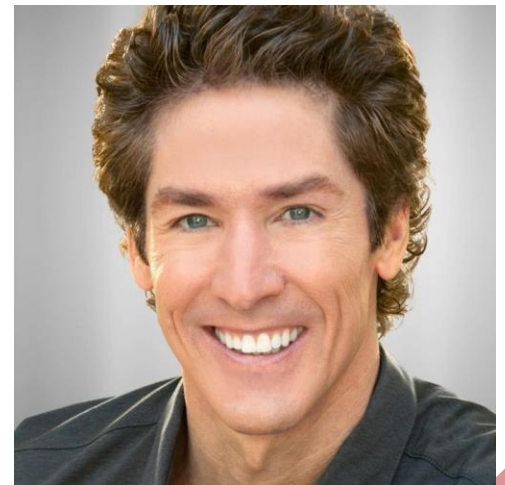
“Production value is of utter importance to Osteen. “It’s got to look good, and you’ve got to be precise. There’s so much competing for the viewer’s attention

these days.”

“This dedication to a glossy, attractive final product—to “those 40 inches”—is part of the formula for Osteen’s success. There’s also his eternally positive message. He’s often called “the smiling preacher,” and he intentionally avoids using words like Hell or sin. He never says “Satan” or “evil,” instead preferring expressions like “the enemy,” which could mean any challenge, from an intense crisis of faith to mere self-doubt. Osteen is a motivational speaker with a religious bent, which makes him highly accessible and also a target for criticism.”

“As a policy, he never asks for money, although in his words, “We’re obviously blessed, and blessed with the ability to be generous and bless others.” He says he just wants to make people happy. He wants to deliver the gift of warm feelings. And every day he seems truly surprised by the way life has unfolded.”

“God is smiling down on ya tonight,” Joel tells the crowd. “He doesn’t even need to look through the roof; he can look right down on you. God is for you. The most powerful force in the universe is on your side tonight! All you have to say is, ‘God, I want to receive what you have for me tonight.’” He adds: “This is going to be your best year so far!”



“God is going to help you with whatever you’re facing,” Victoria says. “**You already have everything you need inside you.**”

“She tells a story about a time she made chocolate milk but got a phone call before she could drink the whole thing. She explains that when she came back, 30 minutes later, all the chocolate had settled to the bottom of the glass.

“Sometimes those good things settle to the bottom, and we don’t believe we can do what God called us to do. **You need to take a God-spoon and stir up your faith with everything that’s in you.**” Victoria repeats “**chocolate milk**” over and over—**positive words.**”

But the Bible Says:

Romans 16:17-18, “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences **contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned**; and avoid them. For **they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ**, but their own belly; and **by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**”

Psalms 5:9-10, “For **there is no faithfulness in their mouth**; their inward part is **very wickedness**; their throat is an open sepulchre; **they flatter with their tongue.** Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have **rebelled** against thee.”

Psalms 12:2-4, “**They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.** The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: **who is lord over us?**”

Psalms 36:1-4, “**The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.** For **he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.** The **words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit**: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; **he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.**”

Proverbs 20:19, “He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore **meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.**”

Proverbs 26:28, “A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and **a flattering mouth worketh ruin.**”

Proverbs 28:23, “**He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.**”

Proverbs 29:5, “**A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.**”

2 Corinthians 11:3-4, “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent **beguiled** Eve through his **subtilty**, so your minds should be **corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ. For **if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or **if ye receive another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”



2 Corinthians 11:13-15, “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 Peter 2:1-2, “But there were **false prophets also among the people**, even as **there shall be false teachers among you**, who privily shall bring in **damnable heresies**, even **denying the Lord that bought them**, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And **many shall follow their pernicious ways**; by reason of whom **the way of truth shall be evil spoken of**.”

2 Timothy 3:1-7, “This know also, that in the **last days perilous times shall come**. For men shall be **lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof**: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**.”



2 Peter 3:3-7, “Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts, And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”



Jude 1:4, “For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and **denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ**.”

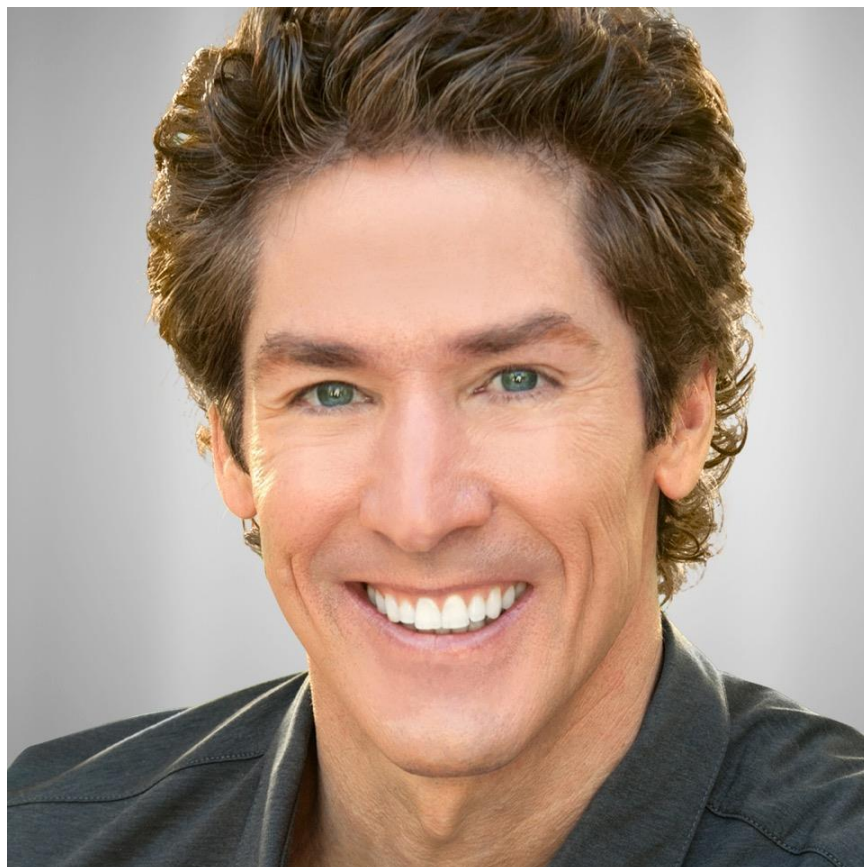
Jude 1:10, “But these **speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally**, as **brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves**.”

Jude 1:12-16, “**These are spots in your feasts of charity**, when they feast with you, feeding themselves **without fear**: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; **trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots**; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, **To execute judgment upon all**, and to convince all that are **ungodly** among them of all their **ungodly** deeds which they have **ungodly** committed, and **of all their hard speeches** which **ungodly sinners** have spoken against him. These are

murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.”

Isaiah 8:19-20, “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

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LUKE 6: 24- 26 “BUT WOE UNTO YOU THAT ARE RICH! FOR YE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CONSOLATION. WOE UNTO YOU THAT ARE FULL! FOR YE SHALL HUNGER. WOE UNTO YOU THAT LAUGH NOW! FOR YE SHALL MOURN AND WEEP. WOE UNTO YOU, WHEN ALL MEN SHALL SPEAK WELL OF YOU! FOR SO DID THEIR FATHERS TO THE FALSE PROPHETS.”