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### **GAMBLING & MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE**

[http://www.worldmag.com/2013/10/no\\_bluffing/page1](http://www.worldmag.com/2013/10/no_bluffing/page1) NO BLUFFING October 18, 2013, (Edited by DCB) - When you thought you had read just about everything you find out that Moody's "...board chairman and top author Jerry B. Jenkins is among Christians who have taken up tournament poker." Jenkins, a well known author, "has sold over 70 million copies of his novels and nonfiction works." He is a "former vice president of publishing at Moody Bible Institute" and "now volunteers as chairman of the school's board of trustees."

According to the Global Poker Index data, "Jenkins has won \$8,065 at two casinos, including \$4,580 at Commerce Casino near Los Angeles during the 2008 California State Poker Championship, where the buy-in was \$1,500 (plus an \$80 fee to the casino). He also had poker tournament winnings from 2010 and 2012 at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind., a 30-minute drive from downtown Chicago." However, Jenkins has decided not to play in Hammond any longer as "It's too close to Chicago." As an unpaid trustee Jenkins is "not required to submit to Moody's employee guidelines. But Jenkins said the school expects trustees to be professing Christians and to 'exhibit the biblical characteristics of an elder.'" Jenkins who is 64, would not say what his annual income is but he did say he was a "high-income person" and has enjoyed a few "pretty flush years with the Left Behind series. ... You can do the math."

Luke 23:34 "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."

### **CHRISTIAN LAWYERS**

<http://blogs.theprovince.com/2013/10/22/editorial-critics-of-law-school-at-christian-trinity-western-university-are-also-being-bigots-too/> 22 October, 2013 Critics of law school at Christian Trinity Western University are also being bigots - (Edited by DCB) - Anyone but a Christian; so say the critic of a "proposed law school at Trinity Western University." Why? Because "TWU insists that its students agree to" "abstain from sexual intimacy that violates the sacredness of marriage between a man and a woman." This says the protestors "discriminates against homosexuals and that the school would be tainted by that alleged discrimination." However, "Lawyers and judges of many faiths and ideological views have always practised law professionally; the system's checks and

balances ensures that everyone's rights are protected. Whether Canada actually needs more lawyers, well that's another story."

### **DOING CHURCH?**

<http://holysoup.com/2013/10/23/dont-serve-outside-our-church/> Don't Serve Outside Our Church October 23, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - According to this article some pastors and churches have a myopic view which is "killing the mission of the church—especially among the young. Millennials, who are eager to serve, simply do not get the church's possessiveness when it comes to volunteers. It's a major turn-off that is contributing to the Millennials' flight from the church altogether." This "Clutching volunteers also corrodes the public's perception of the meaning of 'church'—as a self-serving institution, in a building, that meets at a certain time during the week." Reggie McNeal says "The big issue for the church is not how to do church better. We've been doing church better and better and better with the result of an increasing disaffection. The real question for the American church is how to BE the church better. How do you be church where people already are? How do you take church to the people instead of just expecting people to come to church?"

This contemporary seeking to "be church" and "do church better" may be a problem to some but the Scriptures are clear about how God's churches should operate and how God's people should serve and live as members of His churches in this sin cursed world!

### **ANOTHER SHARIA NATION**

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2013/October/Sharia-Soon-to-Be-Law-of-the-Land-in-Brunei/> 22 October, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - As Muslims are catered for in Australia and most Western nations as a minority "The leader of Brunei announced Tuesday that Islamic Sharia law will soon be the law of the land." This oil rich country will within the next six months have Sharia law enforced upon its people which "include penalties like amputation for theft and stoning for adultery." Does anyone at the UN care for the "Buddhist, Christians, and people of indigenous beliefs" who will suffer greatly, yea perhaps even be put to death, when Sharia becomes the law of Brunei?

### **W O M E N B I B L E S C H O L A R S**

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2013/october/being-female-bible-scholar-lynn-cohick-philippians-zonderva.html> The Double-Edged Sword of Being a Female Bible Scholar- 17 October, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - Zondarvan is launching "its brand-new The Story of God Bible Commentary..." "One of the first volumes in the series is by Lynn Cohick, professor of New Testament at Wheaton College." You can read the article but I found this comment interesting. "I ...like your comments...about the impact of an interpreter's own personal traits (gender, nationality, socio-economic situation, etc) on the hermeneutical process. And, just as 'maleness' is often the unspoken assumed 'standard' for interpretation, so is the 'American, white' viewpoint. This is an exciting time for the Church Universal to mature in interpretation, given more inclusion of female and global voices. I write some about this in...my book... A Scriptural Theology of Eucharistic Blessings." Does any of this surprise you?

Because of Calvary,  
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