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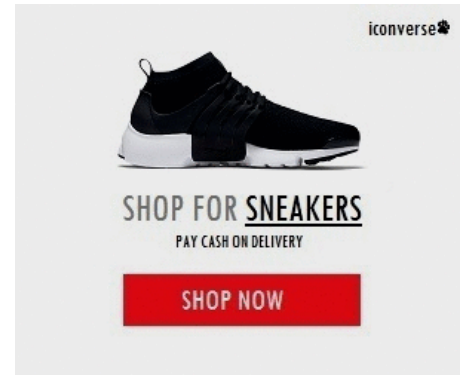


Pastor E A Adeboye

The General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Enoch Adeoye, has justified his ownership of a private jet, saying it is necessary for efficiency in his assignment.

Adeboye, who oversees churches in about 160 countries, stated this in an interview with Aljazeera, a global news channel aired on Saturday.

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The interview was part of a documentary on the RCCG's monthly Holy Ghost Congress, and revolved around the veracity of the miracles and the wealth of preachers and heads of churches.

Aljazeera's Mohammed Adow, questioned the ownership of the palatial residences and the private jets by Nigerian church leaders, who he said had become wealthy through miracle preaching.

In response, Adeboye said a private jet was a necessity for him.

He said, "There are things you need, which you must have if you are to be efficient."

Adow then said, "And a private jet is one of them?"



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Adeboye replied, "If you have to oversee churches in 160 nations, you can't do that on a bicycle."

Earlier, Adow said many of the worshippers, who often number over half a million, flock to the Holy Ghost Congress service to seek a release from the harsh economic reality in the country.

"If the people have not been getting their miracles, by now, they would have stopped coming. If you listen to some of the testimonies, you will hear of miracles of healing, miracles of deliverance, miracles of child birth; miracles of success in academics etc," Adeboye said.

The documentary, which lasted two-and-half minutes, ended with the commentator saying, "More and more Nigerians are convincing themselves that their government has gone to sleep, so to the pastors, they rush for help."

In recent times, some Nigerian preachers and heads of churches have come under heavy criticism for purchasing private jets.

Many Nigerians have argued that is wrong pastors to own private jets in a country where most of the population live below the poverty line.

One of the most criticised is the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria and General Overseer of The Word of Life Bible Church, who got a private jet as a present during the celebration of his birthday and his 40th anniversary on the pulpit.

Other heads of churches who own private jets include Bishop David Oyedepo, the head of the Living Faith Church Worldwide; and Pastor Chris Oyakhilome, who heads Christ Embassy.



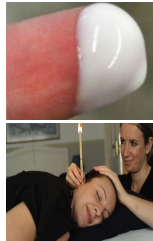
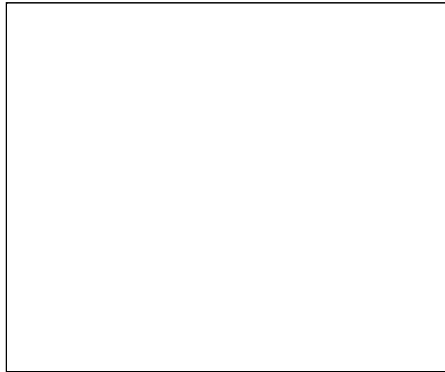
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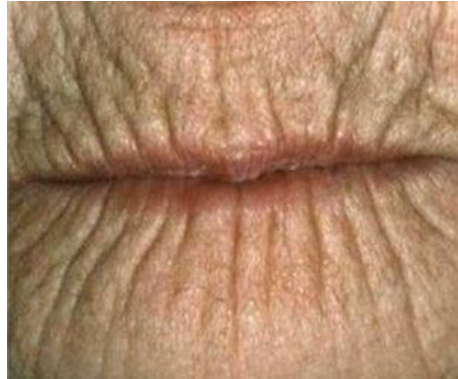
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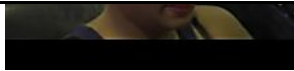
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I would trully like to debate him at any point in time. His actions are ruthless!

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Preye Tambou → Joseph Ozgis Akomodi • 4 years ago

Joseph O. Akomodi are you sure you are for Christ? Are you like the musician who sang that "We believe in God but does He believe in us?" You are talking out of point. Which impact have you and your family member made to this nation and this world? I think your problem is that your trying to create attenion to yourself. If you want to be popular go and look for other miss okay. As for you Niyi Akinola, tell me something. Are you are among those theologians who know and qoute the scriptures without having a deep and divine revelation about them. What is wrong if a pastor need/have a jet to accomplish higher task for God. Tell me, if you are being blessed and presented cars, houses, jets, wealths and others just because you are a blessing to people and just to make your ministry easier for you run to

the glory of God, won't you collect the gifts? Tell me, is God foolish to make King Solomon and believers and others rich in this world? Or are you also like Joseph O. Akomodi who's fame and popularity oriented? And to all those who's criticizing rich men and women, pastors especially pastor E. A. Adeboye(RCCG), you have not tasted of the true blessing of God and don't understand what His favour entails. My advice...go and search the scripture. Reinvent yourself and start making and living your own positive legacy. Bless!

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi → Preye Tambou • 4 years ago

Preye Tambou, I do not warship men I warship God. Most of the Pastors this days are nothing but idiotic. I am more religious than any of the so called Pastors. Where in the Bible is it stated that a pastor of any church when their warshippers cannot even afford to go the same school they created because of the price tag. This are not men of God they are men of the devils and the rath of God is upon each an everyone of them. I cannot have a myopic mind like you guys I would stand for what is right. That is pure recklessness.

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ode → Joseph Ozgis Akomodi • 4 years ago

Debate thieving and convicted politicians instead. Your wish is not well thought out. You might as well debate Dangote for buying a jet. Has it occurred to you that it is the end that justifies the means? Pastor Adeboye's assignment calls for the purchase of the jet. In any event I'm pretty sure his job description and itinerary are unknown to you. Have a rethink citizen!

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mushroom Pastors are doing. At least Dangote is a thief and he does not hide it just like other politicians.

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Niyi Akinola • 4 years ago

When Jesus wanted to enter Jerusalem, he didn't enter on a horse, but a donkey. Secondly, he didn't buy the donkey, he borrowed it. The lesson is that if God truly sends you on an errand, he will definitely provide you with the means of getting there. I don't think a pastor needs to flaunt his wealth under the guise of working for God. The people are suffering.

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emmanuel → Niyi Akinola • 4 years ago

if you dont have anything to say is better you keep quite

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi → Niyi Akinola • 4 years ago

Niyi that is the point, this filthy men have polluted the principle of God's churches.

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi • 4 years ago

This is the most ridiculous statements I have ever heard from anyone in my life time. The question to him was how did he oversees those churches before he bought him self a private jet? It is atrocious that a leader of any church in poor Africa continents where children cannot afford to eat three square meals will justified his buying a jet as appropriate. It is synical and reckless for him to even remotely alluded to that. Pastors of nowadays are worst than Nigerian politicians. They hide under the cannopy that they are men of God while they do worst things to humanity. No pastors should ever own a jet if people are still starving in any Nation. I would referred to his claims as idiotic and reckless in all shape or form. Churches are supposed to serve as humanitarian to all people of all races and helping poor people regardless of their affilations. That is what

churches in the olden days does. What has happened to our church leaders nowadays that all they are interested in, is how to use the name of God in vain to get rich and wealthy. They would all go to hell. The Lord Jesus Christ never flew in planes not to talk of owning a jet. This is absurd.

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Revealed → Joseph Ozgis Akomodi · 4 years ago

Late Margerate Thatcher rode the train...Queen Elizabeth flies Commercial to Official duties in Australia...Bills gates flies commercial (and yet is committed to eradication of polio in Nigeria)...What the F**k is wrong with our people? There is no justification for this reckless form of robbery...until the church fulfills Acts 2:48, then these men of God should be taxed fully and their taxes cancelled...and Who is 'Emmanuel'...Ltd? the Coy to whom the jet is registered...Naive Nigerian...wake up!!!!

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emmanuel → Joseph Ozgis Akomodi · 4 years ago

Are these men of God your president?

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ode → Joseph Ozgis Akomodi · 4 years ago

Your observations are misplaced, misconceived and mischievous. A calm reflection of the issues will show that to be the truth. Read my comments on this for a better understanding of the issues involved. So long, Citizen Joe!

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi → ode · 4 years ago

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decided to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? Is because of people like you who will see things and refused to call a spade a spade.

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ade · 4 years ago

Our problem as Nigerians is that, we like creating problem instead of solving one. The question we should ask ourselves is "what impact or changes have I made in the life of people around me". The bible says "the gift of a man will make way for him". So many people have been blessed through the gift God gave these pastors you are criticising 'because of an action'. Stop criticizing and use your gift to help others.

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi → ade · 4 years ago

I laugh at men's stupidity! Is it because they come to the altar and tell their followers that they have seen a vision for them. What a nonsense. What impact concretely does Pastor Adebayo have on the society. He is as corrupt as the Politicians themselves. At least I have seen him in the United States how they lived a lavish life.

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emmanuel → ade · 4 years ago

good talk man

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oshe · 4 years ago

For pastors not buying a private jet will not stop starvation or poverty. For easy movement and attending functions it's very good they have their own jets, not only wealthy businessmen can own a jet men of God can also own a jet. Didn't see something wrong about it.

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi → oshe · 4 years ago

The moral ethical standard for all christ like people or church leaders was to preach the world of God and be there for those who cannot help themselves in another words to serve as a humanitarian gesture to all humans. How many of those churches following the true principles of serving God. The answer of course is capital No. So tell me what is their moral justifications for him to buy a jet when he can enter first class of any flight at any point in time to any part of the world. Then he should equully invented a flying car that would fly them from one place to another without traffic. It is absurd and religiously carlous. If he did not buy a jet and those money are diverted for humanitarian services it would help to ease the struggle of his church members or non church members.

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douglas → Joseph Ozgis Akomodi • 4 years ago

Bros who told u those pastors dnt follow the true principle of serving God? We always complain about pastors n jets wat about pastors with jeeps n there church members are suffering? ur pastor I guess he has a car are they nt church member in ur church who are suffering? He should sale his car n feed them nah. We just keep pointing finger when thsame tin is going on right under ur nose.

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi → douglas • 4 years ago

They are using the name of God in vain and they would all be judge by their deceit.

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Sam → oshe • 4 years ago

What did Jesus says to the rich man? He said: sell what you have and offer it to

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is it that the prince of peace (Christ) will resort to a humble background and to be born in a manger when he is the king of kings? why did Jesus washed the foot of his disciples? Why did Jesus turned to peter and said: "If you love me feed my ship" knowing fully that peter was the head. This goes on and on. The answer can be summarized under service to humanity. You don't take away from the poor to enrich yourself using the word of God. Most pastors uses the scriptures for personal enrichment while the people entrusted in their care in in abject poverty. The message of Christ is about the cross, humility and charity. The catholic church is rich, not even the pope owns a private jet. These poor people in the church contribute to build universities for these pastors and they cannot afford to send their kids to those schools, what a shame... Nigeria must wake up from religious slavery of the body, soul and spirit. God loves everyone.

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Joseph Ozgis Akomodi → Sam • 4 years ago

Well said by you Sam. They will take the world of God and twist it to deceive their followers who could not reason beyond their noses. When you open your mouth to critiques them, they called you anti Christ. They are the one who is not leaving a christ like life. Shame on them.

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No true man of God should owe more than seven clothes (One for each day), and none should live in a house with more than three rooms, or use transport that is above the average transport of the least member of their congregation, especially in a land where 90% sometimes go to bed hungry.

When Jesus was told that people listening to him were hungry, of course He and his Apostles were even more hungry, but when he blessed the bread and fish he did not feed Himself and His Apostles first, No He asked them to feed the people first, and whatever is left they eat. That is a true shepherd!

True shenberd never live above his sheep excerpnt to protect them with his lifal