

When the Prosperity Gospel Steals

You've heard the example of cashing a check against your heavenly bank account in the name of Jesus. Well, a senior citizen in East Tennessee has taken the notion a few steps further.

Sixty-nine-year-old Barbara Whitt and 43-year-old Michael Whitt pleaded guilty in federal court in Greeneville to stealing more than \$1.5 million from the First Baptist Church of Morristown, according to a report in *The Citizen Tribune*.

"A high school-educated woman who managed to steal more than \$1.5 million from First Baptist Church of Morristown will be booked into a federal prison in July. Her son, who reportedly spent most of the money, will be going away at the same time," the story reports. "Mrs. Whitt cashed more than 1,600 checks totaling \$1,514,593 over a 34-month period on the church's general-fund bank account."