

After \$65 Million Jet Flap, Kirk Franklin Questions Creflo Dollar's Character

It's time to get our priorities straight, says musician Kirk Franklin.

And priorities should not include a \$65 million jet when millions across the world are suffering.

"When a pastor wants people to buy him a private plane while a missionary in Somalia bathes children with sores, that's a shortage of character," Franklin writes. "When I camouflage my 'greeds' to look like 'needs,' that's a shortage of character."

Dollar said in a video campaign for a new private jet, which has since been canceled, that he needs a new jet to further the spread of the gospel.

Financing of the jet would have required hundreds from Dollar's supporters.

"If all of our existing partners were to sow \$300 each, from all over the world, we'd be able to acquire this jet in a very, very short period of time," said Rick Hayes, project manager.

But for Franklin, it goes beyond the asking of money, and into the heart. It's not about laws, but rather about how to integrate morality into our choices.

"I agree you cannot legislate morality in our culture, but you cannot avoid holding people accountable," Franklin writes. "You can't let people slide by just because they are charismatic and can 'kill' a room. We don't have a shortage of greatness, we have a shortage of character."