

Rick Warren: Ministries Should Refuse Government Aid

Popular Pastor Rick Warren said any organization that sees evangelism as a priority should not take government money.

The pastor of Saddleback Community Church in California told Washington reporters he's refused millions the Obama and Bush administrations offered in support of his ministry's global relief efforts.

Warren said he turned down the money because he won't let aid restrictions stop him from telling people about Jesus Christ.

He also pointed out many foreign countries now reject U.S. aid that's conditional on their acceptance of abortion or gay rights.

Warren said officials in dozens of countries have told him their values aren't for sale.