

# **Top of the Week: Radical Young Street Preacher Beating Up the Enemy With Bold Approach**

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## **Radical Young Street Preacher Beating Up the Enemy With Bold Approach**

Isaiah Saldivar, known as a part of a group called the Demon Slayers, has spoken in over 500 churches, at conferences and other events. He travels and preaches a message of revival and repentance.

Through his podcasts and social media, his ministry reaches 6 to 8 million people each week, and he has over 750,000 subscribers to his YouTube channel. Not many would doubt he is doing his part to spread the gospel of Christ in this chaotic world.

But even Saldivar says he has become impressed by a young man named David Mapalo, a Gen Zer who has become an overnight social media phenomenon because he is unabashedly sharing the Good News of Christ anywhere, anytime.

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## **Why Are So Many Churches Still Teaching the Prosperity Gospel?**

In recent years, an intriguing transformation has taken place

within the landscape of American Christianity. A study conducted by Lifeway Research in September 2022 reveals that a growing number of American Protestant churchgoers are embracing the teachings of the prosperity gospel.

This controversial belief system suggests that financial prosperity is a divine blessing attainable through increased donations to churches and charities. Such a trend raises important questions about the evolving spiritual landscape in the United States and its implications for the Christian faith.

A Lifeway Research study reveals that 52% of churchgoers now affirm that their church teaches God will bless them if they donate more—a significant increase from the 38% recorded in 2017. Additionally, 76% of respondents believe that God desires financial prosperity for them, up from 69% in 2017. The belief that individuals must take action to earn material blessings has also risen to 45%, from just 26% in 2017.

### **Tim Sheets: What Profound Changes Are We About to See in Washington, D.C.?**

Standing in Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C., earlier this month, pastor, apostle and prophet Tim Sheets declared a prophetic word over the United States of America for the month of September, a word he says is one of the most powerful prophecies he's ever received from God.

The senior pastor of Oasis Church in Middletown, Ohio, Sheets says he was recently "very burdened" for America. He prayed and interceded for the nation, for which he felt much grief, given the current status of our culture and government.

It is a prophetic word Sheets believes is so crucial that he wanted to deliver it on video on the grounds near the White House.

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## **Massive X Response to Trump-Carlson Interview, Comments on Biden, Elections, Future of US**

Former President Donald Trump bypassed the Republican debate on Wednesday night, opting instead for an in-depth interview with Tucker Carlson that quickly racked up over 100 million views on X. In the interview, Trump fielded questions about his absence from the debate, the potential for a civil war, and even concerns about an assassination attempt. Posted to X just five minutes before the debate started, the event's views surpassed 180 million by Thursday morning, according to Newsweek. The current X viewership stats for the interview are over 254 million. Comparisons arose with Carlson's recent interview of GOP candidate Vivek Ramaswamy, which drew 44 million views in a week.

*Ep. 19 Debate Night with Donald J Trump*

*– Tucker Carlson (@TuckerCarlson) August 24, 2023*

Trump's explanation for skipping the debate focused on his substantial lead in polls. "I'm leading by [40] points," he stated, reasoning that while he enjoys answering questions, a crowded stage wouldn't be productive. "So, I've taken a pass."

### **How to Spend Your Time With God**

Once you decide to spend time each day in the presence of the Lord, you may wonder what you're supposed to do during that time.

Many people assume I spend the majority of that time praying. I spend much of my time waiting upon the Lord and worshipping. I wait upon the Lord to quicken me (Ps. 80:18).

It might surprise you to read this, but I have come to believe that prayer in and of itself is not necessarily powerful. After all, religious people pray. Even well-meaning Christians try to put a spiritual label on things they are doing in the

flesh, even spiritual practices such as prayer, fasting and praise. {eoa}

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