

Count Me Out

On August 22, 2010, during Sunday Evening Story-Time, the 'teaching elder' told a tale of a man who was 'padding his numbers on his internet site with a program that would force his visitor counter continually upward'. The Cunning Royal Jester said 'anybody in **advertising** knows how to do that'. Well, I am 'in advertising' and I never heard of it. But since he brought it up, will say that I'm not surprised that there are programs available to jump up numbers, even though I was unaware of them before.

Some preachers frequently pull verses and portions of them out of context, with which they teach incorrect doctrine. Here is an example of how they could mis-use scriptures and mis-apply them to a particular situation:

2 Sam 18:1-a And David numbered the people that were with him,

2 Sam 24:10-a And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people.

Personally, I don't feel bad about having had a visitor counter on my website for over 10 years. It was a common feature at the time it was initially set up. I never realized it could be suggested of number inflating.

1 Cor 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

Many factors, even desperation or fear, can motivate a person to make false accusations in an effort to lessen the credibility of an opposing position. I just had my visitor counter removed, so now, no one can see how **MANY** people hit my website daily. Actually, after I 'thought about it' no one should follow a crowd anyway. The website is maintained because of my desire to provide informative studies and sensible messages, that do not isolate and disregard 80% of God's word of truth. The number of folks who view and study with www.magnifiedword.com should not be influenced by what others do or don't do, nor of what a jester may say or not say. I don't need to know the numbers because I go with the verses.

The VERSES speak for themselves and I am pointing them out.

Psa 107:8-9 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

If you're hungry, the table is set and ready. The food is plentiful, good, and free, so eat all you want.

Matt 22:9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

As for counting the number of guests, it is unnecessary. All are welcome.

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"

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