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## **Rev. Anthony Evans, President of The National Black Church Initiative Calls Evangelist Billy Graham A Man Of The Gospel**

*He was a soldier for Christ*

**Washington, DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, calls Billy Graham a man of the Gospel and a soldier for Christ. Rev. Graham's life mirrors what a minister's life should be about. That is, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He never got tired of preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, that He was born and that He died for our sins so that we may have salvation and that we will be heirs to God's Kingdom.

Rev. Anthony Evans President of the National Black Church Initiative says, "The National Black Church Initiative's message to young and all clergy, do not make the model of your ministry anything other than preaching the Gospel and moderate living. T.D. Jakes Ministry is not the panacea of the Gospel profession. It is simply a variation on the theme. Model your ministry after Billy Graham, who kept it simple, eloquent and powerful, to talk about the goodness, the mercy and the love of Christ. He never wavered, and money was never the focus."

The number one reason why some ministers are in trouble with God and why churches do not possess moral influence today, is that they refuse to just preach Christ's crucifixion and the saving message of the Gospel. They believe they need to dress it up and package it for every segment in their congregation. Billy Graham rejects this approach to ministry. He simply and eloquently called us to repent for our sins, accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and live a life of holiness.

Another reason why clergy get in trouble is because they try to exegete the Holy text of the Gospel. In other words, they try to read into Scripture what is not there. Homosexuality is a perfect case and point. The reason why God blessed Billy Graham with moral character, a growing and sustained ministry, a loving family and a long life is because he never strayed away from the message of Christ's Gospel. That is to repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

The reality television show called the L.A Preachers, clearly contradicts the life and the teachings of Billy Graham. That show exemplified the excessive abuse of the Gospel and the rationalization of the Gospel. The show illustrated ministers in the most expensive and outrageous cars and homes, and showed their materialism. It also underscores the crisis that ministries confront as a result of misinterpreting the central theme of the Gospel.

Billy Graham on the other hand understood very clearly that if you are not preaching about Christ and how he was crucified, and if you are doing anything other than moderate living, you undermine the Gospel and the Word of God. This is why the show L.A. Preachers could never last. Because ministers like Billy Graham set the pattern for ministers to be modest, humble, moderate, compassionate and simply loving of the Gospel.

### **ABOUT NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting-edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).