

## **AN EMBARRASSMENT TO “CHRISTIANITY”**

One of the main headlines on the internet yesterday was the Crystal Cathedral’s request for help for the preacher’s sick wife to be given food while she is battling pneumonia. The headline said: “Bankrupt Church Wants Donations for Pastor’s Sick Wife Ferried in Limo.”

Robert Schuller built a multimillion dollar cathedral for his megachurch in California by preaching a positive mental attitude gospel. He does not declare the whole counsel of God as Paul did (**Acts 20:27**). Because his message was inoffensive, he was the one televangelist who was not pilloried by the media for scandal.

However, he lived like the rest of the televangelists who had a multinational broadcast ministry. They spend money to get on the air, and then ask for donations to remain on the air. Somehow, there is always enough money of the “struggling” ministry to provide the preacher and his family large houses and expensive clothing and cars. These things are portrayed as proof of their health and wealth message of God blessing the faithful.

The Schuller family borrowed \$10 million from the church endowment fund to be paid their salaries. The church filed for bankruptcy two weeks ago, and will sell their property for \$51,500,000.

Now those who have mishandled the church finances have requested that members send food via limousines for Mrs. Schuller. It is good for members to pitch in and help the sick (**Matt. 25:36**), and maybe she can’t have anyone enter the house—but limo delivery? What is wrong with this picture?

*“By their fruits you will know them.”* (**Matt. 7:20**) In a song, Ray Stevens asked a good question, “Would Jesus wear a Rolex on His television show?”

Answer: **Luke 9:58**