Money and God

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PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
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SOUNDS:
Intro music to the program while the announcer speaks.
Sound of dial tone for when the call is cut off.
A hang up sound.

This is a spoof of radio and television programs where the preacher seems to be more interested in getting money then helping people or promoting God. The name PASTOR MELIKA MONEY (me like a money) just comes from a play on words. It would be best if PASTOR MONEY had a Jamaican accent like Madame Cleo.

ANNOUNCER
Put your hands together and get your credit cards ready, it is time for everyone's favorite preacher on money, finances and God. That's right it's time for MONEY AND GOD with your host PASTOR MELIKA MONEY.

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Hello, welcome, and Praise the Lord. Today we will be a talking about giving to the Lord through his many worthy causes. But before we get to that, I want to encourage you to call in with your questions and donations. The number is 1-900-555-MONEY. It is only $4.95 a minute with a minimum charge of $20. Now back to our topic for today. God speaks clearly in his word about giving and that we are to go over and above the tithe. The reason for this is that God knew in his infinite wisdom

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that many ministries, like ours, would need you to call in and support. And would you looky here, we have our first caller. Caller go ahead.

CALLER 1
Ah, yeah, hi.

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Hello and welcome to the show. What is your question?

CALLER 1
Well, I have been tithing all my life. However, I am very broke and would have to have my family starve to be able to give more, but my wife who listens to you all the time says we have to give more. Could you please clear this up for me?

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Certainly, God tells us that we are to go above and beyond the tithe. Remember the old lady who gave all that she had before Jesus and he mentioned how great she was. It is the same for us. Momma always say, "You ain't be worth nut'in until you walk a mile in your shoes." Sure it may hurt a bit, but it is what God wants.

CALLER 1
What? But if I do that my kids will go hungry.

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Well, you could get a second job to support your extra giving. Of course, you will have to tithe off of that income as well.

CALLER 1
I just don't think that is what God...
(Call is cut off)

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Who is the expert here? Sometimes the truth is hard to take, but we must be ready to do what God asks. Momma always say, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't milk him." That caller will never see financial blessing with an attitude like that. Which brings me to my next point about tithing. It is required. God establishing tithing all the way back with Cain and Abel and expects it from all of us today. Oh, look we have another caller. Caller you are on with Pastor Money.

CALLER 2
Hello.

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Hello.

CALLER 2
Well, first of all, I have been on hold for ten minutes and do not think that I should have to pay for that time.

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Melika understands; however, Melika has to pay the bills also. How is Melika going to ride around in his new Lexus if I let everyone get a free ride?

CALLER 2
What? It isn't a free ride. Oh, never mind. I called to ask a question about where we are supposed to tithe. I have heard that we are supposed to support our local church, and yet you mention that we are to support programs like you. Can you clear this up for me?

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
I sure can. Your church is very important, but there are plenty of other people there to support it. God has placed it a calling on certain people's lives to support ministries like me. So, in your case, send your tithe to support us.

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CALLER 2
Well, ok, if you say so. You are the expert. Thanks.
(Hangs up)

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Your welcome. Remember that God places many many people in your church to support your pastor. He is probably calling you to tithe to me to help keep this ministry afloat. Wow, the board is lighting up tonight. Let's go straight to our next caller. Caller you are on the air.

CALLER 3
Pastor Money?

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Yes, you are on with Pastor Money. What is your question?

CALLER 3
My question comes from the Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:7 which states, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." With this in mind, where do you get off telling people they have to get second jobs and such to support charlatans like you?

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
I can see that you have spent ten seconds looking into God's word, but it is obvious that you have not done an exhaustive search. That one verse which is taken out of context does not state what you are trying to say. Momma always say, “You shouldn’t be sticking your nose in where can get dirty.” You should leave the research to the professionals.

CALLER 3
I thought you might say something like that. After all I heard the caller last

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night that you broke down to tears. Let me ask you this. Jesus had the single biggest ministry on the planet. How much money does it say he collected to support himself?

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Well, the scriptures don't say, but...

CALLER 3
(Interrupting)
They don't say because if he did collect money it was not important. As a matter of fact it seems clear that he did not collect money since he did not even purchase the donkey he rode into Jerusalem on.

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Yeah, but it does talk about Judas carrying a moneybag.

CALLER 3
Yes it does. We are told that Judas was suspected of being the betrayer because he held the bag of money. Do you know why?

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Well...

CALLER 3
(Interrupting)
It is because Jesus tells them in Matthew 10 not to accept any money for what they do in the name of God. Which is exactly what you are doing!

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
Well, that is because it takes a lot of money to support a ministry like this.

CALLER 3
Yes it does, but you have gone beyond that. It is obvious that you love money. God has a lot to say about the love of money being the root of all evil, and your program...

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(Cut off.)

PASTOR MELIKA MONEY
(Interrupting)
Darn, we are out of time today. Please turn in next time, when we will be discussing how to get the maximum tax credit out of your donation to us. I'm Pastor Melika Money for Money and God telling you that if it doesn't hurt you aren't giving enough. Give and Praise the Lord.

THE END.

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