

## Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous Laodiceans – Joyce Meyer



I thank you Lord that I am richer than all these other people  
Hello, I'm Joyce Meyer and I'm rich! In fact I'm rich AND famous. I'm so rich and famous that the St. Louis Post Dispatch did a whole [series of stories](#) about me called [From Fenton to Fortune in the name of God](#).

I'll bet you'd all like to know how I got so rich. Well, let me tell you the first thing I did was get a good obedient husband. Here's a photo of me and my husband Dave



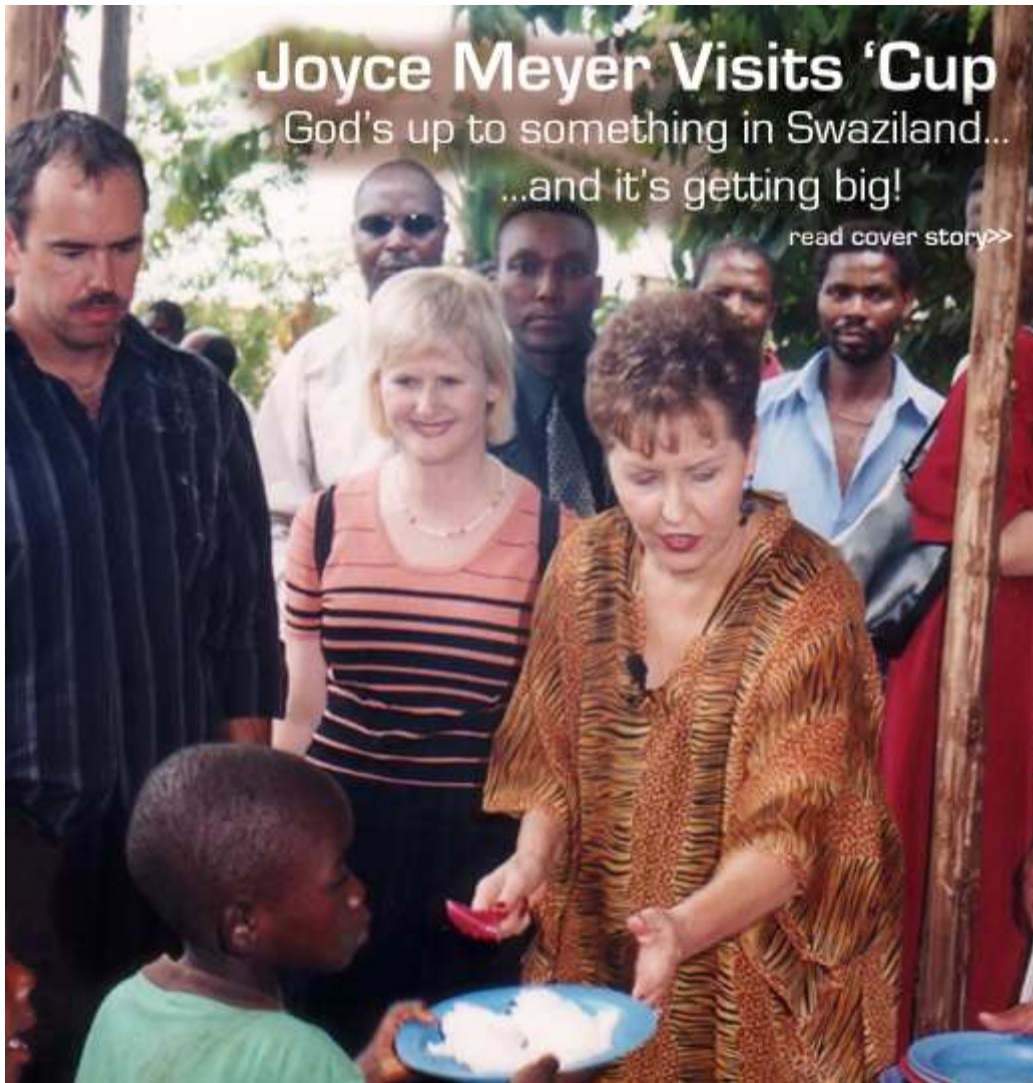
Dave's a great husband. Even though the word of God says the [man is the head of the woman](#), Dave doesn't mind playing second fiddle to me. That could be because I'm so rich I bought him a \$100,000 Mercedes Benz S55 AMG like this one



Whatever the reason Dave is a wonderful helpmeet for me. Here he is helping me at the autograph table during a recent [Book Sellers convention](#).

Sometimes, people criticize me for being so rich. They tell me Jesus said [not to store up riches on earth](#). But I know that doesn't apply to me. I've gone beyond that. You see I'm living my reward now. I've come to the place where I can [love the things of this world](#) and still have the love of God in my heart at the same time.

That's why I spend time feeding starving kids in Africa



Well, this one wasn't exactly starving, but he was a little peckish. Anyway, when I go to Africa and take pictures like this it encourages my partners to give me more money. I'll tell you if it weren't for starving kids like this one I wouldn't be able to [pay myself and Dave \\$1.3 million per year](#).

No before you get all upset about our pay I want you to know that our salaries are set by an [independent Board of Directors](#). The board, consisting of myself and a few other friends and family members sets all compensation for the top employees of Joyce Meyer Ministry

## DUAL ROLES IN KEY POSITIONS

The Joyce Meyer Ministries board of directors, which sets policy on how the ministry operates and spends money, has many members who also are on the payroll as administrators. The IRS frowns on such dual roles in nonprofit organizations.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OVERLAPPING MEMBERS

### FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYEES

**PENNIE SHEPARD**  
Relationship: Friend and mentor  
Board title: Director

**THE REV. RICK SHELTON**  
Relationship: Friend and mentor  
Board title: Director

▼ **JOYCE MEYER**  
Board title: President / director

▼ **DAVE B. MEYER**  
Relationship: Husband  
Board title: Vice President/director

▼ **DAVID L. MEYER**  
Relationship: Son  
Board title: Director

▼ **PAUL SCHERMANN**  
Relationship: Friend  
Board title: Director

▼ **LAURA HOLTZMANN\***  
Relationship: Daughter  
Board title: Director



Management title: CEO  
Duties: Head of the ministry



Management title: Business administrator  
Duties: Oversees ministry finances



Management title: Head of world outreach  
Duties: Travels the globe and decides where to expand ministry



Management title: Accounting division manager  
Duties: Oversees accounting staff



Management title: Conference coordinator  
Duties: Conference administrative support

**JOY "SHELLY" MEYER**  
Title: World outreach manager  
Relationship: Daughter-in-law  
Duties: World outreach administrative support

**DOUG HOLTZMANN**  
Title: On-site conference coordinator  
Relationship: Son-in-law  
Duties: Oversees conference production

\* Board member per Secretary of State; Ministry officials say she has recently resigned  
Source: Missouri Secretary of State, Joyce Meyer Ministries

I have every confidence that these board members will always conduct themselves in a fair and impartial manner. That is why I bought board members [Roxanne and Paul Schermann a \\$334,000 home](#). In fact, now that I think about it almost everyone on the board has a house paid for by me. I just love being rich enough to help other people. Especially people who can help me!

When you are as rich and famous as I am security is a big concern. I know the Bible says [God is my shield](#) but I figure why take a chance. So when it

came time to buy a house I decided to buy not just a house but a whole compound.

### THE MEYER FAMILY COMPOUND

**Joyce Meyer Ministries bought these 5 homes for Meyer and her family. The ministry pays all expenses, including landscaping and lawn care, property taxes and rehab work. Meyer, her husband and each of their four married children live in the homes — free of charge.**

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**1. Residence of:** Joyce and Dave Meyer  
**Bought:** April 27, 1999  
**Purchase price:** about \$795,000  
**Square footage:** 10,000  
**Cost of improvements:** \$1.1 million  
**Features:** 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, golf putting green, swimming pool, an 8-car heated and cooled garage, a guest house with 2 more bedrooms and a gazebo.

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**2. Residence of:** Daughter, Sandra McCollom, and her husband, Steve  
**Bought:** Feb. 12, 2002  
**Purchase price:** \$400,000  
**Square footage:** About 5,000  
**Cost of improvements:** About \$250,000  
**Features:** 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half bathrooms, all-seasons room, prayer room, media center and a home office.



**3. Residence of:** Son, David Meyer, and his wife, Joy Meyer  
**Bought:** June 18, 2001  
**Purchase price:** \$725,000  
**Square footage:** 4,000  
**Cost of improvements:** Unknown  
**Features:** 2-story Colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2½ bathrooms, 2 garages and a utility shed.

**4. Residence of:** Daughter and her husband, D  
**Bought:** March 7, 20  
**Purchase price:** \$35  
**Square footage:** 2,3  
**Cost of improvement**  
**Features:** 3 bedroom  
a fireplace.

Source: St. Louis County records

See, I bought houses for all my kids. Mine's the \$2 million 10,000 square foot mansion with the 8 car garage right there in the middle.

Like I said, security is important and you can never be too careful. That's why all my [security officers carry guns](#) so don't even think about trying anything funny when they're around. And they are always around. I even

bought my [security chief a \\$145,000 home](#) just so I could have him at my beck and call 24 hours a day.

I'll let you in on a little secret. I get an IRS exemption for claiming my ministry is a church but we don't really have a church. We just have a room at the office we call a chapel. What I do is travel around and put on motivational seminars all over the world. That kind of travel was really tough when I had to fly with all the regular folks on commercial airlines. But now, all that's behind me because I used some of the money my partners sent in to buy a \$10 million [Canadair CL-600 Challenger](#) just like this one.



God told me to buy that jet so that I wouldn't have to spend so much time waiting around in airports. That way I can get back sooner to enjoy my [\\$500,000 vacation home at Lake of the Ozarks](#). We love to get away from the hectic pace of the ministry and relax on our [\\$105,000 Crownline boat](#).



Yes it's been quite a ride from being a housewife with a high school education all the way to international Christian celebrity with a \$100 million per year ministry. The hardest part has been deciding how to spend all the money. But with God's help we're determined to do it.

That's why we hired Messner Construction to build our [new ministry center complex](#) . Then I went to work filling that 148,000 square foot building with the finest furnishings.

Things like a **\$30,000 malachite table**, a **\$23,000 marble topped antique commode**, a pair of **Dresden vases for \$19,000**, six **French crystal vases for \$18,500** (I like vases) and a **\$49,000 conference table** with 18 chairs. It was tough but I managed to spend almost **\$5.7 million on furniture and accessories** for our new offices.

Now I know some of you are having a hard time relating to that kind of spending. I'm sure many of you don't make in a year what I spent on that conference table. But the word of God says give and it shall be given so if you'll just keep on sending me money maybe one day God will bless you with a nice table.

So remember folks when you give to God through Joyce Meyer ministries, I get to spend it. I'm challenging all my partners today to make my job harder.

We currently have over 100,000 partners who allow me to deduct money directly from their bank accounts every month. I'm believing God to double that number next year. Would you be one of those humble servants who

allow me to take money directly from your bank? Please pray about it and see if God would lead you to give me your bank account number. With God's help and your money I'll eventually have more money than I could ever spend. And you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you were a part of making that dream come true!

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Since the publication of the series of articles in the St Louis Post Dispatch, Meyer has reportedly made some changes in her operation. She has put at least some of her property up for sale and reduced her salary from approximately \$900,000 per year to \$250,000 per year. At the same time however she now receives all the royalty income from her books and tapes, money which previously went to the ministry. Since her ministry is still classified with the IRS as a church, there is no legal obligation for her to disclose her total compensation or that of her husband and other family members on staff.

We believe strongly that Joyce Meyer remains the epitome of those who are of corrupt minds teaching that godliness is gain (1Tim 6:5). From such teachers we are commanded to turn away.