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Richard has spent 5 months warning, cajoling, needling, explaining what you know now, if not at the outset, is a serious problem in the leadership of the Tokoroa Elim Church. There has been a leadership crisis for at least 10 years. A man running an Elim church who believes it is fine to take \$15,000 for his kindness toward in assisting an elderly woman into own her own home. He is found out, so he starts deceiving and lying about his conduct in the matter. He then targets the woman he was “helping” along with her supporter. Trumps up false testimony against them, abusing the people and position he holds. He has clearly demonstrated that he has just enough wit to avoid detection from those in the national leadership to whom he is responsible, but incapable of seeing his own malpractice, incapable of understanding the damage he does by his false facade and blatant deceiving. For ten years he has not begun to understand that he is an offense to truth, God, and anyone who cares anything about common justice and basic right and wrong. In ten years, God has not reached his heart to convict his soul. As Richard has stated, when he found out that we were making protest about his actions from ten years ago and more recently, his response delivered to us was “bring it on!”. He is unrepentant, unwise and completely without integrity nor conscience.

The NLT now needs to decide upon the following questions and more...

- Can we accept a man in leadership of an Elim church in New Zealand who cannot maintain basic integrity?
- Can we allow a man in leadership who manipulates his elders into believing his false charges so that he can abuse those for whom he is commissioned by the title of his office to lay down his own life?
- How much longer can we tolerate a man that does not tell the truth to continue to carry the office of Pastor in the name of the Elim Church of New Zealand? (He blatantly lied to Trevor.)
- How much more damage do Richard, Gordon and Barbara need to do before we will act?
- Is God silent concerning this issue?

Brian lives a double life, his wife has serious psychological issues and this can be plainly seen in her conduct at the church, but at home she is a very difficult woman. Brian has to manage his wife with particular care since she can sometimes be heard railing and berating her husband when no-one is around (or so they think... I have personally heard it more than once and from some distance away). While more could be said about the problem with Lorraine, from my perspective, Brian should not be a Pastor because of his wife and family, even if for no other reason. Nonetheless, he is himself fundamentally disqualified from leadership by any standard I am aware of.

WE are still waiting for your feedback.
Gordon Wilson