



Former President Donald Trump rolled out a new leather-bound “God Bless the USA” Bible in a video posted to Truth Social. | Truth Social

“Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God”—2 Corinthians 2:17 NIV

Contrast the above Bible principle with the facts presented in the following article:

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BBC News, Washington

“Former US President Donald Trump is making money from branded bibles . . .

Federal candidates are required to file disclosures each year detailing their income, investments, assets and liabilities . . .

Trump has made \$300,000 (£273,000) from branded bibles, listed on the financial disclosure form as “The Greenwood Bible”. . .

The former president started selling the books earlier this year after partnering with country music singer Lee Greenwood.

Mr Greenwood is known for his song God Bless the USA, which inspired the name of the bible: God Bless the USA Bible.

They are for sale on Mr Greenwood’s website for \$59.99.”

The above article documents how in 2024 a US Presidential candidate is **‘peddling the word of God for profit.’** Since the KJV translation has no copyright, the Bibles he ‘peddles’ probably cost no more than \$2 each to produce, so the candidate’s profit has to be enormous. The candidate wanted to use the NIV translation for his **‘peddling the word of God for profit’**, but, commendably, the copyright holder refused to allow permission. So the candidate used the uncopyrighted KJV translation.

It is quite understandable that copyrighted Bibles cost money to print, and people deserve to be reasonably paid for their work. However, the US Presidential candidate’s, **“ill gotten gains do not profit anyone” (Proverbs 10:2 HCSB)**, in the sight of God.

Based on Bible principles, no one should **“peddle the word of God for profit”**, no matter who they are!

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The following excerpt from *The Christian Post* on January 9, 2025 also highlights another serious problem with “The Trump Bible”:

“The large print special edition Bible uses the King James Version translation and includes various founding documents of the United States, such as the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

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I believe it is not a good idea to bind Holy Scripture together with any other documents including the Declaration, Constitution, etc.,” wrote Land.

“It will only confuse people by either elevating our founding documents to a level of authority they do not deserve, or they will tempt people to view the Holy Scripture as less than fully sacred.”

Placing such documents in the Bible is an infusing of nationalism into the sacred **“word of God” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)**, in violation of the Bible principle that Jesus’ disciples are not to be **“of the world” (John 15:19; 17:14,16)**.