

The Compromise of Lecrae and Those Who Promote Him

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'Holy' hip-hop artist Lecrae has won a Grammy award. But he wouldn't want to be called a holy hip-hop artist, or even a Gospel artist. Tell that to those who promote him, like the Gospel Coalition, John MacArthur and Grace-to-You, or John Piper and his Desiring God ministries.

Why wouldn't he want to identify with Christianity in all this limelight? No need to wonder. Lecrae tells us:

"I don't try to do Gospel music, I'm not trying to be a Gospel rapper, I'm a hip-hop artist.....I just wanna be honest."

Worse, Lecrae, and many young followers who are attempting to follow in his footsteps to "gain a platform" have forgotten – if they ever knew – what it means to be a Christian.

"Yeah, it's a wonderful experience, you know, for me, technically, I'm a hip-hop artist. And so, it's amazing to even be nominated in the Gospel category because I'm a hip-hop artist but I can walk in both worlds and so to be able to walk in that world and to ignite and inspire 60,000 young people obviously is a wonderful thing, and then to turn around and go do, you know, MTV the next day is crazy."

See what's happening? Lecrae distances himself from all things Christian and places himself in the generic, worldly category of hip-hop music, and befriends the world. He is doing that. Why? You already know. Ideological platform, fame and fortune.

He's emphasizing three things:

1. He's *just* a hip-hop artist
2. He's *amazed*, because he's *just* a hip-hop artist, *that he's even nominated in the Gospel category.*
3. He **can walk in both worlds.**

Lecrae is distancing himself because, according to him, he can “walk in both worlds, i.e., holy hip-hop (so-called) as well as secular (as if there’s a difference).

The Bible talks about that. Its called compromise; being a friend to the world.

You know what is even more disturbing? That pretty much every blogger at The Gospel Coalition websites, and Tom Ascol who have given their stamp of approval and are actively promoting ‘holy’ hip-hop artists like Lecrae and others. Think about it. By promoting Lecrae and misguided young men like him, the Gospel Coalition and John Piper are promoting his thinking – compromise; walking in both worlds.

I fear for the spiritual well being of any who follow in this young man’s footsteps, or those who promote this false platform in the name of Christianity.

“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” – James 4:4