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## **PROFILE**

**Pastor Rodney L. Parsley**     *Senior Pastor, World Harvest Church*  
*Founder and President, The Center*  
*for Moral Clarity*

Wherever he goes, Rod Parsley is preceded by a larger-than-life reputation as one of America's most dynamic preachers. At his core, however, he remains what he has always been – a pastor. Over the past 30 years, what began as a backyard Bible study has grown to encompass 10 major ministries with a worldwide impact and a single focus – sharing the truth and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bringing Him the souls that are the reward of His suffering on our behalf.

Rod Parsley is a multifaceted man of God. He is an anointed evangelist who has brought untold thousands to Christ at revivals and conferences; a best-selling author of more than 75 books and study guides; and a popular television host whose broadcast is seen in nearly every nation of the world. Increasingly, he is also known as an influential statesman who interprets the culture to the Church and articulates the concerns of the Church to the culture. He fulfills all of these roles because of his faithfulness in the role of Pastor. His love for people and passion for teaching the truth of the Gospel motivate all his endeavors.

His ministry began in 1977, with a congregation of 17 in his parents' back yard when he was a 19-year-old Bible college student. The fellowship soon became World Harvest Church of Columbus, Ohio, one of America's great mega-churches. The church has continually grown in members and in influence, and frequently hosts America's best-known and most-loved ministers of the Gospel.

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Rod Parsley is perhaps best known to the Body of Christ as the host of *Breakthrough*, which has been seen by millions across America and around the world, featuring Pastor Parsley's anointed preaching as well as studio shows that teach biblical concepts for victorious living. *Breakthrough* brings the power and presence of God to a potential viewing audience of 97 percent of the homes in the United States, 78 percent of Canada and nearly every nation of the world through more than 14,000 stations and cable outlets.

His influence throughout the Church is also felt through the World Harvest Church Ministerial Fellowship, a network of members and churches operating under his apostolic covering. Through the fellowship, Pastor Parsley transfers the anointing that God has placed upon his life to more than 2,000 ministers from nearly every state and 44 nations. Members of the fellowship become part of Rod Parsley's spiritual genealogy, which includes his pastor and mentor, Dr. Lester Sumrall; Smith Wigglesworth and Dr. Howard Carter.

God has also given Rod the opportunity to influence the nation's culture through the Center for Moral Clarity (CMC), a Christian grassroots organization he launched in July 2004. CMC advocates for the biblical position on issues of life, faith, marriage, family, religious liberties, social justice and citizenship. Through the Center, he has become a respected voice for issues of righteousness and justice in Washington, D.C., and a sought-after spokesman in the national media. He has been widely quoted in national publications and broadcasts including ABC's *World News Tonight* and *Nightline*, the American Prospect, American Family Radio, the Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Bott Radio Network, Charisma & Christian Life Magazine, Citizen Magazine, CNN Sunday Morning, CNN's *Larry King Live* and *Anderson Cooper 360*, *Dateline NBC*, *FOX and Friends*, Trinity Broadcasting Network, Daystar, The Inspiration Network, The New Yorker, The New York Times, Newsweek, Point of View Radio, Salem Radio Network News, TIME Magazine, USA Radio, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and many more.

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Through his Bridge of Hope Ministries, Rod Parsley has brought hope to the hurting around the world with life-sustaining relief and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bridge of Hope and Pastor Parsley have been particularly touched by the tragic plight of the people of Sudan. His untiring efforts have been instrumental in the passage of the Sudan Peace Act, have been the catalyst in freeing more than 27,700 Sudanese Christian slaves and have provided millions of pounds of food, medical supplies and emergency relief to help ease their suffering. Bridge of Hope has also given away millions of pounds of food to hard-working families in cities across America who are struggling to make ends meet, including nearly 3 million pounds of relief to the devastated victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the fall of 2005.

Other ministries Pastor Parsley has founded include:

- **World Harvest Bible College**, where students from around the world come to be equipped as vessels for revival. WHBC is raising up world changers – men and women of integrity, rooted in the Word of God, and infused with the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The college's External Studies Program offers Pastor Parsley's teaching to distance-learning students around the world with courses that lead to a one-year diploma.
- **Harvest Preparatory School**, a state-chartered Christian school serving families from 13 central Ohio school districts and 62 local churches. HPS offers instruction to preschool through the 12th grade, including state-of-the-art computer and science labs, four gymnasiums, a cafeteria and banquet hall and two libraries. On average, more than 80 percent of those who graduate from HPS continue their education in colleges and universities.
- **Metro Harvest Church**, an inner-city ministry that conducts evangelistic crusades throughout the Columbus area and provides computer classes, job-skills classes, drug and alcohol recovery classes, GED classes, home discipleship classes, and food and clothing giveaways.

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- **Latin Harvest**, a church for Columbus' fast-growing Hispanic community. Every Sunday, services are conducted in Spanish, and English classes are taught afterward.
- **Reformation Ohio**, an innovative ministry committed to evangelizing the state. Launched in 2005, Reformation Ohio is a coalition of churches, ministries and organizations who work together to bring about a spiritual revival and moral reformation, beginning in the state of Ohio. The three core objectives of the initiative are to present the gospel to one million people in order to see 100,000 people accept Christ as their Savior; to host compassion projects throughout the state, ministering to the felt needs of the underprivileged; and to empower individuals and communities through non-partisan voter registration.
- **The Women's Clinic of Columbus**, a pro-life alternative to the abortion industry in central Ohio. TWC clients are offered free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, medical referrals and an array of support services.

Pastor Parsley is also a prolific author whose most recent major release, *Culturally Incorrect*, hit *The New York Times'* best-seller list following its release in June 2007. He is a graduate of Ohio Christian University and holds doctoral degrees from Indiana Christian University and Liberty University.

Of the many roles he fills, Rod Parsley most treasures being husband to Joni, whom he married in 1986, and father to their two children – Ashton Blaire and Austin Chandler.