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When Godly People Teach Ungodly Theology The Subtle Error of Beth Moore

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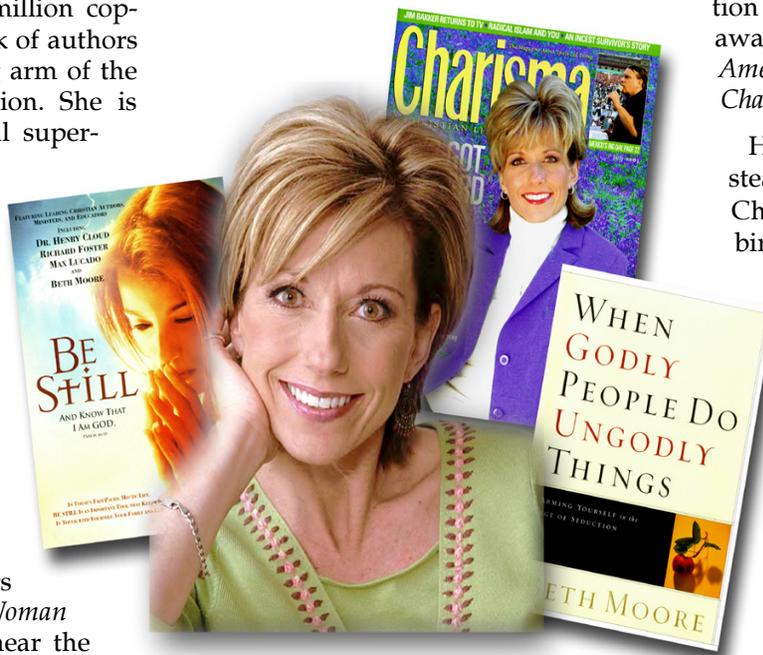
She is a best-selling author whose Bible study books and workbooks have sold more than 10 million copies, and who leads the pack of authors at LifeWay, the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention. She is said to be an “evangelical superstar” and “one of the most respected and sought-after Bible teachers,”¹ whose conferences draw women — and some men — by the thousands. She’s Beth Moore, the blond, petite 50-year-old with a Texas accent, who has become a Christian darling among believers of all denominations.

A few years ago, readers of *Today’s Christian Woman* magazine ranked Moore near the top of its list of “women [who] have had the greatest impact on [their] life in the last five years.”² The magazine’s roster had Moore (at 27%) third behind charismatic preacher Joyce Meyer (46%) and popular author Stormie Omartian (31%). At the same time, *Christian Reader* magazine

celebrated her with the lavish title of “America’s Bible teacher,” a designation from which even Moore shies away. “If I’m America’s Bible teacher, America’s in trouble!” she told *Charisma* magazine.³

Her rise to fame was slow and steady. Moore says she trusted Christ as Savior prior to her sixth birthday and says she surrendered to a call to the ministry during her late teen years while working as a counselor for sixth-grade girls at a church camp. Moore taught children, then moved on to leading a church aerobics class. In 1984, she began teaching a Sunday school class for young married adults at First Baptist Church of Houston. Two decades later,

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