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## What!?!?

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/02/02 10:53

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I don't understand why a guy gets kicked out of BYU for attending church only 50% of the time. There's got to be more to the story.

[http://www.sltrib.com/collegesports/ci\\_8149321](http://www.sltrib.com/collegesports/ci_8149321)

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/02 11:03

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by Short\_Changed - 2008/02/02 11:22

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That's crazy. Walton is a stud player and I hope something is done to enable him to be reinstated. He still wants to play for BYU and finish his schooling there if possible. This is really odd. I found out that I'm actually in his stake, after it said who his stake president was.

I hope the real facts come out soon and that something can be done! Fingers are crossed.

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/02/02 11:33

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That's why I really, really hope there is more to the story.

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by blue75 - 2008/02/02 16:06

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There has got to be more to this story. Someone does not like Walton and does not want to say why.

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/02/02 16:28

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mormonrasta wrote:

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This is retarded. There are just some bishops out there that don't really care about the kids long term well being and would rather want to look like a hard A that is soooo to the letter of the law. You know how college students are, sometimes we attend a friends ward, sometimes we go home for the weekend, etc. I know, I know, some will say, but you need to go to your ward... duh, but come one. :dry: (and I don't think this way because he is an athlete.)

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### Re:What!?!?

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/02/02 16:42

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I'm reminded of mcgregor's thread about being innocent until proven guilty and ask the question, "Why does everybody assume it's the bishop with the problem? We've only heard one biased side of the story"

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### Re:What!?!?

Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/02/02 16:49

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Metallicat wrote:

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You bring up a good point. I guess I shouldn't just rush to judgement. I guess I have just seen many great leaders out there but I have also seen a few that when they get a little power... you know what happens. From what I have heard about this particular bishop (and professor) there are people that think he is the kind of guy that wants to look important. I haven't had first hand experience with him so I guess I shouldn't judge.

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### Re:What!?!?

Posted by kenj - 2008/02/02 16:57

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I am a bishop and cannot believe this is the whole story. I hate it when they hold the atheletes to a HIGHER standard than the regular students. I know this can be fixed. He is a kid. Give him a break. Go Cougs

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### Re:What!?!?

Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/02/02 17:07

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kenj wrote:

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That's what I am talking about. Sounds like you are one of the great bishops out there. Even if he was missing church, pull him in and talk it out and work with him. He was only a freshman and I just don't get it. I could see if he were a junior

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or senior and had not been going the whole time but come on try to help the kid out instead of break him down.

If the bishop had continually warned him in person, then probably deserves it but I just don't see how it could have been such a huge problem when he hasn't been at the school very long. I also find it interesting that the Honor Code Office doesn't have any problems with him and the school is behind the kid.

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**Re:What!?!?**

Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/02/02 17:19

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Like they say, the church is perfect, not the members. I personally cannot see a benefit to the kid, to the church or to BYU by doing this I'm frankly a tad embarassed and worry what potential students will think of this.

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**Re:What!?!?**

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/02 18:46

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mormonrasta wrote:

I've never heard of a bishop withdrawing an ecclesiastical endorsement if someone has not violated the Honor Code, or broke the law, and attended church at least 50% of the time. That's why I really, really hope there is more to the story.

Oh, I agree, 100%. Knowing just what has been reported, it's an extremely embarrassing situation for BYU right now, and a bum deal for the kid. Based on what we know.

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**Re:What!?!?**

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/02/02 18:50

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What's next? A seminar on "Free Agency and How to Enforce It"? I trust/hope/yearn for more to this story

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**Re:What!?!?**

Posted by K9Cougar - 2008/02/02 19:14

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I agree with you too!

But, there has got to be more to the story and having a stake president ask the father to " don't hurt your son by making a big issue out of this" and the fact that BYU and Ecclesiastical leaders hold spiritual issues confidential, the only way we are going to find out the truth is from him or someone close to him and his transgressions are broadcast across the internet. Bad choice for the father.

This guy sounds like he knew the rules, especially if he had been warned previously not only by his bishop, but by his coach as well. I would be crossing all my 't's and dotting all my 'i's.

"Hey bishop, I know you are concerned about my church attendance, just wanted to let you know I was in Cedar over the weekend." how hard is that.

I have to believe that this consequence was made aware to him...

Tough deal and I personally error on the side of mercy... who knows maybe they already did that too...

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by lovelldog - 2008/02/02 21:21

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If you don't go to church you can't get your ecclesiastical endorsement and you then can't attend BYU. The rules are pretty simple on this one. If this is the only problem I would hope the bishop would be willing to set up some sort of deal with him.

I know none of the circumstances (this is complete speculation) but it seems like any bishop would warn someone first that if they didn't attend church more often they would get kicked out of BYU. It wouldn't surprise me if someone just blew their bishop off thinking there is no way someone would kick me out for just not attending church every week.

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by blue75 - 2008/02/03 21:37

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lovelldog wrote:

If you don't go to church you can't get your ecclesiastical endorsement and you then can't attend BYU...

Then why don't they take attendance and why aren't they kicking out all the slackers?

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by kenj - 2008/02/03 21:42

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I am going to call Brian Santiago and see if he can shed some additional light on the situation. He is a great guy and I have to believe he would take this to the top.

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by lawman - 2008/02/04 01:21

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Sadly, seems like they already did.

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## Re:What!?!?

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/02/04 07:48

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One reason I think that there has to be more to the story is that all those who attended BYU knew at least one or two people that NEVER went to church but somehow stayed at BYU, I personally knew about 3-4 and one was a FB player. My point is that although we know that BYU tries to be equal with students you have got to know that because he was an athlete that they would give him even more lee way. Some of you say that the Bishop is just trying to make an example but it would seem like the SP would step in and say "Hey he just missed a few weeks of church, lets give him some more chances." Like everyone says, there has got to be more to the story because no way they let a star athlete go if he missed a few days of church, when there were plenty of bums at school that go months without attending church and still get that EE. I just can't see foul play here with both the SP and the bishop in cahouts together to get this kid kicked out.

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