

## Hypocritical Quote Of The Day #1 | Allan Besselink

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Fresh from the "Hypocritical Quote of the Day" file comes this gem from U.S. evangelical leader James Dobson. Before I give you the quote - some brief context should be noted. He is making reference to a 2006 speech by Barack Obama, in which Obama simply stated that it would be impractical to govern based solely on the words of the Bible. Obama's thought was that there are passages in the Bible that go so far as to promote slavery (Leviticus) or stoning your child (Deuteronomy), aspects that (obviously) would not be consistent with fair and reasonable governance. So, hold on to your liberal seats, because here we go: "I think he's deliberately distorting the traditional understanding of the Bible to fit his own world view, his own confused theology," Dobson said, adding that Obama is "dragging biblical understanding through the gutter." Wow. Isn't this where one says something like "those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones"? I find the hypocrisy of an evangelical leader telling me these things, when many of the faithful spin the words of the Bible to fit their own agendas, overwheleming to say the least. "Distorting the traditional understanding of the Bible to fit his own world view." I think therein lies the problem. Dobson is spinning this to his own agenda - which I have no doubt is far right- and Republican-leaning. Can anyone say "the separation of church and state"? And can't we just get down to the problems truly at hand in this country? Read the full article here: [Dobson's Remarks](http://www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/06/24/evangelical.vote/index.html "Dobson's Remarks")