

How is Our Ministry Shaped by Pressure?

We've all had influences in our Christian walks.

Some good, some bad, and some have been so influential they shape the rest of our lives in how we operate in ministry and the paths we take in life.

No one is immune from outside influence, not even the biggest of the mega-preachers or the smallest of the home church leaders.

We will all be accountable for our actions before the Lord, but that doesn't mean we can't learn lessons along the way and correct the course our ships are sailing on.

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Benny Hinn has described the ministry shaping influences and pressures in his life that set him on the path he is still navigating today, and his experiences would certainly resonate with many young preachers who have endured similar situations.

"When I started in ministry it was simple," recalls Hinn. "Then the ministry grew. I was invited to go to what they call 'praise-a-thons' and I think that's when my troubles began."

When someone mentions the name Benny Hinn, the first thing that comes to the mind of many is the prosperity gospel and wealth. This is one of the two areas Hinn has admitted to making mistakes in over his years of ministry, which he says he regrets.

"I don't blame anyone, but sadly you get in a place [where] it becomes difficult," shares Hinn. "You don't know what to do and how to get out of it. So I came to the conclusion in 2019

that I did not want to be part of the gimmickry of it, and I still stand by that.”

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Hinn has addressed the path of prosperity and supernatural healings in Christianity before, and the pressure he has felt in ministry as a big-name preacher.

“There is pressure to produce when you’re up there on that platform—especially in healing ministry. People don’t come just to hear you preach; they want to see something. And that can be distracting,” Hinn said in the early 1990’s.

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