

Did Benny Hinn Just Renounce the Prosperity Gospel?

Benny Hinn caused major waves this week when he announced that what he has taught for years doesn't fit into the biblical definition of prosperity.

"We get attacked for teaching prosperity. Well, it's in the Bible, but I think some have gone to the extreme with it, sadly," Hinn says in a Facebook video. "And it's not God's Word what is taught. I think I'm as guilty as others."

He continued, "The more you know the Bible, the more you become biblically based and balanced in your opinions and thoughts. Because we're influenced. When I was younger, I was influenced by the preachers who taught whatever they taught. But as I've lived longer, I think, 'Wait a minute. This doesn't really fit totally with the Bible. It doesn't fit with reality.' What is prosperity? No lack. I've said this before. Did Elijah the prophet have a car? No. He did not even have a bicycle. But he had no lack. What about the Lord? Did Jesus drive a car or live in a mansion? No. He had no lack. How about the apostles? No lack. No lack among them. Today the idea is abundance and palatial homes and cars and bank accounts."

Watch the video to see his full speech.