

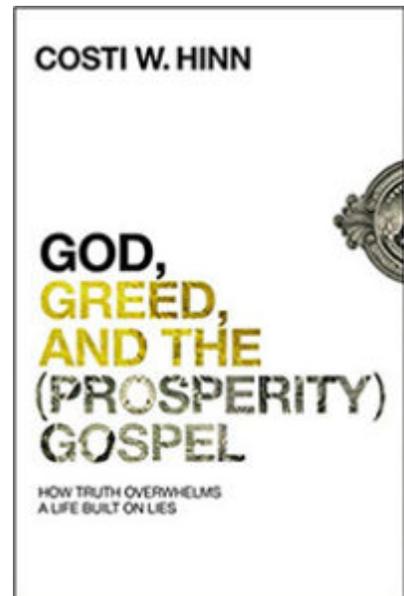
Review: God, Greed, and the (Prosperity) Gospel

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God, Greed, and the (Prosperity) Gospel: How Truth Overwhelms a Life Built on Lies

By Costi W. Hinn (Zondervan)

He once enjoyed the abundant life. Not the fruitful one Jesus promised but a worldly one—the life of the rich and famous. The author of *God, Greed, and the (Prosperity) Gospel* was an “heir-apparent prosperity preacher” before leaving the hypocrisy of a ministry fueled by greed rather than grace.



As a young man, Costi Hinn became conflicted about his Christian heritage. For years he ministered alongside his prosperity-preaching father, and he travelled extensively with his uncle, the world-famous televangelist Benny Hinn. Costi eventually questioned the integrity of their ministry—funded by the offerings of poor and desperate people around the world. The “seed-faith” gifts added up to millions that afforded his family’s expensive hotel

stays, Rolls-Royce chauffeur rides, shopping sprees in Beverly Hills, gambling in Monte-Carlo and more.

Costi Hinn, now a pastor with a passion to preach the biblical gospel, grew up in a mansion in British Columbia. His father followed Benny Hinn's ministry model ("like franchising a business") and founded a signs-and-wonders school. "Anyone could pay tuition to learn how to do miracles, speak in tongues, and perform healings," he writes.

In *God, Greed, and the (Prosperity) Gospel*, Hinn calls out the sin of false teaching and the perils of greed, but he avoids judging the salvation of those who preach a distorted gospel. He hopes this book will serve as a "rescue operation" for vulnerable people.

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