

## **“The Danger of the Prosperity Gospel” Galatians 1:6-9**

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*“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”*  
(Galatians 1:6–9 ESV)

## **How does the prosperity gospel pervert the true gospel?**

### **1. Gospel: Who is central? God or man?**

*“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”*  
(Romans 3:23–26 ESV)

### **2. Faith: What matters? Object or quantity?**

*“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:”*  
(Romans 3:21–22 ESV)

*“He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.””*  
(Matthew 17:20 ESV)

### **3. Cross: What was accomplished? Healing or redemption?**

*“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”*  
(Isaiah 53:5 ESV)

### **4. Giving: What’s the motivation? Coercion or gratitude?**

*“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.”*  
(Luke 6:35 ESV)

### **5. Bible: How do we interpret? Proof-text or big story?**

*“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.”*  
(3 John 1:2 ESV)

6. Kingdom: When will it come? Now or the future?

*"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness."  
(2 Corinthians 11:30 ESV)*

## A Way Forward

1. Repent

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3. Guard our hearts

The greatest blessing of the gospel is God himself.

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# The Danger of the Prosperity Gospel

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