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## MinistryWatch.com Issues Donor Alert for Benny Hinn

Donors advised to find other ministries to support while questions of finances, unfounded claims of healings, nontransparency and other issues addressed

**MATTHEWS, N.C.** – Wall Watchers, through its donor empowerment Website [www.MinistryWatch.com](http://www.MinistryWatch.com), has issued a Donor Alert for Benny Hinn Ministries/World Outreach Church (BHM).

Wall Watchers' CEO Rusty Leonard explained, "Recent facts and allegations aired on NBC DATELINE – coupled with MinistryWatch.com's previous concerns about the self-serving 'prosperity theology' taught by Benny Hinn – has caused MinistryWatch.com to recommend that donors prayerfully consider redirecting their gifts to one of the many biblically-based ministries that are not only more transparent in their dealings with the public but also treat donor's funds as a sacred trust dedicated exclusively for the Lord's work."

Included in the accusations launched by Benny Hinn critics for the DATELINE broadcast are claims that Hinn and his family enjoy a lavish lifestyle with funds intended for charitable purposes, that he preaches a fraudulent, self-serving version of the Bible, that he manipulates individuals at "healing crusades" for personal gain, that he makes

unsubstantiated claims of healings, and that the ministry is nontransparent and lacks independent board oversight.

Leonard argued, “It is Hinn’s refusal to be accountable to anyone – rooted in a conveniently defiant view of accountability where he is to answer only to God since he receives extra-biblical words, hence the Word of Faith moniker – that is the primary precipitant for each of the critiques identified above. Donors deserve more and the Bible requires a higher standard. Hence, MinistryWatch.com recommends that donors prayerfully consider withholding contributions to Benny Hinn. Those that oppose such action should consider that the reported exorbitant spending of the Hinn family reveals that BHM has far more money than it needs to carry out its ministry. MinistryWatch.com also recommends that all Christians join with it in praying specifically that Benny Hinn and his family acknowledge their failures in the stewardship of the money entrusted to them by donors, and humbly submit themselves to a process of personal repentance and restoration.”

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### **Links:**

The full Donor Alert can be read at:

[http://www.ministrywatch.com/mw2.1/pdf/MWDA\\_053105\\_BennyHinn.pdf](http://www.ministrywatch.com/mw2.1/pdf/MWDA_053105_BennyHinn.pdf)

To read a detailed analysis of the DATELINE program, see the MinistryWatch.com Reflections article, “Not a Preacher’s Life”

[http://www.ministrywatch.com/mw2.1/pdf/Reflections\\_BennyHinn.pdf](http://www.ministrywatch.com/mw2.1/pdf/Reflections_BennyHinn.pdf)

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*To schedule an interview with Mr. Leonard or for any questions regarding this or other Wall Watchers activities, please contact Michael Barrick at 866-324-7097, 828-238-6468 or email [mbarrick@wallwatchers.org](mailto:mbarrick@wallwatchers.org).*

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### **About Wall Watchers**

Founded in 1998, Wall Watchers is a donor-supported nonprofit Christian ministry located in Matthews, N.C. Its objective is to help donors become more responsible givers by providing them with unbiased information about the largest Christian ministries in the country. Through its free donor empowerment website, [www.MinistryWatch.com](http://www.MinistryWatch.com), Wall Watchers provides users with detailed descriptions, financial information, financial efficiency ratings, transparency grades, and commentary about the ministries it researches. Armed with this information, Wall Watchers believes that donors’ confidence in their giving will increase leading to higher levels of giving and more effective giving. At [www.thegoodsteward.com](http://www.thegoodsteward.com), more than 2,500 articles on sound biblical teaching and stewardship from a variety of experts have been published. These services are offered at no cost. Wall Watchers’ Websites are accessed about 100,000 times each month by those donors looking to increase their understanding of biblical stewardship and improve the effectiveness of their giving. As a result, Wall Watchers websites are among the most utilized websites in the world on the topic of Christian stewardship and philanthropy. To learn more about Wall Watchers, visit the ministry’s informational web site [www.WallWatchers.org](http://www.WallWatchers.org).