

# Rejection brings riches

By Flora Cauchi

THE odds were against Castle Hill resident Pat Mesiti.

He grew up in a volatile home riddled with alcoholism, was beaten with a cane by a teacher, battled depression and lost his marriage and credibility as a Hillsong Church minister, after he paid prostitutes for sex.

But he turned his life around to become a multi-millionaire who now teaches others in his book *Pathway to Prosperity*.

"I think recovery in life and recovery in money are the same," Mr Mesiti said.

While growing up, the father of three said his parents "loved their kids like crazy", but alcohol didn't create a healthy environment to raise children.

"I became a very angry young man and got expelled from school when I was 15," he said.

Later he became a Hillsong Church minister, director of Australian Christian Churches, helped 400 drug-addicted youths through Teen Challenge and his own organisation Youth Alive NSW, and raised more than \$500,000 for charity.

But he lost it all in 2001 when he was discovered to have been paying for sex.

"What I did was wrong," Mr Mesiti said.

"I was struggling with rejection and trying to fill something."

He said the experience made him more merciful of people.



**Prosperous in deed:** Pat Mesiti jokes he is probably Australia's best unknown author with more than one million copies sold of eight published books. **Picture:** Carlos Furtado

"Being stood down [as a minister] was one of the darkest moments of my life," he said..

Mr Mesiti rebuilt his life and is now the best-selling author of eight books including *Pathway to Prosperity*.

"There is nothing more empowering than creating wealth by design, not by chance," he said.

"The whole concept of prosperity comes from your

mindset, and it's all about what you do with the money you have."

In the book, Mr Mesiti explains there are 12 steps to achieve financial freedom.

His goal is to train 10,000 millionaires through his program.

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