

The Prosperity of God covers every area of life
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Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

This scripture and its principal, fly in the face of religion. Religion and demon spirits seek to keep God's people in bondage, when it comes to the message of prosperity.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

These two witnesses from the Old Testament let us know that God has given us the power to get wealth. It is the blessing of God in our lives that gives us the power to get wealth. To pray for money is to misunderstand the principal—God has promised us not wealth, but the power to get wealth.

1 John 2

Beloved I pray above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

While sinful persons may get wealth and money, only with God's blessing can a person obtain the prosperity of God: The prosperity of God covers every area of life. God desires to prosper us spiritually, physically, and financially. God's prosperity includes money. God has given us the power to get wealth. This power is channeled through His wisdom. That's why He told Joshua to meditate in His Word, day and night, in order to get the revelation, the wisdom from the Word. When the revelation, the wisdom, is discovered, then Joshua, like us, would know how to make his way prosperous. It was up to Joshua, it is up to us, to make our way prosperous.

II Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

As far as God is concerned, our financial blessing is already a "done deal."
Financial well-being was part of the plan of redemption.

1 Timothy 6:6: But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Our personal relationship with God is not based on how much money we have. Our lack of money will not keep us out of heaven, but it may keep someone else out of heaven, because without money the gospel cannot go forth. If we

do not grasp the fullness of redemption--that God desires that we prosper—we will be robbed ourselves, and those whom God would have us bless through our prosperity will also be robbed.

There are a number of religious traditions that surround the topic of finances. Religion has an interpretation for all of the scriptures promising prosperity.

Proverbs 30:7. 8. 9 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

This writer asked for only enough to get by. God inspired the writer to record this prayer, but He did not inspire the man who prayed it to pray that way. This man is not thinking about helping his neighbor, or clothing the poor, or about getting the gospel out or furthering the kingdom of God. He is concerned only about himself. His prayer is grounded in selfishness. Consider the writer's own evaluation of himself, in verses 2 and 3 of Proverbs 30.

Proverbs 30: 2. 3 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

This is obvious from what he writes in the above verses of 7, 8, 9.

God wants to multiply us whether we are in poverty or in prosperity

Even in the old covenant, it is plain that God had a program in place by which He intended to wipe out poverty in the nation of Israel. God has a plan in place so that even the poor, if they will operate God's plan, do not have to stay poor. But God also recognized that there would always be people who would not recognize His wisdom or follow His plan, and in His mercy, He has a plan to reach out to them and minister to them. The poor do not have to stay poor; but to come out from poverty, the poor must follow God's plan. This will require going against religious tradition. God's blessing and abundance poorly managed will still bless far more people than the best managed poverty.

Deuteronomy 8:13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; God wanted to multiply everything the Israelites had. God wants to multiply all that we have. God has a plan for increase. We do not have to stay where we are.

Often, when Christians find themselves in need, they are motivated to seek God's word and His wisdom and to walk in it only until they become comfortable, and satisfied with their circumstances. They then fall prey to "the deceitfulness of riches." the Word is choked in them. They have come to see money as their source. They let go of their faith and of practicing the principals of the Word of God, and eventually loose some if not all of their prosperity. But God wants to multiply us where we are, whether we are in poverty or in prosperity. God does not want us to stay where we are; He intends for us to grow and multiply.

Warnings are not prohibitions

Just because the scripture warns about the dangers of money—loving it too much, misusing it—doesn't mean God didn't intend for us to have it. The scripture warns about fornication, but that doesn't mean we have to refrain from all association with the opposite sex. The scripture warns about "filthy communication" but that doesn't mean we must stop talking. As parents, we warn our children about the dangers of driving an automobile. We give them instructions about traffic laws and the dangers of the highway. Not because we never intend for them to drive, but because we want their use of a car to be a blessing and not a curse. Likewise, God gives us warnings about money to enable us to avoid the pitfalls associated with money, not because He doesn't want us to have any.

The only time Jesus became poor was on the Cross. Jesus died poor so that we could be made rich. If I choose to reject what the Word of God teaches about prosperity, I do God a disservice. Sometimes Christians accept the truth initially, but fail to continue in it: they prosper and walk in prosperity to a certain level, but reject the opportunity to step up, to move ahead. In so doing, they reject the prosperity of God and do a disservice to their families, the Church, the community, and to God.

Resisting poverty

Sometimes, it is necessary to get fed up with lack, just as it is necessary to get fed up with sickness or sin. Christians are well-schooled in resisting temptation to sin, and even in resisting sickness. We also need to be aggressive in resisting lack. We need to actively resist lack, to rise up and take authority over lack, to take an aggressive stand against lack. If we put up with lack, lack will hang around.

The power to get wealth is exercised through God's wisdom.
God's wisdom is channeled through

His Word and through

His Spirit.

God's wisdom is released as we operate in His 3-Fold Plan for Prosperity:

Work

Giving

Faith

In Genesis God gave Adam responsibility for keeping the garden. This did not change the truth that The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof (Psalms 24.1) But when he Created man, He gave man a job—to take care of the garden, so that it would bring increase.

The Parable of the Talents

The curse of sin is different from the curse of the law. The curse of the law is lifted for those who walk in faith in Jesus. But the curse of sin brought on the earth by Adam's sin has not been lifted.. Even with the curse of sin in place, the earth is still the Lord's and the fullness thereof. So being free from the curse of the law, the blessing of God is on our life. Apart from God, men labor and work under the curse of sin on the earth, without God's blessing.

Walking in faith, we as Christians do not labor under that curse, since the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, God knows where the silver and the gold are; they are His. God's wisdom will show you where the opportunities are and the finances are. Everything in the earth is God's and it is therefore His right to give it to whomever He chooses.

Proverbs 13:22 The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Matthew 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Matthew 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

In this parable of the talents, the first two servants took their talents and brought forth increase. The third failed to produce increase. The parable of the talents has to do with money. It was the will of God that they increase, double their money. The servant who failed to produce lost what he had; it was taken from him and given to the servant who had produced the most increase. What was taken from the unprofitable third servant was not the property of that third servant; it belonged to the Lord, because The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

We have to cooperate with God to operate in His Blessing by seeking His Wisdom, through His word and His Spirit.

Deuteronomy 8:17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

If we had no part in bringing about God's prosperity in our lives, there would be no danger that we would say in our hearts, "My power and my hand has gotten me this wealth.." We are a part of the process. We have our part to play, but we must be careful not to take credit for the resulting abundance. We must recognize that it is God's blessing on our efforts that brings us wealth.

God made it plain to the Israelites that they had work to do, a part to play, but it would be God's blessing on them that would enable them to possess the land. The blessing of God makes all the difference when it comes to prosperity, when it comes to increase.

Prov:10:22: The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

WORK

We have to cooperate with God to operate in His Blessing by seeking His Wisdom, through His word and His Spirit. God's 3-fold plan for prosperity starts with work. The wisdom of God, revealed to us through His word, has much to say about work.

II Thessalonians 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

(7) For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

(8) Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

(9) Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us

(10) For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat

(11) For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

(12) Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread

The Bible teaches us to work, and to work with the wisdom of God. It is not enough to work hard, we must learn to work with the wisdom of God. To labor as a servant unto the Lord

Ephesians 6:5-8: Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Colossians 3:22-24: Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Do I work for my company or as a servant to my company? Attitude is the difference. It is the wisdom of God to work as a servant. This ensures the blessing of God. I apply the wisdom of God to work when I work as a servant. Seek the wisdom of God through His Spirit. Be sensitive to the guidance of His Spirit.

II. GIVING

We must choose a life-style of giving.

Be a giver. A tither and a giver. Purpose to be a tither and to be a giver. If we want God's prosperity, we must recognize that tithing brings the blessing of God. Tithing is one avenue through which God sends His blessing and increase.

Luke 6:38: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Proverbs 11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat.

Religious thinking says that God wants us to give away everything and have nothing. But God will not be out-given. He has promised to multiply back to us. Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. . We must let the Word of God motivate our giving. Tithing is scriptural and is the wisdom of God. God will move on us to give away what we do not have. If I have purposed to be a giver, I never have to worry about getting into sin with

prosperity

Money is a proving ground for whether we can be trusted with spiritual things:

Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

FAITH

I walk in faith when I confess what the wisdom of God says about my finances

I do not (have to) borrow (Deuteronomy 28:12)

Jesus became poor that I through His poverty might be made rich (II Corinthians 8:9)

The blessing of the Lord makes me rich and He adds no sorrow with it.

I am blessed in the city, I am blessed in the field, I am blessed in my basket, I am blessed in my store, I am blessed coming in and I am blessed going out (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

My tongue is the rudder and it steers the course of my life.

James 3 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.....so is the tongue among our members

Jeremiah 23 :29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

We need to drop the hammer on the devil when he attacks our finances. We must take a firm stand against lack. We must be careful of our confession, be careful not to speak about ourselves words that are in conflict with what the Word of God has said about us.

Recognize These Things

We must recognize first that God wants us to be prosperous. Religious thinking and demon powers oppose that principal, and work to deceive us because an impoverished Christian cannot finance the spreading of the gospel; an impoverished Christian cannot share the prosperity of God with others.

We must recognize that the wisdom of God comes to us through the Word of

God and the Spirit of God. To walk in God's prosperity we must learn to apply God's Wisdom in our work, in our giving, and in our faith.