

Biblical Prosperity

Concept:

When you see the title of this lesson, I am sure that a lot of things run through your mind. Hopefully, you do not simply think about money even though money is certainly included in the subject of prosperity. Real prosperity involves life in my spirit, soul and body. A healthy spirit that is tuned to God and hears His voice is certainly biblical prosperity. A soul that has a renewed mind, emotions that are expressive about the Lord and a will that is submitted to God is certainly biblical prosperity. A body that is free of disease and has the works of the flesh crucified is certainly biblical prosperity. Circumstances that are under the dominion of the kingdom of God with a manifestation of finances to be a blessing to all around us is certainly biblical prosperity. You put all of these together and we are starting to see the heart of God in manifestation.

A good definition of prosperity is the ability to call on the ability of God to meet the need of mankind. If I am prosperous, then I can go to my loving Father and receive the wisdom and understanding to accomplish anything that the world or the enemy of my soul might bring my way. If it turns out that finances are needed, the Lord will then show me how to prosper (Isaiah 48:17). If healing is what I need, the Spirit of God is in me to quicken and make alive my mortal body. Whatever the need, I can be taught the ways of God which will cause me to prosper. Prosperity means to succeed, to flourish, to thrive, and to have economic success.

Even though finances are just a small part of prosperity, we want to focus on money during this lesson. I want to emphasize this is not a pursuit of things; it is about the pursuit of God. Only when we pursue the Lord will “all” the things we need be ours. The good news is that Jesus showed us how to walk in mastery over finances in order that I could be shown how to handle the true riches as well as an abundance of natural riches. Matthew 19:16-30 explains a case study of the Lord and the rich young man with social status. The young man was confident that he could keep all of the Law and was doing precisely just that. Jesus knows our heart and the area of weakness in our flesh. Jesus confronted him in his weakness with a loving heart so that the young man could be healed and continue on his way healed and mature. Jesus suggested that he love his neighbor in a tangible way and give them all of his belongings. He went away mad because his heart was truly shown. The young man had a heart full of the love of money, not a heart of compassion like his Heavenly Father. The young man did not understand that he did not own the finances. Just because he received the riches by work or inheritance does not mean they were his. We know that everything is the Lord’s and He lets us be a steward over His riches. As a steward, the rich young man had an opportunity to act on Proverbs 19:17 and watch the blessings of the Law overtake him. Jesus was not trying to make the young man poor, but rich towards God. When we are rich toward God, we will begin to enjoy true prosperity in all areas of our lives. Jesus was teaching about getting our heart focused correctly so our treasures will be stored in the right place. (Matthew 6:21)

As we look at the Kingdom Way of doing things, we quickly realize that the wisdom of God is necessary if we are to walk in the prosperity that He has for us. The Lord's heart is prosperity in every aspect of our lives. Isaiah 48:17 states that the Lord will teach us how to prosper and Deuteronomy 8:18 explains that He will give us the ability to prosper and gain wealth. Proverbs 3:13-18 amplifies the heart of God when Solomon states the wisdom of the Lord gives us greater consequences than gold. Gold would certainly be a blessing in my life, but the word says that God's wisdom is even greater and will have far more reaching benefits. The word becomes a fountain of blessing.

In Acts 18 we see Paul working with Aquila making tents to support himself and the ministry, but in Acts 19:1 we see Paul traveling and not having to make tents because others were supporting the ministry. Paul was prosperous in both places because he was being obedient to God. My bank account is not the measure of my success, but my willingness and obedience to do the will of God is my place of prosperity. Money should not dictate whether I can do the will of God. The Lord's plans give me a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11) not my bank account. Finances are necessary for the full plan the Lord has for me. II Corinthians 9:8 says that I should be able to liberally give into all good works as well as being able to respond to the Lord's voice no matter what the financial requirement might be. III John 1:6 shows us that people should be able to help finance those in the traveling ministry in a worthy manner. Abraham, David, Solomon and many others in the bible lived in such a way that they could be a blessing financially to those around them.

Romans 12:8 shows us how that Father gives some people the ability to move in an extraordinary way in the realm of finances. If being wealthy was wrong, then God Himself would be in error, because He is wealthy as well as giving many others this ability to imitate Him in this area. None of us would ever make the statement that God's prosperity is wrong, but we do sometimes criticize His sons and daughters that have been blessed financially. Keep remembering that the Lord is looking for stewards that will take from His provision and give to His people. (I Corinthians 4:1,2).

Living in financial abundance is a journey. I am sure you are progressing in your understanding of the Lord's financial plan and His way of handling money. III John 1:2 is certainly a key to moving in abundance as well as Joshua 1:8. Both scriptures show us that the way to reach the height of prosperity that the Lord has for me is to begin the journey with a determination to meditate and act on His word. We start by seeking the Lord and we will reach the end by seeking the Lord. As we journey through the Lord's Word, allow the Word to teach you to prosper and show you your point of obedience.

Definitions:

Prosper: (Hebrew) Tsaleach. Be profitable, break out, be good, make prosperous, to accomplish, finish, complete and succeed. Causing a journey to prosper or succeed and reach its goal or purpose.

Prosper: (Hebrew) Osher. To accumulate.

Prosper: (Hebrew) Cheyil. Wealth, substance, power, strength, army, to prosper, be firm, be strong, be mighty, and be enduring.

Prosper: (Hebrew) Hown. Wealth, riches, substance, enough

Prosper: (Greek) Euodoo. To be on a right road, unhindered journey, to be successfully reach the destination safe and sound, receiving help and being on a road that is easy to travel, and a blessing.

Prosper: (English) To succeed, to flourish, to thrive and to have economic success.

Scripture Application:

1. Genesis 2:8-17
2. Genesis 8:22
3. Genesis 9:27
4. Genesis 14:17-24
5. Genesis 15:1-6
6. Genesis 15:8-21
7. Genesis 17:1,2
8. Genesis 21:1-7
9. Genesis 22:14
10. Genesis 24:6-9
11. Genesis 24:34-41
12. Genesis 24:59,60
13. Genesis 26: 3-6
14. Genesis 26: 12-18
15. Genesis 28: 3,14,15
16. Genesis 30:28-33
17. Genesis 31:41,42
18. Genesis 33:9
19. Genesis 39:3-5,9
20. Genesis 39:20-23
21. Genesis 41:33-38
22. Genesis 50:20,21
23. Exodus 3:21,22
24. Exodus 6:8,9
25. Exodus 9:22-26
26. Exodus 14:19,20
27. Exodus 15:25,26
28. Exodus 16:4,5,13
29. Exodus 17:5-7
30. Exodus 23:25
31. Exodus 34:4-14
32. Exodus 36:1-7
33. Leviticus 25:8-13,21

34. Leviticus 26:3-16
35. Leviticus 27:30
36. Numbers 13:30-32
37. Numbers 14:8
38. Numbers 23:8-20
39. Deuteronomy 1:6-8, 11
40. Deuteronomy 4:1-8
41. Deuteronomy 4:29
42. Deuteronomy 6:1-13, 17-19
43. Deuteronomy 7:13,14
44. Deuteronomy 8:6-20
45. Deuteronomy 11:2-29
46. Deuteronomy 12:4-7,11
47. Deuteronomy 14:22
48. Deuteronomy 15:1-6
49. Deuteronomy 26:12-18
50. Deuteronomy 28:1-14
51. Deuteronomy 30:9
52. Joshua 1:8
53. Joshua 5:11,12
54. Joshua 6:18,19
55. Joshua 8:33-35
56. Joshua 21:43-45
57. Joshua 22:8,9
58. Judges 14:6,19
59. Judges 15:14
60. Ruth 2:14-18
61. I Samuel 2:8-10
62. I Samuel 6:4-9
63. I Samuel 7:10,11
64. I Samuel 18:12-16
65. II Samuel 8:11-14
66. II Samuel 9:1-7
67. II Samuel 17:27-29
68. II Samuel 23:8-23
69. I Kings 2:2-4
70. I Kings 3:7-15
71. I Kings 4:26-28
72. I Kings 9:62-66
73. I Kings 10:23-29
74. I Kings 17:13-18
75. II Kings 4:1-7
76. II Kings 4:38-44
77. II Kings 6:1-7
78. II Kings 7:14-20
79. II Kings 8:1-6

80. II Kings 12:9-16
81. I Chronicles 4:9,10
82. I Chronicles 28:11-19
83. I Chronicles 28:8,9
84. II Chronicles 8:17,18
85. II Chronicles 20:20-22
86. II Chronicles 24:20
87. II Chronicles 25:7-10
88. II Chronicles 26:5
89. II Chronicles 31:21
90. Ezekiel 1:6-8
91. Ezra 6:8
92. Nehemiah 10:37-39
93. Job 36:11
94. Psalm 1:1-3
95. Psalm 10:5, 8-12
96. Psalm 34:10
97. Psalm 37:7,35,26
98. Psalm 52:77
99. Psalm 62:11
100. Psalm 68:10
101. Psalm 112:1-5
102. Proverbs 1:13
103. Proverbs 3:9
104. Proverbs 6:31
105. Proverbs 8:18
106. Proverbs 10:15,22
107. Proverbs 11:4
108. Proverbs 12:27
109. Proverbs 13:7,11,22
110. Proverbs 14:24
111. Proverbs 15:6
112. Proverbs 18:11
113. Proverbs 19:14
114. Proverbs 22:4
115. Proverbs 24:4
116. Proverbs 28:8
117. Proverbs 28:13,22
118. Proverbs 29:3
119. Proverbs 30: 8, 14-16
120. Ecclesiastes 2:24-26
121. Ecclesiastes 3:12-14,22
122. Ecclesiastes 5:18-20
123. Ecclesiastes 9:11
124. Ecclesiastes 10:10
125. Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

126. Isaiah 1:19
127. Isaiah 3:10
128. Isaiah 37:30
129. Isaiah 48:17,18
130. Isaiah 65:22-24
131. Jeremiah 5:24
132. Jeremiah 9:23
133. Jeremiah 17:7,8
134. Jeremiah 30:17
135. Jeremiah 33:9,11
136. Daniel 1:17-21
137. Daniel 4:27
138. Joel 2:25,26
139. Zephaniah 3:20
140. Haggai 1:5-7
141. Zechariah 9:11,12
142. Zechariah 14:14
143. Malachi 3:6-18
144. Matthew 6:19-24
145. Matthew 6:24-33
146. Matthew 10:9-16,42
147. Matthew 13:23
148. Matthew 14:13-21
149. Matthew 17:24-26
150. Matthew 19:16-30
151. Matthew 22:15-22
152. Matthew 25:14-30
153. Mark 13:41-44
154. Luke 6:36
155. Luke 8:1-3
156. Luke 16:1-14
157. Luke 19:1-10
158. John 8:56
159. Acts: 5:1-11
160. Acts 6:1-7
161. Acts 16:13-15
162. Acts 18:1-4,18
163. Acts 28:10,30
164. Romans 1:10
165. Romans 4:13
166. I Corinthians 16:1,2
167. II Corinthians 8:1-24
168. II Corinthians 9:1-14
169. Galatians 3:9
170. Galatians 4:1-7
171. Galatians 6:6-10

172. Ephesians 4:28
173. Philippians 3:7-11
174. Philippians 4:10-19
175. II Thessalonians 3:6-10, 12
176. I Timothy 4:8
177. I Timothy 6:6
178. I Timothy 6:17-19
179. Titus 3:14
180. Philemon 1:22
181. Hebrews 10:32-34
182. Hebrews 11:8-18
183. II Peter 2:19
184. III John 2
185. III John 1:5-8

Summary:

As you have read all the scriptures about Biblical Prosperity, I hope the Lord has painted His picture of true prosperity in your heart. The most important thing to see in this study is the heart of God. God's heart is central in giving. The Lord so loved the world that He gave. What a terrific model to follow. The doorway to enter the Lord's path of prosperity is by giving. Giving is central to His character. As we begin to move in giving, then we set into motion the Spirit of Life that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:2). Genesis 8:22 shows us that as long as the earth remains, there will always be seedtime and harvest. In these two verses, we see the spiritual and physical picture of giving. Every time we act on a physical truth in a spiritual way, we are going to have a Godly consequence. In Deuteronomy 12:4-7, it states that as we bring our gifts to church, we are giving them before the Lord. The presence of the Lord is actually there receiving the attitude of the gift that you are giving before the church or ministry receives the physical part of the gift. Whoever receives one gift actually reaches through the Lord to receive it. Acts 10:4,31 shows us how the Lord remembers our gifts as well as Leviticus 17:6 which shows us that our offerings have a good smell to the Lord.

All giving is in response to the Love of God. As we experience His love, our love should well up and overflow and desire to give back to Him. This love cycle will cause a physical cycle to also begin. The spirit deposit of our gift in heaven will come back as a physical blessing here on the earth. Luke 6:38 is a picture of how this cycle takes place. We give because we love God and because He loves us. He causes it to come down to us in a physical blessing that far exceeds what we gave physically as we worshiped spiritually. As the increase comes, it then allows us to give more and increase our measure.

Remember, the heart of God is to bless His people so that we can be a blessing to others. The Lord's desire is to bring more and more into my stewardship so I can be a flow through channel of blessing to those around us. One mind set that has to take place as we learn to give is the reason for my natural job. Ephesians 4:28 says that I work so that I have something to give. "My salary" is not for my needs, but for my seed. Matthew 6:33 and

Philippians 4:19 guarantee me that the Lord will care for me and my family. My finances becomes seed to sow. I am not saying to give everything away and not use the money He gives us salary to pay bills, but I am saying that the salary is not our source. The Lord is our source and I need to listen to Him and be obedient to His voice and not be afraid to be obedient. The tithe is a great place to start and then believe that the day is coming when you can live off of 10 percent and give 90 percent.

Remember to be a cheerful giver because the Lord is trusting us to do the right thing with the gifts He has allowed us to use. We want to be God-like in our character which will always make us a cheerful, quick-to-give person. Once again, we are not just talking about money, but money is certainly a part. Be challenged in your giving and your desire to be a flow-through channel for the Lord. The Lord wants you to be a fountain head where people can be refreshed in soul, body and circumstances. Be blessed to be a blessing.

Action:

Begin to give your offering by faith in the spirit before you give it by faith in the natural. Use Deuteronomy 26:7-15, Deuteronomy 8:6-18 and Malachi 3:6-12 as a confession as you give your offering to the Lord before you give it to man. Here is an example to show what I mean:

Father, I thank you that you have given me money to sow and bread to eat. Everything I have comes from You and it is with great joy that I give back to You what You model in Your word. I give this first fruit to Jesus, my High Priest, with gratitude in my heart. I thank you that Jesus receives my offering from clean hands, because I am washed in the blood of the Lamb. I am grateful that Jesus receives and places this offering before the Father and it becomes a sweet smelling aroma in the Father's nostrils and the Father receives my offering with open arms and stores it as a memorial that is always before Him. Because I have given, I rejoice that the devourer is rebuked and I am shielded and blessed because the Father pronounces a blessing on my household and causes what I touch to prosper and have a good success. I am thankful that I will lend and not borrow and I will never forget that it is the Lord who gives me the ability to gain wealth so the Lord's covenant will be established. I am grateful that all good things come from the Father, so I give back to you what you have given to me and I believe that I will increase so that my next offering will be greater than the last one. This will allow me to be a greater blessing to Your Kingdom because it is my desire to see the "Good News" preached to every nation. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to steward your resources in Jesus Name. Amen!