

PROSPERING IN 2018

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INTRODUCTION

One of God's most fervent desires for us is to prosper in our souls. This means he wants us to mature spiritually, to be fully grown up in Mind, Will and Emotions. To have the mind of Christ and think according to his Word. That should be the goal for all of us in our lives.

Right and wrong thinking.....

Our thought life is where it all takes place, **Proverbs 23:7** says: "As a man thinketh, so is he".

What we believe is a result of our thinking, if we think wrong, we believe wrong. God's word is given to us to straighten out our thinking. If our believing is wrong, then our confession is wrong.

Let's look at **Mark 11:23** "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in their heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith"

Usually we talk about the believing part of this scripture, but spend little time talking about the Saying part of it.

First, what do we say to the mountains in our lives? Obvious, we should not hurl our will at them, we are to hurl God's will at them, and his will is his WORD. Speaking the word of God is powerful and absolutely necessary in conquering our mountains. However, it is only the beginning, Obedience is equally important.

We can't think we can live in disobedience, speak God's word to the mountains and get results. We have look at this passage of scriptures in whole from verse 22 to verse 26. Verse 22 says to constantly have faith in God, verse 23 talks about releasing your faith, verse 24 speaks of the importance of prayer and believing in prayer, verse 25, forgiveness is the key, that God may also forgive you. There's no moving mountains if our hearts are full of unforgiveness.

Isaiah 1:19 says if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best of the land
Aligning our thinking and saying will get us God's best in the New Year to come!
Prospering in every area!

3 John 2 says: Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and prosper and be in good health (physically), just as (I know) your soul prospers (Spiritually)

Another word for prosper is flourish. Definition is: grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way, especially as the result of a particularly favorable environment. Thrive, increase , multiply .

When we speak of this scripture, we often think of monetary gain, but God wants us to grow and mature in all areas of our lives. Joyce Meyers wrote a book called "Battlefield of the mind" this is where the enemy wants to attack us most of all. We are going to look at 3 points, our mind, our will, our emotions, if these are flourishing then we are set up for success in all areas of our lives.

1: Mind – See yourself with the mind of Christ:

See yourself as a portrait of success, that's the way God sees you. His photograph album of you with all your high points, good qualities, positive attributes.

Mental Picture of you: To be successful (golf , basketball examples)

Problem occur when we trade ugly photos of one another (wife / husband example)

When we see ourselves as God sees us 90% of our problems and pressure areas are released! Satan whole purpose is to give you a different image of yourself than what God sees. God is love, he is a good God with a purpose to make you successful.

Develop a new picture of yourself: Bible is original book of success. It's a book of pictures, gives you a picture of God, a picture of yourself, a picture of others that were successful such as Abraham and all his success, Joseph and how rose above to 2nd in command. Your own destiny can be determined in how you see yourself.

Will: Strong desire to do something a person's choice

David said in **Psalms 145: 1-2** "I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever."

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The word "seek" is a strong word , it means "to pursue" "to crave" "to go after with all of your might and will"

When we seek him for who he is and not what he can do for us and put him first, then he gives us the desires of our heart, **Psalms 37:4** "Delight thyself in the Lord; and he shall give you the desires of thine heart"

Emotions: state of feelings

How do we get our emotions and feeling in control?

Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Jesus sent us a helper to aid us in controlling all our emotions that we are faced with. The Holy Spirit is our weapon that God has given us to bring into submission any thought that is contrary to God's word and his ways.

2 Corinthians 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but for the pulling down of strong holds"

IN CONCLUSION:

How much time do you spend thinking about the word of God? The bible says that if you want to find wise answers to your problems and be successful and prosperous in all your dealings, you need to meditate on the word of God.

Joshua 1:8 "The book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it both day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous and you shall deal wisely and have good success."

When you fill your mind with God's truth, you will find that your thoughts are thoughts of truth, freedom, victory and peace in your life.

When we line ourselves up with the word of God, he will go out of his way to make sure we have all we need to be happy, healthy, financially blessed and all we lay our hands to will prosper.

Here's what I want you to do in the next 24 hours-

Set some goals for 2018 and on:

I want you to take 4 sheets of paper:

#1 My Lifetime dreams and Goals: dream your dreams on paper (own business, luxury vacation, save million dollars in the bank)

#2 My Year Goals (new job, new car, beach vacation)

#3 My 30 Day Goals (lose 10 lbs, go to the gym 3x week)

#4 My Today Goals (wash car, walk, clean house, laundry)

Habakkuk 2:2-3 "And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

HAPPY NEW YEAR and I look forward to Faith Church having one of the most blessed years in our lives.

Lets Pray

2018

How to prosper in the New Year

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- Mark 11:22-25 verse 22 says to constantly have faith in God, verse 23 talks about releasing your faith, verse 24 speaks of importance of prayer and believing in prayer, verse 25 forgiveness is the key, that God may also forgive you
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- 3 John 2 "Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and prosper and be in health, just as I know your soul prospers"
- Mind: See yourself with the mind of Christ (see yourself the way God sees you)

- Will: (strong desire to do something) Matt. 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Seek: "Pursue" "Crave" "to go after"
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- Goals for 2018: Dreams Goals, Year Goals, Month Goals, Daily Goals (Harvard Study who write down goals. 84% -0, 13% -2x as much, 3%-10x as much)
- Habakkuk 2:2 Write down your dreams, goals, and visions for your life