



KEYS TO
VICTORIOUS LIVING

Psalm 1

The Scenario

Here is a house for you...

Inside the house is a duffle bag filled with \$2 million cash...

Inside the garage are a luxury SUV and a luxury sedan

Inside the office is a safe that has the children's scholarship fund

Inside the kitchen are keys that will give you access to your seven rental properties

Inside the bedroom are travel vouchers to fly across the country at your convenience...

Oh, did I mention... THE HOUSE IS PAID FOR...

Here is what YOU are REQUIRED TO DO...

Meet this guy downtown @ 5:15 PM... {high traffic time}

When You Get To The Office Building ~ come up to the 13th floor {stairs only}

The man is going to ask you for a PIN CODE ~ it is 7513458266 {Must Memorize}

Do not bring anyone with you ~ you must be alone

Please wear a black suit or black dress...

Would You Do What Is Required?

Introduction

God's Desire/Design Is For Us To Be Blessed

If we want to enjoy the blessings of God, we must be willing to **MEET THE CONDITIONS OF GOD...**

Far too often we want **TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S BLESSINGS** without **FOLLOWING GOD'S BLUEPRINT**.
We desire to receive **MIRACLES FROM GOD** without **FOLLOWING HIS MANUAL**.

GOD SAYS TO US...

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "**plans to prosper you** and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly **abundantly above all that we ask or think...**

John 10:10 (NKJV)

10 ...I have come that they may have life and that they may **have it more abundantly**.

3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

2 Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper in all things and be in health**, just as your soul prospers.

Key Scripture
Psalms 1:1-3 (NIV)

1 Blessed is the man

*Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful...*

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law, he meditates day and night.

*3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither;
AND WHATEVER HE DOES SHALL PROSPER.*

3 Keys Involved

Separation....

Scripture....

Success....

Key #1 ~ Separation

Avoid Contamination At All Cost

*1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
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1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

15 Do not LOVE THIS WORLD nor the things it offers you, for when you LOVE THE WORLD, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions.

These are not from the Father but are from this world. 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

James 4:4 (NLT)

4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be A FRIEND OF THE WORLD, you make yourself an enemy of God.

John 17:15-17 (NIV)

15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you PROTECT THEM from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is TRUTH.

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*The World is offering tangible things that entice the appetite
Money, Cars, Clothes, Houses, Promotions, Positions*

*The T.V. offers quick opportunities for success
The Internet offers solutions that will satisfy without the struggle*

*God and The Kingdom offer things that are seemingly invisible
HOPE, PEACE, JOY, BLESSING, CONTENTMENT*

Which Is More Attractive....

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Warns Against Three Levels Of Departure From God
*Thinking, Behaving, Belonging
Advice, Actions, Allegiance*

Walk In The Counsel of the Ungodly...

Begins by warning against **THE ADVICE** you receive that impacts and influences your actions

This is the beginning stage of sinful living...this is the “**PUTTING YOUR TOES IN THE WATER**” stage

In Genesis 3 ~ Eve began the fall by LISTENING to the serpent...

The **LIES LEAD HER** Toward Disobedience

Who Has Your Ear?

Colossians 2:8 (NIV)

*8 See to it that no one TAKES YOU CAPTIVE through hollow and deceptive philosophy,
which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.*

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Nor Stands In The Path of Sinners

*Notice the progression... Was Walking...Now Standing
The word stands indicate a close association with sinful behavior*

*The LISTENING has not turned into A LIFESTYLE ~ You know its wrong, but you willfully surrender to sinful ways
DIDN'T MEAN TO GET CAUGHT UP...*

Galatians 5:7 (ESV)

7 YOU WERE RUNNING WELL. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

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Nor Sits In The Seat of the Scornful...

Notice the progression...walking, standing, sitting...

This shows a person is completely identified with, at ease, and comfortable with sinful behavior

Started with toes in the water, then, Swimming in water, now...completely over my head

They are addicted to sin and have become ANTI-GOD

They are the ones who ridicule God, the things of God, and the People of God

*This verse warns us to **AVOID GUILT BY ASSOCIATION.***

This Could Never Happen To Me Mentality

Matthew 26:31-35 (NLT)

31 On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight **all of you will desert me**.... 33 Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, **I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU.**" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." 35 **"NO!" PETER INSISTED. "EVEN IF I HAVE TO DIE WITH YOU, I WILL NEVER DENY YOU!"** And all the other disciples vowed the same...

Luke 22:54

54 So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And **PETER FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE.**

Luke 22:55

55 But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, **PETER SAT DOWN WITH THEM.**

Luke 22:56-61

56 A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "**THIS MAN WAS WITH HIM.**"

57 **BUT HE DENIED IT. "WOMAN, I DON'T KNOW HIM,"** he said.

58 A little later someone else saw him and said, "**You also are one of them.**" "**MAN, I AM NOT!**" Peter replied.

59 About an hour later another asserted, "**CERTAINLY THIS FELLOW WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE IS A GALILEAN.**"

60 Peter replied, "**MAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!**"

Notice **THE GRADUAL PROGRESSION** ~ Confident... Casual Closeness... Contaminate Company... Catastrophe

1 Corinthians 10:12 ~ Therefore let anyone who **THINKS THAT HE STANDS, TAKE HEED** lest he falls.

Key #2 ~ The Scripture

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law, he meditates day and night.

Finds Satisfaction, Finds Success, Finds Strength in the Scripture

*When I **SEPARATE** from the World... I must be **FILLED** with the Word*

Matthew 12:43-45 (NLT)

*43 "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none.
44 Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home **EMPTY**,
SWEPT, and **IN ORDER**. 45 Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself,
and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before.*

*Just because you do not take counsel from the wicked.... **NOT ENOUGH***

*Just because you do not hang with the ungodly... **NOT ENOUGH***

You Must Find Strength, Satisfaction, Support, and Success in the Word

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Delight~ Affection

What you are *affectionate about* ~ You **THINK ABOUT** and **PURSUE**
THE DELIGHT soon becomes **YOUR DESIRE**

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)

2 as newborn babes, **DESIRE THE PURE MILK OF THE WORD**, that you may grow

Psalms 37:4 ~ **DELIGHT** yourself in the Lord and he will give you the **DESIRES** of your heart.

I don't think it is a coincidence or accident that Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible

Psalm 119 is all about the Value of God's Word

*Unfortunately, we live in a world today where the bible is depicted as being **outdated**, **fictional**,
having little value, and to some, **completely irrelevant**.*

Isaiah 40:8 ~ *The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever."*

Do You Delight In The Word

Psalms 119:14 (ESV)

14 In the way of your testimonies *I delight as much as in all riches.*

Psalms 119:16 (ESV)

16 *I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.*

Psalms 119:35 (ESV)

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, *for I delight in it.*

Psalms 119:92 (ESV)

92 *If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.*

Psalms 119:11 (ESV)

11 I have *stored up your word in my heart*, that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:105 (ESV)

105 Your *word is a lamp* to my feet and *a light* to my path.

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2 *But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law, he meditates day and night.*

Meditate ~ to hum... think out loud... turn over in the mind...ponder

Meditate day and night

Wake up thinking about the Word... Go to Bed thinking about the Word

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)

8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

John 15:7 (NKJV)

7 *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

16 *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

17 ***GOD USES IT TO PREPARE AND EQUIP HIS PEOPLE TO DO EVERY GOOD WORK.***

Key #3 ~ Success

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Understand That Godly Success Has Stability

Strategically Planted By Rivers of Water

God plants, God positions us, and God places us in a position for success

Psalms 37:23 ~ The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord...

Psalms 23:2-5 (NKJV)

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*
3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
5 YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES...

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*The Word Of God Is The Root System For Prosperity
Trees have a hidden root system that draws up water and nourishment*

Matthew 13:18-23 (NLT)

- 18 “Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds:
19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.
20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.
21 **BUT SINCE THEY DON’T HAVE DEEP ROOTS, THEY DON’T LAST LONG.**
They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word.*

The Root System Allows Stability During Tough Times

That’s why it is important to meditate in the Word

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The Promise of Prosperity

“Whatever He Does” ~ Includes Business, Family, Finances, Spirituality, Personal Life

Genesis 39:1-3 (NASB)

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

2 The Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

3 Now his master saw that the Lord was with him

*and how **THE LORD CAUSED ALL THAT HE DID TO PROSPER IN HIS HAND.***

Genesis 39:20-23 (NASB)

*20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. 21 But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. 22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it. 23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the Lord was with him; and **WHATEVER HE DID, THE LORD MADE TO PROSPER.***

The World Will Say....
I Can Become Successful Without The Lord... Without Those Keys

Remember This...

Proverbs 10:22 (NLT)

22 The blessing of the Lord MAKES A PERSON RICH, and he ADDS NO SORROW WITH IT.

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