



Praying for Peace & Prosperity

Lesson 4

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Sometimes it’s hard to hear, “If you live in the USA, you are richer than 90% of the world.” While statistics differ on this depending on who you are reading, it’s clear that the people we often refer to as “Americans” are privileged in numerous ways.

That said, it’s also true that many Americans aren’t experiencing personal prosperity but wake up every day surrounded by cultural prosperity. Just because my neighbors are wealthy doesn’t mean I’m wealthy. Just because my extended family is prosperous doesn’t mean I’m prosperous.

Jesus Christ was the King of King and Lord of Lords, but was born into very humble beginnings. He wouldn’t be considered wealthy by any human standard. However, Jesus would also be considered richly blessed. Jesus was wealthy in ways we all covet. Jesus was also left alone in ways we would all dread.

Our study this week centers around the concept of praying for prosperity; praying for the abundant life Jesus wanted for us. And, we want to pray for prosperity in a Godly way.

Sermon Notes:

When a person is _____ we often hear people say they are _____. Why is it we automatically believe _____ is a blessing from God rather than a _____ of Satan?

Paul’s notes for Timothy remind us:

- Wealth is dangerous when combined with _____.
- Placing _____ and _____ in wealth is _____.
- _____ is one experience God wants us all to have.
- _____ can _____ this for others through...
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
- When our _____ are in heaven, our _____ is abundant and full.

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer for prosperity.

Pray for prosperity as it relates to...

Personal Reflections:

If you are relationally wealthy, how can you leverage that wealth to benefit those in your life who are relationally impoverished?

If you are creatively wealthy, how can you leverage that creativity to benefit others in your world?

If you are financially wealthy, how can you leverage your money to benefit others who struggle financially?

One of the reasons we give as part of our faith is to remember that everything we have is from God and belongs to God. Write down three areas of your life in which you practice giving. (i.e. church, a non-profit organization, etc.). When you think about gifts you’ve given to these organizations, when have you felt most joyful? What did you give? What was the setting?

Write down one organization or entity you’d like to share your prosperity with (not just financially). What’s something you can do this week to take a step in that direction?
