

I. Review

A. <u>3 John 1:2 (KJV)</u> – Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

<u>3 John 1:2 (AMP)</u> – 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]² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

B. Previous Sessions

1. God's Proclaimed Blessing

Prosperity is the blessing of God at work in the life of the believer.

2. What does the Blessing Look Like?

Increase/multiplication/ abundance/supernatural harvest/accelerated harvest

3. Renewing your Mind in the Blessing

The necessity of possessing right thinking regarding the blessing.

4. Already Blessed

God has already proclaimed and released His blessing upon our lives. We do not focus attention on moving heaven, we focus attention on receiving what has already been provided.

II. Positioning Yourself for the Blessing

While the blessing has already been released, it is possible for us to miss it by being out of alignment with His plan.

Scriptures explaining how to be positioned for blessing.



A. Psalm 1:1-3 (NKJV) – ¹Blessed 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; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³He 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.

<u>Psalm 1:1 (AMP)</u> – <u>Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God]</u> is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked [following their advice and example], Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit [down to rest] in the seat of scoffers (ridiculers).

- 1. What positions this person for the blessing?
 - a. Not walking in the advice or example of the wicked.
 - b. Not taking the path of the unrighteous.
 - c. Not sitting in the company of mockers.
- **2.** The blessing is averted when a person engages in the wrong flow. (Being in the wrong place, surrounded by the wrong people, receiving wrong instruction).

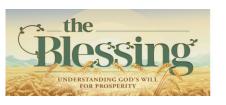
Note: It matters where you go and who you surround yourself with.

<u>1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV)</u> – Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

<u>1 Corinthians 15:33 (CEV)</u> – Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will destroy you.

There are people who will PROMOTE and FACILITATE the blessing upon your life.

There are people who will HINDER and CEASE the blessing upon your life.



KNOW those who are bringing the blessing – and those who are promoting the curse.

B. <u>Psalm 112:1 (NKJV)</u> – Praise the LORD! <u>Blessed is the man</u> who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments.

<u>Psalm 112:1 (AMP)</u> – Praise the LORD! (Hallelujah!) Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God] is the man who fears the LORD [with awe-inspired reverence and worships Him with obedience], Who delights greatly in His commandments.

- 1. This is the spiritual law of reverence.
- 2. Proverbs 1:28-31 (NKJV) ²⁸"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, ³⁰They would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. ³¹Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

<u>Proverbs 1:29 (CEV)</u> – No, you would not learn, and you refused to respect the LORD.

NOTE: Reverence positions you for the blessing. Irreverence opens the door the curse and hinders the blessing.

C. <u>Luke 11:27-28 (NKJV)</u> — ²⁷And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" ²⁸But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!

<u>Luke 11: 28 (AMP)</u> – But He said, "On the contrary, blessed (happy, favored by God) are those who hear the word of God and continually observe it.



- 1. There is a blessing upon hearing the Word of God.
- 2. Matthew 13:10-17 (NKJV) ¹⁰And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; ¹⁵ for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' ¹⁶But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

NOTE: The reason why many of these could not hear or see the truth is because they had willingly closed their minds to the truth. They refused to see or hear what Jesus was saying. They had the same potential for blessing and healing that everyone else had, but their hardness of heart averted the blessing.

Those who will be blessed will always have "Ears to Hear" and "Eyes to See."

3. Honoring the Word positions you for the blessing.

<u>Luke 8:18 (NKJV)</u> – Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.



<u>Luke 8:18 (AMP)</u> – So be careful how you listen; for whoever has [a teachable heart], to him more [understanding] will be given; and whoever does not have [a longing for truth], even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him."

III. Closing Remarks

- A. Everything needed has already been provided in "The Blessing."
- B. While the *Old Covenant* of performance and work has been done away with, the necessity of *BEING POSITIONED for receiving* is still very much in place.
- C. Pay attention to every scripture reference that declares, "Blessed Is."
- D. Many things that facilitated the blessing in the Old Covenant, will still position us for the FLOW OF BLESSING freely provided in Christ.

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