

The Spirit of Increase: Understanding Biblical Prosperity

Session 7: The Abundant Life

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I. Review

A. The God of Increase. *God is all about increase.*

Psalm 115:12-16

NKJV “The LORD has been mindful of *us*; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, *Both* small and great. **May the LORD give you increase more and more, You and your children.** *May you be* blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD’s; But the earth He has given to the children of men.”

B. Previous Session’s Thoughts

1. Our journey of faith in God is always about increase.

- a. Spiritual Increase
- b. Soul Increase
- c. Body Increase
- d. Financial Increase
- e. Addition and Multiplication
- f. Advancement in All Things

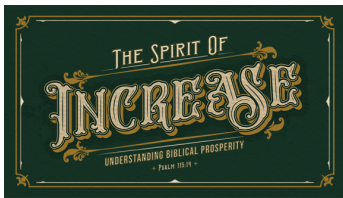
II. The Abundant Life

A. John 10:10

NKJV “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”

AMP “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].”

Smith’s Literal “The thief comes not, except that he steal, and sacrifice, and destroy: I came that they might have life, and have above measure.”



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1. **Abundantly** (*Greek = Perissos*):

- a. Exceeding some number or measure or need.
- b. Over and above / more than necessary.
- c. Superadded.
- d. Something further / more / much more than all.
- e. Extraordinary.
- f. Surpassing / UNCOMMON.
- g. More remarkable / more excellent.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Jesus used this term with full understanding of the level of abundance He was speaking of when He spoke of **ABUNDANT LIFE**!*

B. **Whenever Scripture Speaks of Our Needs Being Supplied, It Never Implies *JUST ENOUGH* to Get By**

1. **Philippians 4:19**

NKJV “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

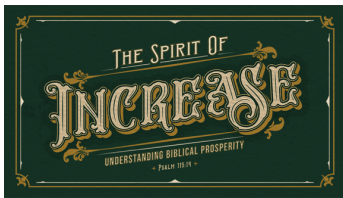
AMP “And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Weymouth New Testament “But my God—so great is His wealth of glory in Christ Jesus—will fully supply every need of yours.”

New Revised Standard “And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

2. **Matthew 6:31-33**

NKJV “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”



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NLT “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

- a. “...all these things will be added unto you...”
- b. “Added” = give more; increase; to proceed further.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *This doesn’t sound like poverty or just above the poverty line. The indication is that your Heavenly Father desires for you to increase in everything you need AND that honoring Him by keeping Him in 1st place allows this law of increase to work in you.*

3. Matthew 7:7-11

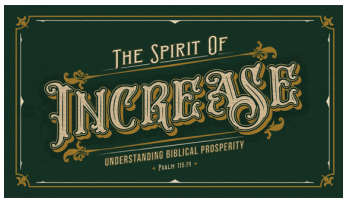
NKJV “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? **If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him.**”

- a. How many of you desire for your kids to increase?
- b. How many of you desire for your kids to struggle and barely have enough to get by?
- c. If we would not put poverty, sickness, or disaster upon our children, certainly GOD WOULD NOT put those things on His children either!
- d. If we desire to do good things for our kids, HOW MUCH MORE does God desire good things for His children?

C. The Bible is Filled with References and Examples of Abundance

1. Deuteronomy 28:45-47

NKJV “Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of



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the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever. Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and gladness of heart, **for the abundance of everything...**"

- The Old Covenant provided for the **ABUNDANCE OF EVERYTHING**.

2. Nehemiah 9:25

NLT "Our ancestors captured fortified cities and fertile land. They took over houses full of good things, with cisterns already dug and vineyards and olive groves and fruit trees in **abundance**. So, they ate until they were full and grew fat and enjoyed themselves in all your blessings."

3. Psalm 65:11

NLT "You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with **abundance**."

4. Jeremiah 31:14

NLT "The priests will enjoy **abundance**, and my people will feast on my good gifts. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

5. 1 Chronicles 29:16

NIV "Lord our God, all this **abundance** that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."

6. Psalm 66:12

NIV "You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of **abundance**."

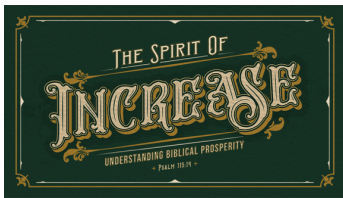
D. Rich People in the Bible

1. Abraham

Genesis 13:1-2 AMPC "So Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South [country of Judah, the Negeb]. Now Abram was extremely rich in livestock and in silver and in gold."

2. David

1 Chronicles 29:28 NLT "He died at a ripe old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth, and honor. Then his son Solomon ruled in his place."



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3. Job

Job 1:3 NLT “He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area.”

Job 42:10 AMPC “And the Lord turned the captivity of Job *and* restored his fortunes, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

4. Isaac

Genesis 26:12-14 NKJV “Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.”

5. Jacob

Genesis 30:43 NKJV “Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys”

6. Joseph of Arimathea

Matthew 27:57 NKJV “Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.”

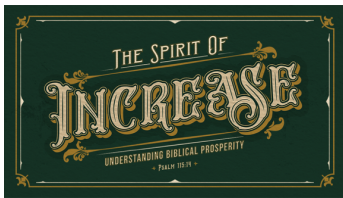
7. Hezekiah

2 Kings 20:13 NKJV “And Hezekiah was attentive to them, and showed them all the house of his treasures—the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory—all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.”

8. Lydia

Acts 16:14-16 NKJV “Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us*, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.’ So she persuaded *us*.

- *Lydia was a successful businesswoman who opened her home to support Paul and the ministry from her home.*



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9. Cornelius

Acts 10:1-4 NLT “In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God.”

10. Paul (*Regardless of traditional thinking about Paul, he was not poor.*)

Acts 28:30 NKJV “And Paul lived there for two full years [at his own expense] in his own rented lodging and welcomed all who came to him...”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Paul did this without being able to leave his home or work a job, as he was under house arrest at this time. Yet, he had enough to rent a place at his own expense—one that had enough space to host the many people coming to his home daily to receive his teaching. This was not a “shack” or a small, inadequate home.*