



## The Blessing: Understanding God's Will for Prosperity

### Session 7: Financial Prosperity

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#### I. Review

##### A. 3 John 2

**KJV** "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

**AMP** "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]"

##### B. Previous Sessions

###### 1. **What Does the Blessing Look Like?**

*Increase / multiplication / abundance / supernatural harvest / accelerated harvest*

###### 2. **Renewing Your Mind in the Blessing**

*The necessity of possessing right thinking regarding the blessing.*

###### 3. **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.*

###### 4. **Positioned for Blessing**

*Although the blessing has already been provided, there are things we do to stay in position for the blessing to flow freely in our life.*

###### 5. **Being Blessing Minded**

*We should expect the blessing to be at work in every area of our life every day. We should not anticipate the curse being at work in our life.*

#### II. Financial Prosperity

*It is the will of God for every believer to be blessed financial. To be blessed financially is to have enough for every bill to be paid and money left for giving and personal enjoyment.*

##### A. Why so many issues with the prosperity message?

###### 1. **Ministers / ministries have abused this doctrine for personal gain.**

*This is not a new issue for the church. There were those in early church who were taking advantage of the saints for personal gain.*



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#### a. 2 Peter 2:1-3

**NKJV** "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber."

**Weymouth Translation** "Thirsting for riches, they will trade on you with their canting talk."

**NLT** "In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money."

#### B. Does the Bible teach financial prosperity?

##### 1. Psalm 112:1-3

**NKJV** "Praise the Lord! Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the Lord, *Who* delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches *will be* in his house, And his righteousness endures forever."

**NLT** "Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed. They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever."

**GNT** "Happy is the person who honors the Lord, who takes pleasure in obeying his commands. The good man's children will be powerful in the land; his descendants will be blessed. His family will be wealthy and rich, and he will be prosperous forever."

##### 2. Deut 8:6-18

**NKJV** "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a



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good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones *are* iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end — then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' **And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth**, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.”

**Deut 8:18 GWT** “But remember the LORD your God is the one who makes you wealthy. He's confirming the promise which he swore to your ancestors. It's still in effect today.”

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** Some might question the intent of these verses by asking: “Did the term ‘WEALTH’ mean something different back in Bible times than it does today in our English language?” **The word translated here as “wealth” is the Hebrew word Hebrew “hayil”, which means: strength – ability – efficiency – wealth – force – resources and substance.**

### 3. Ecclesiastes 5:19

**NLT** “And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.



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#### 4. David's praise over the people's offerings

##### a. 1 Chron 29:18

**NKJV** "Both riches and honor come from you, and you reign over all. In your hand is power and might. In your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all."

**GNT** "All riches and wealth come from you; you rule everything by your strength and power; and you are able to make anyone great and strong."

#### 5. What about the scriptures warning against riches?

*All the scriptures warning against riches are directed to those who **put their trust** in their money.*

##### a. 1 Tim 6:17

**NKJV** "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy."

**GWT** "Tell those who have the riches of this world not to be arrogant and not to place their confidence in anything as uncertain as riches. Instead, they should place their confidence in God who richly provides us with everything to enjoy."

**AMP** "As for the rich in this present world, instruct them not to be conceited *and* arrogant, nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly *and* ceaselessly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

#### 6. New Testament Scriptures

##### a. Luke 4:18

**NKJV** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor"



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#### b. 2 Cor 8:9

**NKJV** "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

**AMP** "For you are recognizing [more clearly] the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [His astonishing kindness, His generosity, His gracious favor], that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich (abundantly blessed)."

#### c. 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"

**GWT** "A thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need."

**NLT** "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

**GWT** "A thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need."

#### d. Phil 4:18-19

**NKJV** "Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 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"

**GNT** "And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs."



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**Weymouth** "But my God -- so great is His wealth of glory in Christ Jesus -- will fully supply every need of yours."

- **"Need" definition:** *everything that is needed; to furnish everything needed so you are lacking nothing.*

#### C. The Tithe Connection

##### 1. Mal 3:8-12

**NKJV** "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this, Says the Lord of hosts, If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room* enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field, Says the Lord of hosts; And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land, Says the Lord of hosts."

- a. The tithe is God's established connection to the wealth of heaven.
- b. Tithing opens the windows of heaven for blessing.
- c. Tithing activates the blessing upon our finances / income so that supernatural increase may occur.
- d. Tithing is an automatic rebuke in the face of the enemy who comes to steal, kill, and destroy.
- e. Tithing sets a guard that keeps us from putting trust in money and keeps our confidence placed in God as our source.
- f. Tithing blesses the church and ministry of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is "*Kingdom Investment.*" Investing in the Kingdom of God is the safest investment ever to be made. Kingdom investments pay the *HIGHEST rate of return.* God declared His blessing upon the tithe and those who participate will be blessed!!!!