

THE SPIRIT OF INCREASE: UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL PROSPERITY

Session 1 | The God of Increase

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I. Introduction and Opening Scriptures

A. Isaiah 9:6-7

NKJV “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of His government and peace *There will be no end***, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

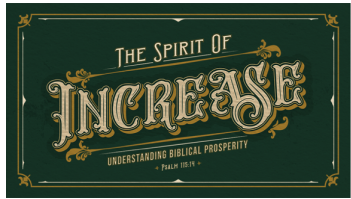
PASTOR’S NOTE: *The Kingdom of God is all about increase! The kingdom is always increasing: “...of the Increase of the Kingdom of God there shall be no end.” The closer the coming of Jesus gets, the more we should be increasing in every realm.*

B. 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.”

1. Increase is the plan of God for His children – NOT DECREASE!

- a. **“Increase” in the Biblical language** = To add, to do more, to do again; to exceed or go further; to come to more; to increase anything; to give more plentifully. Addition and increases of wealth.
- b. **Psalm 115:14**
 - **YLT** “Jehovah addeth to you, to you, and to your sons.”
 - **Brenton Septuagint Translation** “The Lord add *blessings* to you and to your children.”
- c. **“Increase” in the English language** = To cause to become greater in size, quantity, intensity, or degree.



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II. Believing for the Spirit of Increase

A. We must become **INCREASE** minded. **Romans 12:2 NKJV** “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

1. Transformation is always connected to the renewing of the mind.

2. Many Christians are **POVERTY** minded!

3. We must have our thinking transformed on the subject of prosperity. We must develop our faith in God’s will to prosper and **INCREASE** us.

a. **Romans 12:2**

AMPC “Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its **new ideals** and its **new attitude**], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, *even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].*”

b. We do not have to be poor or have only enough to barely get by.

4. Renewing your mind with the Word of God will increase your capacity to see what you have never seen before.

a. The mind must be renewed in **MANY** areas of thinking.

b. If we are to become **INCREASE MINDED**, we must meditate on God’s promises for increase and prosperity. This will increase our capacity to see and believe for things we have never seen or experienced before.

5. Scriptures:

a. **Deuteronomy 16:15**

- **NKJV** “Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because **the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands**, so that you surely rejoice.”
- **GWT** “You will enjoy yourselves, because the LORD your God will bless all your harvest and all your work.”
- **ISV** “...for the LORD your God will bless you in all your harvest and in everything you do, and your joy will be complete.”

b. **Deuteronomy 29:9**



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- **NKJV** “Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.”
- **NASB** “So you will keep the words of this covenant and do them, in order that you may be successful in everything that you do.”

c. **Psalm 85:12**

- **NKJV** “Yes, the LORD will give *what is good*; And our land will yield its increase.”
- **GNT** “The LORD will make us prosperous, and our land will produce rich harvests.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: Your “land” includes your business, what you own, what you have, your children, family, finances, health, and possessions – everything.

d. **1 Corinthians 3:6**

- **KJV** “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: He is a GOD OF INCREASE!

B. God is all about INCREASE. Faith for the Spirit of Increase comes by hearing and hearing and hearing the Word of God that speaks of supernatural increase.

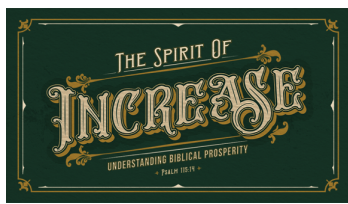
1. **Proverbs 18:20**

KJV “A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.”

2. **Genesis 1:26-28**

NKJV “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘**Be fruitful and multiply**; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

PASTOR’S NOTE: God’s original plan was for mankind was that they be blessed and increase in every area of life.



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- a. **“Multiply”** = INCREASE. He is actually saying **“INCREASE.”**
- b. The first words mankind ever heard from God were for us to be blessed, empowered, and prosperous. We are to be fruitful and multiply (INCREASE) upon the earth.
- c. To be “blessed” is to continually walk in the Spirit of Increase. **It is continual and non-stop wherever we go!**
- d. **Proverbs 10:22**
 - **NKJV** “The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.”
 - **AMPC** “The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].”
- e. **God’s blessing of increase continued upon mankind even after the FALL in Genesis.**
 - **Genesis 9:1 (God increased Noah)** “So, God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.’”
 - **Genesis 12:2 (Abraham)** “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.”
 - **Genesis 24:1 NKJV** “Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *The Lord increased Abraham in ALL THINGS – in every way.*

- **Genesis 26 (Isaac) He sowed in the land in the time of famine and INCREASED.** The blessing of the Lord caused him to increase when no one else was increasing.
- **Galatians 3:29 KJV** “And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”
- **Contemporary English Version** “So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *The Spirit of Increase that was upon Adam from the beginning was carried over to Abraham and his descendants. The same Spirit of Increase is upon us as the spiritual descendants of Abraham.*