



THE BLESSING: UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL FOR PROSPERITY

Session 8: Financial Prosperity • Pt. 2

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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. Last Session Review

1. Financial Prosperity

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

2. Top reasons why there is so much attack against prosperity teaching:

- a. Ministers have abused this doctrine for selfish gain.
- b. Traditional teaching that promotes lack as being spiritual and wealth being ungodly.

3. Key scriptures from the previous session on prosperity and wealth.

a. 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.”

b. Ecc 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.”

c. 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.”

II. Examples of financial prosperity in the Bible:

Whenever God established covenant with people in the Bible, the blessing of that agreement included prosperity and wealth.



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A. Offerings for the Temple

1. 1 Chron 29:1-3

NKJV “Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: ‘My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, *is* young and inexperienced; and the work *is* great, because the temple *is* not for man but for the Lord God. Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for *things to be made of* gold, silver for *things of* silver, bronze for *things of* bronze, iron for *things of* iron, wood for *things of* wood, onyx stones, *stones to be set*, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver’.”

NLT “Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. ‘And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple’.”

2. The People's Offering

1 Chron 29:6-9 NLT “Then the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king’s administrative officers all gave willingly. For the construction of the Temple of God, they gave about 188 tons of gold, 10,000 gold coins, 375 tons of silver, 675 tons of bronze, and 3,750 tons of iron. They also contributed numerous precious stones, which were deposited in the treasury of the house of the Lord under the care of Jehiel, a descendant of Gershon. The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord, and King David was filled with joy.”

- a. The people gave willingly – and with rejoicing.
- b. Willingly = they volunteered to give in the offering.
- c. Freely and wholeheartedly



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PASTOR'S NOTE: *It is wonderful that these people had a heart to give freely and wholeheartedly to the work of God, however we must not ignore this fact: **THEY HAD AN ABUNDANCE OF OFFERING TO GIVE.** Where did they get the gold, silver, jewels, and other wealth to give? **GOD MUST HAVE BLESSED THEM WITH IT!***

3. **Select verses from David's song of praise:** *It's important to REJOICE / PRAISE over your offering.*

a. **1 Chron 29:12-14**

NLT "Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!"

b. **1 Chron 29:16-18**

NLT "O Lord our God, even this material we have gathered to build a temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you! I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously. O Lord, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *David was so moved by how the people responded to GIVE that he praised the Lord and prayed that the people would never lose this heart of obedient giving.*

B. Jesus and His disciples:

1. **There is no record of Jesus being poor.**

a. The scripture that states: "He became poor that we might be made rich" (2 Cor 8:9), speaks of Jesus becoming poor at the cross by taking the curse of poverty upon Himself, thus redeeming us from the curse of poverty and **every other curse** listed in Deuteronomy 28.

b. Many have been taught that the reason Jesus was born in a stable was due to the poverty of Mary and Joseph. This is not true. The inn was FULL



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with NO VACANCY. Joseph could have easily paid the bill if there had been room.

- c. Mary and Joseph were on their way to pay taxes. There would have been no tax unless they owned property or had income.
- d. The wise men brought Jesus expensive gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In the Middle East, these gifts were highly valued.
- e. When Joseph and Mary had to flee and spend two years in Egypt hiding from Herod, they had the finances they needed to travel and stay there.
- f. The soldiers cast lots for Jesus' garment. *You don't do so if you are wearing beggar's clothing.*
- g. **Jesus had a home.**

Matthew 4:13 NKJV "And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtal"

Mark 2:1-2 NIV "A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *When Jesus said: "the foxes have dens and the birds have nests", He was not suggesting that He was homeless. He was speaking of His traveling ministry that required Him to be away from home continually.*

- h. **Jesus had partners.**
Luke 8:2-3 NKJV "...and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance."
- i. **Jesus had a treasurer.**
John 12:4-6 NKJV "But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, 'Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?' This he said, not that he cared



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for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.”

NLT “Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself.”

AMP “Now he said this, not because he cared about the poor [for he had never cared about them], but because he was a thief; and since he had the money box [serving as treasurer for the twelve disciples], he used to pilfer what was put into it”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *You do not have a treasurer if you have no money.*

j. **Jesus paid taxes.**

Matthew 17:27 NLT “However, we don’t want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *You do not pay taxes unless you have something on which to pay taxes.*

2. **The disciples were not in poverty.**

a. Jesus blessed Peter’s fishing business with the greatest catch of fish that Peter had ever experienced. (See Luke 5)

b. **Luke 22:35**

NKJV “And He said to them, ‘When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?’ So they said, ‘Nothing!’”

GWT “Then Jesus said to them, ‘When I sent you out without a wallet, traveling bag, or sandals, you didn’t lack anything, did you?’ ‘Not a thing!’ they answered.”

MSG “Then Jesus said, ‘When I sent you out and told you to travel light, to take only the bare necessities, did you get along all right?’ ‘Certainly,’ they said, ‘we got along just fine.’”



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TPT “Then he said to all of them, ‘When I sent you out empty-handed, did you lack anything?’ ‘Not a thing,’ they answered. ‘God provided all we needed’.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *When Jesus commanded them to go without extra supplies, He was teaching them that as they went in obedience to Him, their needs would be supplied.*

They were told to enter a house that was WORTHY of their staying there. A worthy house was an honorable house of integrity, but it also was a house of supply that would take care of their needs while ministering in that town.

- c. **Mark 10:28-30 NKJV** “Then Peter began to say to Him, ‘See, we have left all and followed You.’ So Jesus answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life’.”

C. The Apostle Paul’s Prosperity

Many people believe that the Apostles were poor and struggled to survive, this is not supported by scripture. While there may have been seasons of hardship due to persecution, they always prevailed and overcame with all needs being supplied.

- a. **Philippians 4:10-19 NKJV** “I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that once again you renewed your care for me. You were, in fact, concerned about me but lacked the opportunity to show it. I don’t say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me. Still, you did well by sharing with me in my hardship. And you Philippians know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone. For even in Thessalonica you sent gifts for my need several times. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that is increasing to your account. But I have received everything in full, and I have an abundance. I am fully supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you provided—a fragrant offering, an



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acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *There are many who take from this passage that we are supposed to struggle financially since Paul stated that He knew how to live in poverty and lack. However, Paul was not suggesting that it is the will of God for a person to abide in poverty and lack. He was speaking of a SEASON. Take note that this season ended, and He states that HE IS FULL and ABUNDANTLY SUPPLIED in verse 18:*

- **NLT** “At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me.”
- **CSB** “But I have received everything in full, and I have an abundance. I am fully supplied”
- **CEV** “I have been paid back everything, and with interest. I am completely satisfied with the gifts you sent with Epaphroditus.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Paul, like everyone, experienced financial struggles from time to time. However, he did not stay in this state of need. God always elevated him out of these circumstances.*

b. The Apostle Paul’s blessing in Malta

Acts 28:7-10 NKJV “In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days. And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *God had a supply for Paul even on an Island after being shipwrecked.*

Aramaic Bible in Plain English “And they honored us greatly, and when we were leaving from there, they loaded us with provisions.”

MSG “We spent a wonderful three months on Malta. They treated us royally, took care of all our needs and outfitted us for the rest of the journey.”



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- c. **Paul was prosperous enough to rent his own home during house arrest.**
Acts 28:30-31 NKJV “Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.”