

The Purpose of Prosperity

Out of 38 recorded parables Jesus shared 16 dealt with how we handle money and possessions

Money reveals three things; your trust, your priorities, and your heart

The word ‘prosperity’ is not a bad word... it’s a bible word

“Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

Psalm 35.27 (NKJV)

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

3 John 1.2 (NKJV)

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9.8 (NKJV)

The purpose of prosperity is not to possess... it’s to bless

The purpose of prosperity is not about getting... it’s about giving

Biblical prosperity is never selfish

In 2023, the median U.S. household income was about \$80,600. The most reliable global survey (Gallup, 2013) estimated the worldwide median household income at about \$9,700, with per-person income around \$2,900. This means the typical U.S. household earns roughly 8 times more than the typical household worldwide — and on a per-person basis, Americans make about 10 times more than the global median.

If you earn about \$60,000 a year, you are roughly in the top 1% of individual income earners in the world.

Electricity, clean water, indoor plumbing, and internet access is what we call ‘normal’ in the US. However, globally nearly 1 in 4 people lack access to safe drinking water and 1 in 3 lack proper sanitation

2.4 billion people, roughly 30% of the world, still cook with wood or coal

Why did God choose to prosper me?

“...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded. And from the one trusted with much, much more will be expected.”

Luke 12.48 (NCV)

God's prosperity comes with expectations

“No one would have remembered the Good Samaritan if he only had good intentions. He had money as well.”

– Margaret Thatcher

As disciples of Jesus we're all called to Compassion

Compassion requires Capacity

“...I will bless you... And you shall be a blessing.”

Genesis 12.2 (NKJV)

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We have to position ourselves to prosper

Prosperity requires Wise Financial Stewardship

1. Operate from a Budget

Whatever you don't manage manages you

“If you will live like no one else, later you can live like no one else”

– Dave Ramsey

2. Create an Emergency Fund

3. Attack your debt

“The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Proverbs 22.7 (NKJV)

4. Start trusting God in your giving today

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Joshua 1.8 (NKJV)

