

## INTRODUCTION

- Prosperity is a subject that has brought much controversy to the Body of Christ, simply because of the believer's lack of knowledge in God's Word concerning it.
- Tonight, I endeavor to bring some light to the subject and reveal to you God's true plan for your prosperity.
- This world's system is based around financial resources.
- God has designed a way for His children to function and operate with this world's system, enabling us to further His system here on the earth.
- Jesus prayed in **Matthew 6:10, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."**
- God's system being done on earth does involve the earth's system.
- If it didn't, Jesus would not have prayed for it to come.

## PROSPERITY IS GOD'S PLAN

### **2 Corinthians 8:9 (KJV)**

*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.***

- Jesus went to the Cross for your financial freedom.
- For the church to reject prosperity we would be rejecting the Cross.

-Jesus became poor **"for"** us. That means that He did it so that we don't have to.

### **Psalm 35:27 (KJV)**

*Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*

- God loves when His kids prosper.
- This scripture actually tells us to say that continually.
- When was the last time that you said, **"God loves it when I walk in prosperity."**

### **Psalm 23:1 (KJV)**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

- When the Lord is leading you, you do not want for anything.
- When you are leading you, you will always want for something.
- You are not your source, God is.
- Your job is not your source, God is. **(Phil 4:19)**

### **Proverbs 10:22 (KJV)**

*The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.*

- God's blessing for His children includes them being rich.
- Did you know that a Christian can be wealthy and not have to feel bad about it?
- The world thinks that wealth produces happiness but there are plenty of miserable rich people.
- We know that a relationship with Jesus Christ produces true happiness **and** a life of wealth.
- When He blesses you there is no need to be sad.

**Proverbs 22:4 (KJV)**

*By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.*

**Isaiah 1:19 (KJV)**

*If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:*

- Eating the good of the land means that you do not have to settle for anything less.
- Eating the good of the land only comes from your willingness and obedience to God's plan and His Word.
- God wants you to eat the best, wear the best, drive the best, and live in the best, as long as you give the best.

**Job 36:11 (KJV)**

*If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.*

- When was the last time you spent the day prospering?

**Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)**

*But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*

- God gives His kids the power to get wealth.
- If wealth were wrong, why would God give you the power to get it?
- If He gave you the power, why wouldn't you want to go and get it?
- This scripture says that He swore to your ancestors that He would make you wealthy and prosperous.

## GOD'S PLAN FOR PROSPERITY

### **Matthew 6:24-26, 30-33 (KJV)**

**24** *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.***

- Most controversy over prosperity is because people serve their money more than they do their God.
- They go to work for it every single day.
- They use it to buy the desires of their heart, creating bills that cause them to work more in order to pay the bills that they created.
- It is impossible to serve God **and** money; however, you can serve God **with** money.

**25** *Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought** for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*

- To most people, money becomes their God because of the fear of lack in natural things.

**26** *Behold the fowls of the air: **for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns;** yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*

**30** *Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

- Fear of not having enough or not being taken care of is considered "**little faith**" by Jesus Christ.

**31** *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

**32** *(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

**33** *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

-The very thing that most people go to work for is what God promises us will be added to us as we seek first His Kingdom (system).

-**V.26** reveals God's plan for prosperity.

-Notice how He took the time to mention what the birds "**were not**" doing.

-He was implying that this is something that man **should** be doing.

-God's plan for prosperity is simple:

1. Sow
2. Reap
3. Save

## **GOD'S PLAN FOR PROSPERITY: SOWING**

-Sowing is to be first, that's why **V.33** said, "**seek ye first the Kingdom of God.**"

-Sowing produces reaping.

-You cannot reap without first sowing.

### **Galatians 6:7 (KJV)**

*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he **also** reap.*

-God's plan for prosperity is for you to put Him and His Kingdom first, enabling Him to establish His Kingdom on the earth through you.

-It was Jesus who taught us to pray to the Father, asking for His Kingdom to be established in this earth.

-This establishment of God's Kingdom comes through His children operating in the authority that Christ has given us.

## **GOD'S PLAN FOR PROSPERITY: REAPING**

-Reaping happens once sowing is done.

-If you will take authority over your sowing, it will enable you to take authority over your reaping.

### **2 Corinthians 9:10 (KJV)**

*Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your **seed sown**, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)*

-God's system is genius.

-Once you become a sower the reaping process happens, allowing you to keep sowing, enabling you to keep reaping.

-It is a vicious cycle of prosperity for your life, designed by God Himself.

-Not only does He give you more seed to sow, He takes whatever you **do sow** and multiplies it back to you.

-He multiplies your "**seed sown**".

-He cannot multiply what has not been sown.

-Do not expect a harvest without first sowing a seed.

## **GOD'S PLAN FOR PROSPERITY: SAVE**

-Once you have put God first by sowing and reaping, it is God's plan for you to save.

## **Proverbs 13:22 (KJV)**

*A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children...*

-Pay God first, pay yourself second, and pay your bills third.

-If you cannot save because of your bills, you have created a life that is not God's plan for you.

-If your bills and expenses do not allow you to save, you are living beyond your means and need to pull back in some areas of your spending.

-This does not mean that you pull back in your sowing.

-Most Christians, the Holy Spirit prompts them to give towards certain things and they are not able to because they have not obeyed God's law for prosperity.

-If you would save money, whenever the Holy Spirit prompts you to give, you would have a source that you could use to sow, enabling you to reap more, allowing you to save more.

-God created this system for your benefit, as well as His Kingdom on this earth.

-The Holy Spirit knows what you have need of and would only prompt you to do something that would benefit you and God at the same time.

-As we follow and submit ourselves to God's plan for prosperity, His Kingdom will be established in our lives.