

## **Prosperity God's Way (Developing Right Attitudes Part II)**

There are several hindrances that need to be removed and right attitudes that need to be developed in order to walk in the fullness of Biblical Prosperity:

### **Hindrances**

### **Right Attitudes**

A. Blindness/Limited Vision	The Father's care for us
B. Fear	Trust
C. Covetousness	Contentment
D. Impulsiveness	Patience
E. Stinginess	Generosity
F. Laziness	Diligence
G. Ownership	Stewardship
H. The love of money	Choosing relationships over money

### **The Next Hindrance to Prosperity is Covetousness/Greed**

**Exodus 20:17** – “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife...nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.”

**Covetousness defined:** too long for, set the heart on, lust after, to plunder by fraudulence, extortion, or unjust gain.

**Luke 12:15-21** – Covetousness causes deception.

**James 4:1-4** – “You lust and do not have...”

Whatever you are lusting for has you. You don't have it.

Whatever you covet and lust for you are never able to possess.

It's all right to ask for provision and possessions as long as you look to God and not to men.

### **Contentment is the Antidote for Covetousness and the Next Heart Attitude We Need to Develop Toward Money**

**Philippians 4:11** – “...for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.”

Contentment is a learned behavior or attitude. This is an attitude that can operate in us irrespective of our present financial condition.

Paul did not allow his circumstance, or the lack of support from others, to either redirect his trust or shape his attitude towards God.

**I Timothy 6:6** - Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

Our trust in God's care and provision for us, especially in the face of lack, is our protection from covetousness.

Contentment involves exalting the truth above the facts when tempted to yield to covetousness to achieve financial gain.

There are many temptations to yield to covetousness under the cloak of using financial gain to accomplish spiritual purposes.

### **Examples:**

"Just think how much more that I could give to the church, missions, and the work of God if I get involved with this deal."

"God will understand that I have to miss church on Sundays to take that second job so my family can experience the abundant life the pastor has been preaching about."

"It won't bother God if I tell a little white lie to win this new client. Besides, He knows that my tithe will be larger."

**Hebrews 13:5** – Let your conduct (life) be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.

He will not leave us in a place of lack or want.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

### **Another Primary Hindrance to Prosperity is Impulsiveness**

Impulsiveness - That's being flesh-led, emotion-led, instead of Spirit-led

**Romans 8:5-6** – For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Being led by the flesh results in death. Being led by the Spirit produces life and peace.

**Isaiah 48:17** – "I am the Lord your God who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the

way you should go.”

A major key to walking in Biblical prosperity is being led by the Spirit in financial decisions instead of giving authority to your emotions/flesh.

God will teach you to profit if you follow His Spirit.

**Example:** Elijah had to go to the brook Cherith and to the widow at Zarephath at the instruction of the Lord to find his provision.

The disciples had to remain in Jerusalem to receive the promise of the Father.

There are some stubborn, impulsive, and broke Christians who are sitting at the wrong brook and hanging around the wrong crowd because they have been emotion-led/flesh-led, and there upset at God.

Learn to wait on God and not follow whatever whim hits your flesh.

**Example:** Most of us have had children who at some time have had a severe case of the “I wanna’s.”

Pressuring us to buy something for them that may not be what is best for them or we cannot buy for them until they have learned to keep selfishness under control.

**Proverbs 14:29** – “...he who is impulsive exalts folly (makes foolish decisions).

Impulsiveness is one of the biggest thieves of the provision of the Father from His children today.

Impulsiveness preys on Christians who can't wait to get new furniture, electronics, automobiles, homes, etc.

**The right attitude to develop to overcome Impulsiveness is Patience**

One of the primary characteristics of God's voice is patience.

Patience doesn't come by praying for it but by drawing on His nature – the fruit of the Spirit – which is in you and is patient.

Confess the truth that you have patience and you are a patient person instead of the fact (lie) that agrees with your flesh that maybe you haven't been acting patient.

**Pressure is a bad sign – It is not from the Holy Ghost!**

There will always be another car, house, blessing, good deal, job, ministry opportunity, or whatever you need to accomplish the will of God at the right time.

God's blessings do not cause us to compromise Bible principles or act out of character with His nature.

When you learn to wait on God, He will work things out for you.

**John 7:3-6** – “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.”

Jesus did not allow others to determine His course, but He followed God's timing.

**Proverbs 10:22** – “The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it.”

God's Way equals Prosperity without grief!