

Prosperity God's Way

(The Purpose of Prosperity)

Genesis 12:1-3 – God's Initial Promise to Abram

In the beginning of dealing with His covenant people, God reveals the purpose of blessing and prosperity. His blessing in our lives is so we can have the opportunity to be a blessing to others.

That is why the Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." – **Acts 20:35**

It is a greater blessing to be in a position to be able to give to others than to be in a position of needing to receive from others.

This covenant promise is the foundation for the Biblical concept of blessing and prosperity.

In blessing us, we see God at work in the lives of His people to counter the effects of the curse.

This covenant promise of blessing belongs to each one of us who have received Christ by faith.

Galatians 3:29 – "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." **Galatians 3:9** – "So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham."

Qualifiers to be blessed and to be a blessing:

1. Be in Christ and in Faith that the blessing belongs to you.
2. Don't exempt yourselves from the promise of blessing because of past experience, sin, insecurity, feeling of unworthiness, or what others might think of you.
3. Though the promise of blessing belongs to us, it must be appropriated by faith.

Another Look at God's Promise and Purpose of Blessing and Prosperity for His Covenant People.

Deuteronomy 8:7-9 "For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land...a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing." "No lack and no need!"

Deuteronomy 8:18 "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your

fathers, as it is this day.”

This is, first of all, a promise of grace to create wealth to each of us in covenant with Him. The key to entering into it is our agreement and response of faith.

Secondly, this verse reveals God’s purpose for blessing His covenant people with this grace to create wealth to establish His covenant.

To finance the gospel and any ministries that are bringing people into a covenant relationship with the Living God.

And to give generously to those churches or ministries that are reaching the lost, bringing them to Jesus, and establishing people in the faith.

The purpose of prosperity is for establishing His covenant and His Word in the hearts of men. If we don’t understand the purpose of a thing, abuse, neglect, and failure are the result.

II Corinthians 9:8-10 This is the New Testament Definition of Prosperity!

Blessing belongs at your house. It is unnecessary to chase after blessing. God has ordained blessing to overtake you (**Deuteronomy 28:2**).

Always having all sufficiency in all things. Always having enough to meet your needs

One of the biggest fears we face is not having enough.

God says the first priority of prosperity is to meet your needs.

God’s grace and heavenly resources never run out.

Possess an abundance for every good work.

We are not prospering according to the Bible definition of prosperity until our needs are met and we have surplus for the purpose of blessing others and advancing the Kingdom.

If you are content just to believe God for your needs being met alone, you are a selfish human being!

It is scriptural to ask God to provide for your needs and a supply to give from – enough and extra!

Whenever you are faced with a need, ask God for double – enough and extra – and reinforce the devil’s defeat twice!

II Corinthians 9:10 – God gives seed to sower.

If your desire to prosper is focused on you – your needs and wants only – you are missing the purpose of prosperity.

When you develop a heart to give, God will get seed to you.

We were created in God's image, and He is a giver! He gave His Only Begotten Son,
John 3:16

II Corinthians 9:11-14 – Our giving not only meets the needs of saints but also releases thanksgiving, glorifies God, models generosity, and causes others' prayers to go up for us.

One of the best places to learn to hear God is in the area of your finances.

Develop sensitivity to God about money by practicing discerning what part of your income is seed to sow and what part is bread to meet your needs.

II Corinthians 8:7 “But as you abound in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us – see that you abound in this grace also.”

This grace of giving and receiving.

This grace of making room in your heart to be blessed is so you can be a blessing –
This is not an option!

See to it that you abound in this grace of having an abundance...you don't strive for it, you don't work for it, it comes through a covenant promise to every person who's been born again.