

Proverbs 3:9-10, Amp – Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency ... and with the firstfruits of all your income; so shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine.”

d) Tithing Involves Both The Heart And The Mouth - Deuteronomy 26:10-11, NIV – (10) ... bring the firstfruits of the soil ... Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. (11) And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

i. Bring The Tithe ii. Worship Him (Bow down) iii. Praise Him (Rejoice)

5. Sowing

a) Bring An Offering - Malachi 3:8, NIV – “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings.” - Matthew 5:23, RSV – “So when you are offering your gift at the altar ...”

b) The Harvest You Reap Is Determined By The Measure Of Seed You Sow - Galatians 6:7, NIV – “... whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6, NASB – “... he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.” - Luke 6:38, NIV – “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

6. Giving Alms

a) Giving To The Poor Gets The Attention Of God - Acts 10:4, NASB – And fixing his gaze upon him and being much alarmed, he said, ‘What is it, Lord?’ And he said to him, ‘Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.’ - Acts 10:31, NASB – Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.

b) Giving Alms Is Lending To God – He Obligates Himself To Bless You - Proverbs 19:17, NASB – He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed. - Matthew 6:4, NASB - That your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

7. Believing And Saying

a) If You Truly Believe, It Will Be What You Speak - 2 Corinthians 4:13, NIV – It is written: ‘I believed; therefore I have spoken.’ With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.

b) Faith Must Be In Your Heart And Your Mouth - Romans 10:8, NIV – The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming.

c) Believing And Then Speaking Releases Your Faith - Mark 11:23, NIV – “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

d) Saturate Your Mind In God’s Word, And Then Consistently Speak It - Joshua 1:8, NIV – Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

A SEASON OF TRANSITION

3 – A Commitment To Biblical Prosperity

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WHAT IS BIBLICAL PROSPERITY?

3 John 1:2, NASB – “Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.”

Galatians 3:13-14, NIV – “(13) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’ (14) He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus ...”

GOD DELIGHTS IN OUR PROSPERITY

Psalms 35:27, NIV – “... The Lord be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant.”

THE PURPOSE OF BIBLICAL PROSPERITY

1. That We May Bless Others

a) We Are Blessed To Be A Blessing - Genesis 12:2-3, NIV – “(2) I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

b) We Are Blessed As We Bless Others - Philippians 4:17-19, NIV – (17) Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. (18) I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. (19) And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

c) Jesus Had A Rich Ministry

d) Dare To Receive And Pass It On

2. To Finance God’s Covenant

Deuteronomy 8:18, LITV – “But you shall remember Jehovah your God, for it is He who gives to you power to get wealth; that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV – “(9) Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; (10) then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

3. To Meet All Our Needs

Philippians 4:19, NIV – “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

THE FOUNDATION FOR PROSPERITY

- a) The Foundation Of Soul Prosperity - 3 John 1:2, MKJV – “*Beloved, in regard to all things I pray that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.*”
- b) The Focus Of Kingdom Seeking - Matthew 6:33, AMP – “*But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.*”
- c) The Process Of Being Made Whole - Isaiah 53:5, AMP – “*The chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.*”

HOW TO HAVE A PROSPEROUS SOUL

1. Walk In Truth

- a) Walk In The Truth By Delighting In The Truth - Psalm 1:1-3, NIV – (1) *Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. (2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.* - 3 John 1:4, NIV – “*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*”
- b) Walk In The Truth By Holding On To The Truth - John 8:31-32, NIV – “(31) ... *If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. (32) Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*”
- c) Walk In The Truth Through Full Obedience - Deuteronomy 28:1-2, NIV – (1) *If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. (2) All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God ...*
- d) Walk In The Truth Through Willing Obedience - Isaiah 1:19, NIV – “*If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land.*”
- e) Walk In The Truth And Live In God’s Circle Of Blessing - Psalm 25:12-13, LB – *Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? God will teach [you] how to choose the best. [You] shall live within God’s circle of blessing ...*”

2. Faithfulness

- a) Faithfulness Leads To Advancement - Matthew 25:21, NIV – *His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”*
- b) We Are Blessed As We Persevere In Faithfulness - Psalm 106:3, NIV – *Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.*”
- c) Faithfulness Is Part Of The Character Of God - Lamentations 3:22-23, Amp – *It is because of the Lord’s mercy and loving-kindness that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not.*

They are new every morning; great and abundant is Your stability and faithfulness. - 1 Corinthians 1:9, Amp – *God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord .*

- d) God Is Constantly Looking For Faithfulness - 2 Chronicles 16:9, CEV – *The LORD is constantly watching everyone, and he gives strength to those who faithfully obey him. ...*
- e) Faithfulness Requires A Renewed Mind - Romans 12:2, NIV – “... *be transformed by the renewing of your mind ...*” - Proverbs 28:20, NASB – “*A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.*”

3. Diligence

- a) Diligently Hold God’s Word In Your Heart – It Gives Life - Proverbs 4:20-23, NASB – (20) *My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. (21) Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. (22) For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their whole body. (23) Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.*
- b) Diligently Obey The Lord – Blessings Shall Overtake You - Deuteronomy 28:1-2, NIV – (1) *Now it shall be, if you will diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. (2) And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you will obey the Lord your God.*
- c) Diligently Seek The Lord – God Will Reward You - Hebrews 11:6, KJV – ... *[God] is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*
- d) Diligently Serve – God Will Bring Riches - Proverbs 10:4, NASB – *Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.*
- e) The Result Of Diligent Obedience - 1 John 3:22, Amp – “*And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him.*”

4. Tithing

- a) The Tithe Belongs To The Lord - Leviticus 27:30, NIV – “*A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.*”
- b) God’s Tithe Belongs In The Storehouse - Malachi 3:10, NIV – “*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse ...*”
- c) The Tithe Opens The Floodgates Of Blessing Of Heaven - Malachi 3:10, NIV – “*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, “says the LORD Almighty,” and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*”