

## Prosperity Basics

### How to Receive The Supernatural Provision and Prosperity of God: Part 1

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#### Have you ever Wondered?

- Does God Really Hate Money?
- Is it Wrong for Christians to Be Prosperous?
- How Come I Can't Seem to Get Ahead?
- What's So Wrong About Christians Having Wealth?
- If God Wants Me to Prosper How Come I'm Not?
- Why do Christians Suffer Financially?
- Why Do Unbelievers Prosper and Christians Don't?
- How Come God Doesn't Want Christians to be Rich?
- Why Doesn't God Meet My Financial Needs?

These are questions that so many Christians are asking? And, the answers are found in the Word of God.

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#### Scripture Reference:

"Now He that gives seed to the sower gives you both bread for your food, and multiplies your seed sown, and increases the fruits of your righteousness; so that you will be made rich in everything, and in every way, which results in many thanksgivings to God." [2 Cor. 9:10-11 NIV]

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through his poverty might be made rich." [2 Corinthians 8:9]

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#### Prosperity Ordained!

As Christians, our focus should never be on obtaining prosperity for the sake of simply being prosperous - Yet the Word of God teaches us that God has ordained increase - and prosperity for the body of Christ! Unfortunately most Christians do not realize this - nor do they have any idea as to how to obtain the prosperity that God has made available to the body of Christ!

Many even reject the idea that Christians are supposed to be prosperous - and some have even gone so far as to believe the lie that expecting the prosperity of God is somehow evil or unholy. Yet the Word of God teaches over and over again that Godly prosperity is not only a blessing from God – but necessary to the Christian in order to fulfill the plan of God on this earth thru the body of Christ!

**Eph 4:28** - "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needs it."

**Prov 10:22** - "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and He (God) adds no sorrow with it."

**Prov 24:3-4** - "Through wisdom (Fear of the Lord) is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:... And by knowledge (of the Holy) shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

**2 Corinthians 8:9** - "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich (too many people wrongly believe that Jesus was poor!), yet for your sakes He (Jesus) became poor, so that you through his poverty might be made rich."

**2 Corinthians 9:10-11** - "Now He (That's God!) that gives seed to the sower -gives you both bread for your food, and multiplies your seed sown, and increases the fruits of your righteousness;... so that you will be made rich in everything and in every way, which results in many thanksgivings to God." [NIV]

**Galatians 3:13-14** - "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: So that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles (that's us!) through Jesus Christ;" [ Gen:13:2 - "And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold." ]

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### **Supernaturally Blessed!**

Just one of the blessings of Abraham was that according to the Word of God - God made Him very rich in material goods (cattle - silver (that's money!)).

The Word of God states clearly that one of the blessings that God has ordained for us is to be so supernaturally provided for - that we have more than enough of everything! Not just for ourselves - but so that we have more than enough to bless others when they need it!

And if there is still any doubt that about this - then I recommend that you carefully re-read Deuteronomy chapter 28 verses 1-14.

Unless we willfully reject what God has said - we cannot read these verses and not see that God wants us to have not simply enough to get by on - but so much that we actually put fear into others (verse 10) because they recognize that it is the Living God whom we serve - and it causes them to turn to Him as well!

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### **Poverty and Lack is a Curse!**

There is absolutely no question that the Word of God teaches that poverty and lack are a curse.

There is nothing holy or humble about lack or poverty. (Not having enough to meet the need). As a matter of fact - according to scripture - it is the result of not serving the Lord properly by acknowledging what He has done for us and given to us thru the work of the cross

"Because you serve not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; (that's more than enough of everything!) - Therefore you shall serve your enemies ... hunger, thirst, nakedness, and lack of all things:" [Deut 28:47-48]

Did you notice that hunger, thirst, and lack is a your enemy? That makes it a curse?

Did you also notice that our refusal to acknowledge, admit, or believe that God has given us the abundance of all things will result in us never having enough - we will never prosper - we are going to have lack!

And because the entire chapter deals with material provision and prosperity - when God says "abundance of all things" - it includes material provision and prosperity not just spiritual things.

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### **Failure on Our Part:**

Poverty and Lack is a Curse - and according to God's Word - it is the result of failing to acknowledge, admit and believe what God has given to us.

### **How Can I Say That?**

Because His Word teaches us that we have been redeemed from the curse [Galatians 3:13-14] - therefore not even one Christian should be lacking in any area - and that includes finances.

In other words - not only should we have enough for ourselves - but we should have an abundance of everything (more than enough) - so that we can give to others in need: Read 2 Cor. 9:8 • John 10:10 • Eph 4:28

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Now that doesn't mean that because we aren't prospering as the Word says we should that somehow or another we are *bad* Christians - or we don't love God. No! What it means is that in most cases the individuals have never been *taught* these principals correctly - or they have *rejected* the fact that the Word of God states that God's desire for His children is that they be prosperous. Either way - the individual has no *knowledge* of the truth on the subject of prosperity - and therefore does not *understand* how to access it - walk in it or see it manifested in their life.

The solution therefore is to *teach* the individual the basic principals of Godly prosperity from the Word of God - and give them the opportunity to exercise their faith for it - instead of *against* it. Because, the only way that we can possibly hope to see the prosperity that the Lord promised - is if we act in accordance with His word and exercise our faith towards it.

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### **Then Why Are So Many Christians Poor and Struggling?**

Read Deuteronomy 28:47-48 again - and read it carefully.

"Because you serve not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; (that's more than enough of everything!) - Therefore you shall serve your enemies ... hunger, thirst, nakedness, and lack of all things:"

What is the result when somebody does not recognize, admit, acknowledge, or believe that God has blessed us with Supernatural provision and abundance -and it is His will for us to be supernaturally blessed in this area?

#### **The answer is given:**

- Hunger
- Thirst
- Nakedness
- Lack.

The reason why so many Christians are not seeing the Supernatural Provision and Prosperity of God is simple: They don't believe it, they don't acknowledge it, they don't admit it, they don't accept the truth of it - and so they don't exercise any faith for it!

#### **The reasons why they believe in something other than what the Word teaches are:**

- It's what they have been incorrectly taught by others.
- They reject the truth when they see it in the Word for themselves.

And so they are walking examples of what God said would happen to His people (Christians) if they don't believe His Word. "My people (Christians) are destroyed for lack of knowledge: and because they have rejected knowledge.." [Hosea 4:6]

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#### **Walking Proof!**

Brothers and Sisters, I am living proof of the truth of God's Word regarding this subject. When I was *ignorant* of what the Word says about this subject I was broke continually. I struggled every week from paycheck-to-paycheck, year-after-year trying to make ends meet. I never had enough no matter how hard I worked - and no matter how much I tried - I just got deeper and deeper into debt!

But then I began to study and accept the truth of God's Word - and when I began to apply the principals that are contained in it - I began to see the results!

If that sounds like you - then I encourage you to read and meditate continually on the scriptures I included in this study (there are literally hundreds more) - and to ask God to help you to understand them. I also strongly encourage you to download and listen to the FREE Audio messages that accompany this study as they will help you to stand up in faith and claim your rightful inheritance of Supernatural provision and prosperity!

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### **So I encourage you today:**

If you have never seen the manifestation of the promised blessings of God in their fullness regarding supernatural provision and prosperity, take the time to study the scriptures on this subject - learn the basic principals and begin to cooperate with them in accordance with the Word of God.

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### **Faith Comes By Hearing and Hearing:**

Perhaps you may have heard much of this before. Yet faith does NOT come by having heard - but rather by continual and constant hearing of the Word.

I encourage each of you to make it a point to download this series and listen to it regularly so as to increase your capacity to receive the blessings promised in the Word of God. You may download this entire series by Going to “Broadcast” section of BibleCities.com: <http://www.biblecities.com/broadcasts.htm>

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