

## **1.15** - Prosperity - This Is Gods Will for all Mankind.

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(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

## **Important Note.**

From the very beginning even up until now it has always been God's will for his creation called "mankind" to prosper in every area of life including "Finances" as well as "Healing". Throughout the scriptures you will find the financial blessings in the "Old Testament" as well as the "New Testament" for God is no respecter of persons, what He has done for one person He will also do for another person. The "believer" as well as the "Church" or "Body of Christ" must learn to believe and accept that this is God's will, operate in the "Laws of Prosperity" and then receive by Faith the promises.

Taking a "vow of poverty" is against the will of God, the scriptures and what Jesus died for on the "Cross" and gives Satan and the "Curse" legal access into the life of a person. Prosperity (the bible way) comes under the "Blessing" where poverty comes under the "Curse". Jesus is Lord of the "Blessing" where Satan is in control of the "Curse".

"Religion and Tradition" through false teaching have taught that it is "Humble, Godly and Holy" to be poor and that is what God wants and that He is against people having money but this is not true and is a deception and a lie, God is against the "love of money" and what this can do to a person. Poverty keeps people, families, cities, countries, nations and even the church in bondage and under the spiritual control of Satan. To walk and operate in the "Laws of Prosperity" is real humility where as to walk and operate in the "Laws of Poverty" is actually Pride and God is against pride.

The final choice is up to each person or church to either accept or reject God's provision of prosperity, He will not force in onto anybody.

## **<u>1. Gods Will Is - Prosperity!</u>**

**John 17:17** (Jesus said) <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them through your truth: thy word is truth. (KJV)

#### John 10:10 (Jesus said)

<sup>10</sup> The **thief** cometh not, but for to **steal**, **and to kill**, **and to destroy**: I am come that they **might have life**, and that they might have it more abundantly. (KJV)

#### **3 John 1:2** (also Psalm 35:27)

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and **be in health**, even **as your soul prospers**. (KJV)

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. (NKJV)

From 3 John 1:2 (Gods Word - The Truth)

- We are meant to prosper as our **soul** prospers **mind**, will and emotions.
- Our **soul** must prosper **before** we will prosper in any area of our lives.
- The bible says that the blessings of Abraham are ours we are blessed and also to be a blessing to other people!

## 2. The Meaning of Being Blessed.

According to W.E.Vine and Websters dictionary – the Definition;

• It means to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow favor upon, to consecrate to holy purposes, to make successful, to make prosperous in temporal concerns pertaining to this life, to guard and preserve.

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## 3. The Definition to Prosper.

#### 1. The Worlds definition;

• To have financial power, political favor and power, social favor and power and military might.

#### 2. Gods Definition – which is true prosperity;

• Is the ability to use Gods ability and power to meet the needs of mankind, regardless of what those needs may be.

#### 3. Another Definition;

• To excel in something desirable.

## 4. Prosperity is for the Whole Man.

4.1 Spiritual Prosperity:	
	10, 2 Cor. 5:17)
• To be filled with the Holy Spirit.	
<ul> <li>To be a witness for God and to get others born again.</li> </ul>	(Mk 16:15-16)
• To be free from the power of sin, and the law of sin and death.	(Rom 8:2)
4.2 Soul Prosperity:	
• To have a mind at peace from worry, renewed by the Word.	(Phil 4:6-7)
• To have our will come into line with that of God.	
• To have our emotions balanced, and in control. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,	(Heb. 6:19)

#### 4.3. - Physical Prosperity – 2 areas:

٠	A. Health - divine healing, health, life.	(1 Pet 2:24, Mk 16:15-20, James 5:16-18)
٠	<b>B. Wealth</b> - no debt & give as God says.	(2 Cor. 9:8, Luke 6:38, Eph. 6:8)

## 5. Wealth – is it Gods Will for Man?

- Gods will from the start the Garden of Eden Provision & Prosperity!
- God *creates everything for mankind* to meet their needs.
- God give *Lordship to mankind of the whole earth*, and everything in it including the animals included. (Gen.1:26-31)

## 6. - The Fall of Mankind into Sin.

- God said *do not eat* from the tree of knowledge of good & evil.
   (Gen 2:16,17)
- Man disobeys God and sin enters, man forced to leave Gods provision and perfect will. (Gen.3:6, Gen.3:17-24)
- Satan takes over the Lordship from mankind.
- Man *falls from spiritual life to spiritual death*, man is born again from spiritual life of God to spiritual death, the nature of Satan / stepfather.
- Man *falls from* total Prosperity to total Poverty.
- Through Sin Death and the "Curse" enter into the world and all becomes cursed.

(Lk 4:6)



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## 7. - The Relationship Between God & Man Broken.

- God (the supplier) is separated from His creation man.
- God continues to bless man as far as possible.
- God looks for a way to get back into the earth to fix the relationship and to provide once more He looks for a man who will believe Him and obey His commands.

## 8. Was Noah Prosperous? - Yes!

- When the Great Flood came on the earth, he took possession of everything of value on the earth he took the • wealth of the world with him.
- Noah and the lives of his family were saved by God = *prosperity*.
- Noah at the time of the flood was *the most prosperous man* upon the face of the earth. (Gen 6&7)
- God was still blessing man where he could.

## 9. Was Abraham Prosperous? - Yes!

- God finally finds a man that he make a covenant (contract) with to bring blessings back into the earth.
- Abraham believes God and becomes obedient to follow His Word and commandments. (Rom 4:18-20) (Gen 17:1-8)
- God gives to Abraham the promise of many blessings.
- God changes Abrams name to Abraham the father of many nations.
- Abraham and Sarah have a child when they are beyond child bearing years. (Gen 17)
- God blessed Abraham so much that he had to separate from his nephew Lot, because their herds and possessions became so great. (Gen 13.2-6)
- Abraham dies at the age of 175 years and the bible says that he was prosperous. (Gen 25:7-8)

## 10. Did Prosperity finish at Abraham? - No!

- Abraham's son Isaac prospers during a famine in the land that he was living in God told him not to go to Egypt (world) but to trust God. (Gen 26:1-6)
- God said that because of an oath that He swore to his father Abraham that blessings and favour would be his.
- (Gen 26:2-3) Isaac sows in the famine, and his seed receives 100 times his seed back in the same year. (Gen 26:12)
- Isaac had such large possessions of flocks & water wells that the Philistines actually envied him. (Gen 26:13-14)

## 11. Did Prosperity finish at Isaac? – No!

Jacob also had great possessions, and he recognized that God was the person that made him rich. (Gen 33:5)

## 12. Did Prosperity finish at Jacob? – No!

- Abraham's great grandson, Joseph was so blessed that he grew in prosperity and favour.
- Joseph starts out as a slave in ungodly Egypt and because he was the seed of Abraham, he ended up saving the entire nation of Egypt from 7 years of famine.
- Joseph became the 2<sup>nd</sup> most powerful man in Egypt (in the known world), next to the Pharaoh.
- He had favour from the Pharaoh and wore his ring Joseph had control of all the food in the known world at this time. (Gen 41:55-57)



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## 13. What happened to future Generations?

- Gods *people forgot their covenant (contract) promises* with God and came into bondage to Egypt (a type of the world) and Pharaoh (a type of Satan) *and they became slaves to the world system.*
- Gods people lost their blessings and prosperity because they forgot their promises their covenant.
- Instead of living in wealth, freedom and power, as their forefathers did, they were reduced to slaves.
- For over **400** years the children of Israel were in bondage why? Because they forgot their contract or did not know it anymore.
- Today we also come into bondage of the negative financial system operating in the world the same way Israel did we have forgotten the promises that God has given to us through Abraham or have been taught wrong!

## 14. Did God forget Israel in Egypt? – No!

- God raised up a man called Moses to deliver His People out of Egypt (the worlds system).
- God says to Moses to remind His people of His Promises and also not to disobey His Word.
- Israel is delivered from Egypt with signs and wonders.
- God directs them to take all the gold and silver (the wealth of Egypt or the world) = this is prosperity!

## 15. Canaan Land – Gods Will for His People!

- Canaan land (the Promised land), *a land flowing with milk and honey, is still His will for today* our Canaan land are the promises of God found in His Word.
- God promised a land flowing with provision, prosperity and blessings and all they had to do *was to follow His Word and obey Him.*
- After leaving Egypt, Israel again disobeys God and stays in the desert for 40 years until the disobedient generation dies out normally the trip was only about 11 days.

## 16. Gods Will in the Old Testament.

- Throughout the entire Old Testament, Gods Will for Mankind can be seen *Prosperity through Obedience to His Word!*
- The blessings came through Abraham and came down and continued to every seed after him.
- Duet 28:15-65 list the curse and Due 28:1-14 list the Blessings.
- John 10:10 says that Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy, and Jesus comes to give life. Satan is the author (or originator) of poverty, sickness and disease. Heb 12:2a says that Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith.

## 17. Was Jesus Prosperous? – Yes!

- In the very beginning we see Jesus was born in a stable, not because his parents were poor *because there was no rooms available* in the town because it was full.
- The wise men came to Jesus at the age of 2 years at the house where his parents were staying not in a stable.
- The *three wise men were kings they opened up their treasures to Jesus to establish or show 2 things* through the gifts;
  - **1.** What the kings thought of Jesus.
  - 2. What Jesus would think of the Kings.
- Their giving *established the quality and kingship* of the domain of Jesus.
- Jesus was recognised and established as a king at the age of 2 years.
- The ministry of Jesus was *large enough to have a treasurer to watch over the money* enough for Judas to embezzle money, for the bible says that he was a thief.
- The ministry of Jesus was *large enough to have a staff of 12 fulltime people and support teams* who went ahead to set up things they all needed food.
- John 4:8 says that his disciples had gone away to buy some meat, that took money.



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- Jesus wore a coat without a seem, woven from the top throughout *identifying the quality of the garment* such quality only worn by kings and rich merchants.
- Before Jesus went to the cross, a woman poured perfume of an estimated value of \$8,000 on his feet so he would be blessed *Jesus did not rebuke her (he was not poverty minded) but his disciples did.*
- Well you might say the Word of God says that Jesus became poor, but the Word says more

#### 2 Cor.8:9

<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor**, that **you through his poverty might be rich.** (KJV)

What was meant was, that the riches that he had in heaven were being compared to his wealth in the earth.
 1. From the moment he left heaven to come to earth, anything that he owned on the earth was poverty compared to what he owned in heaven.

**2.** Our Lord Jesus left the glory of riches in heaven and entered into the poverty of inferior riches of the earth that we might become joint heirs.

• Everything was still waiting for him in heaven.

## **<u>18. How does affect you as a New Testament Believer?</u>**

## 18.1. Tithing is Your Connection to the Release of the "Blessing".

- In God's Kingdom tithing is a lifestyle (Giving & Receiving)
- Tithing is how we honour God and activate His blessing on our lives.
- We choose to operate in the blessings of God or the curses of the world.

(Deut. 30:19-20)

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• Tithing keeps our heart free from the love of money and dependant on God!

## 18.2. Should I to tithe As a Christian?

- We see a representation of tithing even as far back as the Garden of Eden *before the "Law"* (Gen 2:16-17)
- God told Adam that he could eat of any tree except one because it belonged to Him.

#### Gen.4:4-5

<sup>4</sup> And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: <sup>5</sup> But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth (angry), and his countenance fell. (KJV)

- The first fruits offered by Cain & Abel.
- A portion of all of our income belongs to God (Lev 27:30-32). Tithe means 1 x tenth of our income (before tax) belongs to God. Abram brought his tithe to the high priest and Melchizedek pronounced God's blessing on him.
- God honours a vow to tithe the same as the tithe itself
- When you bring your tithe to church, you are bringing the tithe to Jesus the "Head of the Church", your high priest.
- Jesus then extends the blessing to you just as Melchizedek did for Abram.
- The blessing that comes from tithing leads you on a path to success and prosperity.

## 18.3. There was a law to tithe under the old covenant

(Deuteronomy 14:22-29—Gain and Animals)

- Jesus came to fulfil the law, not destroy it.
- Love meets the old covenant requirements and fulfils the law.

(Mat 5:17-20) (Rom 13:10)

(Gen 14:18-23)

(Gen 28:18-22)



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#### 18.4. God wants our love for Him to move us to Tithe.

- Abram tithed because of His love and gratitude toward God, not out of obligation.
- You should see tithing as an opportunity to show God your love and gratitude.
- Jesus did not command tithing because the love law incorporated tithing.
- Love God so much that tithing becomes automatic for you. •

#### 18.5. Tithing: The Key to Kingdom Empowerment

Deut. 30:19-20.	(The right to choose)
Lev 27:30.	(All the Tithe – is Holy)
Gen 12:1-4.	(The blessing promised to Abram by God)
Gen 13:1, 2.	(Abram - rich in livestock, silver, gold)
Gen 14:18-20.	(Melchizedek blesses Abram – gave a Tithe)
Gen 28:18-22.	(Jacob vows to God to give a Tithe)
Gen 31:13.	(God reminds Jacob of his vow to God)
Gen 1:22, 28.	(God pronounces the "Blessing" on mankind)
Gen 9:1, 26.	(God pronounces the "Blessing" on Noah/Sons)
Gal 3:13-14	(Christ redeems us from the "Curse" into the "Blessing of Abraham."
Heb. 6:20-28	(Jesus becomes in the order of Melchizedek)

God has set before every human being the right to choose. You can choose life or death, blessing or cursing, God's way of doing things or the world's way. Tithing does not make sense to the world, but it is God's way of connecting His people to the blessing.

#### 18.6. You have the right to choose

#### Deut. 30:19-20

<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and your seed may live: <sup>20</sup> That you may love the Lord thy God, and that you may obey his voice, and that you may cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. (KJV)

- Each day you can choose the blessing of God or the curse.
- You can go the way of the world or follow the Kingdom of God.

#### 18.7. Kingdom empowerment gained through Tithing.

٠	Ten percent of all your increase (before tax) belongs to God.	(Lev 27:30)
٠	Tithing is the way to maintain the flow of God's blessings and remain established in peace.	
٠	God promised to bless Abraham because of his obedience.	(Gen 12:1-4)

- God promised to bless Abraham because of his obedience.
- The blessing is not the car, house, money, etc.; these things are the result of the blessing.
- The blessing gives you supernatural ability to overcome negative circumstances.
- Obedience gives birth to the blessing.
- Partial obedience and delayed obedience are still disobedience.
- Abraham obeyed God and became very wealthy. (Gen 12:4, 13:1-2)

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# 18.8. The blessing - permanently established in Abram's life when he presented tithes to Melchizedek (Gen 14:19, 20).

- Abraham gave Melchizedek all the tithes from what he had won in battle (Gen 14:20)
- Jacob, Abraham's grandson made a vow to God to tithe, and God established him in His blessing. (Gen 28:18-22)
- God remembered the vow Jacob made and reminded him of it.
- 18.9. God blessed mankind by speaking words of blessing (Genesis 1:22, 28).
  - Adam and Eve disconnected from God's blessing when they sinned in the Garden of Eden.
  - Sin blocked the blessing until Noah's time.
  - God pronounced the blessing again upon Noah and his sons.
  - The blessing was passed down through the generations, from Abraham to Jesus, from Jesus to the "Believer"!

# 18.10. Through Jesus – we are partakers in the blessing (Gal 3:13-14).

- Jesus is our High Priest forever, therefore when you tithe, you tithe to Him.
- Like Abraham brought his tithe to Melchizedek, we pay our tithes to Jesus and receive the blessing.

(Heb 6:20- 7:16)

(John 3:16)

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(Gen 31:13)

(Gen 9:1)

• When you pay your tithes, present them to Jesus and experience the blessing exchange.

#### (Deut. 8:17-18)

17 then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth. '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. (NKJV)

- When you become rich *do not forget* where your wealth came from. (Deut. 8:17-18)
- It all belongs to God anyway!
- It takes "Faith to Tithe" not to Tithe takes "no Faith".
- The whole Kingdom is based Faith and on Giving as well as Receiving.
- God is not trying to separate you from your money and make you poor, He is trying to connect you to the "Empowerment of the Blessing" to give you "Prosperity and Overflow".
- Tithing *is your transaction* in the "Natural" which connects you to the "Supernatural" which *then releases* the "Blessing" into the natural.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> murder in the history of man was when Cain killed Abel because of the Tithe (first fruits). (Gen.4:-15)
- You are given, by God, *the right to make the final decision*.
- Tithing was *before the Law* that was given.
- A vow of poverty is directly against the Word of God and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.
- To accept and walk in poverty is actually not being humble but *in fact walking in pride*!
- The world does not want to walk in poverty and will not accept our God if they think that He is a God of poverty.
- How can a Christian be a blessing to the world if they are not first blessed by God.
- Satan is the author of Poverty, Lack and Debt.
- The rain from heaven to earth is free but it takes money to pump it into the houses of men, the Gospel has been purchased by the blood of Jesus but made free and available and also takes money to put it into the houses of men.



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## A Final Note.

Satan has deceived the Church and the Body of Christ to accept a "poverty doctrine" and reject what the word says about "true prosperity" - according to what God says. Through the tool of "religion and tradition" the enemy has made the Church think that to walk in poverty is a holy and humble position that is required by God, but nothing more could be further from the truth! It is the love of money that God sees as the root of all evil, not money itself. As a believer give tithes and offerings to God, the believer remains dependant (humble) on God as his source of supply and the work of building the Kingdom of God can be carried out. The Word of God says that the Wealth of the wicked (the unrighteous – not born again) is laid up for the Just (the righteous – the born again believer) but this can only be received by operating in truth of what the Word of God says, in Faith, in the authority of the Believer!

Poverty, Lack and Debt (the Curse) entered into Gods creation through the act of sin carried out by Adam & Eve and are the direct result of the "Curse" and not a judgement given by God onto mankind.

God is no respecter of person therefore what He did in the Old Testament He will also do for the New Testament Believer of today but He has chosen to work within His own laws through His Word through the force of Faith. Therefore it is important to get to know these laws on prosperity, know how they work and then operate in them.

Before God will trust someone with Kingdom finances He first establishes the principle of "Tithes and Offerings" – 10% of your Income, 100% of your heart!

It is Gods Will for mankind to be prosperous, out of debt and have no lack for any area of life -Spirit / Soul / Body / Financial / Social / Marital /Family / Ministerial.

Jesus is Lord!

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