

## God Wishes above all Things that You Prosper

**1. 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.**

John 10:10

**For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**

2 Corinthians 8:9

**Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2**

Divine prosperity belongs to each and every born-again child of God; it's part of the believer's inheritance in the New Covenant. It is a blessing and not a curse. And, it's a benefit that carries an awesome responsibility along with it. As the apostle Paul, inspired by Holy Spirit, said in 1 Timothy 6:17 - 19,

**Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.**

And, we are warned in Proverbs 1:32, **For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.**

It's very important, in your walk of faith and spiritual growth and development, that you take the time to renew your mind to God's Word to the point that you can believe in your heart that your Father God wants you to prosper and be successful in every area of your life.

You need to be able to cast down all feelings of being undeserving and unworthy that cause you to think, 'why have the best when the other will do?' In any area that you allow doubt, fear, worry, unbelief, double-mindedness, or feelings of unworthiness to creep in, it will hinder and affect you in other areas of your Christian life.

What God has required of us is that we believe His Word and act as though it's true. We need to obey Him and always put Him first, and always remember to be thankful for everything He's done for us. Remember that all of our blessings and every good thing we have come from Him:

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.** James 1:17

**But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*** Deuteronomy 8:18

**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** Matthew 6:33

**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** Philippians 4:6

It's easy to be influenced by the world's news of the economy, as it is to be affected by the cultish false doctrine that poverty is godly. The usual reasons that a believer does not prosper financially are that they're too lazy to work, use and develop the talents that God gave them. Or, they think that they're pleasing God by going without. They refuse to fight the good fight of faith and stand against poverty, (one of the curses of the broken law\*\*), or they're just scripturally ignorant of what belongs to them in their New Covenant through Christ Jesus.

\*\*Some curses of the broken law are:

**Thou shalt carry much seed out into the**

**field, and shalt gather *but* little in; for the locust shall consume it. Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress *them*, but shalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*; for the worms shall eat them.**

**The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.**

**Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things*; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.**

Deuteronomy 28:38,39;43,44;47&48

In order for a believer to prosper financially, they need to renew their mind to God's Word. This comes about by confessing prosperity scriptures daily and meditating on them day and night, casting down every thought that is contrary to the Word of God, and diligently seeking the Lord for wisdom

and guidance in the affairs of this life.

Receiving prosperity is like receiving divine healing. You have to purpose in your heart that it is for you, and you cannot be bogged down in your walk of faith by those who go without (for whatever their reason may be). Just as there are a ‘gazillion’ people who haven’t received divine healing, there will be that many or more, who don’t receive divine prosperity.

You cannot allow the misfortunes of others keep you from inheriting the promises of God. You will have to be determined and take the bold stand that you will not compromise or permit poverty and lack to stay in your life. Though as believers, we will all be faced with temptations, tests and trials, the Lord will get us through every one of them if we will not waver in faith.

As long as a person copes with poverty and lack, they’ll always have it. But once a believer gains the knowledge and revelation of God’s Word and builds their spirit man up with those promises, faithfully obeying the Lord, there will be nothing that Satan can do to prevent them from prospering. God will permit us to live in poverty, just as He will permit us to live in sin and sickness –it’s just not His will.

Jesus tells a story of three individuals in Matthew 25, verse 14-30:

**For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.**

**Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.**

**And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

**He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

**Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where**

**thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.**

**Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

For us to live in divine prosperity, we first have to believe that it is God's will, and secondly, we have to act like we are what the Word of God says we are. This is what pleases our heavenly Father.

Before I got saved, I had a job installing floor covering. I went to church every Sunday, and was very religious, but I didn't know Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

One day, I was scheduled to carpet the parsonage of a pastor. His house was beautifully decorated with very expensive furnishings. It made me very angry that a minister lived this way, and I let him know that I totally disagreed with his lavish lifestyle. What made me even angrier is that he didn't try to explain to me, or reason or argue with me, or give me some excuse as to why he had these things.

Instead, he said something that seemed to penetrate my heart, and I never got over it. He said something to the effect of, "Son, how is it that you'd want me to live? And, if I got rid of all these things, would you follow Jesus?" His words seemed to melt my heart.

I'm not too sure why I said what I did to him -- maybe I was just jealous and envious. There seems to be no one more opinionated than a religious person.

But, blessings and prosperity come from the Lord, and should be received and not resisted, simply because the Lord loves His children and just wants to bless them. Satan does not want the body of Christ to walk in victory or live as over-comers, or to walk in divine health or prosperity...nor do many people, when it comes to receiving all that God has for you!

I want to encourage you to begin to look to God as your Great Provider. If you find yourself becoming discouraged in your walk of faith because the tests and trials seem severe, just make yourself keep doing what the Word of God teaches you to do, such as:

- walk in love,
- be led by the Holy Ghost,
- forgive others who have wronged you,
- repent of any sin or wrongdoing that went unconfessed,
- fervently, and earnestly pray for others, and
- help God build His kingdom by faithfully tithing and giving to the gospel.

Just keep on thanking and praising God and rejoicing in the Lord that:

- every need is met in abundance and that the windows of heaven are opened up to you,
- that God is pouring out blessings to you,
- that the devil is bound from your finances,
- that every bill is paid, in Jesus ' Name, and
- that God wishes above all things that you prosper.

Do not give up or quit; feed your faith every day on the promises of God, and every day, spend time on your knees, lifting your hands and sacrificing praises and thanksgiving unto the Lord. The Lord will never fail to come through, nor will He ever let you down. For, as the psalmist said in Psalm 37:25 , I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Your brother in the Lord,

Brother Rich

## PROSPERITY SCRIPTURES TO MEDITATE ON DAILY

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

<sup>1</sup>And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: <sup>2</sup>And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. <sup>3</sup>Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. <sup>4</sup>Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. <sup>5</sup>Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. <sup>6</sup>Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. <sup>7</sup>The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. <sup>8</sup>The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. <sup>9</sup>The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. <sup>10</sup>And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee. <sup>12</sup>The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: <sup>14</sup>And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Josh.1:8

...Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. Job 22:27,28

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. Job 36:11

And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. Job 42:10 & 12

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Psalm 35:27

He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Psalm 105:37

Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Psalm 112:1-3

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Proverbs 3:9,10

He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. Proverbs 4:5-9

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Proverbs 11:24,25

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Ecclesiastes 11:1

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: Isaiah 1:19

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. Isaiah 45:3

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. Isaiah 54:17

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:10-12

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:23,24

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. Luke 15:31

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. John 10:10

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8:17,32,37

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poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Ephesians 3:20

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 needeth. Ephesians 4:28

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 2 Peter 1:3

Christ hath 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: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:13,14,29

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:6-9

And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth .By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. Hebrews 7:8,22

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Hebrews 8:6

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.  
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