

Always Putting God's Word First in your Life!

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

God's desire, above everything else, is that each one of us, as His children, prospers financially, lives in good health, and grows and develops spiritually. In fact, as we grow and develop spiritually in God's Word, it's going to help us prosper and live in divine health. The more time we put in God's Word, and put it in action, the more Word-minded we will become, and the less Satan will be able to put on us.

Many Christians don't realize (*especially those who are anti-prosperity or who don't believe it's God's will for everyone to be healed*) that they haven't taken enough time to renew their mind to God's Word or to receive revelation from God's Word that they have a covenant with God through Jesus Christ. And, some of the benefits they have, whether they realize it or not, is that God wants them to prosper financially and to have good health physically. The following scriptures reveal that Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly and that we prosper and have good health:

2 Corinthians 8:9: 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.

John 10:10: 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.

Matthew 8:17: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

1 Peter 2:24: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

When I first heard these scriptures and began to meditate on them, they were sufficient for me to believe that God wanted me to prosper financially and have good health. But sadly for many Christians, 1 Peter 2:24 is not sufficient for them to believe that God wants them healed and whole. As a believer, you have a covenant with God, as well as covenant benefits that belong to you as a child of God. And, it's your

responsibility to find out what they are and it's your responsibility to receive what God has purchased for you through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 8:6: 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.

Psalm 103:1-5: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 112:1-3: 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. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

All the benefits God put in your covenant belong to you through Jesus Christ. Jesus bought you all the blessings that were in the Abrahamic covenant, and gave them to you, so you don't want to waste or neglect them. You want to believe and receive all the promises in God's Word. **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**

When I first became acquainted with the promises and blessings in the New Covenant, I wrote them on index cards and memorized them. I would quote them to myself repeatedly every day. I did it today, just as I have from the time I first got born again. You also want to keep quoting God's promises to yourself day and night. Don't allow yourself to be spiritually lazy. You may never feel like doing it, and most of the time, you won't even be motivated to do it, but if you want to prosper and have good health, you will do whatever it takes to get yourself built up spiritually.

God gave you a mouth, and He wants His Word in your mouth. That means He wants you speaking His Word day and night: **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. Joshua 1:8**

You live in a world that is going to do anything it can to keep you from receiving what Jesus bought for you. So, every day, you've got to start all over again from the minute you wake up, and make your mouth work. Before your mouth has its coffee, or eats its breakfast, make it start speaking God's Word and praising God.

Do yourself a big favor and avoid all worldly news. Many believers watch the news before they go to bed, and listen to it when they get up in the morning. You can't take in the worldly news and the Good News, which is God's Word. It's counterproductive. Worldly news will choke out the Word.

Psalm 127:2 KJV: It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Psalm 127:2 AMP: It is vain for you to rise up early, to take rest late, to eat the bread of [anxious] toil--for He gives [blessings] to His beloved in sleep.

I've noticed this: if you're trying to get a believer healed or to prosper financially, and you're encouraging them to keep their mind on the Word and not on the world, but they're still indulging themselves in worldly news, your labor is usually fruitless. Everything you're trying to put into them is being drained out by the cares of this world.

But, if you are real serious about walking in divine health and prospering financially, you'll take the steps to cut out anything that is robbing your faith. The Bible says in [Hebrews 12:1](#), **Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

You don't want anything weighing you down into doubt, unbelief, or double-mindedness. You want to take your spiritual life very seriously. Don't neglect any opportunities you have to get in to the Word. That is what Martha did, and it got her in trouble. She allowed herself to become distracted from putting time in the Word, and Jesus reprimanded her for it. Jesus has never changed. He's the same today as He was then, so if He scolded Martha for neglecting time in the Word, He'll do the same to us.

Now while they were on their way, it occurred that Jesus entered a certain village, and a woman named Martha received and welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was listening to His teaching. But Martha [overly

occupied and too busy] was distracted with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, is it nothing to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me [to lend a hand and do her part along with me]! But the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; There is need of only one or but a few things. Mary has chosen the good portion [that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her. [Luke 10:38-42 AMP](#)

The answer to every problem that we'll ever have is in God's Word. The Word may not specifically say anything about what to do for a specific problem, but as we spend time in the Word, the Holy Spirit will reveal to us in our spirit what to do.

Start your day out in God's Word. Then, during the day, keep quoting God's promises to yourself. When you go to bed, fall asleep quoting a verse. And, when it seems as though you are becoming overwhelmed, that is an indication that your spiritman is becoming weak, and you need to get back to putting more time in the Word. Whenever we're wondering where God is, or whenever we're afraid, or worrying, it's an indication to us that our spiritman is becoming weaker, and he's unable to produce the faith that is needed to be able to receive from God. Your spiritman is like a battery, you want to keep it charged up.

I've copied below my scripture sheet entitled [Personal Power Verses](#). These are some of the scriptures that I've always used on a daily basis. I thought it'd be a real blessing to you. Print it off and use it!

Personal Power Verses

Read Out Loud Daily for Results

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Galatians 3:13,14, 29: 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.

Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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

2 Corinthians 8:9: 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 Timothy 1:7: *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear,* but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Psalms 118:17: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

1 John 4:4: Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 Corinthians 2:16: For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:9-11: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him **A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME:** That at the **NAME OF JESUS** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 11:23,24: 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.

James 1:17: 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.

Acts 10:38: How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Isaiah 41:10,11: *Fear thou not,* for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold

thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Isaiah 54:17: *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.*

Deuteronomy 8:18: 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.

Exodus 23:25,26: And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

Proverbs 4:20-22: My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Matthew 18:18: Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Malachi 3:10-12: 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.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 AMP:

Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking;

it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

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