PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

The Prosperity Of Your Soul-Believing You Have Received

I. Prosperity in any realm of life begins with the prosperity of your soul (3 John 2)

- A. There's a spiritual law here that says: You cannot prosper in life beyond the prosperity of your soul
 - 1. Your soul is you mind, will, and emotions
 - Your soul encompasses your self-image, what you believe about yourself, how you think about/see yourself
 - 2. That's not talking sole about financial prosperity, prosperity in any realm of life begins inside
 - a. If you're going to prosper you first must see yourself prosperous on the inside
- B. Believers have tried to prosper through tithing giving, all the while **neglecting** this spiritual law that says you can't prosper in life beyond the prosperity of your soul
 - 1. You give and you tithe with an impoverished soul
 - a. You have think rich, talk rich, act rich, and see yourself as rich
 - b. Your prosperity in life is going to come back to the prosperity of your soul
 - 2. People are tithing and giving believing that their tithing and giving will cause them to be a prosperous person; instead of tithing and giving believing they are a rich and prosperous person.
- C. You have to believe that you have received to receive (Mark 11:24)
 - 1. You're going to have to **believe** your rich, **talk** rich, **think** rich, and **act** rich before you are if you're ever going to be and that encompasses your soul prosperity; You can't wait to believe you're rich until it shows up
 - a. EX: It's just like a person who's sick believing their healed when that can't see it
 - 2. Until you see yourself rich financially, you will never be-Proverbs 23:7
- D. Here's some stuff you going to have stop doing if you want to prosper financially
 - 1. Shut up your old poverty talking mouth
 - a. "We can't afford"----"We don't have the money to do that right now"----"That's too expensive"
 - 2. Shut up your old poverty mentality
 - a. Always looking for the cheapest----Saving junk because you mind need it----Gawking at items and amounts of money

II. The image you have finaically, is what you have financially

- A. Proverbs 23:7-Your financial prosperity outside is a reflection of how you see yourself inside
 - 1. Think-Reason out, calculate, estimate, reckon
 - 2. You're not something different outside than what you are inside
 - 3. What you are must line up with what you believe or how you see yourself

- B. Numbers 13:30,33, Hebrews 3:19
 - 1. Their image
 - a. 30-They saw themselves as well able
 - b. 33-We are in our own sight as grasshoppers-They saw themselves as grasshoppers
 - 2. Hebrews 3:19-It was their unbelief that kept them out of that land
 - a. They wanted to blame it on the giants, the walls, and the people in the land, but it was their grasshopper image that kept them out; **in their minds** it was the giants, the walls, and the people that kept them out
 - b. They biggest enemy was their inner-me
 - 3. It's not what's outside of you that's keeping you from prospering financially, it's that old poverty mentality in you
 - a. We've wanted to blame our boss, the government, and walk around feeling sorry for ourselves, but our biggest problem has been that old broke image on the inside of us; **in our minds** it's our job, the government, and the economy that's kept us out
 - 4. There's a financial prosperity promise land waiting on believers, but most aren't entering in and it's not because of the economy or what they do for a living, but it's because of their inner image
 - a. You can plunk every last dime you have into the bucket, but until your image changes you aren't changing
- C. Numbers 14:28-They start talking based on and from that grasshopper image; the same thing happens to a person with a broke image, they start talking based on and from that broke image
 - 1. Financially you've been saying you can't afford, that's too expensive, you could never have that, and you don't have enough and that's exactly what you've gotten because you believe that and speak that (Mark 11:23)
 - a. You talk like that because you don't see yourself as rich
 - 2. 34-They're old grasshopper image and talk caused a breach of God's promise
 - a. Your old poverty image is causing a breach of promise
- D. Proverbs 4:20-23- That image in you is created by what you've been exposed to (words, experiences, circumstances, and what you've been taught)
 - 1. Your life is simply the result of what you've allowed into your heart
 - 2. There's an image that's been built in your heart by what you've been exposed to, taught, and experienced and your life is coming from that image
 - a. Maybe you came from a family that didn't operate in abundance; but the day you're in a new family now with a rich daddy
- E. You get in life what you got in your heart

- 1. Matthew 8:8,13-Centurion-Jesus spoke the Word and he was healed just like he believed
- 2. Matthew 9:18,23-25-Jairus-Jesus touched her and she lived just like Jairus believed
- 3. Matthew 9:21,22-The issue of blood-She touched his garment and got healed just like she believed
- F. Mark 11:24-What you believe you have, you have
 - 1. If you believe you can't afford, you don't have enough, and you're middle class that's what you'll be
- III. We got to change our image to where we stop seeing ourselves as middle-class people who are just getting by nicely and start seeing ourselves as rich, prosperous people who have overflowing proportions financially
 - A. Your image has been working against you to keep money from you
 - 1. That's why all this money is out there and many believers can't seem to get their hands on much of it; because their image/belief is working like a two magnets of the same charge and it's pushing that money away and keeping it from them
 - 2. If we will be diligent to change that image to line up with what the word says we can reverse that magnet and draw money two us
 - B. Peter was in that boat all night, but he was in that boat with the wrong image (Luke 5:1)
 - 1. 5-When Peter was out there toiling all night there were fish in that lake
 - a. Peter had the image that sometimes the fish just don't bite and sometimes you just have a bad day and don't catch anything
 - 2. 4-When Jesus got in the boat the right image got in the boat
 - a. Here's Jesus' image: Launch out into the deep and let your nets down for a draught
 - b. We're going to catch an abundance of fish and I don't care what time of day it is
 - 3. When the right image got into the boat, the same fish, the weren't coming to that boat at night, came to that boat in the daytime, when you're not supposed to catch fish in the day
 - a. The reason was because it wasn't about what time of day it was, it was about the image that was in the man and when the right image got in that boat the fish that where being pushed away before by the wrong image came now because the right image demanded that they come
 - b. The image in your heart will demand that the natural change to line up with it
 - 1) Those fish had to come even if they didn't want to because the image said so
 - 4. The fish where there whole time, but until somebody got in the boat with the right image the fish didn't come
 - a. The money is there the whole time, but until somebody gets in the boat with the right image it isn't coming
 - C. You've had good meaning believers who tithe and give, but their image is working against them

- 1. God's mercifully and gracious particularly with ignorance so that's why we've kind seen a little a bit of this work
- 2. If we want to unleash the law of prosperity, then we must continue to give, but do it with the right image
- 3. That broke image begins to block:
 - a. The supernatural financial wisdom of God from coming into your life
 - b. The supernatural financial favor of God from coming into your life

IV. Satan attacks your financial prosperity by trying to <u>plant</u> something in you to <u>produce</u> something in your life

- A. Matthew 4:1-Satan comes over here to Jesus and says, "If thou be the Son of God."
 - 1. That image in you is created by what you've been exposed to (words, experiences, circumstances, and what you've be taught)
 - 2. What's he trying to plant in Jesus?---Maybe I'm not
 - a. He's coming after how Jesus sees himself
 - b. Jesus is the son of God whether he sees himself that way or not, he is
 - 1) If Satan can get an image in Jesus that says he's not, he will still be the Son of God, but it won't manifest in this world
 - 2) EX: Jesus is out here 40 years old still building houses because he doesn't believe he's the son of God
 - c. Jesus didn't take the bait and the next that happens is this "Son of God" starts manifesting (Luke 4:16)
 - 1) He had to believe he was the son of God with no physical evidence to back that and when he did, it started manifesting
 - 2) Your prosperity is waiting on your image
 - 3. He's trying to plant an image in Jesus that, "You're not," and the reason that he's trying to plant that image in Jesus that "he's not" is because Satan knows "he is"
 - 4. How's Satan trying to plant that image?
 - a. He's using words and experiences in the natural
 - b. If Jesus would have tried anything of those things he wouldn't have succeeded because they would not have been done in faith
 - 5. Satan's approach with you:
 - a. Satan wants to plant a middle-class, paycheck to paycheck, comfortable enough image in you to produce that in your life

- He's using your salary, paycheck, checkbook, your circumstances, the government, and the people in the world to plant something in you that says you're not rich; That has to be rooted out
- Poverty is dangerous for him because if you get living in a box you'll get so desperate you'll have to rely on God and you'll end up being extremely rich
- b. Even though you are rich, if he can get you to see yourself a different way, rich will never manifest in your life (2 Cor 8:9)
- c. He's going to use words, experiences, and circumstances to get the wrong image in you that you're not rich and the reason he is doing that is because he knows you are rich

B. Matthew 15:11

- 1. 11-What comes out of the mouth goes into the heart and defiles a man
 - a. It's not what's going on in this natural world that's defiling your financial prosperity it's what you've allowed in your heart
- 2. 13-Every image that God didn't plant has to be rooted up
- 3. 14-They can't see because they are blind; they don't see the truth
 - a. If you go somebody leading you that doesn't see himself rich, you won't see yourself rich
- 4. 19,20-These things in the heart defile a man and they must be rooted out

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The Word: The Highway To The World Of Wealth

I. You change what you believe, root out that image, & prosper your soul through the Word

- A. The Word of God is the key to unlocking your financial prosperity because it's going to prosper your soul (Isaiah 55:1-3)
 - 1. The Word is the seed that's going to change the inside of you, your inner image
 - a. That money has seed has no power to change the inside of you
 - b. You can sow financial seed, but until this word seed comes in and changes your image, financial prosperity will not manifest at the potential that it could manifest
 - c. This Word is going to go in you and change your image and when that changes you're financial well-being will begin to change
 - d. The Word seed & money seed work w/ 1 another, not independent of 1 another
 - 2. James 1:21-The Word that you stay attached to will become one with your soul and make your soul whole (nothing missing/broken)

- a. You got to stay attached to this word until you see yourself the way God sees you
- b. An old broke image needs to be saved/made whole by this Word
- c. 2 Corinthians 8:9, 1 John 4:17-This is how he sees you
- d. For Satan this all comes back to your identity; He didn't it with Adam, Jesus, and he hasn't changed
- B. The poor need the gospel preached to them because the poor man is poor outside because he's poor inside (Matt 11:5, Luke 7:22, 4:18)
 - 1. The answer for the blind is sight; the answer for the lame is to walk; the answer for the leper is cleansing; the answer for the deaf is to hear; the answer for the dead are to be raised; the answer 4 the poor is 2 have the gospel preached, not their needs met
 - 2. The answer for a poverty is the Word of God
 - a. Jesus fed five thousand people that one day in that desert place. That shows us that he was more than capable of doing the same thing with every poor person that he came in contact with.
 - $^{1)}$ He said I only do what hear and see of my Father to do
 - b. They need to find out what the word says, prosper their soul and do it; That's the way out of poverty
 - 3. Somebody has to preach prosperity to you; the same way somebody had to preach salvation to you, you had to act on it and then you got saved (Rom 10:8-15)
 - a. 14-People don't believe in the God that will make you abundantly rich; they believe in the God that will meet your need
 - b. 14-They don't believe God will make u abundantly rich b/c they haven't heard it
 - c. 14-How can they hear it without it being preached? How can it be preached if God didn't send them?
 - d. How are you going to call upon Him (His Word) if you don't believe it?
 - e. How are you going to believe in it without hearing it?
 - f. How are you going to hear without a preacher to preach it?
 - g. How is the preacher going to preach if he hasn't been sent?
 - h. 15-This is a prosperity gospel not a poverty gospel
- C. The seed of God's word bumps into an old broke image that's been built up for years
 - 1. The are strongholds that get built up in our mind through our **experiences**, **exposures**, and **instruction** (2 Cor 10:5)
 - a. Strongholds-Fortresses of thought (ways of thinking) built by what you've been exposed to designed to trap you in a way of life
 - b. 3-The battle is not in the physical, natural realm-(Just like in Numbers 13)

- c. 4,5-U pull down strong holds by casting down imaginations that exalt themselves against the Word & then bring your thoughts into obedience to the Word
- 2. You have to take the thought & say it until you don't have to think to say it-Matt 6:31
 - You have to do that until the word in you becomes more real than the world outside of you (EX:
 In my eyes I was rich long before I had any money)
 - Ur going 2 have 2 go 2 the paint of God's word, use the brush of ur tongue, & paint an image on the canvas of your heart that you are a rich man (Ps 45:2)
 - b. Matt 12:34-37-You're going to speak based on and from the image in your heart
 - 34-U got to get to the place where it's not coming out of ur head, but ur heart
 - 2) 35-You bring forth things from your heart
 - 3) 37-By your words you're justified and condemned
 - c. Believing & speaking is how you got into this thing & this is how it works (Mk 11:23)
 - 1) Your words are hindering your money seed; they are stout against it
 - 2) You're sowing seed, but your image and your words are disabling & crippling it
- 3. Joshua 1:8-His victory or defeat was not determined by the strength of his opponent outside, but by what was going on in his heart on the inside
 - a. Meditate so that you can observe/see to do
 - 1) Meditate the word to see yourself rich and then do rich
 - b. Don't take a broke image into battle
 - That's why it seems that we've been trudging through the mud financially because we're taking broke image into battle
 - You can't sow and tithe with a broke image and then stand in holy wonderment about why you don't prosper
 - c. Ps 1:1-3-No matter where I go I'm bringing the Word & my prosperous soul with me
- D. 2 Corinthians 3:18-That image is going to change as you look at the right thing
 - 1. As we look in this Word it's going to change us inside and then we'll change outside