

FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

What Financial Prosperity Looks Like?

I. What exactly does financial prosperity look like? (2 Corinthians 9:6-12).

- A. 8-This reveals God as THE SOURCE and what He as THE SOURCE is capable of doing in your life
 - 1. So that YOU (not someone else) always having all sufficiency in all things
 - a. It has to be in your hands first before you can distribute it
 - 2. The level of blessing that you walk in your life will determine the level of blessing that you can be; you can't pour out what you don't have
- B. 8-This is what you look like when that grace is abounding towards you
 - 1. The prosperous man
 - a. **Always having** – No matter when or what the circumstances are
 - b. **All sufficiency** – A perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed: Sufficiency of the necessities of life; Satisfaction-The state of mind that results from full gratification of desire
 - c. **All things** – No matter what the need is
 - 2. This grace or the blessing makes you self-sufficient
 - a. Jeremiah 17:7-He isn't tied to climate he's tied to the river
 - b. The blessing/that grace makes rich in the face of bad news
 - 1) Genesis 12:1-4,13:2,24:34-35-Abraham
 - 2) Genesis 25:5,26:1-4, 12-Isaac
 - 3) Genesis 28:4, 29:9, 30:27-30,43,31:1-Jacob
 - a) The blessing is changing the natural laws of probability
 - 4) Genesis 39:5,20-23, 41:38-44-Joseph
 - 5) Matt 14:15-They were in a desert place; the blessing didn't care
 - a) The disciples looked to villages as the source for food
 - c. The blessing/that grace is not subject to your circumstances its subject to your faith and obedience. So no matter what the circumstances are if you're stay in faith and in obedience the blessing will work in your life. The blessing doesn't care what's going on in the natural. It has one thing on its mind; to make you rich so that you can richly be a blessing.
 - 3. God doesn't just want you to have abundance he wants you to get it by faith relying on Him, His blessing, and His grace
- C. He makes grace abound towards you so that you can abound in every good work
 - 1. God doesn't want you sputtering towards good works (1 Chronicles 22:7-16, 29:3-7, 2 Chronicles 3:8, 8:18, 9:9,13, 1 Kings 8:63, 1 Corinthians 6:19)
 - a. 1 Kings 10:23, Matt 6:27-30-God wants to supply you with abundance

2. You can't abound and overflow in every good work if the grace of God hasn't abounded towards you
 - a. If you're "too holy" to abound, you can't abound towards good works
- D. 8-The fact that it says, "God is able" reveals to us his ability to do, but not what He is doing in the life of every believer
1. The amount of grace you walk in is not determined by God's ability or willingness to give that grace, but it's determined by your ability and willingness to receive that grace by faith
 - a. Eph 2:8, Rom 5:2, 4:16-If your faith channel is small the flow of grace will be little
 - b. The level of grace manifesting in your life is directly connected to the level of faith you walk in
 2. Until you begin to use your faith to receive more grace from Him, there be no greater grace flowing through you
 - a. The devil has lied to the church through religion and said that you can't be thankful and want more and called it greed
 3. EX: It's not enough to just say well if the Lord wants me to do something for someone financially and it's His will, then I'll have it to do
 - a. It tells you right here that it's His will and that He's able to do this, but He needs your faith; his grace needs your faith
- E. 10-God ministers seed to the sower; God distributes stuff to those willing to distribute it
1. God wants to supply you, His distribution center, with abundance
 - a. He's going to release things into your hands and whatever you distribute out he's going to multiply and get it back to you
 - b. AMP-He'll multiply your resources for sowing
 2. He cannot multiply that which you do not sow
 - a. He'll give you the seed and multiply the seed you sow, but you have to do the sowing; You're going to have to be **ready** and **willing**
- F. 11-Being enriched in all things and in every way so that you can be generous
1. Thus you'll be enriched in all things-You're sowing and he's multiplying
 2. If you sow bountifully you'll reap bountifully (2 Corinthians 9:6)
 3. Being enriched (richly furnished) in everything
- G. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
1. **The Message** ⁸⁻¹¹God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can

then sow, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

2. **New International Reader's Version (NIRV)** ⁸ And God is able to shower all kinds of blessings on you. In all things and at all times you will have everything you need. You will do more and more good works. ⁹ It is written, "They have spread their gifts around to poor people. Their good works continue forever." —(*Psalm 112:9*) ¹⁰ God supplies seed to the planter. He supplies bread for food. God will also supply and increase the amount of your seed. He will increase the results of your good works. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way. Then you can always give freely. We will take your many gifts to the people who need them. And they will give thanks to God.
3. **Worldwide English (WE)** ⁸ God is able to give you even more blessings than you need. In all things you will always have all you need for yourselves, and you will have enough to help all others. ⁹ The holy writings say, 'A good man gives away many things. He gives to the poor people. He will always be a good man in the sight of God.' ¹⁰ God is the one who gives seed to plant and bread to eat. He will give you enough to give away and will make it become more and more. Of the good things you do he will give you a big harvest. ¹¹ You will become rich in every way. And then you will have enough to give plenty to all people. And many people will thank God for your gifts which we will bring them.
4. **NLT** ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.
5. **NIV** ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
6. **Contemporary English Version (CEV)** ⁸ God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.
7. **New Century Version (NCV)** ⁸ And God can give you more blessings than you need. Then you will always have plenty of everything—enough to give to every good work.
8. **Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)** ⁸ And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.
9. **Today's New International Version (TNIV)** ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
10. **Conybeare** – And God is able to give you an overflowing measure of all good gifts, that all your wants of every kind may be supplied at all times, and you may give your abundance to every good work
11. **Twentieth Century NT** – God has the power to shower all kinds of blessings upon you, so that, having, under all circumstances and on all occasions, all that you can need, you may be able to shower all kinds of benefits upon others

12. **Moffat**-God is able to bless you with ample means, so that you may always have quite enough for an emergency of your own and ample besides for any kind act to others
13. **Knox**-God has the power to supply you abundantly with every kind of blessing, so that, with all your needs well supplied at all times, you may have something to spare for every work of mercy
14. **Phillips**-After all, God can give you everything that you need, so that you may always have sufficient both for yourselves and for giving away to other people---V11-The more you are enriched by God, the more scope will there be for generous giving
15. **New English Bible**-And it is in God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourselves meet each and every situation, with enough and to spare for every good cause

II. What it's supposed to look like (Psalm 112:1-10)

- A. 1-The character of the fear of the Lord qualifies you for abundant prosperity
 1. Many people like to have the stuff that comes after this verse, but aren't willing to do what it takes to develop in this verse
 2. Character is what activates The Blessing in your life (Proverbs 10:22)
- B. 3-Wealth and riches are in his house and he isn't running out
 1. His prosperity remain forever because he's learned how to receive a source that never changes; no matter what's going on he'll be well taken care of
- C. 4-The upright are the light in darkness
 1. God is his light and then he is the light preventing misfortune for people
 2. You're the light of world-Matthew 5:14-15, Ephesians 5:8
- D. 5-This man deals generously-This man appears to be reckless with his money because he gives it so readily, but this is not the case; He is prudent and cautious in his financial dealings because he has the realization that the money is not his own for his is merely **a trustee for the distribution of God's funds**
- E. 7-He doesn't fear the evil report
 1. He doesn't fear the evil report because he doesn't love stuff, trust stuff, nor did he get this stuff from the world; he got what he got from working the Kingdom of God system – There's no sorrow with his riches (Prov 10:22)
 2. I didn't prosper because of the world's news report, I prospered because of God's news report and his never changes
- F. 1,8-He has the right relationship with money and things (1 Tim 6:10,17)
 1. 1-He doesn't fear, reverence, or love things; He fears and loves God
 - a. Matthew 6:24 – You can't love/fear God and money
 - b. He's not committed, attached to, obedient to stuff
 - c. 9-AMP-He distributes what the Lord has blessed him with freely

- 1) 2 Corinthians 9:10-MSG-He throws caution to the wind and gives to the needy with reckless abandon
 2. 8-He doesn't trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who has given him richly all things to enjoy and he is ready to distribute and willing to communicate
 - a. Trust-To have confidence, to be secure, to feel safe, be careless
 - b. His security and confidence is not in wealth he's stored up, but in the God who have it to him and He's not looking to money or things to do stuff for him that only God can do
 3. He's located and established purpose for financial prosperity and he's got an abundance of prosperity and he's enjoying it to the full and being a blessing to the full
- G. He is righteous man who's full of compassion and gracious and he's given to the poor and at the same time he's not becoming poor to do it and has expensive stuff in his house
1. 9-His prosperity endures for every-2 Cor 9:11-Thus you'll be enriched
 2. His horn is lifted up with abundance, riches, glory, and honor
- H. The wicked see the prosperity of the righteous and don't like it (Mark 10:30)