

FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

Be The Prosperous Man

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: The prosperous man is the one through whom God can work and meet the needs of hurting people

I. What the prosperous man looks like (2 Corinthians 9:8, 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 gave 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)

II. God has a heart for people who are in lack and he's looking for volunteers to be the men that he can work through

- A. Deuteronomy 15:1-15-**Poor**-In want, needing, thing needed, lack, thin, low, destitute of wealth, influence, position, and honor, lacking in anything, helpless, powerless to accomplish and end
 - 1. 4-5-If people will obey God they wouldn't be poor
 - 2. 6-He put ruling and reigning together with not borrowing and lack
 - 3. 7-1 John 3:17-Have your bowels of compassion open and be willing to help everybody in need, but understand you're not their source and to help them when God's not leading you to would be to hurt them
 - a. Be led because some people who lack money or things don't need the money or things they need a lifestyle change
 - 4. 8-Don't just give enough to lessen the pressure of the need for a while, but enough to meet the need
 - 5. 9-To not be willing to give to the one in need who the Lord is leading to would be to sin
 - 6. 10-You'll give to him with a willing and pleased heart
 - 7. 11-The poor is never going to cease because there will always be people who disobey God
 - 8. 12-15-Be ready to bless people in abundance who the Lord leads you to because before He blessed you, you were in lack
- B. God and the Poor
 - 1. Leviticus 23:22-And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.
 - 2. Job 5:15- But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.
 - 3. Job 36:15-He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

4. Psalm 12:5-For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that puffeth* at him.
5. Psalm 34:6-This poor man called out, and the LORD heard *him*, and gave him victory in all his troubles.
6. Psalm 35:10-All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which rescues the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?
7. Psalm 68:10-Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy prosperity for the poor.
8. Psalm 72:4, 12-13- He shall defend the poor of the people, he shall give victory to the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.12 For he shall rescue the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper. 13 He shall have compassion on the poor, and shall save the souls of the needy.
9. Ps 107:41 LB-He sets the poor on high from affliction, and gives them many children and much prosperity
10. Psalm 109:31-For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from those that condemn his soul.
11. Psalm 113:7-He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
12. Psalm 132:15-I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy (stuffed, desires satisfied, have in excess) her poor with bread.
13. Psalm 140:12-I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.
14. Proverbs 29:13-The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lightens both their eyes.
15. Isaiah 25:4- For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat
16. John 13:29-Judas got up from the table and they just thought Jesus told him to go minister to the poor; this was done often

C. Our relationship with the poor

1. Proverbs 14:21-He that despises his neighbor sins: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.
2. Proverbs 14:31,17:5-Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker:
3. Proverbs 19:4-Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.
4. Proverbs 19:17-He that hath pity upon the poor lends unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.
5. Proverbs 21:13-Whoso stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.
6. Proverbs 22:9-He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor.
7. Proverbs 22:16-He that oppresses the poor to increase his *riches shall* surely come to want.

8. Proverbs 22:22-23-*Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.*
9. Proverbs 28:8-*He that by usury and unjust gain increases his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.*
10. Proverbs 28:27- BBE *He who gives to the poor will never be in need, but great curses will be on him who gives no attention to them.*
11. Proverbs 29:7-*The righteous considers the cause of the poor: but the wicked regards not to know it.*
12. Proverbs 29:14-*The king that faithfully judges the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.*
13. Proverbs 31:9-*Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and administer justice for the poor and needy.*
14. Proverbs 31:20-*She stretches out her hand to the poor; yea, she reaches forth her hands to the needy.*

III. Poverty Basics

- A. Poverty/Lack is curse; it came in the Earth through Adam's disobedience
 1. God hates poverty (Hebrews 1:9)
 2. Proverbs 10:15-*If poverty were God's will He would be the destroyer*
- B. We cannot do what God's called us to do in the Earth and be poor
 1. Proverb 28:15, 22:7, Deuteronomy 15:6-*Poor people can be ruled over*
 2. Ecclesiastes 9:16-*A poor man's voice is not heard*
- C. How is it going to help any poor person for you to be poor?
 1. The best thing you can do for a poor guy is be rich
- D. Jesus ministered alms to the poor and it had a two-fold purpose: (Jn 13:27)
 1. 1) It relieved them of the pressure and ugliness of poverty
 2. 2) It ministered seed to the sower
- E. Jesus preached the gospel to the poor (Luke 4:18, 7:22)
 1. The alms without the Word won't be enough
 2. The guy at the gate in Acts thought was blind to what he needed; he didn't need silver or God he needed to be able to walk
- F. Your prosperity has nothing to do with their poverty (John 11)
 1. Why don't we all our stuff and give it to the poor?
 2. What they don't know from the Word and what they are not doing from the Word is keeping them in lack

IV. One thing that is a pattern of God throughout the Bible, nearly every time (with the exception some divine intervention) there was somebody with a need, there was a man somewhere in the Earth that God gave the answer to and that man had the answer for those people.

- A. God's plan for his man was to bless Him so that he could be a blessing

1. Blessed to be a blessing; made rich to make rich
 - a. Genesis 1:26-28 (AMP)-Use all this that I've blessed you with to serve Me and other men
 - b. Genesis 9:1,12:1-4 18:18, 22:17,18, 26:3-4, 28:14
 - c. 1 Chronicles 22:14 – He stored up and saved to give not to live
 - 1) 1 Chronicles 29:2-3 – Prosperity for the house of God
 - d. Proverbs 13:22 – Wealth is supposed to be in the hands of the righteous
 2. NT Believer-2 Corinthians 9:11 (AMP), 1 Timothy 6:17-18
 - a. 1 Corinthians 10:24 – Seek another's wealth
 - b. 2 Corinthians 8:14-Your abundance will supply somebody else's want
 3. Galatians 3:6-9,28-29, Rom 4:13-This is the gospel
 - a. In you shall all nations of the Earth be blessed or made rich
 - b. I'm blessed and I'm here to interrupt misfortune in people's lives
 - c. God sent his man Joseph to be the answer to the world's problem
- B. When Israel was in trouble there was Moses, David, Gideon; When Egypt was in trouble there was Joseph; When mankind was in trouble there was Jesus; When the Gentiles were in trouble there was Paul; When Paul was in trouble there was Ananias;
1. Stop thinking of yourself in terms of being the person who has the need and start seeing yourself as the man God's going to use to meet the need
 - a. I need to take the step of faith, that step beyond human mental reasoning out into the faith world and become the man who has the resources to meet the needs of people
 2. I'm not the man in need, I'm the man God works through to meet the need
 - a. You can either be the one that's praying for God to do something are the one that shows him answer to their prayer

V. Be the man that God can work through

- A. Revelation 1:6, Romans 5:17-We are kings who reign in this life
 1. Proverbs 22:7-We can't reign living in lack and debt
- B. Jeremiah 22:13-17
 1. There's more to being a King and just being rich yourself
 - a. As a king you're supposed to use your prosperity, your power, your influence to help hurting people
 2. To be the man meeting the need is to know God by experience
 - a. This is the very heartbeat of who God is to get people living in lack in abundance
- C. John 10:31-35
 1. gods-A person exercising delegated power on behalf of a sovereign ruler; exercising delegate power in the place of another; God's representative

D. Psalm 82:1-6 (AMP)

1. We are to defend the poor and the needy
2. We are divine ones, rulers
3. Aries on divine ones, rulers, govern and rule the Earth
4. We're going to inherit the Earth