

PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

Rooting Out The Broke Image

I. **The only way you change what you believe, root out that image, and prosper your soul is through the Word**

- A. The Word of God is going to prosper your soul (Isaiah 55:1-3)
 - 1. The Word of God will prosper your soul, change your image/belief, to where you'll see yourself the way God sees you
 - a. Hearken-Hear, Give your attention to, Obey---Diligently-Steady in application, constant in effort, not idle or negligent
 - b. He's talking about eating his words-Jeremiah 15:16, Job 34:3,1 Peter 2:2, Ephesians 5:26
 - c. That which is good-The gospel is the good news
 - d. Fatness-Prosperity, abundance
 - e. Let your soul-Permit your soul to prosper by feeding it the Word of God
 - f. Hear and your soul shall live prosperously
 - 2. James 1:21-You have to stay attached to this Word if you're soul is going to prosper
 - a. Put away stuff that's not prospering your soul; Why do you labor for that which isn't satisfying you?
 - 1) People want to plump money into a bucket and then prosper in abundance, but there's much more that goes into financial prosperity than just sowing and reaping. Sowing is one principle involved in the law of prosperity, but there are many other principles that must be in place for this law to work the way it's supposed to work. People don't mind plumping money into the bucket, because that takes little time and effort. But when you start getting into the nitty gritty things of financial prosperity most people want no part in them & that's why they don't prosper to the degree that I would like them to.
 - b. The engrafted Word
 - 1) Grafting is the process by which two different objects become one by staying attached to one another & growing together
 - 2) Will you stay attached to the Word of God on financial prosperity long enough to prosper your soul and see yourself that way God does-Diligence?
 - c. An old broke soul needs to be saved/made whole by this Word
 - 1) An unwillingness to stay attached to this Word in the area of finances will lead to soul poverty and poverty in life
 - d. Receive with meekness-without disputing or resisting

3. This is how God sees you financially-2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:8, 11, Luke 6:38, 1 Tim 6:17, Matthew 6:33, 7:11, Romans 8:32, Galatians 3:14, Proverbs 10:22, 3 John 2, Malachi 3:10, Proverbs 3:9-10, 1 John 4:17, Philippians 4:19-This is how he sees you
 - a. You get the image of that on the inside of you by staying attached to the Word
 - b. Proverbs 22:9-He that has a bountiful/rich eye shall be blessed
- B. You're money seed independent of the Word seed has no future
1. The word-seed in you is going to determine the future of that money seed
 - a. If you have no word in you, then your soul won't prosper and that money-seed won't harvest or will harvest little
 2. The Word seed and the money seed work with one another, not independent of one another
 - a. The Word is the seed that's going to change the inside of you, your inner image (Luke 8:11)
 - 1) That money seed has no power to change the inside of you
 - 2) You sow financial and drop money in the bucket, but that won't change the inside of you
 - 3) This Word is responsible for changing your image and until that changes you're financial well-being will won't change
 3. The money seed is responsible for multiplying and coming back to you, but only to the level of the image that you have (Luke 6:38)
 - a. If you don't sow the money seed then the word seed and the image it produced has nothing to support and work with
 - b. Your image/the word seed in you is literally going to support and determine the future of that money seed
- C. The poor need the gospel preached to them, because the poor man is poor outside because he's poor inside
1. The answer for a poverty is the Word of God-Matt 11:5, Luke 7:22, 4:18
 - a. The answer for the poor is to have the gospel preached, not their needs met
 - 1) Jesus fed 5000 people in a desert place. He was capable of doing the same thing with every poor person that he saw.
 - a) He said I only do what hear and see of my Father to do (John 5:30, 8:28,29)
 - 2) In dealing with the poor Jesus 1) Gave alms 2) Gave the Word---He gave them both seeds
 - a) You do the poor an injustice when you only give them one type of seed
 - b. Proverbs 10:15-The destruction of the poor is their poverty (inside)
 - 1) They need to find out what the word says, prosper their soul and do it; That's the way out of poverty (Deut 15:4)

- 2) If we're going to address the poverty in a poor man's life, then we must first all address the poverty of his soul
2. 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; you have to prosper in your soul financially, know the principles that make the law work and do it (Romans 10:8-15)
 - a. People don't believe in the God that will make you abundantly rich; they believe in the God that will meet your need
 - 1) 14-They haven't believed God will make you abundantly rich because they haven't heard it
 - 2) 14-How can they hear it without it being preached? How can it be preached if God didn't send them?
 - b. 15-This is a prosperity gospel not a poverty gospel

II. We must create a new image on the inside of us

- A. You can't build a new image with the old one still standing
 1. You can't put new wine in old wine skins
 - a. EX: You can't put a clean diaper on top of a new one
 2. The seed of God's word is going to **bump into** an old broke image that's been built up over the years
 - a. There are strongholds that get built up in our mind through our **experiences, exposures, and instruction** (2 Cor 10:5)
 - 1) Stronghold-Fortresses of thought (ways of thinking), built by what you've been exposed to, designed to trap you in a way of life
 - 2) EX: Bold Eagle and a buzzard-At the edge of the woods, near a small farm, a baby eagle fell out of the nest. The farmer found the eagle, and thinking it was one of his own, brought him to the chicken coop with his other chickens. As time passed, the baby eagle grew up learning to do what chickens do. He clucked, he strutted around the coop pecking at the corn and even tried his voice at the morning wake-up call. A neighbor came to visit his friend the chicken farmer. He was surprised to see the eagle strutting around the chicken coop, pecking at the ground, and acting like a chicken. The farmer explained to him that he had brought the bird to the coop as a chick and only later discovered that it was an eagle. He further told his friend that since the bird had been raised a chicken that the bird actually believed himself to be a chicken. The neighbor knew there was more to this noble bird than his behavior showed as a chicken. He was born an eagle and had the heart of an eagle, and nothing could change that. The neighbor reached down and lifted the eagle onto the fence surrounding the chicken coop and said, "Eagle, you are an eagle. Stretch your wings and

fly.” The eagle only look blankly at the man and clucked. He jumped off the fence and continued doing what chicken do. The farmer was satisfied. “I told you - he thinks he’s a chicken,” he said. The neighbor couldn’t sleep that night and returned the next day to convince the farmer that the eagle was born for something greater. The man took the eagle from the dirty coop and carried him to the top of the farmhouse. Setting the bird down on the roof, the neighbor spoke to him: “Eagle, you are an eagle. You therefore belong to the sky and not to the earth. Stretch your wings and fly.” The large bird blinked at the man, clucked, and then jumped down into the chicken coop. After another restless night, the friend returned the next morning to the chicken farm and took the eagle and the farmer away from the chicken coop to the foot of a high mountain. They could not see the farm nor the chicken coop from this great height. The man lifted the eagle on his outstretched arm and pointed high into the sky where the bright sun was beckoning above. He spoke: “Eagle, you are an eagle! You therefore belong to the sky and not to the earth. Stretch your wings and fly.” This time the eagle stared skyward into the bright sun, straightened his large body, and stretched his massive wings. His wings moved, slowly at first, then surely and powerfully. With the mighty screech of an eagle, he flew away.

- b. In a lot of believers minds there’s a middle class stronghold; a paycheck to paycheck stronghold; a just enough stronghold; where they can’t see themselves as ever being rich
 - 1) Those strongholds are designed to trap them in a way life financially that will keep them from being a greater blessing in the Earth
 - c. If Satan can plant something in, build a stronghold in you, he can trap you in that way of life
 - 1) So even though there is scripture after scripture about God’s will for you being abundantly prosperous, he knows it, but he wants to build something else in you to trap you in a lifestyle that opposes God’s Word
 - 2) So the last thing he wants is for someone stand up here a preach something that’s going challenge your stronghold
 - 3) The spiritual warfare is this: Can he, through experiences, exposure, and teaching build a stronghold in you that opposes the Word?
3. 3-The battle is not in the physical, natural realm – (Just like in Numbers 13)
- a. We’ve thought the battle was physical; you’ve thought I can’t be rich b/c I work here or because of this or that. But what I’m here to tell you is that **your financial prosperity has nothing to do with where you work or what’s going in the natural realm, but everything to do with the image you have and the seed you sow.**
 - 1) You’re not broke because of your job, your broke because of your image

- b. The battle is inside; the biggest enemy is your inner-me
 - 1) There is a stronghold in you right now that was created to trap in a way of life
 - 2) If you're going to prosper to the degree that God wants you to you're going to have to go after that stronghold
 - a) You target that stronghold the way a guy with a rocket launcher would target a building. You fire the Word of the living God at that thing until it comes down.
 - 4. 4-Your weapons are not carnal-bodily, temporal, pertaining to the flesh
 - a. Don't bring carnal weapons to a spiritual battle
 - 1) You want to get another job, change jobs, ask for a raise, refinance, invest, but those are carnal weapons. You can get a new job and do all of that, but **your image is going where you go**. And that's why you did something in the natural and thought it would really make a difference only to find out that you're about where you were before you did that thing. It might even have helped temporarily, but before you know it you're life is back to the image you have.
 - b. Your weapons are powerful through God (the Word)
 - 1) This Word has the power to destroy that stronghold and it's your answer
 - 5. 4,5-You pull down strong holds by:
 - a. Casting down imaginations that exalt themselves against the Word
 - 1) Destroying and demolishing reasonings and thoughts that oppose the Word
 - a) You need power to demolish and destroy
 - 2) One of the main problems with this is that most people don't even know what God's Word says about them financially, so when something exalts itself against that Word they don't know it and they just take it and before long they've got stronghold of it, that the word didn't build
 - 3) Every thought that rises up against what God's word says you got to destroy with the Word of God coming out of your mouth (How to destroy a thought)
 - a) Any bill, circumstance, person that transmits a thought that's not in line with the Word has to come to down
 - b. Then bring (force into submission) your thoughts into obedience to the Word
 - 1) You force yourself to think this way if you have to stay in the Word every waking second of every day
 - 6. If you'll do that you can build a stronghold of God's word in your mind that will trap you in a prosperous life
- B. Paint a new image

1. You're going to have to go to the point of God's word, use the brush of your tongue, and paint an image on the canvas of your heart that you are a rich man (Psalm 45:1)
 - a. You have to take the thought and say it until you don't have to think to say it (Philippians 4:8, Matthew 6:31)
 - b. 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)
2. Matthew 12:33-37
 - a. 33-Make the tree good
 - 1) Like the type of tree determines the type of fruit, the type of image determines the type of life
 - 2) The tree is known by its fruit and your image is known by the life that it produced
 - 3) Make the image rich and prosperous
 - b. 34-You're going to speak based on and from the image in your heart (Num 14)
 - 1) You got to get to the place where it's not just coming out of your head, but your heart
 - c. 35-You bring forth things from your heart
 - 1) 37-By your words you're justified and condemned
 - 2) Believing & speaking is how you got into this thing & this is how it works-Mk 11:23
3. Your words and your image are hindering your money seed; they are stout against it
 - a. You're sowing seed, but your image and your words are **disabling** and **crippling** it
- C. Meditation is the key to inner transformation
 1. Joshua 1:8-His victory was not determined by the strength of his opponent outside, but by what was going on in his heart
 2. Meditate so that you can observe/see to do
 - a. Meditate the word to see yourself rich and then do rich
 - b. Meditate-Utter a sound, thoughtful deliberation with the implication of speaking to oneself, to imagine, to speak, to talk
 3. Don't take a broke image into battle
 - a. It seems like we've been trudging through the mud financially because we're taking a broke image into this financial battle
 - 1) You give and tithe and little happens
 - 2) You can't sow and tithe with a broke image and then stand in holy wonderment about why you don't prosper
 - b. Ps 1:1-3-No matter where I go I'm bringing the Word & my prosperous soul w/ me
- D. 8 Keys To Effective Meditation

1. Separation is key in meditation
 2. Meditate the Word with purpose
 3. Speak the Word out loud; this controls your thoughts
 4. Apply the Word to yourself personally
 5. Place yourself in agreement with what the Word says about you
 6. Ponder how that changes your situation
 7. See yourself as the Word says you are
 8. Remember the blood covenant and that God can't lie
- E. 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