

## FINANCIAL PROSPERITY LIES

### The Major Lie

#### I. Deceptive lies that gave financial prosperity and improper place

- A. Because people have twisted scriptures and didn't look at **ALL** of what God had to say about money, money often times been given an improper place
- B. People believed lies about money and that's why it's been out of place and that's why people have had no balance
  - a. Lies are unbalanced; truth is balanced
  2. People have believed it has one place, but that's not the right place

#### II. THE MAJOR LIE: We shouldn't desire to prosper; we should just be content with what we got-1

##### Timothy 6

- A. 5-Gain is godliness-That's an all inclusive statement
  1. Ungodly gain
    - a. A person could gain by robbing a bank that's not godliness
    - b. A person could gain by cheating somebody else, that's not godliness
    - c. A person could take a job that God didn't want them to take and double their salary that's not godliness
  2. Godly gain
    - a. Matthew 6:33-This gain is certainly godliness
    - b. 2 Corinthians 9:6-If a person sows financially bountifully and then gains financially bountifully that's gain; is that godly or ungodly?
    - c. Proverbs 19:17,28:27-If a person gives to the poor and then the Lord repay him with a harvest good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over, that's gain: is that godly or ungodly?
    - d. Genesis 12:1-4, 13:2-Abraham obeyed God and was very rich in silver that was gain? Was that godly or ungodly
  3. The reality is that not all gain is godly; When you leave the character of God to gain anything that's when gain is not godliness. However, when you stay in the parameters of this word and gain because of it then that gain is godly.
    - a. Gain is not godly unless godliness is why you gained
- B. 6-Godliness-Reverence, Respect, **piety** towards God-Piety in *principle*, is a reverence of the Supreme Being and love of his character, accompanied with love; and piety in *practice*, is the exercise of this love in obedience to his will and devotion to his service.
- C. 6-Contentment defined:

1. Perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed-2 Corinthians 9:8
  2. A mind contented with its lot (ration)
    - a. Be content with your lot or ration which is:
      - 1) You are a joint heir with Jesus (Romans 8:17)
      - 2) The blessing that made Abraham very rich is on you (Gal 3:14)
      - 3) Jesus became poor so that you could be rich (2 Cor 8:9)
      - 4) God is able to make all grace abound towards you so that you always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8)
      - 5) God will meet your needs according to His riches (Phil 4:19)
      - 6) Hearken diligently to God and all these blessings will overtake you (Deuteronomy 28:2)
      - 7) As Jesus is so are in this world (1 John 4:17)
  3. Suitable, fit for the purpose, adequate, qualified; Sufficiency of the necessities of life; **Sufficiency**-  
The state of being adequate to the proposed end; Qualification for any purpose; adequate substance or means; supply equal to wants, ample stock or fund
    - a. He meets your need according to His riches and not according to your need-Philippians 4:19
    - b. What exactly does your life & purpose entail & then we'll know what you need?
      - 1) I from Heaven on assignment representing my King
      - 2) I'm here to preach, demonstrate, and fulfill the gospel, which is, "In you shall all families of the Earth be blessed."
    - c. Just how much do you need to be adequately supplied to do what He's called you to do? You'll find that what you need is abundance.
  4. To stop complaint; Be thankful for where you are while striving for more
    - a. Not content-Gives the idea that you have to have it and can't be satisfied or happy without it; that's covetousness
- D. 6-You put character together with contentment (giving money and things their proper place: all I really need is Jesus; I don't have to have a new this or that to be satisfied) and that'll lead to great gain
1. I'm believing with intense faith for this and that, but I don't need it to be satisfied; my satisfaction doesn't come from what I have, but from the God I serve
  2. Intense faith isn't "I got to have it or I can't be satisfied without it." It's believing with everything you've got to win!
  3. If your mindset is "Have to have it," then you're not qualified for it
    - a. If you have a "have to have it" mindset and then it manifests you won't have it, it will have you
  4. This is being content: The only thing I have to have is Jesus
- E. 7-Give money and things proper place; they aren't going with you

- F. 8-You give me food, clothes and Jesus and I could be completely peaceful with all that; I don't have to have
  - 1. Have to have is reserved for Jesus
- G. 9-This is referring to those who will to be rich in their love of money
  - 1. If you will to be rich out of your love for money that's a problem
  - 2. If you will to be rich out of your love for God and people that's right
  - 3. I love God and people and money enables me to do that in a bigger way
- H. 9-10-The person who is loving money is the one who's willing to be rich
- I. 10-The Love of money-Avarice-An inordinate (disorderly) desire of gaining wealth and possessing wealth, insatiable desire of gain
  - 1. It's on ordinate desire because it's ahead of God and His Word
  - 2. It's that got to have it or can't be satisfied desire
- J. 9-10-*MAV-But they that will to be rich in their love for God and people will not fall into temptation and they'll be wise and have many good desires that build men up in success and prosperity. For the Love of God and people is the root to all good, which while some desired, and they correctly lived the life of faith and built themselves up with much joy and peace.*
- K. 11-Don't follow after money, follow after these things
  - 1. **Follow after**-To run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after, to press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal, follow after, to pursue, to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire
    - a. It didn't say don't believe for more of it
  - 2. Don't chase money; chase God and His word and money will be chasing you (Psalm 23, Proverbs 22:4)
- L. This whole chapter is teaching us to give money it's proper place
  - 1. Don't love it; Don't chase after it; Don't covet it; Don't get high-minded because you have some; don't trust in it; Enjoy it; Be ready to distribute; Be willing to communicate