

PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

Creating A Prosperity Image (Part 3)

I. You can't build a new image with the old one still standing

- A. Don't build an altar to God next a Baal altar (Judges 6:25)
- B. There are strongholds (images, poverty mentality) 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 (EX: Eagle and a buzzard)
 - 2. In a lot of believers minds there's a middle class, paycheck to paycheck, just enough stronghold; and they can't see themselves as ever being rich
- C. If Satan can plant something (build a stronghold) in you that opposes God's Word, he can trap you in a way of life that opposes God's will for your life
 - 1. Once that image is in there, it'll work to keep your life in line with it (Prov 23:7)
 - 2. He doesn't want someone to preach something that challenges that stronghold
 - a. The seed of God's word bumps into an image that's been built up over years
 - 3. The spiritual warfare is this: Can he, through experiences, exposure, and teaching build a stronghold in you that opposes the Word?
- D. 3-The battle is not in the physical, natural realm – (Just like in Numbers 13)
 - 1. You don't have to figure out how to make it happen; you have to win inside
 - a. The battle is inside; the biggest enemy is your inner-me
 - 2. There is a stronghold in you right now that was created to trap in a way of life
 - a. If you're going to prosper to the degree that God wants you to you're going to have to **go after** that stronghold and **target it** with the Word of God
 - 3. Your financial prosperity has nothing to do with what's going in the natural realm, but everything to do with the image you have and the seed you sow.
- E. 4-Your weapons are not carnal-bodily, temporal, pertaining to the flesh
 - 1. Don't bring carnal weapons to a spiritual battle
 - a. You want to change jobs, sell something, but those are carnal weapons. You can do all of that, but **your image is going where you go**.
 - b. You're trying to do everything except deal with the root issue
 - 2. This Word has the power to destroy that stronghold and it's your weapon
 - a. That word is sword when it comes out of your mouth (Rev 1:16,19:15,21)
- F. 4,5-You pull down strong holds by:

1. Casting down imaginations that exalt themselves against the Word
 - a. Many 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 that the word didn't build
 - b. 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)
 - c. Any bill, circumstance, person that transmits a thought that's not in line with the Word has to come to down
2. Then bring (force into submission) your thoughts into obedience to the Word
 - a. You have to force yourself to think this way because you don't think this way
 - b. You have to take the time to develop this way of thinking
3. You have to take the thought and say it until you don't have to think to say it (Philippians 4:8-Fix/Attach your mind, Matthew 6:31)
 - a. Do that until the word in you becomes more real than the world out of you
 - b. EX: In my eyes I was rich long before I had any money

II. Paint a new image

- A. You're going to have to go to the paint 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)
 1. What kind of matter is your heart composing? A broke life or a prosperous one
 2. Through my tongue a relate, rehearse, and declare things to my heart
- B. Meditation's the tool through which we create a new image; key to inner transformation
 1. Josh 1:8-His victory was going to be determined by what was going on in his heart
 - a. Meditate the Word prosper your soul and then you're prosper
 - b. Meditate so that you can observe/see to do
 - c. Meditate the word to see yourself rich and then do rich
 2. Meditate-Utter a sound, thoughtful deliberation with the implication of speaking to oneself, to imagine, to talk
 3. 8 Meditation Keys (Allowing the Holy Spirit to make the word a reality in your heart)
 - a. Separation is key in meditation
 - b. Meditate the Word with purpose (Acts 11:23, James 5:17)
 - c. Speak the Word out loud; this controls your thoughts (Matt 6:31)
 - d. Apply the Word to yourself personally
 - e. Place yourself in agreement with what the Word says about you
 - f. See yourself as the Word says you are

- g. Dwell on how that changes your situation
 - h. Remember the blood covenant and that God can't lie
- C. 2 Corinthians 3:18-That image is going to change as you look at the right thing
- 1. What you behold will put the same thing in you and that's what you'll become
 - a. If you're looking into a mirror that's reflecting a broke image back to you, you'll become what you behold
 - 2. Everybody and everything out there is trying to tell you who you are
 - a. Who's forming your identity? What mirror or you looking into?
- D. Don't take a broke image into battle; 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; You can't sow and tithe w/ a broke image and then stand in holy wonderment about why you don't prosper
 - 2. Psalm 1:1-3-No matter where I go I'm bringing my prosperous soul with me

III. Believing and speaking is how this whole thing works (Matt 12:33-37)

- A. 33-Make the tree good-Make the image rich and prosperous
- 1. The tree determines the type of fruit, the image determines the type of life
 - a. The tree is known by its fruit and your image is known by the life it produced
 - 2. 34-You're going to speak based on and from the image in your heart (Numbers 14)
 - a. This can't just come out of your head, it has to come out of your heart
 - 3. 35-You bring forth things from your heart
 - a. 37-By your words you're justified and condemned (Mark 11:23)
- B. Your **words** and your **image** are hindering your money seed
- 1. You're sowing seed, but your image and your words are **disabling & crippling** it
 - a. It's like praying a prayer and talking against what you prayed
 - 2. Your money seed independent of the Word seed has no future
 - a. If you have no word in you, then you'll have a broke image you won't speak faith words and that money-seed won't harvest or will harvest little
 - 3. Your money seed is looking at your image and listening to your Words to find out it's future and it's destiny and what it's supposed to harvest back to as