

GOD OF LOVE, GOD OF PROSPERITY

The Real Issue

I. The real issue behind prosperity is the revelation of God's love & experiences with it-

- A. Things God gives us, although they themselves will be ashes someday, the imprint of His love that is left on your heart by receiving that thing will be eternal-Matthew 7:7-11
 - 1. The thing itself is not the issue, but rather it's the experience with His love that is the issue; The thing itself means nothing, it's the experience with His love that has the meaning
 - 2. I know God loves me, but these gifts are tokens & reminders of how much he loves me & they leave an imprint of His love in my heart & each 1 builds my faith-Rom 5:4
- B. Gifts are not necessities, they are tokens of one's love for another
 - 1. Gift giving is the part of any good functioning loving relationship

II. Love in it's highest form is not displayed in the meeting of needs, but in the fulfilling of wants and desires-Love is really on display when it takes interests in the trivial

- A. If you being **Evil**-Bad nature or condition know how to give good gifts to your children HOW MUCH MORE shall your Father in Heaven give good to them that ask

III. The person who gets the good things from God are those that believe him for them

- A. When you don't ask you miss the opportunity to experience his love & develop your faith
- B. Many of us aren't believing God for anything and it's hurting you cause it's not about the things it's about a revelation of his love and an increase in your faith

IV. One of the most disrespectful things you can do in a loving relationship is reject a gift that somebody who loves you wants to give you

- A. Don't ever stop someone from giving you a gift; it's a slap in the face, it's a rejection of their love; Believers have done it to God for years
- B. Many believers by not (asking) or believing God for anything is keeping God from doing more of this in their lives and he's not pleased about it-Psalm 35:27
- C. People are calling it humility and holiness, but really it's passivity of faith

V. There's been a negative connotation in the church for asking God for something for yourself, a looking down upon, like you are selfish and less spiritual

- A. Is it okay to ask God for things for yourself that you want?-Mark 11:24, John 15:7
- B. Romans 8:32, Genesis 2:8-God's wants you to have things that you want