

## GOD OF LOVE, GOD OF PROSPERITY

Does God Want You To Have Stuff?

### I. Does God want you to have stuff?

- A. 1 Timothy 6:17-Stuff, according to God, is for your enjoyment; It's for your enjoyment, not your fulfillment; I enjoy things, things are not my source of enjoyment
  - 1. Who's behind this giving richly all things to enjoy? God is
  - 2. He wants to give things to you **richly**-wealthy, abounding in material resources, great prosperity, extravagant, lavishness; Awesome abundance, extreme wealth, immense riches; Enormous magnificent wealth and prosperity; abundantly supplied
  - 3. Judges 18:10-Who's behind this no want of anything in the Earth?
  - 4. Psalm 113:7-8-He makes the poor to sit with princes, not the common man
- B. Deuteronomy 28:11-If you obey God you get blessed with stuff
  - 1. Plenteous-Left over, excess, more than enough
  - 2. Goods-Pleasant, Rich, Valuable in estimation, Wealth; AMP-Surplus of prosperity
  - 3. Deuteronomy 6:11-House full of good things
  - 4. Deuteronomy 8:11-13,18-God wouldn't give you the power to get wealth if He didn't want you to be wealthy
- C. Obadiah-God cares about your stuff/possessions
  - 1. Edom were the seed of Esau and they messed with God's people and his message to them was you shouldn't have done that
  - 2. 13-You shouldn't have rejoiced when God's people fell and you shouldn't have touched their stuff
  - 3. 11,17-The house of Jacob is going to get their stuff back

### II. God does not care what you have or how much you have, but He does care how you got it and the relationship you have with it

- A. Luke 12:15-Your life does not consist in the abundance of things that you have, but that doesn't mean that God doesn't want you to have things
  - 1. Covetousness is thinking that my life does consist in the abundance of things that I possess and that I won't be satisfied without certain things; It's this "I have to have it" mentality; It's not recognizing that the only "thing" you have to have is Jesus
  - 2. Some times what people are calling faith is just covetousness and covetousness will not receive from God because it shows you can't be trusted with the thing you coveting
  - 3. You don't have to decide between Jesus and material wealth and you've never had to
    - a. You can't serve money and serve God; it did not say you can't have money and serve God and it didn't say that you can't have a lot of money and serve God-Matthew 6:24

- B. As a believer you must keep material wealth in it's proper place
  - 1. Don't glory in riches, Riches can't redeem you, wisdom is better than riches, righteous and poor is better than wicked and rich, integrity and poor is better than perverse and rich, poor man is better than a liar, poor and upright is better than wicked and rich, a good name is to be choose before great riches, don't love money, don't trust money, don't serve money, don't give your labor to being rich (give it to the word, to faith and let the blessing make you rich)
- C. If it got added to you because you sowed, believed God for it and sought first the kingdom of God and have the right relationship with it, then God's good with that

### III. Should we desire stuff and believe for stuff-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. Does content mean not believing for better?
  - 1. 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.
  - 2. 6-Contentment defined:
    - a. Perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed-2 Corinthians 9:8
    - b. A mind contented with its lot (ration)

- c. 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 about 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 over take you (Dt 28:2)
  - 7) As Jesus is so are in this world (1 John 4:17)
- d. 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

  - 1) He meets your need according to His riches and not according to your need-Philippians 4:19
- e. 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."
  - 3) 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.
- f. To stop complaint; Be thankful for where you are while striving for more
  - 1) Not content-Gives the idea that you have to have it and can't be satisfied or happy without it; that's covetousness
- 3. 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
  - a. 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
  - b. 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!
  - c. If you're mindset is "Have to have it," then you're not qualified for it
    - 1) If you have a "have to have it" mindset and then it manifests you won't have it, it will have you
  - d. This is being content: The only thing I have to have is Jesus
- C. 7-Give money and things proper place; they aren't going with you

1. 8-You give me food, clothes and Jesus and I could be completely peaceful with all that; I don't have to have
    - a. Have to have is reserved for Jesus
  2. 9-This is referring to those who will to be rich in their love of money
    - a. If you will to be rich out of your love for money that's a problem
    - b. If you will to be rich out of your love for God and people that's right
    - c. I love God and people and money enables me to do that in a bigger way
  3. 9-10-The person who is loving money is the one who's willing to be rich
  4. 10-The Love of money-Avarice-An inordinate (disorderly) desire of gaining wealth and possessing wealth, insatiable desire of gain
    - a. It's on ordinate desire because it's ahead of God and His Word
    - b. It's that got to have it or can't be satisfied desire
  5. 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.*
  6. 11-Don't follow after money, follow after these things
    - a. **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
      - 1) It didn't say don't believe for more of it
    - b. Don't chase money; chase God and His word and money will be chasing you (Psalm 23, Proverbs 22:4)
- D. 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