

## GOD OF LOVE, GOD OF PROSPERITY

### Introducing The God of Excess

**Foundation Statement:** Many of my people have been lied to about who I really I am. I want you to introduce them to the Overflowing supplier. The God who will make you excessively rich.

#### I. **The enemy is always trying to paint a false picture of who God really is in the hearts of people**

- A. Genesis 3-The first thing that Satan tried to do with Adam was to paint a false picture of God on his heart
  - 1. There's something God doesn't want you to see, doesn't want you to be doesn't what you to know
- B. If you get a false image of God in your heart victory over the enemy is not possible-Matthew 16:13-18
  - 1. Some saw Him one way others saw him another way and it is still that way today
  - 2. Blessed-When you see him properly it empowers you; A revelation of who God is, is the foundation to victory over the forces of darkness; The darker your revelation of God the more hell will prevail over you
- C. An inaccurate image of who He is will keep you from receiving what He has
  - 1. The people who saw Jesus accurately received the most from his ministry
    - a. Mark 6-They didn't see who he was and therefore he couldn't be who he was to them
    - b. **Whatever you don't see God as, He cannot be in your life**
  - 2. In any area you see who God is, you're going to release your faith for God to be that in your life
- D. Phil3:10-There's many layers to God that we have yet to see and we should purpose to know him better
  - 1. There's still many facets to God that we have to be introduced to
  - 2. **God is endeavoring to introduce Himself to you in a new way, so that He can do a new thing in your life**
  - 3. Many people close their eyes and won't allow themselves to see who God really is-Matt13:15

#### II. **Much of the church world have the image of God that he wants us poor and humble or that God will prosper you and meet your needs, but not excessively; Many people believe that there is something godly about being broke, being modest; They believe they are closer to God b/c of their poverty or lack of possessions**

- A. There's been this attempt by Satan to attach humility to poverty
  - 1. There's been this idea floating around that your humility is based on your outward possessions; that a guy is humble because he is modest in what he wears and what he drives
    - a. EX: You're humble if you drive an 83 Toyota, but you're proud if you drive 2014 BMW
  - 2. It's unscriptural to attach lack of material wealth to humility-Proverbs 22:4, 2 Chronicles 32:26
    - a. Poverty is not some badge of humility, but rather it's the mark of the proud

- b. Humility brings prosperity; Pride brings poverty
  - 3. If you think you're humble because your poor or because you don't have a lot you're in darkness
    - a. Humility is not determined by the lack of outward possessions one has, but it's determined by the inward condition of the heart
- B. Deut15:4-5-Poverty is not some badge of holiness but rather it's the result of disobedience (*ERV-There should not be any poor people in your country because the Lord your God is giving you this land. And the Lord will greatly bless you. But this will happen only if you obey the Lord your God.*)
  - 1. In any area of your life, if you humble yourself and do what God says in his word you're going to see His prosperity poured out upon you in a very excessive way
  - 2. **If your humility is attached to your prosperity that that tells me some of us are not nearly as humble as we think we are**
  - 3. **Job 36:11-The level your of prosperity reveals the depth of your obedience; Poverty is a result of pride and disobedience and therefore poverty is unholy, unclean and it's the result of an ungodly life**
- C. What is poverty? Poverty means lack or insufficiency
  - 1. Poverty comes in many different levels-Extreme poverty is not having enough to keep yourself alive; A little poverty might be something like not being able to make a payment on time; It's the same stuff just different measures and degrees of it
  - 2. **If you don't learn to disdain poverty on every level it will remain in your life on some level**

### III. God is a God of excess; He is the over-supplier, He is a too much God

- A. Excess is the will of God and the plan of God-John 10:10
  - 1. **More abundantly**-Exceeding abundantly above, Exceedingly; Exceeding measure or need; Over and above; More than is necessary; Super-added; Superior, extraordinary, surpassing, uncommon; Superiority, more remarkable, more excellent
    - a. It's over and above what is necessary; This life that is more abundant is life that exceeds need
    - b. Abundance is you got all you need and then some but he said superabundance and that means more than more than enough
    - c. Superabundant in quality, Super abundant in quality and by implication excessive
  - 2. Jesus came that we might have life more abundantly (not just to save us from hell)
    - a. He's talking about the God-kind of life, God-quality of life; the force that creates prosperity
  - 3. **If you don't believe in excess, then you don't believe in what Jesus came to do**
- B. God introduces Himself as The God of Excess by demonstrating excess in the lives of his people
  - 1. *Genesis 13:2-And Abram was **very (exceedingly)** rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold*

2. Genesis 24:35-And **the LORD** hath blessed my master **greatly (exceedingly)**; and he became great: and he has given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.
3. Genesis 26:12- Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and **the LORD** blessed him. And the man became great, and gained more and more until he became **very wealthy (exceedingly wealthy)**. He owned flocks, herds, and had a great supply of servants: and the Philistines envied him.
4. Genesis 30:43-And the man increased and became **exceedingly rich** and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.
5. 2 Chronicles 32:27-And Hezekiah had **exceeding much riches** and honor: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for **God** had given him **substance very much (Exceedingly)**.
6. 1 Chronicles 29:25-And the LORD magnified Solomon **exceedingly** in the sight of all Israel; 1 Kings 10:23-So Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. 2 Chronicles 1:15-And Solomon made the silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones.
7. Psalm 23:5-You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...my cup runs **over** (saturate)
8. Luke 6:38-Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and **running over** shall men given into your bosom
9. God placed Adam in the Garden Of Eden- which means, pleasure, Luxury, Delight, Paradise (Genesis 2:7)
  - a. **Luxury**-The state of great comfort and extravagant living; an **inessential**, desirable item that is expensive; Extremely comfortable, elegant, in a way that involves great expense
10. God gave Noah Everything
11. God blessed Joseph-Genesis-41:42 says, Pharaoh took off his ring and put it on Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, put a gold chain around his neck & made him to ride in the second chariot that he had
12. The Children of Israel left Egypt with their silver, their gold, their clothes and not one was sick (Ex12,Ps105)
13. Joshua was taken the spoil of cities and Kings-Joshua 22:8-He said to them, Return with much riches to your tents and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, iron and very much clothing
14. God made David a multi-billionaire. David said the Temple has to be exceedingly magnificent. (1Chron22,29)

15. *God made Job the richest man in the East and then doubled it.*
16. *God gave Jehosophat a victory where the spoil was so great (precious jewels and riches) that they spent three days gathering it in and it was so much they couldn't gather it all in*
17. *God sent Ruth the mighty man of wealth and he said to her I will do all that you require.*
18. *The Psalmist said in a time of famine you will have excess an oversupply, wealth and riches will be in your house and God will bring you to wealthy place-Psalm 37:19, Psalm 112:3, 66:12*
19. *Isaiah said God will not remove his covenant of peace from us. He said in Isaiah 54:11 O you afflicted [city], storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in fair colors [in antimony to enhance their brilliance] and lay your foundations with sapphires. And I will make your windows and pinnacles of [sparkling] agates or rubies, and your gates of [shining] carbuncles, and all your walls [of your enclosures] of precious stones.*
20. *Jeremiah 33:9-God will prosper you so much that people will fear and tremble because of it*
21. *In Ezekiel 11-13-God decked them with the best jewelry, clothes, silver, and gold; the best food*
22. *Daniel-After Daniel interpret the dream the king made him rich (showered many riches on him)*
23. *Zechariah-God said my cities shall overflow with prosperity; You're going to be a city without walls because you have so many cattle; He also said the nations which have plundered you, for he who touches you, touches he apple of God's eye, I will shake my hand upon them and they will be a spoil to their servants; He said the wealth of all the Heathen around them shall be gathered together, gold, silver, apparel in great abundance*
24. *Malachi 3-He said he's going to pour you out a blessing that there's not room enough to receive it*
25. *2 Corinthians 9:8-And God is able to make all grace abound (exceed) toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound (exceed) to every good work:*

C. Does God care whether or not you have stuff?

1. *Deut28:11-And the Lord shall make you **plenteous (excess)** in goods (pleasant, riches, valuable, wealth)*
2. *Obadiah-Edom messed with God's people and his message to them was you shouldn't have done that*
  - a. *13-You should not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; you should not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance*
  - b. *17-But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions*
3. *God doesn't give you things to meet your needs; There's no verse that says God gives you things to meet your needs; He meets your needs but that's not why he gives you things; He gives you things for your enjoyment-1 Timothy 6:17*

- a. **We're trying to get what we need and God's trying to get to us what we would enjoy**
  - b. He wants to give things to you **richly**-Abounding in material resources, great prosperity, extravagant, lavishness; Awesome abundance, extreme wealth, immense riches
4. *Psalm 36:8-They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.*
- D. You are not representing God by being bland, conservative, colorless, modest, or stingy
1. God is not drab; If God was the way a lot of people thought there would only be three colors of fish light gray, dark gray and medium gray; God our Father sits on the throne in Heaven and there isn't any shortages and He doesn't scrimp. He's not afraid that He's going to be excessive. He makes streets of gold, His gates of pearls, big honking jewels on the walls.
  2. Who made the gold, the diamonds, and the rubies? God did and that stuff is not for the devil's people; Who is the best for?-The Earth and everything good thing in it was created for God's family; The good stuff is for God's people to enjoy not the heathen
    - a. Genesis 1:28-All of the vast resources of the Earth are for of the people of God to serve God and man
    - b. That car is serving me, these clothes are serving me and b/c of who I work for I should have the best
    - c. Isaiah 1:19-The good of the land is for the willing and obedient
  3. Wealth is not for the world
    - a. Job 27:16-The wicked may be working for it, but I'll wear it; It's not for them, it's for us
    - b. Ecclesiastes 2:26-The good stuff is for those who are good before God
    - c. Isaiah 61:6-Riches aren't for the world
- E. Our current condition is a direct reflection of God and it is saying something to the world around us about God's ability and desire to care for us
1. We are not to be bland, dull gray, colorless, lifeless, sparkle-less, Christians; People have thought that if we stay beat down enough that and broke enough that would somehow glorify God.
  2. **The condition of the flock is a reflection of the shepherd**
  3. Being beat down doesn't glorify God, excess fruit bearing glorifies God-John 15:8
  4. We should be impressive; not trying to show off, not trying to impress, you just are impressive
- F. God is excessive; that's his nature
1. Can you see God pouring and you say okay God is going to spill and he says I know, I know and he just keeps going and it's running everywhere and He just keeps pouring it out?
  2. To God it's not enough until it's running over, a lot; Full is not enough for God
    - a. It makes God happy when it's excessive because that's what God likes
  3. Are we expecting excessive? Are we believing for excessive?

4. Some of the poorest nations are the richest in natural resources, but they don't know how to appropriate it; that's the body of Christ

G. Philippians 4:1-He's not talking about being afraid that you're going to get into excess; that's not even the context; He's talking about having a gentle spirit, being kind, sweet, and reasonable

1. 1-5-God is wanting them to get a long and be in unity
2. NIV-Let your gentleness be known to all men; ASV-Let your forbearance be known to all men

#### IV. Three Levels of living (1 Corinthians 10:11-Things that happened to them were an example for us)

A. 1) Not Enough-In Egypt they had not enough. They didn't own anything. They didn't own themselves, the shacks they lived in, the clothes they wore, they were slaves

1. It's not God's will that you work your whole life and have nothing

B. 2) Just enough-They had manna for each day. If they didn't have too little and they didn't have more than enough, they had just enough. They couldn't see where it was coming from tomorrow and they couldn't save up from today. You're making it and paying your bills barely. You've got enough, but you don't have anything left over either.

1. Most of the church is living a wilderness level life and the problem is they think they're in Canaan land
2. There are many people who call this blessed and they are, but that's not God's perfect will for them.

C. 3) More than enough

1. Numbers 14:7-*And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an **exceeding** good land. --- The promise land was excessive land*
2. Deuteronomy 8:6-13, 6:10,11

D. How to get the land of excess, to more than enough?

1. You have to pass tests---In order to get to the too much we have to pass tests
  - a. God gave them the manna test and others and they flunked again and again
  - b. God did not intend for them to stay in the wilderness (just enough) for decades, but they failed tests
  - c. He could have led them an easier way, but He intended for them to learn faith lessons and to pass faith tests to be qualified for the blessings he had arranged for them, but they failed those lessons
  - d. In the KOG promotion doesn't come without faithfulness; you can gripe and complain all you want, but maybe you should have been in the promise land 10 years ago, but you haven't passed tests
  - e. They kept failing tests and never got into the land of excess
  - f. Myriads of Christians stay on the plain of just enough b/c when God says do this, they say they can't

- g. If you are not willing to pass the test in the land of just enough you won't get into the land of excess
- h. Joshua 14:10-Joshua and Caleb pass the tests
- 2. You have to take your excess (by faith)
  - a. Joshua 17:14-18-They're trying to put pressure on Joshua and he's said take what you want
  - b. Joshua 18:2-3-Joshua said what are you waiting for; go take what is rightfully yours
  - c. Joshua 19:9-The tribe of Judah did what Joshua said and they took too much and blessed others
    - 1) Are we taking as much as we should be taking? Not until you have too much
- 3. You got to get poverty out of you and excess prosperity in you

**V. How much is too much? That is the wrong question. How did you get it? What relationship do you have with it? 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. God never corrected one person anywhere in the scripture for having too much; he corrected people for how they got the stuff and the relationship they had with the stuff, but never the amount of stuff they had
  - 1. 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
- B. You don't have to decide between Jesus and material wealth and you've never had to
  - 1. 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
- 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