



10 Commandments of Prosperity

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God's Definition of Prosperity

Websters' dictionary defines Prosperous as having or characterized by financial success or good fortune; flourishing; successful: a prosperous business. God defines it differently.

It took me a long time searching the scriptures to narrow down how God defines prosperity. The theme verse for this book is:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

III John 2

I whole-heartily believe this is exactly what God wants for His children... all of them.

For the purpose of this book, we need to go into great depth on this verse and others to show God's heart on the subject. Time and time again I hear Christians say that it's God's will for them to be poor. There is this traditional pseudo-logic that a true Christian is to suffer now so he can win the big payoff in the future. There is no verse anywhere in the Word that even comes

close to proclaiming this illogic. On the contrary, there are dozens of verses where God declares our right to prosperity.

Of all the things that should be happening in a born-again believer's life, physical and material prosperity is basic. Yet, as we look around it is clear that some are not prospering. Why the incongruity? As the late, great Zig Zigler used to say, "God is voting for you, the Devil is voting against you... you are the deciding factor." This is absolutely true with prosperity. You are the deciding factor!

If God is able and willing but you are not prospering both materially and in health there must be something impeding your results.

As you will see beyond any reasonable doubt from God's Word on a basic level God guarantees all your needs will be met, and on a higher level, God guarantees physical and material prosperity.

Let's break this verse down into a systematic exposition.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

III John 2

God is very specific when he says "beloved". It is a term of endearment, love, brotherhood, son-ship. It is only used for someone who is walking in the household. This verse is not talking to non-believers or people who are outside the household.

"Wish"; means I vow, I pray, utter aloud profoundly, before all

"Above" (*peri*) as concerning or regarding

"All", means ALL.

"Things", all phases of life, physical, mental, spiritual, social, familial, professional, financial.

“*Prosper*”- biblically comes from the Greek word *euodoō* which means to grant a successful issue, to cause to prosper, to prosper, a prosperous journey, be successful.

“*And be in health*” to be sound. This is a wonderful bonus. This is an entire study in itself. God says not only are we to be prosperous... but we will be healthy so we can enjoy our prosperity.

It is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life-that is indeed a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT)

Let us continue in dissecting III John “Even as”; According as, this is the condition to prospering. “*thy soul prospereth (euodoō);*” Your soul is the center of your believing heart and mind. Thy Soul (*psuche* -gr.) (*Nephesh* - Heb)-(not spirit) this is your mind, heart, thinking, personality, aptitude, intelligence. The word “Soul” is not synonymous with Spirit. This is the key to this verse. Your prosperity and health is limited by how much your soul, your believing heart and mind is prospering. If you have scarcity mentality then your soul is not prospering and you will not physically prosper either. If your mind is renewed to expect abundance then your soul is prospering. How big YOU believe determines the outcome of prosperity. This will come very clear throughout this book.

You prosper to the level that your Soul prospereth (what we are fully persuaded about in our minds). See the 6th Commandment, The Law of Believing.

The definition of prosperity is different for each of us. This is what

is so wonderful about living in the Grace administration and walking in the household. Based on this truth, whether you make \$20,000 a year or a million a year it s still available to be a Prosperous Christian by God's definition.

*There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing:
there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.*

Proverbs 13:7

True prosperity by definition is one who has physical abundance and a lack of any need. God wants this for all his children, including you. If you have needs unmet or you don't have physical abundance in your life, it's not your fault. No one has shown you the 10 Commandments of Prosperity from God's Word which guarantee you abundance and show you how to be a Prosperous Christian. This book is the key to unlock the the promises of God's great abundance that He is able and willing to bestow upon you.

1 Commandment

Of Prosperity

God First

(No Idols)

"You shall have no other gods before me"

Exodus 20:3

God puts this verse first in the Ten Commandments because it is first in importance. Genuine spiritual and physical prosperity can only happen if we put God first. It is indisputable that all forms of prosperity will eventually fall apart if God is secondary, thirdary, fourthary, etc. On the other hand prosperity is guaranteed if we put God first.

Seek you first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

It is idolatry to put anything before God.

Idolatry: *n.* the religious worship of idols. A man or woman commits idolatry whenever they have excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, when he/she honors and reveres **anything** above God. The obvious forms of idolatry would be other gods, Satan, devil spirit worship, etc. But the not so obvious

forms of idolatry could be power, pleasure, race, religion, family, careers, money, greed and the most common one... yourself.

The best way to check what you “idol” is to take inventory on what you spend the majority of your time thinking about. If you spend the majority of your time working, advancing your career and only an hour and a half on Sunday to think about God, what do you revere more? What position is God in your life?

The first commandment of a Prosperous Christian is the simplest to understand, but not necessarily the easiest to do. **Put God First.**

Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:18(NIV)

All good things, all blessings, come from God. Give Him the glory. God wants you to have wealth. But He also doesn't want you to forget where it came from.

Tell those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone. But their trust should be in the living God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

I Timothy 6:17

Many great Christians have become wealthy because of God's blessings, but over time forget to give the glory to God or even worse, they claim the glory of their own doing. There is no such thing as a “Self Made Man” if you are a true Prosperous Christian.

*This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way **prosperous**, and then you will have success.*

Joshua 1:8

This verse couldn't be more clear. It's a classic "If-Then" statement. **IF** you want to be prosperous and have success, **THEN** you must meditate on the Word and be careful to DO the word!

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

Luke 12:34

If your ultimate treasure is wealth and earthly riches, you have missed the entire point of this chapter. If your heart, your inner most part of your being, yearns for the true treasures in heaven, by putting God first, then and only then will you be truly prosperous.

As we go through life, it's inevitable we will have many opportunities to take our eyes off of God. Distractions are at an all time high. The devil's ultimate goal is to get you to put something... anything before God. But as a Prosperous Christian... WE PUT GOD FIRST.

2nd Commandment

Of Prosperity

Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

II Timothy 2:15 (AMP)

After we put God first, the second commandment of a Prosperous Christian is to study God's Word. The Bible is the instruction book on life.

God's is very clear on the subject of learning His Word.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15 KJV

This word "study" here in the Greek is *spoudason* which is a form of the root word *speudō*. The root word in the Greek is the word in it's simplest form in which all other derivatives are derived. This is a great way to get down to the true meaning of the word so we can know exactly what God is telling us. Sometimes verses are diluted or they even completely lose their

original meaning when they were translated in to English. The original penned Word of God will always be perfect. That is why it is always best to get as close to the original writing as possible. In the Greek, this word “*Study*” means to extend a diligent effort remembering the brevity of time. The emphasis is on effort while using our time wisely. I often think of the anomaly of how many touchdowns are scored in that last two minutes of a football game. During Super Bowl XLII, The Giants were trailing the Patriots 14-10 with 2:42 remaining. Eli Manning led the Giants 83 yards on a game-winning touchdown drive. With just 35 seconds remaining, Manning threw a 13-yard touchdown pass. Eli Manning became the first and only quarterback in history to lead a championship-winning TD drive in the game's final minute, knowing that he needed a touchdown to win the game. This is an exceptional example of Spoudazō. A giving of extra diligent effort because he knew time was running out. That’s how God wants us to “*Study*”. Our time on earth here is very limited. We need to redeem the time wisely.

Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (AMP)

Live purposefully, and make the most of your time! The second part of II Timothy 2:15 says “*show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*”. A workman means you work at it, you put effort in. “Rightly dividing” in the Greek is *orthotommounta* . This is the only time this Greek word is used in the entire Bible. It literally means to cut perfectly straight, like when cutting a diamond. This is a very clear picture on how God wants us to study His word. We need to remember God protects His Word and He magnified it above His name.

...for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Psalms 138:2b

He thinks His Word, the Bible, is so important that He magnified it above His very name. God means what He says and says what He means.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

II Peter 1:3

God has given life's instruction book, The Bible. All things that pertain to life is the physical world, all things that pertain to Godliness is the spiritual world. He gives us everything we need to know, it's our job to study it to get the answers.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:18

Wikipedia explains that a **"tittle"** is a superscript dot, a small distinguishing mark, such as the dot on a lowercase *i* or *j*. In the Greek original translated as English "jot and tittle" are the words *iota* and *keraiā*. Iota is the smallest letter of the Greek alphabet (ι). **"Keraia"** is the tail or serif of the letter. (see exhibit A)



God protects His Word, He is saying in this verse that even the smallest tail of a letter will not be removed. He will protect even the smallest details of the Word, remember, He magnified it above His name!

How Often Do We Need to Study?

The next logical question is how often do we need to study. Let's go to the source and ask God.

*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures {how often?} **daily**, whether those things were so.*

Acts 17:11

The book of Acts is wonderful for us to learn from because after the day of Pentecost they were transitioning from the Christ Administration (some theologians call it the Gospel Administration) which ended in Acts 2, into the Grace Administration. We can learn a lot about how they did things in the first century church.

*And they, continuing { how often?} **daily** with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*

Acts 2:46

*And **daily** in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*

Acts 5:47

The Book of Psalms says it this way:

*Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But [in stark contrast to the verse before] his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; **and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.***

Psalms 1:1-3

In conclusion of this chapter on studying the scriptures I want to talk about the “why”.

Why do we have to study the scriptures?

1.) Put on the mind of Christ (mindset)

Though this e- book is mostly teaching on practical application of the Bible, there is a much more important side, the spiritual side, and you can’t separate the two if you want results.

The only way to put on the mind of Christ and to put off the old man nature and put on the new is to change your mindset. By studying the Word **daily** you are setting yourself up for fantastic success in all categories of life. Your physical, mental, professional, social, financial, familial, and spiritual life. Preachers and self-help gurus have been teaching about mindset for thousands of years. Books like the Secret, Think and Grow Rich, The Power of Positive Thinking and others have sold millions of copies because they all touch on the mindset you must have to be prosperous.

How long do you study each day is up to you. I recommend at least getting into the Word in the morning to start your day with God. Just before you go to bed is another great time, which guarantees you sweet sleep (Proverbs 3:24).

2.) Know what’s available

Time and time again I see or hear a Christian praying for things that are not available. God gives us the scripture so the we would not be ignorant. Not searching them and not knowing what’s available is an insult to God. Praying and believing for something that is not available is as futile as teaching a monkey to do a math problem. You may think you are getting somewhere, but you are only wasting your time (and annoying the monkey). It’s better to spend your diligent effort on those things in which God guarantees you results. God says what He means and means

what He says.

I will give you a couple examples of things that are not available in later chapters. I already covered that it's not available to "Get Rich Quick" with God's blessing, so don't waste your time or God's time praying for it.

*Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,
that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

James 4:3

We only have one life to live here on Earth, so let's make the most of it. Let's not wander about aimlessly, just hoping for the best. Let's live with purpose, walk with intention, taking every opportunity to honor and glorify our Heavenly Father.

3rd Commandment

Of Prosperity

Walk In Fellowship

Walking in fellowship is critical to prosperity. To walk in fellowship means to do the Word. I know and God knows we are earthen vessels. But this is no excuse for being out of fellowship. It is our sonship duty, to love God and Keep His commandments.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

That's it! That's the meaning of life! Fear (respect, reverence) God, and keep (keep like a treasure) His commandments (statutes, precepts). This is the whole (all inclusive) duty of man. It sounds easy, only two things.

The entire purpose of our lives is to love God and keep His commandments. That should be the final motive for everything we do. Which by the way, is way more than ten.

To walk in fellowship means we are in alignment and harmony with God. To walk in fellowship is to follow all the commandments in this book and more.

There will be time when we slip off the Word and get out of fellowship with God. Hopefully we catch it quick, ask for

forgiveness and move on. Other times we may need a fellow believer to set us straight and lovingly reprove us on our error.

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction; but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

Proverbs 13:18

I realize reproof is a very unpopular subject, but it must be covered because reproof is part of the formula for Prosperity as we see in the verse above. None of us like to be told we are doing something wrong. Invariably there will be something in this book that will blatantly reprove you. It will be like a blinking neon sign saying “I need to change this” How you handle this reproof makes all the difference.

When we get born again, a life quickening spirit is created within us. Colossians 1:27 calls this “*Christ in You, the hope of Glory*”. This is the absolute greatest moment of our earthly lives. It’s precisely at that moment we are made whole and we received eternal life, because of God’s grace, not because of works.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

But after we are born again we still have that old man nature and deceitful lusts.

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

The words “Put off” and “Put on”, are actions, therefore God is saying this will take some work. This is not automatic. We have to put on the new man ourselves. The renewing of our mind to God’s Word is a moment by moment decision. I’m sure you noticed just like I did, when I got born again, all my deceitful lusts didn’t just go away... though I wish they did. I had (and still have) to work at being a disciple.

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof [is] brutish.

Proverbs 12:1

Someone who is brutish literally means “dumb like cow”. (No offense to the cow).

The reward of humility and the fear[respect, reverence] of the Lord are riches, honor and life.

Proverbs 22:4

Proverbs tells us to have humility and we should fear (fear is King James for respect or reverence) the Lord.

Humility in instruction AND in reproof is truly a sign of a mature believer. This is part of the recipe for prosperity, (riches, honor and life).

4th Commandment

Of Prosperity

Prayer

This is another obvious commandment for prosperity. I can assume all Christians believe in the power of prayer, it's the most fundamental practice of the believer's walk. However, I think it's worth our time to look deeper at prayer and see how we should pray and what God wants us to pray for.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 14:13

This is truly a comforting scripture. Whatsoever we ask in the name of Jesus Christ that will He do. The details of this verse are critical. We pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24

This is fantastic! Whatsoever we desire (if it's available according to scripture) when we pray, if we believe then we'll receive them and we'll have them!

And being fully persuaded that, what he [God] had promised, he was able to perform.

Romans 4:21

We can have confidence that if we pray according to God's will, He hears us and He will give us what we asked for. How awesome is that?

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16

Effectual is from the heart and it's effective, fervent is passionate intensity. Effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man or woman availeth much, a bunch, a whole lot! So do it, pray! And get other believers to pray for you and with you... it availeth much and that's what we want... RESULTS.

In the book of Matthew chapter 6, Jesus gives us a detailed explanation of how we should pray.

"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.

Matthew 6:5 (NLT)

We don't pray to show off to others. That's what these hypocrites were doing. Prosperous Christians pray to get results.

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

Matthew 6:6 (NLT)

The majority of your prayer should be in private, it's just between you and your heavenly father. Of course praying in church or around other like-minded believers is great as long as the motive is to get results. The point Jesus is making is that prayer is not for show or to impress someone else.

"When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.

Matthew 6:7 (NLT)

Lets' also look at this verse again from the King James bible.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen [do]: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:7

This verse is truly an eye opener. Make sure we are not just making vain, repetitious prayers. Your prayers should be specific, original and from the heart. That includes the Lord's prayer, (which we will talk about further in this chapter), or any other repetitious prayer man says.

Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

Matthew 6:8 (NLT)

Of course our omnipotent God knows what we need even before we ask. But this verse is telling us we should still ask! I know what you are thinking, "If God is all knowing, he already

knows what my needs are, why should I go through the act of prayer?” That is a good question, however, here is the question you should ask... “Who is prayer for?” You see, when you pray, your entire demeanor changes, your mindset changes, your disposition changes. It’s also scientifically proven your heart rate slows, your senses are heightened, your mind clears and your blood stream gets pumped full of endorphins. Prayer is just as much for the act as it is for the content.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus gives us an example, an illustration, of how to pray, He definitely didn’t mean for us to repeat it vainly. That completely contradicts what he says in verse seven. We know it’s just an example when he says pray “After this manner” He means similar to, not exact. The New Living Translation says this.

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

Matthew 6:8 (NLT)

If He wanted to us repeat the exact words He would have said “repeat this prayer exactly”. Remember, every Jot and tittle of the word of God is perfect when it’s rightly divided. God says what he means and means what he says.

Obviously there is nothing wrong with saying the Lord’s prayer, but if we want effectual fervent prayer we have to get specific about our needs and wants and pray with all our heart, not just go through the motions of prayer.

What Should We Pray For?

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

I John 5:14-15 (NIV)

The key to this scripture is that our prayer must be according to His will. Prayer that is against His will is futile, He doesn't hear us. We can only pray for what is available. How do we know what is available? God's Word, remember, it contains all things that pertain to life and Godliness. For example, it's not available to pray to win the lottery. We know this because God says:

Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.

Proverbs 3:11 (NLT)

A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. To have respect of persons is not good: for a piece of bread that man will transgress. He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

Proverbs 28:20-22

Before any plane can take off, the flight attendant or a video must give the "safety speech". This speech entails emergency procedures and talks about if they lose cabin pressure oxygen masks will fall from above. They say "you must first put on your oxygen mask before assisting others". Why do you think they say that, it seems selfish? It is because you can't help others if you aren't breathing yourself. This is exactly how it is with prayer. You should pray for yourself first and have all your needs met. Never just say, "well you know what I mean God". Give God the details, because then you are clear on what you want and need. I believe fifty percent of the effort of solving any problem is just defining

the problem clearly. You can do that by getting specific with your prayer. Once you have your heart taken care of then you can go down your prayer list for others.

*Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD;
for [he is] good: for his mercy [endureth] for ever.*

Psalms 106:1

Yes we should pray to give thanks to God. Nineteen times in Psalms alone it tells us to give thanks to God. Tell God what you are thankful for... and at the same time, you are searching your heart for what you truly are thankful for. That's a good practice to have.

It's clear if we want to be Prosperous Christians, prayer has to be part of our everyday life.

5th Commandment

Of Prosperity

Work Heartily as Unto the Lord

There are literally dozens of scriptures on working heartily. We don't have time to get into them all in this e-book, let's go over a couple of them here.

And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Colossians 3:23

We are not working heartily for some company, a boss, “the Machine” or secular occupation... we are working heartily as if we are working for the Lord. Now doesn't that motivate you to do things a little better at work? If you are working for Jesus Christ, should you be playing on the internet when you are suppose to be working? Should you be one of the ones caught up in gossip or backstabbing? What about tardiness, theft, calling in sick when you truly are not or any other half truth, (which is still a full lie)? Would you perform your job differently knowing your immediate

boss is none other than Jesus Christ?

Procrastination and laziness are gigantic problems in our society.

*He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. **He that gathereth in summer is a wise son:** but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.*

Proverbs 10:4-5

To "procrastinate," says Webster, is "to put off doing something (unpleasant or burdensome) until a future time—especially to postpone habitually." I would argue that all of us have been guilty of some form of habitual postponement. It wasn't long ago, I was chanting the mantra of "Why do today what you could put off for tomorrow?"

God also tells us that the hand of the diligent will be rich. In juxtaposition the slack hand will eventually become poor. This is very clear on how He wants us to work.

"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute"

Proverbs 12:24

God says that when we work hard and obey our boss, we shall be promoted to the responsibility and privilege to oversee other employees (bear rule). The word "*shall*" in that verse is an absolute. God doesn't give us a timeline but it does say it will absolutely happen. With more responsibility usually comes with more pay. That's another great way to become a prosperous Christian.

Hard work means prosperity; only fools idle away their time.

Proverbs 12:11(NIV)

What else does God say about how we should work?

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Romans 12:11

Once again, who are we serving?

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 6:6-11 (NIV)

Have you ever truly studied the ant? They are one of God's most fascinating creatures. Have you ever seen a slothful ant, or an ant that procrastinates? First off, all ants have great communication with one another. There is no power trip, no idle chit chat; they do their duty as prescribed. Another awesome virtue ants have is that they plan ahead. *"Yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest."* We can all learn from this. Prosperity doesn't come from procrastination.



Indeed, we hear that some among you are disorderly [that they are passing their lives in idleness, neglectful of duty], being busy with other people's affairs instead of their own and doing no work.

II Thessalonians 3:11 (AMP)

Have you ever known someone like that? Busy with other people's affairs instead of their own? That's not part of the formula of becoming a Prosperous Christian.

Remember, we are not working for the man, machine, corporation, or anything else. We are working heartily unto the Lord.

6th Commandment

Of Prosperity

Law of Believing

Throughout the Word of God we see in operation the most dynamic and powerful law of God -- the “Law of Believing”. If we are ever going to become a Prosperous Christian, we must master this principle. Throughout the New Testament, the Word 'faith' is almost always the Greek word “*pistis*” and it literally means to believe. Believing is a verb and it connotes action on the part of the believer. It is not enough to simply believe God's Word, we must take specific massive action.

Even so faith [pistis- believing], if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 2: 17

Believing without action is dead. First we believe, then we take action, that's how the law works.

The law of believing is simply this, what we believe in our innermost part of our being, our heart, we receive. It sounds too simple to be true, doesn't it? But it is true. We never rise beyond where our believing takes us. This applies in every realm of life:

physical, mental, and spiritual.

You must expect positive results and then act on your positive believing. Jesus Christ explains it very plainly:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11: 23-24

Notice that Christ states that we are not to doubt. Where?? In our hearts! Where is our heart? This is an important figure of speech meaning the innermost part of your being. Your 'heart' is what makes you, you.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 4: 23

That's quite a remarkable statement. It's abundantly clear to see that true believing emanates from the heart, the innermost part of your being. If you flood your heart with God's Word and act on His Word expecting positive results, you will then receive answers to prayer and manifest the more than abundant life. The more you renew your mind to God's Word, the more you can build your believing.

So then faith [pistis- believing], cometh by hearing, and hearing [cometh] by the word of God.

Romans 10: 17

The more of the Word of God that you know and apply, the greater will be your believing. The greater your believing the greater your prosperity.

7th Commandment

Of Prosperity

Tithe

Of all the subjects we cover in this e-book there is none so debated as the subject of the Tithe. In this chapter, I'd like to go over the definitive truths set forth for us in God's Word about the tithe. We will dismantle the scriptures on the subject and make sure we are rightly dividing it.

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he [Abram] gave him [Malchizedek, the priest] tithes[10%] of all [not part, ALL].

Genesis 14:20

From the beginning the tithe was often referred to as the reasonable and honest return to the Lord for the increase in prosperity that He gave. A critical detail I must point out is that the tithe is 10%, not one penny less. If you only tithe 9.5% you are literally robbing God of part of His payment. Ten percent off the top is His and it is a debt you owe, that's why people get poorer in the keeping of it. You might as well not tithe at all if you are not paying all your debt. When we fail to adhere to the reasonable tithe of 10% we are stepping on the hose of God's abundance.

*Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In **tithes and offerings**. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*

Malachi 3:7-9

If we don't pay our tithe, 10% off the top, we are robbing God. However if we do pay our tithe we will get blessings we won't have room enough receive to, now that's prosperity!

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10

The only time in the Bible that God invites us to put Him to the test is when He speaks about tithes. Prove Him now! God is guaranteeing that nine-tenths with His blessing will go much further than ten-tenths without His blessing. Guaranteed, so get your foot off the hose!

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3: 11-12

He will rebuke the devourer, our adversary, the devil, who is destroying the fruits of our labor. This is a huge benefit of tithing.

Who do you give the tithe to?

Obviously we can't give the tithe directly to God. So who do we give it to?

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he [Abram] gave him [Malchizedek, the priest] tithes of all.

Genesis 4:20

In the first occurrence of the tithe, Abram gave the tithe to the chief priest Malchizedek. The tithe went to the representative of the most high God.

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

Leviticus 23:10

Here we see again that the tithe of the harvest went to the priest.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts,...

Malachi 3:10

They brought the tithe into the storehouse that there may be meat where? Mine house, the house of God. The tithe was given to the church.

God perfectly set up how the household should function. The tithe was specifically meant to help the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers move the Word. We get blessed in the giving of it and the household grows strong and sure.

The Godly Mindset of the Tithe

The tithe covers every physical need a believer ever has in his life, including his family and business.

Only two things can negate the tithe.

- 1.) You fail to meet the minimum requirement, give 10% off the top of your increase.

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

Deuteronomy 14:22

As business owners and business professionals, we spend an exorbitant amount of time tracking and acquiring deductions for tax purposes. And rightfully so, you should deduct everything you're legally allowed by the IRS. Just make sure you pay your legal taxes that you truly owe, render under to Caesar what is Caesar's.

Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Matt 22:17-21

Render unto God what is God's... the tithe.

Let us look at what God mean by “*all thy increase*”. I have friends who are business owners who have almost everything paid for by the business, their cars, food, etc. and they take an extremely modest paycheck, obviously this is to lower their tax burden. It might be possible to cheat Uncle Sam, but it’s futile to rob God. If your company pays for part or all of your insurance, you should add that to your income. If you get a car allowance or a cell phone from your company, this should be added to your income. If you get a bonus or some other perk, that is added to your income. God wants you to pay 10% off the top of your increase. Increase is defined as any benefit or increase of assets allotted personally to you at the time it is allotted to you. So you don’t need to pay 10% on your 401K portfolio until you take it as income.

- 2.)** You give the tithe with the wrong heart. You give when you don’t want to or you are forced to.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:7

You can’t give your tithe or anything else grudgingly and expect God’s blessing. God looks on your heart and if you are just going through the actions of tithing you are missing the entire point. The tithe is the debt you owe and you should give cheerfully knowing that nine tenths with Gods blessing will go much farther than ten tenths without Gods blessing. GUARANTEED!

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22

It’s very clear in God’s Word that tithing is a huge key to becoming a Prosperous Christian.

8th Commandment

Of Prosperity

Fellowship With Like-Minded Believers

Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

I Corinthians 10:2

Isn't it interesting to see how God segments humans. Not by color, sex, age, etc. He classifies us by whether we are Judean (of the Judean bloodline), Gentile (Greeks or other nations not Judean) or Church of God, (born again believers). Maybe that's how we should segment.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10

God wants us to do good unto all men and women... But we are to be **especially** good to the household, born again believers.

Believers who are not around other believers is like taking a log off a robust burning fire and setting it to the side. It will burn for a

little while on its own... but quickly that fire will burn out. If you are not around like-minded believers your fire for God goes out. As Prosperous Christians, it is our job to support, encourage and reprove, our fellow believers.

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Proverbs 27:17

God is consistently telling us to be around other believers, at a minimum of two by two, this is not haphazard. He is telling us that there is strength in numbers.

And he called [unto him] the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

Matthew 6:7

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Luke 10:1

Synergy means the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. One plus one is three or more. That's how it is when you are walking in the household with like-minded believers.

How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

Deuteronomy 32:30

What awesome power we have when the Lord has our back. As we stand together as a household we synergize and make the whole much greater than the sum of its parts. Let's check the math.

1 believer chases away 1,000

2 believers chases away 10,000

Earthly logic would say two should only be able to chase away 2,000 if one Christian can chase a thousand. But when we synergize its five times more powerful in this example. Let's look at another example.

Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand! All your enemies will fall beneath your sword.

Leviticus 26:8

Let's check the math on this one.

5 believers chase 100

100 believers chase 10,000

Again we see through synergizing in the household we are five times more effective! WOW! Now that's synergy.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:19, 20

Walking with like-minded believers in the household is clearly part of the recipe to be a Prosperous Christian.

9th Commandment

Of Prosperity

Live Within Your Means, Be Debt Free

As I mentioned earlier, prosperity is within the eye of the beholder. Each believer defines prosperity in their own way. The one thing that is constant for all true Prosperous Christians is that they live within their means. When you live with your means the burdens and stress of liabilities fall away.

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

God is blatantly telling us not to be in debt. One of the biggest causes of Christian distress is debt. Debt is a surefire way of blocking the abundance God has in store for you.

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower [is] servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7

Prosperity definitely does not include enslavement of any kind.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Luke 14:28

This scripture seems ludicrous, who would try to build a tower when they don't have all the money to pay for it. Well this is actually a very common practice in today's society. We see something we want, we whip out the old credit card and buy it. Not a single thought of exactly how we are going to pay for it. Credit cards seem like they have been around forever, but our grand parents wouldn't think of using a credit card. Carrying credit card debt violates biblical principles. Debt presumes upon the future.

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4:13,14

When we use credit card debt, we assume money will be available to pay off the debt in the future.

I have heard all the logic and illogic about how some business owners use debt for leverage, tax breaks, cash flow, etc. However this is walking a fine line. It all comes back to whether or not you are living within your means. If you have a mortgage or you are leasing a vehicle through the business, then you need to look over the entire circumstance. If you have enough money to pay off the loan balance in other investments or your 401k, then you technically are living within your means. But you need to look at your motives. Why don't you just pay off the loan? Your end

motive should be to pay off that debt as quick as possible. When believers in the bible did go in debt. It was never a forever situation. Seven years was the absolute max and it was completely demoralizing if you strung out the payback out that long. They would nail your debt promisory note to the gate for all to see, and when you paid it off it would be folded over so the entire town would know you paid it off.

Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

Ecclesiastes 5:5

Part of the formula of being a Prosperous Christian is to live within your means.

10th Commandment

Of Prosperity

Give and it Shall Be Given

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

Give and it shall be given unto you is known as the “Law of Reciprocity”.

Give and it shall be given unto you! How much will be given unto you? A good (plenteous) measure, pressed down (packed down tightly, to fit more in), shaken together, and running over. What a great visual. We see that we will receive an over-flowing abundance when we give.

Earlier I explained the law of the farm. The law of the farm encompasses the law of reciprocity. To reap a harvest you must first sow the seeds. This is exactly how it works for a Prosperous Christian. You must first sow the seeds and the seeds must be of the fruit you want. The fruit will be “After its kind” of seed.

And the earth brought forth grass, [and] herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed [was] in itself, after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good.

Genesis 1:12

For example, If you want a financial harvest you must first, at the very least, tithe. The seed sown is money, the fruit produced will be money. If you want physical prosperity. You must give seeds of the physical kind. It could be working out, eating healthier, etc. God will take that seed and multiply it just like the tithe. If you want spiritual abundance, you must sow spiritual seeds. Pray more, teach more, minister more, win more to the Word. When you give it shall be given unto you, God will multiply your spiritual harvest.

All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 16:17

All genuine giving if done with a Godly heart is an upward spiral. We get blessings from God and then give to others, we get more blessings. Isn't that fantastic. As long as you give according to the blessings from God you will have no choice but to grow! The key is to give as you are able according to, or in proportion to the blessings God has given you and it can't be grudgingly or of necessity just like the tithe.

But this [I say], He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God [is] able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all [things], may abound to every good work:

II Corinthians 9:6-7

Sow a little, get a little, sow a lot, get a lot. If you want more of God's blessing, you need to give more. It's God's way of paying it forward. It would be ludicrous to expect a higher yield in your garden without planting more seeds. It's the same way with prosperity, if you want more you have to plant more, and water more. Then watch God give the increase!

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

I Corinthians 3:6-8

It's not our job to concern ourselves with how much fruit we will get. Our job is simply to labor by planting, watering, pulling the weeds and collection the fruit when it comes. Make no mistake about it though, it is hard work and there is no instant gratification.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

It IS more blessed to give than to receive! That's why it feels so Good to give.

Don't be misled--you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the

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opportunity, we should do good to everyone--especially to those in the family of faith.

Galatians 6:7-10

We will reap a harvest of blessings IF we don't give up. Give... and it SHALL be given unto you!

In Conclusion

By now you can see that God is able and willing to cause all His children to be prosperous. If you are lacking in any category, the limited factor must be that you are falling short in one of these 10 Commandments of Prosperity. Go back through the chapters, take inventory on how you're doing in each category. If you are falling short, make a plan to get on track as fast as you can and when you do, watch God's abundance flow into your life. Once you are prosperous you need to continue putting God first and thank Him for His blessings. Use your money to do good things. And finally I want to highly exhort you to share with others these 10 commandments of Prosperity.

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

1 Timothy 6:9, 18-19 (NLT)

God Bless You Abundantly!

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

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I Peter 2:25

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