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Prosperity #3  
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The following scriptures are the foundation scriptures for this teaching and as we continue to read them we become more aware of the fact that God wants to bless His people and that He takes pleasure in the prosperity of His people. Prosperity is a subject that is not always handled well with the church and sometimes minds will become closed to what Gods plan is for the believers. God is for us financially and He wants all of our needs met. Many of the parables that Jesus taught on were about money. More has been taught on money than any other subject in the bible.

2 Cor 8:9 "For ye know the \*grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." KJV

Psa 35:27 "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant." KJV

\* grace as taught in 2 Corinthians 12 and James 4, grace in the New Testament is associated with power and ability, it is Gods power working in us enabling us to accomplish what we can't do in our own ability.

The religious mind set is that Jesus became spiritually poor that we might become rich, but how was He able to heal, deliver and minister to the people that He did? The anointing of God was upon Him without measure and He came to do the will of God while He was here on earth. Chapters 8 and 9 of 2nd Corinthians deal with finances entirely and it is unusual to find this any other place in the bible. Finances are a kingdom principle and are found throughout the bible. Many people because of being taught wrong about finances have taken offense to the truth that is found regarding finances and wealth, but the truth that has the power to set us free is always progressive. Truth is like building blocks, teaching us line upon line, precept upon precept, and as we begin to glean these truths from the word of God, we will begin to build on these truths that we have learned.

Psa 118:24-25 "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity." KJV

This verse has been a song that we have sung in years past, however, we did not add "Lord send prosperity". We cannot focus strictly on finances or money, we must keep our trust fixed on Jesus, trusting in riches is uncertain.

1 Tim 6:17-18 "\*\*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;" KJV

\* Charge means to teach, admonish and remind them

Paul is telling Timothy that he must remind the people not to trust in riches, but to do good, not only with money but good works, distributing and communicating the word to them. Trusting in God who will bless them that they may enjoy life. The people having wealth in the church world today, have a problem with that wealth and are fearful, however, those having nothing, tend to talk negatively toward those having money. This is dangerous and can cause problems later when they are needing help.

\*Gen 8:22 "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." KJV

\*The law of sowing and reaping is a key principle in the kingdom of God, the key in giving is listening to the Holy Spirit when planting seed, it is found in the bible that sowing can be for a need that is represented and not always for finances. This law is still working in the world today. Sowing is for the future, for the purpose of a harvest, anticipating the harvest to come and what needs to be done before hand. Kingdom principles as shown in the following scripture says that we have been delivered and translated into the kingdom of Jesus.

Col 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:" KJV

The kingdom principles that we work in are different than those in the world. In the kingdom of becoming great, we learn to serve, to become wealthy we learn to give, we learn to walk in love instead of retaliating, learning to bestow forgiveness, we operate in difference laws and kingdoms. The kingdom that we are in, one of the key functions in the law is sowing and reaping. We learn that there are many ways of giving and God gives back as shown in the following scripture.

\*\*1 Kings 17:9-16 "Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah." KJV

In earlier verses in this scripture we find that Elijah had prophesied that there would be no rain, he had had differences with Ahab and Jezebel causing them to want him dead, but God had taken him into the wilderness where the ravens supplied him with food and water from the brook. God had blessed him supernaturally. \*\* This account is another regarding someone sowing and reaping a blessing supernaturally. She only had meal enough for herself and her son, she planned on making them a cake, eating it and then dying, but she was obedient to what Elijah told her to do, her barrel of meal did not run dry or her oil fail. God always has a plan to sustain us.

In the 5th chapter of Luke, we learn that Jesus blessed Peter after a night of catching no fish, Jesus ask to use Peters boat, at which time, Jesus told Peter to let down the nets, Peter almost said something that would have stopped the blessing, but told the Lord OK and obeyed what Jesus said to him, the catch almost sank two boats. You cannot outgive God when He is blessing you. Reaping comes in different ways, our minds don't always understand. Peter didn't have a harvest in mind when he loaned the boat, but it is a kingdom principle and so he received.

2nd Kings 4, tell the story of the woman whose husband had died her, leaving her in debt with two boys, the prophet told her to borrow all the empty vessels she could and pour the oil she had into them, when there was no longer any empty vessels, the oil stopped, the prophet then told her to

sell the oil, her boys and her would live on what was left. Her need was financial and was very great. Supernaturally the supply of oil began to flow, an abundant supply, God always has an abundant supply. God is interested in our gain, poverty is a part of the curse of the law. Jesus not only died for our sin or was stripped for our healing, but He became poor that we might have our needs met, we are redeemed from poverty.

We also read the story in this same chapter of the Shunammite woman who had been desiring to have a son. He had provided a room for the prophet and he told her that her desire would become a reality. A child was born the following year, but years later he died, she confronted the prophet told him that he had to do something, the prophet was able to raise him from the dead. She had given in order to receive from the Lord, not knowing at the time, that it would mean that her son would be raised from the dead, it was not for finances that she had sown. She had received supernaturally from God.

Phil 4:19 "But my God shall \*supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." KJV

\* Supply means a full supply, a liberal supply to the running over

Because of wrong teaching in the past, we are sometimes not wanting our needs to be met here on earth, we think that we should be receiving only in heaven, we lay up treasures in heaven by our giving on earth, but God wants us to receive blessings now. All God wants is obedience on our part because He has a plan.

It is sometimes hard for us to receive, it is easier to give, but we must learn to be receivers as well. In receiving from God, we read that some receive 30 fold, some 60 and some 100 and some receive nothing.

Mark 11:23-24 "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. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." KJV

God has a plan and pathway for us to walk in, we cannot expect blessings until we are in His plan. Doing things our way, does not work.

Eph 2:10 "For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]." AMP

The key to having all sufficiency is having a right heart, not being selfish. God is able to see that we have more than enough, that will come to us supernaturally. God will provide seed to the sower or the one who wants to plant. If we are truly wanting to plant or sow we will always find something that we can plant, not always in the way of money, but something that we might have, a possession that can be given.

2 Cor 9:8-10 "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: 9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. 10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)" KJV

\* All means sufficiency abounds \*\* sufficiency is a condition in life where no aid or support is needed, abound means to go over in every good work.

Anytime and every time we sow or we plant a seed it is always toward our future.

Pro 11:24-25 "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." KJV

Pro 11:24-25 "One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. 25 A liberal man will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." RSV

Pro 11:24-25 "Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. 25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." NLT

Pro 11:24-25 "There are those who [generously] scatter abroad, and yet increase more; there are those who withhold more than is fitting *or* what is justly due, but it results only in want. 25 The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered." AMP

Pro 11:24-25 "The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. 25 The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." MESSAGE

The Moffett translation says that "what he gives away, he shall become richer and when he keeps what he should give, becomes poorer"

The key is hearing the voice of God.

Deut 8:18 "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." KJV

Do we understand what God gave? He gave all that He had for us when He gave us Jesus, He gave His very best, that all our needs would be met, everything that we could ever need; spiritually, emotionally, finances, healing and deliverance, there is no lack in Jesus, God gave his best.