

A few Old Testament 'Prosperity' Scriptures

Genesis 39:3 & 23
Deuteronomy 8:18, 29:9
Joshua 1:7
1 Kings 3:13
2 Chronicles 1:12, 26:5
Esther 10:3
Psalm 35:27
Psalm 62:10
Psalm 73:3, 12
Psalm 112:3
Psalm 118:25
Psalm 122:6
Proverbs 12:22
Proverbs 13:22
Proverbs 24:4
Proverbs 28:8
Ecclesiastes 5:19
Isaiah 45:3

Mark 10:29-30 (KJV)

"And Jesus answered and said,
'Verily I say unto you, there is no man that
hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or
father, or mother, or wife, or children, or
lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
but he shall receive an hundredfold
now IN THIS TIME, houses, and brethren,
and sisters, and mothers, and children,
and lands, **with persecutions**;
and in the world to come, eternal life.'"

*The price of discipleship is **persecution**.
Expect it, embrace it, and don't let it steal your
joy. (Read Philipppians.) You can do that with
Jesus's provision of generous **forgiveness**.*

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WITH ME (WISDOM),
YEA, **DURABLE RICHES**
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.
MY FRUIT IS **BETTER THAN**
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AND MY REVENUE THAN
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OF THE PATHS OF JUDGMENT
THAT I MAY CAUSE THOSE
THAT LOVE ME TO INHERIT
SUBSTANCE; AND I **WILL FILL**
THEIR TREASURES."
PROVERBS 8:18-21



THINK!

Remember that God is a GOOD FATHER! Does **any** good earthly father seriously desire that his children be emotionally, spiritually, financially impoverished or sick for **their entire earthly life**? Is that really what **you want** for **your children**?

Or, do you not want them to **OVERCOME** poverty and disease? And, isn't that what God's Word says? Isn't that what Jesus demonstrated?

Important: you won't **overcome** poverty or sickness **until you believe** it's God's will. Once that is grasped, victory is inevitable.

4 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 'PROSPERITY GOSPEL'



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Prosperity Scriptures:

Matthew 6:33

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things (*food, drink, clothes...*) shall be added unto you."

Philippians 4:19

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 6:17

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

3 John 1:2

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

Before you allow slander to be heaped upon **any** 'prosperity' or 'word of faith' preachers,* ask yourself the following 4 questions and then **THINK**, lest like Job's comforters, you speak without knowledge about the nature of God or His purposes.

**There may be a few abusers of the 'Word of Faith' message but you won't find them under authority with others or lasting long on TV—because God is their judge—not you.*

1. Should a Bible-believing Christian ever experience lack?

yes - for a season

Seeds which will become trees need water to grow until their roots tap into underground springs. Christians develop in each area of their spiritual walk **beginning with needs.**

God usually allows His elect to go through **a time of testing** in preparation for lasting wealth.

Examples:

JOB - Job 42:12 "So the Lord **blessed** the latter end of Job MORE than his beginning..."

JOSEPH - Genesis 50:20 "But as for you, ye thought evil against me, **but God meant it*** **(13 years of enslavement)* **unto good** to bring to pass as it is this day to save much people alive."

JESUS - 2 Corinthians 8:9
"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though **He WAS rich**, yet, **for your sakes, He became poor,*** *(leaving vast riches in Heaven)* **that ye**, through His poverty, **might be rich."**
**Jesus was not without substance (poor people don't need a Treasurer!)*

'Blessing,' 'riches' and 'prosperity' refer to WHOLENESS—body, soul & spirit, and the ability to **meet the needs of others**—having no lack.

Just as earthly treasure can be stolen, heavenly treasure *(things like joy, peace & confident trust in God)* can also be stolen.

THESE are the real TREASURES that your enemy is after. So, **FIGHT to keep them—because they** are what makes a believer prosper! **Unwavering JOY** is the hallmark of real prosperity!

2. Should a Bible-believing Christian be in a hurry to get rich? no

Proverbs 28:20 "A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he that **maketh haste to be rich** shall not be innocent."

Proverbs 28:22 "He that **hasteth to be rich** hath an evil eye and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him."

3. How should a Bible-believing Christian respond to lack?

pray, tithe, give offerings & work diligently—with integrity

Poverty is a **curse** that cripples one's ability to help others. **Satisfaction with having just our own needs met is the epitome of self-centeredness.**

The Biblical response is to turn to God's Word and ask God for wisdom, not only to break curses and remove the spirit of poverty but ask for wisdom to know how to use the resources already at your disposal to further God's Kingdom on earth now.

WORKING WITH DILIGENCE:

Proverbs 21:5a "The thoughts of the **diligent** tend only to **plenteousness**..."

PRAYER:

Psalm 118:25 "Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord! O Lord, I beseech thee, **send now prosperity.**"

WISDOM:

Deuteronomy 8:18 "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is **HE that giveth thee power to get wealth...**"

Proverbs 2:13a, 16b "Happy is the man that **findeth wisdom**...in her left hand are **riches**..."

Psalm 112:3 "**Wealth & riches shall be in his* house**"

**(the man who fears the Lord)*

Psalm 37:25 "I have been young and now am old, yet have **I not seen the righteous forsaken** nor his seed begging bread."

Proverbs 10:22 "The **blessing** of the Lord--**it maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow to it.**"

4. How should a Bible-believing Christian respond to Wealth?

w/gratitude & godly generosity

2nd Corinthians 9:8 "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.**" **(Give to get to give MORE!)**

Wealth is a stewardship issue!

One who is a good steward of the resources given them does not fear **losing** that wealth—only of not **using** it wisely. They know that nothing belongs to them, they are only **taking care of it** for their Master and will one day give an account of that stewardship.

The way to determine whether **you** are a good steward of something (or someone) is whether or not you could do without it. If you can't lay it down *(Lk. 14:33)* you aren't a good steward.

The enemy wants what **belongs to God**, and all **firstfruits—especially the tithe--belong to God.**

No good steward steals from the owner. If the tithe is **not** dedicated to God, the rest is 'fair game' for the enemy to take at will. Other offerings *(besides the tithe)* are **SEEDS** that—**IF** sown in good soil—produce lasting wealth for the Kingdom. Seedtime & harvest is a **LAW**..