



# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity Workbook

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Developed for those that are hungry for biblical balance and Holy Spirit empowerment in their lives.



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# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 1

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## 1. The Last Few Weeks

The last few weeks, God has really turned up the volume in teaching me new truths in depths I have not experienced in a long time. The KAW2 course has taken on a depth that I did not realize was there – along with a greater anointing.

Several days ago, God began teaching me about Biblical Prosperity. There is so much more than seedtime and harvest! The principle of seedtime and harvest has been about worked to death in the Body of Christ. In actuality, it makes up about 10% of what the Word teaches on prosperity!

## 2. Back to the Beginning

### a. Before the Fall

#### **Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

#### **Genesis 2:15-17 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

There are several things that we need to realize about the Garden:

- God placed man in the Garden with everything that he needed.
- In the midst of everything he needed, man was given commandments to work and to guard. (As well as not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)

- There was no resistance to his efforts in the Garden.

## b. After the Fall

### Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

Now the earth resisted the efforts of the man. We need to realize this on three levels:

1. Man is made of earth – therefore internal resistance was placed within man. This includes thorns and thistles.
2. The earth itself – weeds became a reality.
3. An earthly system would develop from the thorns and thistles within the hearts of men.

## 3. A Glimpse of the New Earthly System

### Genesis 4:1-8 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." <sup>2</sup> Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. <sup>3</sup> And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it." <sup>8</sup> Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

God had given a commandment on what type of sacrifice was acceptable. Obedience to the commandment would overcome the curse, and the individual would be acceptable to God. Abel obeyed the commandment and was accepted. Thorns and thistles had grown up in the heart of Cain, who rejected the commandment of God. He chose to do things his way and DEMANDED that God accept it. When God did not, he did not repent – he grew angry with Abel (who had kept the commandment.)

The earthly system will always destroy the blessing!

## 4. The Development of the Earthly System

Noah had one bad son: Ham

Ham had two sons that became major players in developing the earthly system. (Ham had four sons in total.)

Mizriam – the Founder of Egypt

Cush – the Co-Founder of Babylon, along with his son Nimrod.

### Genesis 10:8-9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord."

**Before:** Strongs # H6440 פָּנִים panim {paw-neem'} pl. (but always as sing.) of an unused noun הֶנַּח P' paneh {paw-neh'}

**Meaning:** 1) face 1a) face, faces 1b) presence, person 1c) face (of seraphim or cherubim) 1d) face (of animals) 1e) face, surface (of ground) 1f) as adv of loc/temp 1f1) before and behind, toward, in front of, forward, formerly, from beforetime, before 1g) with prep 1g1) in front of, before, to the front of, in the presence of, in the face of, at the face or front of, from the presence of, from before, from before the face of.

**Origin:** from 06437; TWOT - 1782a; n m

**Usage:** AV - before 1137, face 390, presence 76, because 67, sight 40, countenance 30, from 27, person 21, upon 20, of 20, ...me 18, against 17, ...him 16, open 13, for 13, toward 9, misc 195; 2109 <sup>1</sup>

Nimrod was a mighty hunter that was in God's face and turned men against God and His ways.



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# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 2

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## Review

In lesson one, we discovered that after the Fall of Man, two systems emerged on the Earth to overcome the curse:

- **God's System** - commandments that produce a blessing.
- **The Babylonian/Egyptian System** – stockpiling curses on others to artificially produce selective blessings.

## I. A Call Out of Babylon & Egypt

### Genesis 12:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

#### a. Get out of your country.

This was a call of God for Abram to leave Babylon. The concept of "from your family and your father's house" represents leaving "the old ways of doing things" behind.

#### b. I will bless you and make you a blessing.

God was going to "bless" Abram by teaching him new ways of walking, living, and being. As I detailed in "The Simplicity of Walking with God," Abram was given instruction by God:

### Genesis 17:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

We found that "be thou perfect" is not what the Hebrew says. A more accurate translation would read:



“Come, walk with Me and I will make you complete, sound, wholesome, entire, healthful, and having integrity.”

As Abraham walked with God, He began to instruct him on how to live God’s ways instead of the ways of Babylon. The new walk was a blessing in Abraham. The result was he became a blessing that others benefited from.

### c. **The Children of Israel**

The children of Israel had been in Egypt for 400 years. The ways of Egypt (and Babylon) had turned the people of God from honored guests to beaten slaves. Egypt prospered by stockpiling the curse on God’s people.

God sent a man named Moses as a deliverer to free His people from a nation of darkness to become a nation of light to the world. Although Moses had taken them out of Egypt, his great problem was:

**Egypt was still in the hearts of the people.**

The ways of Egypt were entrenched into their thinking! They had been so long away from what God had established in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that although they were free, they were still captive to the system of Egypt!

**The Cure – the Law of God!**

### d. **God’s People Today**

#### **Revelation 18:1-8 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!" <sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." <sup>4</sup> And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "*Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.*" <sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup> Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. <sup>7</sup> In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit *as* queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' <sup>8</sup> Therefore her plagues will come in one day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.

God has to call us out of the Babylonian system before He can judge it! We can heed His call now or be judged with it!

## **Big Deal – I Got Gold!**

### **Revelation 18:10-13 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup>standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' <sup>11</sup>And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: <sup>12</sup>merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; <sup>13</sup>and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

The Coming Gold Bubble!

## **II. Concepts of Universal Laws**

At Mount Sinai, God gave His divine, universal laws for success. Today, much of the Body of Christ believes we have been freed from the Law by the completed work of Messiah. This is a grave misinterpretation of the teachings of Paul. Here are some facts:

- Jesus freed us from our sin, not the Law.
- In historic Israel and the Church, during great times of spiritual awakenings, the Law of God was highly esteemed. During downward spirals toward a severe backslidden state, the Law of God was always dismissed.
- Today our ministers tell us that the Law is not applicable to us and then use selected commandments when it is convenient for their purposes.
- In the secular market, those on the cutting edge of business, productivity and wealth management stress that there are universal laws that cannot be changed. On Yahoo.Com, there are 61,500,000 websites that affirm the existence of universal laws to prosper!

### **Luke 16:8 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup>So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

### **Luke 16:8 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup>“The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light.

### III. The Purpose of the Law of God

#### **Joshua 1:7-9 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go."

#### **Psalms 1:1-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

#### **Psalms 19:7-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

When we meditate on the Law of God, it does something within us.

We are like the children of Israel that Moses delivered out of Egypt. We have been translated out of spiritual Babylon, but we still think, live, act and define ourselves by Babylonian standards!

Meditating on the Word of God, in particular the Torah, has the power to begin changing the way we think about things. We move from thinking like a Babylonian to thinking like Jesus – the perfect Hebrew! When we allow the Law to set boundaries that we will never cross, we will find that within those boundaries are blessings that God has established.

#### IV. The Scope of the Laws of God

In our assembly, we have discussed in length how it is pagan (Greco-Roman) to cut apart our lives into different segments and convince ourselves one does not influence the others. We are one whole being. We cannot separate our financial prosperity from all of the other areas of our lives. A Hebraic approach is a holistic approach.

Most authors that write on true success and productivity divide life into five areas. Although each author will give them different names, they will fall into five categories:

Spiritual	<b>Five is the Number of Grace</b>
Mental	
Physical	
Relational	
Financial	

The commandments of God deal with all five categories. When you are moving with God and His Kingdom (i.e. His rules, laws, commandments, statutes & judgments), you are moving in the full grace of God.

Genesis	<b>The Five Books of the Law – The Number of GRACE</b>
Exodus	
Leviticus	
Numbers	
Deuteronomy	

**God’s Law under the direction of the Holy Spirit = GRACE**



#### Personal Notes




# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 3

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## I. The Need for the Commandments in America

### **Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

We need to realize that because of Jesus, we were grafted into Israel. When He grafted us in, He also grafted us into the blessings of Deuteronomy 28. There is not one scripture in the New Testament for the believer that does away with verses 1 & 2, allowing us to get directly to verses 3-14. In fact, I can easily show you from these scriptures that God had New Testament Believers also in mind when He wrote it!

#### **a. Diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.**

This verse does not speak of obeying the voice of Moses, the priests, or the prophets. In the Old Testament economy, only the prophet, priest and king could have the Holy Spirit come upon them to speak to them and through them.

It was only under the completed work of Jesus, at the Cross, that all of God's people would have the Holy Spirit dwelling on the inside of them. Only believers in Messiah would ever have a chance to hear and diligently obey the VOICE of the LORD their God!

#### **b. Observe carefully all of His commandments.**

### **John 14:15-18 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Similar to Deut. 28:1-2, Jesus connects the commandments and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. For the first time in history, through what Jesus accomplished, God's people could fully walk in Deut. 28!

**c. The Results of Hearing God, Obeying and Keeping the Commandments**

“that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:”

(1). God would set them high above every nation of the earth

America WAS called the “city set on a hill.”

(2). Blessed in Life and Production

**Deuteronomy 28:3-6 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country. <sup>4</sup> Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. <sup>5</sup> Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl. <sup>6</sup> Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

(3). Blessed in Divine Protection

**Deuteronomy 28:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> "The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

(4). Blessed in Financial Prosperity

**Deuteronomy 28:8 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

**Deuteronomy 28:11-12 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>12</sup> The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

## II. The Results of Losing Our Core Values Based on God's Commandments

- America is no longer in ascendancy.
- America used to be the bread basket of the world – now we import 63% of all of our food from other nations.
- America used to be the nation that lent money to help other nations – now America is in debt trillions of dollars to China and other nations.
- America used to be a nation victorious in battle – we have not won a war since WW2. We even renamed the Korean War and the Vietnam War as police actions to save face. There is no winning or losing in a police action. The war on terror is not going so well and may last decades.
- America used to have the divine protection of God on it. Our enemies have hit within our borders, easily crossing our borders. Drought, natural disasters and pestilence are destroying our food supplies.

We are like Samson. We have gotten into sin and we are shaking ourselves to get the strength and blessing of God to flow. We refuse to believe it is not flowing, and the Philistines are knocking at the door!

## III. Repentance and a Return to the Ways of God - Our Only Cure

### 2 Chronicles 7:12-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup>Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. <sup>13</sup>When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, <sup>14</sup>if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Repent and return to the ways of God!



### Personal Notes






# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 4

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## I. Definition of “To Prosper” and “Prosperity”

Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary: “The condition of being successful or thriving.”

Prosperity from Joshua 1:7

### Joshua 1:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

**Prosper: Strong’s # H7919** שָׂכַל sakal {saw-kal'}<sup>2</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) to be prudent, be circumspect, wisely understand, prosper 1a) (Qal) to be prudent, be circumspect 1b) (Hiphil) 1b1) to look at or upon, have insight 1b2) to give attention to, consider, ponder, be prudent 1b3) to have insight, have comprehension 1b3a) insight, comprehension (subst) 1b4) to cause to consider, give insight, teach 1b4a) the teachers, the wise 1b5) to act circumspectly, act prudently, act wisely 1b6) to prosper, have success 1b7) to cause to prosper 2) (Piel) to lay crosswise, cross (hands)

**Origin:** a primitive root; TWOT - 2263,2264; v

**Usage:** AV - understand 12, wise 12, prosper 8, wisely 6, understanding 5, consider 4, instruct 3, prudent 2, skill 2, teach 2, misc 7; 63

The world will always tell you that you need to thrive, but never tell you how to get there without it destroying you!

Prosperity from Psalms 35:27 –

### Psalm 35:27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

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<sup>2</sup> Strong's Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 7.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. Copyright © 2006.

**Prosperity: Strong's #7965** שְׁלוֹמַי shalom {shaw-lome'} or שְׁלוֹמֶיךָ shalom {shaw-lome'}<sup>3</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) completeness, soundness, welfare, peace 1a) completeness (in number) 1b) safety, soundness (in body) 1c) welfare, health, prosperity 1d) peace, quiet, tranquillity, contentment 1e) peace, friendship 1e1) of human relationships 1e2) with God especially in covenant relationship 1f) peace (from war) 1g) peace (as adjective)

**Origin:** from 07999; TWOT - 2401a; n m

**Usage:** AV - peace 175, well 14, peaceably 9, welfare 5, salute + 07592 4, prosperity 4, did 3, safe 3, health 2, peaceable 2, misc 15; 236

God's Way of Prosperity:

### **Psalm 112:1-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the Lord, *Who* delights greatly in His commandments. <sup>2</sup> His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; *He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. <sup>5</sup> A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion. <sup>6</sup> Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. <sup>7</sup> He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> His heart *is* established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees *his desire* upon his enemies. <sup>9</sup> He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor. <sup>10</sup> The wicked will see *it* and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.

## **II. The Treasure Within**

### **Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

**Riches: Strong's # G4149** πλοῦτος ploutos {ploot'-tos}<sup>4</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) riches, wealth 1a) abundance of external possessions 1b) fulness, abundance, plenitude 1c) a good i.e. that with which one is enriched

**Origin:** from the base of 4130; TDNT - 6:318,873; n m

**Usage:** AV - riches 22; 22

We need to realize that the greatest riches in the universe are on the inside of each one of us. They were placed there by the Father for Jesus. As they are cultivated and released into our lives it will bring GLORY to Jesus in the earth.

This is also Satan's greatest fear. Therefore, he has sown things into your life to keep these riches from manifesting and flourishing. This is why the commandments of God and the fear of the LORD are ALWAYS linked to prosperity. As the Word of God and the fear of the LORD move

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

through our being and we meditate upon them, it will begin to destroy what the enemy has placed within us to keep the riches from manifesting into the world!

**3 John 1:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Prosperity and health ALWAYS start on the inside and work their way out. As we destroy the weeds Satan has placed within our gardens, the plantings of the LORD can flourish!

**III. The Divine Progression**

<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>The Working of Grace</b>
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<b>Physical</b>	
<b>Relational</b>	
<b>Financial</b>	

God will not allow this progression to be deviated from. If we try, it will bring sorrow to our lives.

**Proverbs 13:11 (AMP)**

<sup>11</sup> Wealth [not earned but] won in haste *or* unjustly *or* from the production of things for vain *or* detrimental use [such riches] will dwindle away, but he who gathers little by little will increase [his riches].

**Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> Here is what I have seen: *It is* good and fitting *for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for *it is* his heritage. <sup>19</sup> As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor-- *this is* the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps *him* busy with the joy of his heart.



**Personal Notes**




# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 5



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<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>The Working of Grace</b>
<b>Mental/Emotional</b>	
<b>Physical</b>	
<b>Relational</b>	
<b>Financial</b>	

## I. The Power of the Hand

The power of the five areas of life is like a hand. For the “hand” of Grace to be fully upon us, we need to establish Kingdom order in each of the areas. The spiritual is the first and most important. Out of the “spiritual” areas in our lives flow Kingdom order and the grace of God to encompass all of the other areas of life.

The “spiritual” is like the thumb on your hand. If it is not in order, you will not be able to get a “grip” on the other areas of life.

## II. The Spiritual

### a. Being Born of the Spirit

#### **John 3:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Until we deal with our sin, come to grips with the Cross and the shed Blood of Jesus and accept that sacrifice, we are not a part of the Kingdom of God and cannot even see it!

We are not speaking of “Religion” here. Religion was birthed in Babylon as a replacement for what God was offering – RELATIONSHIP.

The word “religion” comes from the word “religio” which means “Back into Bondage.”

The call to Adam and Abraham was to walk with God. Jesus called His disciples to come and follow (walk after) Him. You can only walk with God once you have been born again!

## **b. The Breath of God**

### **Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

**Living Being:** Strongs # H <05315> נֶפֶשׁ (*nephesh*) (659b)<sup>5</sup>

**Meaning:** a soul, living being, life, self, person, desire, passion, appetite, emotion

**Origin:** from an unused word

When God breathed into a lump of clay, that clay became a living person with the appropriate desires, passions, appetites and emotions.

In Genesis 3, we also find that God would come into the Garden in the cool of the evening to walk and talk with His family. You cannot talk without breathing!

### **Breath of God + Knowledge = LIFE**

Man was able to ask God anything he wanted. As God shared His knowledge with man, His breath continued to flow into man to maintain "life, his personhood, desires, passion, appetites and emotions."

There was a Tree in the midst of the Garden that possessed "Knowledge" without the breath of God. God told man "The day you eat of that, you will die." (i.e. lose life).

### **Knowledge – the Breath of God = Good and Evil**

Knowledge without the Breath of God can produce some good, but it will be blended with evil (or death). In other words, you will have this wonderful cheesecake laced with a deadly poison. You will become the "living dead."

## **c. The Breath of God Restored**

### **John 20:21-22 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Breathing into Us + Knowledge = LIFE

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# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 6



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<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>The Working of Grace</b>
<b>Mental/Emotional</b>	
<b>Physical</b>	
<b>Relational</b>	
<b>Financial</b>	

## I. The Mental/Emotional – The Largest Area for Growth and Defeat

Areas I could cover:

- Overcoming Strongholds
- Being Arrested in Development
- Thought Management – Emotional Empowerment
- Overcoming Self-Sabotage
- EQ is More Important than IQ
- Finding Your Strengths and Building Off of Them

I could spend a year right here in this section of biblical prosperity. In fact, many of these areas have been covered again and again in our assembly and with courses in BLCS.

I have been seeking the LORD on why some can go through the messages or courses and be transformed by the power of God and some remain at the same place. Here is the answer He gave me:

### **Matthew 7:7-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

You cannot receive what you are not looking for. One of the powerful head games of the Devil is to cause you to seek all the wrong things, knock on all the wrong doors and ask all the wrong questions!

As you begin drawing your life and well being from your relationship with God, the problems in your soul become more evident to you. You no longer believe other people are the problem, but realize the problem is within. THEN YOU BEGIN ASKING HOW TO OVERCOME THOSE PROBLEMS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD BEGINS TO RESPOND!

**Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

“Living Your Strengths: Discovering Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community” by Albert Winseman, Donald Clifton, and Curt Liesveld.

“Now, Discover Your Strengths” by Marcus Buckingham and Donald Clifton

“Stop Self-Sabotage” by Pat Pearson.

“Emotional Intelligence” by Daniel Goleman.

“High-Performance Ethics” by Wes Cantrell & James Lucas.

## **The Concept of Harmonics and Resonance**

As long as you solely concentrate on the problem, instead of the answer, you will attract more of the problem to you. Misery loves company! When you start flowing in the life of God, seeking His Kingdom and His answers – your faith goes into operation to attract to you the things you need to discover the answers!

## **II. You Have Got to Feed Your Soul the Right Things**

**Proverbs 4:7-9 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. <sup>8</sup> Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. <sup>9</sup> She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

**Proverbs 16:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Every day, we purposely feed our bodies. Sometimes we feed them the wrong things that can cause problems, but we are ever conscious of feeding them! We need to be conscious of feeding our souls as well – and make sure we are feeding our souls the right things!

Illustration by Rabbi Noach Weinberg – money out the window!

The story Leon told me about his childhood in Brooklyn.

### III. Developing Core Values and Proper Belief Systems

#### Joshua 1:6-8 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Our core values are handed down to us by families, our communities and our educational systems. Many times they are given on an unconscious level through attitudes and actions within a home. The scary part is that most people never take inventory of them, examine where they came from or if they are proper. They just live them day in and day out. Others are conscious of them and are working to establish those values into our society through the media and our educational systems! Unfortunately, these individuals represent the spirit of Babylon and have a multigenerational plan to transform our American society (as well as the world) from a biblically based value system to one that was established in Babylon.

Since 80% of the population is not aware of core values, how they are established, or their effect on individual lives and society as a whole – the 20% go unchecked in their re-engineering of society. The recent collapse of the market is a result of their mindsets.

The power of the “whole” of God’s Word are: the Torah, Writings, Prophets, Gospels and Epistles. In them are encapsulated the core values, belief system, and power of the Kingdom of God. It takes all of it to make it work!



#### Personal Notes



# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 7

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## I. Reality Check

### 1. The Wealthy Need to Pay Their Fair Share

This is usually a political move rather than an economic reality. It is used to create “class warfare” or “class division” within a nation for the purpose of gaining political power.

Truth:<sup>6</sup>

The top 10% of the nation’s earners pay 57% of all income tax received by the Federal government.

The bottom 50% pay 4% of the income tax received.

90% of the 10% wealthiest are not old money. (They did not inherit it). They are self-made millionaires. They did it by:

- Working 49 to 80 hours per week for an average of 30 years before achieving their level of financial freedom.
- Education was a high priority to them – even after graduating college. The successful business person will read at least one book per week (plus periodicals) within his field of endeavor or area he is self-improving on and at least 4 motivational or informational lectures a week.
- He will use deferred gratification as a way of life. (i.e. never borrow to have today what you can save for and pay cash tomorrow.)

We do not only need the transfer of wealth – we need a transfer of work, educational and motivational ethics!

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<sup>6</sup> Tracy, Brian. Success Mastery Academic Seminar.

## 2. The Law of Correspondence

This law is used many times in the field of personal development and success psychology. It also lines up with the Word of God:

### **Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

This proverb teaches us two things:

- The two-faced aspect of man: he can say one thing and believe another.
- Our inward state produces our outward reality: Someone who is chaotic on the inside will produce a life of constant chaotic circumstances on the outside.

The only way to change that is through the work of Messiah and His Word.

## 3. Deserving

A lot is being said about “entitlement” and very little about “responsibility” today. “Entitlement” appeals more to the carnal nature of man, which always will want “benefits” without “responsibility.”

We also see a dichotomy in the belief systems of “deserving.” Some believe they “deserve” nothing and others believe they “deserve” far more than their fair share. I believe one reason for this is that we no longer understand what the word “deserve” means.

Deserve comes from the French (*deservir*) and the Latin (*deservire*). It is made up of two words: (1) *de* (meaning “of”) and (2) *serve* (meaning “to serve”). Both mean “to serve well.”<sup>7</sup>

What we “deserve” in life is based on how we have “served” others. Little service, little reward. Great service, great reward.

### **Mark 10:42-45 (KJV)**

<sup>42</sup> But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. <sup>43</sup> But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: <sup>44</sup> And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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<sup>7</sup> Merriam-Webster, Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary., Includes Index., Eleventh ed. (Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003).

#### 4. Why Do We Change?

God has been teaching me “why people will change.” This especially includes those within the Body of Christ. People change for one of two reasons:

- They are inspired by someone or something to change. (i.e. The more we see Jesus, the more we are inspired to be like Him).
- They get into a situation that is so painful that the pain of not changing is greater than the pain not to change.

God has been trying to inspire all of us for some time. His pleadings through the circumstances around us are causing the pain to change. Note of hope: we can opt for inspiration instead of being so stiff-necked that pain is required!

#### 5. Why is Gold Precious?

First of all, it is precious because God said so in the beginning. But there is more to it than that. Gold must be mined (researched out), refined and molded.

Gold ore is not worth \$1,000.00 an ounce. It is full of impurities. It must be diligently and painstakingly refined to remove those impurities. Then it must be molded into something that displays its inherent worth.

It is a picture illustration of us! We have inherent worth, but are full of impurities. God must search us out in the earth. He then must take us through the “refiner’s fire” to remove the impurities in our lives and then mold us into the image of Jesus.

#### **Romans 8:27-30 (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His purpose*. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be conformed to the image of His Son*, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

## II. The Foundation of Core Values

#### **Psalms 11:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?





# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 8

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## I. The Power of Wisdom

### Proverbs 4:4-9 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. <sup>5</sup> Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. <sup>6</sup> Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. <sup>7</sup> Wisdom is the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. <sup>8</sup> Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. <sup>9</sup> She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

**Live:** Strongs # 2421 חַיָּה *chayah* {khaw-yaw'}<sup>8</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) to live, have life, remain alive, sustain life, live prosperously, live for ever, be quickened, be alive, be restored to life or health 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to live 1a1a) to have life 1a1b) to continue in life, remain alive 1a1c) to sustain life, to live on or upon 1a1d) to live (prosperously) 1a2) to revive, be quickened 1a2a) from sickness 1a2b) from discouragement 1a2c) from faintness 1a2d) from death 1b) (Piel) 1b1) to preserve alive, let live 1b2) to give life 1b3) to quicken, revive, refresh 1b3a) to restore to life 1b3b) to cause to grow 1b3c) to restore 1b3d) to revive 1c) (Hiphil) 1c1) to preserve alive, let live 1c2) to quicken, revive 1c2a) to restore (to health) 1c2b) to revive 1c2c) to restore to life.

All throughout the Word of God, there is a direct correlation between the commandments of God, the blessings of God, life and prosperity. By sheer volume of repetition, it is the second most established concept in the Word, only second to "redemption." I believe we ignore it at our own peril.

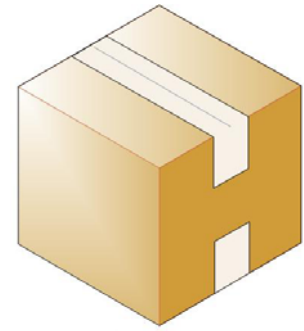
Satan has structured our society so that we are no longer seeking wisdom and understanding. We are accepting the core values of Egypt and Babylon without a second thought! Such living disenfranchises us from the blessings and wisdom of God and His Kingdom. Let me explain.

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## II. The Box

I want you to imagine for a moment that you have a box. What is in the box determines your future happiness, success, prosperity, health, relationships, position in life, etc. As you were growing up, everyone was adding stuff to your box. Most did not even know what it was they were adding – it was stuff others added to their boxes too. Situations in life added items to this box - your teachers in school . . . even the playground bully. The sad part is that you have never looked inside to box to find out what was there! In fact, you did not know the box even existed.



Your Core Values

There are a few that know about the box. Most Rabbis, some success teachers, some secular educators, and those that have either studied psychology or esoteric knowledge (the sages of Egypt and Babylon) have knowledge about this box. Can you understand the disadvantage everyone else has? Especially when we realize that students of Egypt and Babylon have developed systems within our society to strategically place items within your box without you realizing it – yet it will shape your future!

Some would call that box your “heart;” others would call it the “unconscious mind,” – it goes by various names within different disciplines. What you need to understand is that within your soul is a place where during your lifetime core values have been established – usually without your knowledge or permission. These values are drawn from what was taught to you as a child through situations at home, school and the world around you; attitudes in the home (most unspoken); and sometimes (which is a rarity these days) someone sitting down and teaching you something to believe in.

We are much like the Children of Israel in Egypt today. We have allowed the taskmasters to teach us their values, concepts and beliefs. The sad part is that we do not realize we are still in Egypt or that we are servants to a system we do not understand.

The most difficult task of Moses was not getting the Children of Israel out of Egypt – it was getting Egypt out of their hearts! After 400 years there, his people had their boxes filled with Egypt! The cure was the commandments of God! No wonder the devil hates them so.

## III. The Power of Meditating on the Commandments of God

### Proverbs 7:1-5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you. <sup>2</sup> Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye. <sup>3</sup> Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Say to wisdom, "You *are* my sister," And call understanding *your* nearest kin, <sup>5</sup> That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters with her words.

**Deuteronomy 30:15-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, <sup>16</sup> in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

When you sit down with the Word of God, you are to open your box and compare it to the Word. What does not agree with the Word is thrown out and replaced by the core values taught in the commandments, instruction, judgments of Almighty God. It can be a frustrating process at first (and maybe even alarming). It may confront your own self-sabotage, revealing that the weights that have been holding you back are of your own construction!

Why do I know this is so important? Because Babylon is fighting against such examinations! Babylon says to open the box and throw out everything from the Word of God that does not agree with what is in your box! How dare God not agree with what is in your box! After all, did He not put those things in your box to begin with? (By the way, the answer is NO!)

The more you allow the commandments and wisdom of God to fill your box of core values, the more prosperity, happiness and health you will discover!



**Personal Notes**



# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity: Part 9

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## I. Physical Things to Touch On

- a. Physical things are tools to use to accomplish your purpose in the Kingdom and do not define you or give you status – these are worldly concepts.
- b. Physical things are a direct fruit of your labor. You have what you deserve through serving well.

### Jewish Prayer for Prosperity

May it be your will LORD our God and God of our fathers that you provide a living for all your people of the House of Israel along with my livelihood and that of the members of my home included with them, smoothly and without pain, with honor and not with embarrassment, in a legal and not in a forbidden way, in order that we will be able to perform your service and to study your Torah, just as you fed our fathers manna in the desert in a dry and desolate land.

**From Thought Tools 58: A Prayer for Prosperity by Rabbi Daniel Lapin.**

- c. You are a steward of all that God blesses you with: to include all your possession and your body. As a steward, we are responsible before God on how we take care of what He blesses us with. Poor stewardship can destroy the blessings and prosperity of God.

## II. The Time and Season Wars

**Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup>To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

There are many levels that this verse (and those along with it in Ecclesiastes) can be interpreted. The surface interpretation would be: “During our lifetime, there will be times that we experience all of these things.” And then we have a detailed list of them.

There is another level of interpretation that I believe is essential to our going on with God and prospering in His Kingdom. There are divine times and seasons that we must enter into to receive God's best in our lives.

**a. God sets times and seasons.**

**Daniel 2:20-22 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. <sup>21</sup> And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. <sup>22</sup> He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.

**b. Satan tries to change the times and seasons.**

**Daniel 7:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

**c. God is speaking a lot lately about "time."**

God has been speaking to me a great deal of time and timing. But He has not been speaking to me alone! Other men of God are dealing with the same thing.

Books:

- "God's Timing for Your Life" by Dutch Sheets
- "Interpreting the Times" by Dr. Chuck Pierce
- "Redeeming Time" by Dr. Chuck Pierce is being released next month.

**d. The Sons of Issachar**

**1 Chronicles 12:32 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

Today the Sons of Issachar are very sparse. Most of the Body of Christ do not know what is going on, are continually caught unaware, and do not have a clue what has changed in the spirit realm or in the natural over the past few years! ***This is because, I believe, they have become victims of the "times and seasons" war between God and Satan.***

e. **Satan wants to change times and the law**

**Daniel 7:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

**Times:** Strongs # **2166** זְמַן zeman (Aramaic) {zem-awn}<sup>9</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) a set time, time, season

**Origin:** from 02165; TWOT - 2709a; n m

**Usage:** AV - time 9, season 2; 11

**Laws:** Strongs # **1882** דָּת dath (Aramaic) {dawth}<sup>10</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) decree, law 1a) a decree (of the king) 1b) law 1c) law (of God)

**Origin:** corresponding to 01881; TWOT - 2683; n f

**Usage:** AV - law 11, decree 3; 14

One of Satan’s tactics of “wearing out the saints” is to get them out of the timing of God’s Kingdom and His Laws (commandments, statues and judgments) that produce His blessings. “Set times” is a biblical term for the Feasts of the LORD. Today they are not well known and 98% of the Body of Christ no longer gives recognition to them.

Dr. Robert Heidler, in his book, “The Messianic Church Arising! Restoring the Church to Our Covenant Roots” makes this statement:

“In the Scriptures, God established some very important cycles for His people. These cycles were designed to draw us closer to Him. The first of these cycles was the weekly Sabbath cycle, established by God at the creation of the world.

God also gave us a yearly cycle, made up of a series of “feasts” or “appointed times.” These feasts were designed to take us through key steps to deepen our walk with the LORD, break the power of the enemy, and release the power of God in our experience.”<sup>11</sup>

When the Feasts are kept by the believer in obedience to honor Jesus, God begins to bring him more and more in line with the timing of Heaven.

The pagan feasts that were adopted by the Catholic Church in the 3d – 5th centuries, were in violation of God’s commandments and took the Body of Christ out of sync with Heaven. I believe it was a part of the enemy’s plan to change the “times” for the saints.

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Heidler, Robert. The Messianic Church Arising: Restoring the Church to Our Covenant Roots!” Glory of Zion Ministires, Denton, TX © 2006 Page 99.

The end result is that we do not know what “time” it is, miss God’s best and get worn out in the process.

### III. In Sync with the Holy Spirit

**Romans 8:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

There are not only seasonal cycles of God’s timing, but there are daily, weekly and monthly. You will not find them written in the Word of God and post them on a calendar. You can only find them by seeking the face of God and being led by His Spirit. We all have open doors of opportunity that God has for us. If you are at the right place at the wrong time, we miss that open door. We can even do the right thing at the wrong time and end up in a mess.

Remember the story where the Children of Israel refused to cross over the Jordon and fight when God instructed them to? They missed their window of opportunity. The next day they repented, crossed over and lost! In the Kingdom, obedience and timing are everything!

How many times in your life have you missed God’s best, not because you were not doing the right thing, but because you missed the timing of God!

God is calling us to become “time” conscious. In the days ahead, timing and obedience are going to be very important. It will be important to your blessing, your prosperity and maybe even your life!



### Personal Notes





# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity:

## Part 10

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## Relationships

### I. Your Relationship with God

#### **Mark 8:34-37 (NKJV)**

<sup>34</sup> When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Man was created for fellowship with God. Everything the world has to offer cannot replace that longing within man for deep fellowship with his Creator. There will come a time in everyone's life in which we will feel empty, life will be devoid of meaning and all is vanity without experiencing God in a meaningful way.

#### **Life without Drawing "Life" from a Deep Relationship with God**

#### **Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. <sup>14</sup> I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind. <sup>15</sup> *What is* crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered. <sup>16</sup> I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge." <sup>17</sup> And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind. <sup>18</sup> For in much wisdom *is* much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

You can have every pleasure and treasure this world has to offer, but without God it will prove to be empty.

## Life with God

### John 10:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup>The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

The world can give to you while it is taking everything meaningful away from you! Jesus came to restore true life back into the hearts of mankind!

**Steal:** Strongs # **2813** κλέπτω klepto {klep'-to} <sup>12</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) to steal 1a) to commit a theft 1b) take away by theft i.e take away by stealth

**Origin:** a primary verb; TDNT - 3:754,441; v

**Usage:** AV - steal 13; 13

**Kill:** Strongs # **2380** θύω thuo {thoo'-o} <sup>13</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) to sacrifice, immolate 2) to slay, kill 2a) of the paschal lamb 3) slaughter

**Origin:** a root word; TDNT - 3:180,342; v

**Usage:** AV - kill 8, sacrifice 3, do sacrifice 2, slay 1; 14

**Destroy:** Strongs # **622** ἀπόλλυμι apollumi {ap-ol'-loo-mee} <sup>14</sup>

**Meaning:** 1) to destroy 1a) to put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end to ruin 1b) render useless 1c) to kill 1d) to declare that one must be put to death 1e) metaph. to devote or give over to eternal misery in hell 1f) to perish, to be lost, ruined, destroyed 2) to destroy 2a) to lose

**Origin:** from 575 and the base of 3639; TDNT - 1:394,67; v

**Usage:** AV - perish 33, destroy 26, lose 22, be lost 5, lost 4, misc 2; 92

Jesus made it quite clear what Satan had in mind! He can give us things that really do not matter in the long run while taking from us the real treasures of life!

**Abundantly:** Strongs # **<4053>** περισσός (perissos) <sup>15</sup>

**Meaning:** abundant

**Origin:** from 4012

**Usage:** abounds all the more(1), abundantly(1), advantage(1), all the more(2), beyond(1), especially(2), even more(2), excessive(1), further(m)(1), greater(3), greatly\*(1), more(3), more abundant(3), more extremely(1), much more(1), superfluous(1), widely(1).

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<sup>12</sup> Strong's Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 7.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. Copyright © 2006.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid

<sup>14</sup> Ibid

<sup>15</sup> Ibid

## II. Circles of Relationships

In the life of Jesus, we see the perfect balance of relationships.

<b>God</b>	Continually reinforced His relationship with the Father
Covenant Relationship	
The One	John
The Three	Transfiguration
The Twelve	The Apostles
The Seventy	Preachers Sent Forth
The One Hundred & Twenty	Preachers Sent Forth
The Multitude	

Jesus always knew the proper levels of relationships and what could be given and drawn from each of them.

### a. Marital Relations

#### **Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> And the Lord God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Covenant Marital Relations – the stuff lives are built upon!

### b. Covenant Relationships

The one, the three and the twelve - not all covenant relationships are at the same level. Covenant relationships are a two way flow – not one sided. Both are equal and give the same. A parasitic relationship can masquerade as a covenant relationship, use all the same language, etc., but is one sided. One is doing all the giving, and one is doing all the taking. Parasitic relationships must be cut off before the giver is destroyed.

### c. Working Relationships

The seventy and the one hundred and twenty were in working relationships with Jesus, but they were not in the same covenant relationship that the twelve were in. It is teamwork for a cause and NOT for a relationship!

### d. The Multitude

You cannot draw from the multitude what you can draw from those you are in covenant relationship with. You cannot team up with the multitude like those you are in working



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## Part 11

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### The Principles of the Tithe

#### I. The Abraham Factor

##### Hebrews 7:1-10 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," <sup>3</sup> without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. <sup>4</sup> Now consider how great this man *was*, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. <sup>5</sup> And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; <sup>6</sup> but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. <sup>7</sup> Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. <sup>8</sup> Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. <sup>9</sup> Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, <sup>10</sup> for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

There are many powerful truths in these verses from Hebrews. Today we are going to examine just several of them.

##### a. Abraham Gave Tithe to Melchizedek

This was pre-Torah. Abraham finally met someone that had more knowledge of the one true God than he did. We need to note a few things that are in the story of Abraham and Melchizedek:

##### Genesis 14:18-20 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

Melchizedek was a member of the Priesthood of the First Born, that possessed knowledge of God that had been passed down from select first born sons since the beginning. I believe it is significant that Melchizedek gave Abraham bread and wine. Personally, I believe he shared with Abraham the mystery of Messiah. After this event, many things in Abraham changed. Isaac was conceived. Eventually Abraham was willing to offer Isaac on an altar to God, believing that Isaac would be raised from the dead.

#### **Hebrews 11:17-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," <sup>19</sup> concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Abraham's response to a man of God that added to his knowledge of God was to give this man a tithe of all his winnings in war.

#### **b. The Tradition of the Tithe Continues in the Levites**

The Levites were not given land for an inheritance in Israel. They were to be scattered among the people to teach them the ways (Torah) of God. The response of the people, for increasing in the true knowledge of God, was to give their teachers the tithe. We see this in:

#### **Numbers 18:21-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> "Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting. <sup>22</sup> Hereafter the children of Israel shall not come near the tabernacle of meeting, lest they bear sin and die. <sup>23</sup> But the Levites shall perform the work of the tabernacle of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; *it shall be* a statute forever, throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. <sup>24</sup> For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up *as* a heave offering to the Lord, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance; therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.' "

## **II. The Honor Factor**

#### **Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; <sup>10</sup> So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

First fruits is another way of speaking of the tithe. The tenth is taken off the top, rather than leftovers. I want you to see a progression here:

- Honor God

- Greater Understanding to Produce More

As Charismatic believers, we teach this verse “Give to God and money will fall from the sky.” Hebraically, God blesses me with knowledge that produces increase. I honor Him with the first fruits of the increase and God gives more knowledge and wisdom, which produces more increase!

God told Abraham:

“I will bless you and make you a blessing.”

God began to reveal Himself and His plan for Abraham to Abraham. This was the blessing to Abraham. As he moved on that knowledge and began to walk with God, it opened the door for Abraham to bless the world.

### III. God’s One Door Policy

#### **Malachi 3:10-12 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup>Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room* enough to receive it. <sup>11</sup>"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts; <sup>12</sup>"And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the Lord of hosts.

The main story of Malachi is that the people left the knowledge of God. The Levites stopped preaching the truth. Israel had profaned the holiness of God. Marriages were falling apart. There was no longer righteous judgment in Israel. (Kind of sounds like America – doesn’t it!)

The cure was:

- Start teaching the pure and holy ways of God again (Levites and Teachers).
- Truth will begin healing marriages, restoring society and bring again righteous judgments.
- The response to receiving truth is to tithe to honor God for that truth.
- The honor given to God opens the windows of Heaven to receive more truth and revelation PLUS God will start commanding the enemy to back off so you can produce more!

### IV. God’s Purpose

Cycles of greater knowledge, application and production in His people.





# Foundations of Biblical Prosperity:

## Part 12

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### I. Salvation and Good Works

#### **Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

#### **Ephesians 2:8-10 (AMP)**

<sup>8</sup> For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment *and* made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.] <sup>10</sup> 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].

In these verses, the Apostle Paul was bringing balance to this gentile congregation that had discovered a Jewish Messiah and had been introduced to the Tanach. Let's look at the balance here:

<b>Salvation</b>	<b>Living the Life of the Redeemed</b>
Nothing you can do to earn salvation.	Salvation has recreated you unto doing something.
Only belief is required.	Belief brings about action
Salvation is about the unmerited favor of God.	Good works is about living in the merited favor of God. (i.e. obedience).
Salvation cannot come by keeping the commandments.	You have been recreated in Messiah to keep the commandments by the power of His Spirit in you.

Good works have always been associated with keeping the Mitzviot of God. This week we need to broaden our understanding of giving. Americans associate giving just with money. Biblically, keeping the commandments (good works) does include giving, but at a deeper level.

We need to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit in all acts of kindness and good works!

## II. Give and It Shall Be Given to You

Hermeneutical Principle: Any scripture taken out of context becomes a pretext.

### **Luke 6:20-38 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets. <sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. <sup>29</sup> To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask *them* back. <sup>31</sup> And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. <sup>32</sup> But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to *those* from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. <sup>36</sup> Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Jesus was giving instruction to His disciples on how to live through persecution. He was also taking the commandments to a new level. Most of this instruction was already in the Torah. What would have happened if Israel had treated the Roman soldiers with kindness instead of religious superiority? Remember, gentiles were considered by the Jews as dogs and unclean things. Some of this teaching was directed at the zealots. They considered taxation by the Romans as stealing and would work to take it back. Always place scripture back in the historical context in which it was written.

Money was only one part of the equation here. Walking in divine love and forgiveness takes a deeper level of God's working than just giving money. Many that just give money are also shallow believers. They give to get. Jesus said to give and get nothing in return.

### III. Give as One is Able

#### 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; <sup>2</sup> for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. <sup>3</sup> Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; <sup>4</sup> lest if *some* Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as *a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.* <sup>6</sup> But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: "*He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.*" <sup>10</sup> Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, <sup>11</sup> while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. <sup>12</sup> For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, <sup>13</sup> while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*, <sup>14</sup> and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

### IV. Giving Connected to the Knowledge of God - Again

#### Philippians 4:8-20 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup> I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. <sup>15</sup> Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. <sup>16</sup> For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. <sup>18</sup> Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from