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## 1. Prosperity is a sign of Revival.

- Every revival recorded in history has been noted to have been a great time of prosperity for God's people.
- Whole reason God raise up the message of faith with the prosperity message is to release the blessings of God on the body of Christ for the end time harvest.
- I want more than revival. I want reformation!

### 2. Seek the kingdom as the first priority – not riches:

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

• Prosperity is the spoke on the wheel, not the hub.

#### Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

- Reason some people are not getting answer to prayer is because they ask amiss. They have wrong motives to consume things upon their lusts. It is a matter of the intent of the heart.
- Important questions:
  - Q) If God blessed you with a lot of money could He trust you to use it for His kingdom?
  - Q) How may churches would you build?
  - Q) How many missionaries would you support?

### 3. Contentment is a state of mind (not of circumstance or economic status)

Luke 3:14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

• Bible prosperity says you can be content right where you are in whatever circumstances you are in.

#### Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and <u>I know how to abound</u>. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

- 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
  - We need to know how to abound.
  - Rich people are miserable (Correction: Unsaved rich people are miserable):

Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

#### 4. Seek wisdom, not riches

All of us could be rich by some idea we had that we didn't act upon.

• Solomon had it right in the beginning when he asked for Wisdom ahead of money. Money followed wisdom

2 Chronicles 1:11-12 And God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life--but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king--

12 "wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

| Proverbs 4:7-8 Wisdom is the principal thing;<br>Therefore get wisdom.<br>And in all your getting, get understanding.<br>8 Exalt her, and she will promote you;  | Proverbs 3:13-18 Happy is the man who finds wisdom,<br>And the man who gains understanding;<br>14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver,<br>And her gain than fine gold.  |
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| She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.<br>James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,<br>who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will<br>be given to him.<br>Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the Lord | <ul> <li>15 She is more precious than rubies,</li> <li>And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.</li> <li>16 Length of days is in her right hand,</li> <li>In her left hand riches and honor.</li> <li>17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,</li> <li>And all her paths are peace.</li> <li>18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,</li> <li>And happy are all who retain her.</li> </ul> |
| Are riches and honor and life.   |  |

# 5. Change your thinking:

- Thinking big like God thinks
- Don't be satisfied with just getting by.
- Pray bigger, bolder prayers.
- I am under the opinion that anybody can be wealthy. Poverty is a state of mind. It is a spirit.
- The poor you will always have with you, but that doesn't have to be you.
- Avoid false doctrine:

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing will be impossible."

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly <u>above all that we ask or think</u>, according to the power that works in us,

Psalm 78:41 Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

# 6. Believing Prophecy is one key to prosperity:

Prophecy for those who have been faithful:

Psalm 107:33-38 He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground; 34 A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it. 35 He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings. 36 There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place, 37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest. 38 He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease. Most of my prosperity has come through prophecy.

2 Chronicles 20:20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

1 Timothy 4:15 (KJS) Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

# 7. God wants to bring us to a new level of prosperity: Everything we do prospers.

• In the ebb tide of life's struggles prosperity can be constant.

| Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the man<br>Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,<br>Nor stands in the path of sinners,<br>Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;<br>2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,<br>And in His law he meditates day and night.<br>3 He shall be like a tree<br>Planted by the rivers of water, | Jeremiah 17:7-8 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,<br>And whose hope is the Lord.<br>8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,<br>Which spreads out its roots by the river,<br><u>And will not fear when heat comes:</u><br><u>But its leaf will be green,</u><br><u>And will not be anxious in the year of drought,</u><br><u>Nor will cease from yielding fruit.</u> |
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| Whose leaf also shall not wither:<br>And whatever he does shall prosper.  |  |

• Whatever we put our hands to shall prosper

Deuteronomy 28:8 "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 28:12 "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.

# 8. Change your confession to change your direction:

Psalm 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And <u>let them say continually</u>, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Change our confession:

- "Well, I guess I will always be poor."
- "I'm just a humble minister."
- "I will never be rich."
- When we confess what we don't yet have we are raising the bar on our faith. Many times our faith is not up to the level of our confession, but it stretches us. God wants to take us to new level of prosperity.

