

I. Must believe that God wants you to prosperity:

- A. 3 John 2 “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers”
1. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Apostle John gives us a revelation To God’s will for our life in regards to prosperity
 - a. **Def Prosper:** To succeed in reaching, to succeed in business, to help on the road
 2. Prosperity is a prosperous, & not just an event as seen in the definition of prosperity:
 - a. There is a point or place we reach when prosperous:
 - (1) to succeed in reaching
 - b. It does apply to finances & career ...
 - (1) to succeed in business
 - (2) But limited to just finances, business & career
 - (a) Biblical prosperity applies to our spirit, soul, body
 - (1) “that you may prosper in “**ALL THINGS**”:
 - (A) which includes every area of life / relationships / family, as well as our finances, career
 - (2) That you may prosper ... “and be in **HEALTH** “
 - (A) speaking of physical health & healing
 - (3) That you may prosper ... “just as your **SOUL** prospers”
 - (A) speaking of spiritual prosperity in our walk with God through Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - (1) Peace of God ruling in our heart & mind / Col 3:15
 - (2) Love of God flowing in our heart / 2 Cor 13:14
 - (3) victory over sin & the devil / 1 Cor 15:57

II. Though it is the will of God that we prosper, it is not God’s responsibility but our Responsibility to bring prosperity into our lives:

- A. God will help us along the road of life to prosper & provided the means by which We can bring prosperity into every area our lives:
1. Deut 8:18 "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”
 - a. “He / God gives you **POWER to get WEALTH**”
 - (1) Deposited within every believer is the POWER of God by which we may Obtain wealth:
 - (a) **Def Power:** ability

(2) It is our responsibility to learn how to tap into this power & release it into Every area of our life in order for prosperity to manifest

2. **Responsibility & Key #1** for releasing the power to prosper in our life is:

a. **“And you shall remember the Lord your God”**

(1) God was warning Israel as they came into their Promise Land & God’s Blessings began to flow into their lives individually & as a nation

(2) as God is warning us today: “Remember the Lord your God”

b. The greatest temptations come when prosperity manifests and things are going well

(1) God reminded Israel that their prosperity is a direct result of their covenant Relationship with God Their walk with The Lord

(2) and the same applies to us today Don’t think it was your power that Turned your life around / turned your marriage around / turned your situation, career, health around And that you caused it to happen by your own strength

(a) ... no it was the POWER OF GOD deposited within your life

3. **Responsibility & Key #2** for releasing the power of God into our life is:

a. **“that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers...”**

(1) God’s Word is God’s Covenant

(2) and The Lord prospers us so that He may use us for His glory to establish His covenant on earth In the lives of people

(3) **Def Establish:** confirm, accomplish

b. God was dealing with Israel’s **MOTIVES** Prosperity is not meant to be consumed entirely upon ourselves

(1) Biblical Prosperity is not just for meeting our needs, but also for helping To establish God’s Covenant / God’s Word upon the earth ... impacting The world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ & love of God

III. We discover more keys for Biblical Prosperity manifesting in our life in the life And ministry of **Joshua**:

Josh 1:6 “ 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.

7 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.

8 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.

9 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."

A. Joshua, like you ... not God, I determine if we experience biblical prosperity

1. vs 8 "For then **you will make your way prosperous**, and then you will have good success."

a. You might ask, How is this possible?

(1) Answer: ,Deut 8:18 "for it is He / God / who gives you power to get wealth"

B. God's promises are conditional, including the promise of prosperity:

1. Joshua is instructed and given keys for releasing prosperity & success into His life, leadership & ministry:

a. vs 8 "**For then** you will make your way prosperous"
"and **then** you will have good success"

C. **Responsibility & Key #1** for tapping into the power to get wealth & releasing Prosperity:

1. vs 6 "**Be strong and of good courage**"

a. **Def Strong**: fortify, prevail

2. We cannot be weak in our faith and walk with God if we expect to prosper
In every arena of life:

a. Eph 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in the **power of His might**."

(1) God has not called us to live the Christian life or do the work of the ministry in our own strength

(a) Zech 4:6 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'

(2) Once you have been Born Again you should pursue & be filled / baptized
In the Holy Ghost:

(a) Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;"

(1) this will enable you to develop your anointing which will bring
Victory in your walk with God & become effective in ministry"

(a) Isa 10:27 "And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil"

b. 2 Tim 2:2 "You therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace** that is in Christ Jesus."

(1) Strong in God's Grace:

(a) 2 Cor 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you,"

c. 1 John 2:14 "Because you are **strong**, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one."

(1) Only strong Christians overcome the devil & powers of darkness

D. Responsibility & Key #2 for making our way prosperous:

“be very courageous”

1. We must face and overcome our fears

a. Again, we can do so because of what God has deposited within the believer:

(1) 2 Tim 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

(a) Note fear is a spirit: “spirit of fear”

(1) Fear does not come from God, but from the devil ... fear is the devils anointing

(b) But note the spirit / anointing God gives the believer:

(1) **Power: Def** dunamis / miraculous power ... the anointing

(2) **Love: Def** Agape / the divine love of God

(3) **Sound Mind: Def** / discipline, self control

E. Responsibility & Key #3 for making our way prosperous:

1. Josh 1:7 “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.”

Vs 8 “ that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.

a. At all times and in all circumstances we must be DOERS OF THE WORD

(1) James 1:25 “is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

F. Responsibility & Key #4 for making our way prosperous:

1. Josh 1: 8 “**This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,**”

a. We must learn to speak & declare the promises of the Word of God to the mountains we face in life:

(1) Mark 11:22 "Have faith in God.

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

(2) Prov 18:21 “Death and life are in the power of the tongue,”

(3) We will confess what we will believe:

(a) 2 Cor 4:13 “And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,..”

G. Responsibility & Key #5 for making our way prosperous:

1. Josh 1:8 “**but you shall meditate in it day and night**”

a. What we meditate on effects our attitude & thinking ... we must meditate upon the word of God:

(1) Prov 23:7 “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he”

2. We cannot prosper if our thinking & attitude is not in align with what Thee word of God teaches:

a. Amp trans Eph 4:23 “And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],”

3. Meditating on the Word of God renews our mind and helps us overcome a poverty & defeatist mindset, as well as overcoming lusts of the flesh:

a. Rom 12:2 “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

4. Ps 19:14 “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,

a. God told Joshua day & night meditate on the word of God, and that is what will cause the words of our mouth & meditations of our heart & mind to be acceptable in the sight of The Lord

IV. Gen 26:12 “12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him.

13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

A. Note the process and levels of prosperity that came into Isaac’s life:

1. **Began to prosper**

2. **Continued prospering**

3. **became very prosperous**

a. vs 13 **Def Prosper:** to break out, to push forward, be profitable

(1)) The definition of the word prosper in vs 13 reveals that this prosperity was Included but not limited to finances

b. Isaac applied principles / keys to his life & walk with God that brought him through the process of these three degrees of prosperity

(1) Began to Prosper / break out / push forward & become profitable

(2) Continued to Prosper / break out / push forward & become profitable

(3) Became very prosperous / break out / push forward & become profitable

(a) If an area of your life is going backwards instead of breaking out / pushing Forward & becoming prosperous

(1) take note to see if any of the following keys are missing in your life

B. Responsibilities and Key #1 that released prosperity into Isaac's life:

1. Gen 26:1 "There was a **famine in the land**, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.
12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and **reaped** in the same year a hundredfold; and the **Lord blessed him**.
 - a. **Isaac was a sower:**
2. Sowers do not live by conditions, rather they live by biblical principles
 - a. There was a famine in the land
 - b. But Isaac still sowed & reaped a hundredfold harvest in the same year of a famine ... vs 12 The Lord blessed Him"
3. Isaac understood the **LAWS OF SOWING & REAPING:**
 - a. In Genesis chapter one we learn that every seed reproduces after it's own kind:
 - (1) If you sow nothing you reap nothing ... but if you sow you will reap a harvest
 - b. The New Testament teaches us in:
 - (1) 2 Cor 9:6 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
4. Are you a Sower?
 - a. are you faithful in your **tithes and offerings**
 - b. in all seasons ... in all circumstances and conditions like Isaac was?
 - (1) Eccl 11:4 "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."
 - (a) these principles apply to our life today also
 - (b) the wind & clouds of life & financial forecasters may be telling you that You cannot afford to sow
 - (1) Do not listen to the counsel of the ungodly / the world
 - (2) Learn to live by the laws of sowing & reaping
 - (3) Learn of the potential & power every seed has contained within it
 - (a) Jesus said in Luke 6:38 " 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."

C. Gen 26:2 "Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.

3. Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath

which I swore to Abraham your father.

4. And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I Will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

1. **Responsibility & Key #2** that released prosperity in Isaac's life was he was **OBEDIENT TO THE WORD OF GOD AND VOICE / LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

a. As seen in vs 5 Isaac learned from his father Abraham, that if he wanted to see the blessings of God manifest in his life Like his father

(1) He had to "**obey My (God's) voice, and kept My charge, My Commandments, My statutes, My law.**"

(a) God told Isaac in verse 2 "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of Which I shall tell you"

(1) God's blessings & prosperity only manifest in the center of God's will

(a) That includes living where God tells you to live, because God has a Plan for your life

(1) How many believers mistakenly think they can just pack their bags and live anywhere / go anywhere / & do anything and still expect to see God's blessings & prosperity manifest?

(a) If we want to prosper we must learn to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit for every area of our life & obey God's word

(b) Remember prosperity it not just about making money ... it includes Your family life, children, health...etc.

(1) In the book of Ruth chapter one, we read about a man named Elimelech Who left **BethlehemDef House of Bread**, and moved his family To Moab because of a famine in Israel

(a) he was not led by the Spirit ... did not pray about this decision ...

(b) he was moved by his circumstances

© he choose to follow the crowd instead of seeking the leading of God

(2) The bible tells us he died in the land of Moab, then his sons also died Dad & sons left their wives in a desperate state

(a) What would have happened if he would have stayed in Bethlehem Where right after his death his wife Naomi heard:

(1) Ruth 1:6 " for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread"

(a) Naomi & her daughter-in-law Ruth went back to Bethlehem ,,, wnet back to the "House of Bread" / got back into the center of God's will

for their life where God turned things around & Ruth and met a kinsman Redeemer who God used to bring blessings & prosperity back into Their life

- (b) This kinsman redeemer was a type & shadow of Jesus Christ
 - (1) and it is also a prophetic picture of all of God's people who have left Bethel / House of Bread & got out of the will of God
 - (2) If they will humble themselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, / get back into the center of God's will
 - (3) Like Naomi & Ruth they will see their life around and you can Begin to prosper once again
Continue to prosper as you serve The Lord
Become very prosperous & break out & push forward from all that held you back

2. We must learn to be sensitive to the voice & leading of the Holy Spirit:

a. 1 Thess 5:19 "Do not quench the Spirit"

Eph 4:30 "do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God"

b. quenching & grieving the Holy Spirit

(1) Will quench God's best / God's blessings / God's prosperity in your life

D. Responsibility & Key #3 that released prosperity into Isaac's life:

is **PERSISTANCE**:

Gen 26:15 "Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

17 Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.

19 Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there.

20 But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him.

21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also. So he called its name Sitnah.

22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over

it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba.

24 And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

25 So he built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

1. Like Isaac you will run into resistance and the devil will try to stop up your wells
 - a. & hinder the flow of the living waters of the Holy Spirit in & through your life and ministry
2. Isaac never gave up HE PRACTICED PERSISTANCE:
 - a. vs 15 the enemy stopped up the wells of Isaac father
 - b. vs 17 it tells us Isaac departed ... he moved on
 - (1) vs 18 "And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the Days of Abraham his father"
 - c. vs 19 "Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there."
 - (1) if we are going to prosper in life, we also must learn to dig wells in the Valleys of life we find ourselves in / till we find a "well of running water"
 - d. vs 20 Isaac & his servants ended up in a constant quarrel with the people of the land: the "herdsman of Gerar"
 - (1) The quarrelling was to prevalent that they named the place **Esek / Def:**
To quarrel
 - e. vs 21 Isaac & his men dug another well
 - (1) once again they quarreled over the well, so they named it **Sitneh / Def**
Enimty
 - (2) vs 22 tells us that Isaac "moved from there"
 - (a) Vital lesson in prospering: Isaac learned not to waste his life, time & energy quarreling with people
 - (b) Eph 6:12 "**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
 - (1) Our battle is in the spirit realm, with spiritual weapons
 - (2) once you have lost sight of this & the devil has reduced you to fighting / quarreling with flesh & blood / people You lost the war
 - (3) Isaac did not give up & quit ... he did not stay in that negative environment

Of constant quarrelling & bickering

(a) “And he moved from there and dug another well”

(1) Don’t quit ... don ‘t give up ... don’t waste your time & life quarrelling

(2) God has a better place for you ... move on & by faith dig another well

(4) Due to his persistence, Isaac **BROKE OUT ... PUSHED FORWARD & PROSPERED:**

(a) vs 22 “And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

(1) **Def Rehoboth:** spacious

(2) If you will learn this vital key for prosperity: Persistence ... you like Isaac will come to your Rehoboth that God has prepared for you

E. Final **Responsibility & Key #4** that enabled Isaac not just to prosper, but to Continue to prosper & be very prosperous:

1. vs 25 **“So he built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord,”**

a. Isaac did not allow prosperity to become an idol in his life

b. Isaac did not allow prosperity to become a stumbling block in his walk & relationship with God

2. Prosperity is meant to be a blessing, but it can also be a stumbling block if We do not keep Jesus first & foremost in our life:

a. King Uzziah shows us a secret & how to maintain balance in regards to prosperity:

(1) 2 Chron 26:5 “And he (King Uzziah) sought God in the days of Zacheriah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and **as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper**”.

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V. God desires that we prosper:

A. Ps 35:27 "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

1. But remember that biblical prosperity includes finances but also includes:

a. The condition of your soul / walk with God

b. condition of your family / marriage / children / relationships

c. condition of your mental & physical health

d. the condition of your ministry & career

(1) God has done His part to enable prosperity in each arena of our life

(2) But, are we doing our part & applying these biblical principles