

God is Good and Only Wants You to Have What is Good

3 John 2: **Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. Praise the Lord!**

It's not enough that we just believe God to get by and make it through each day. It's His desire that we believe Him for divine prosperity and divine health. God doesn't want us to barely get by financially, nor does He want us to live a life of aches, pains and sickness, where we're always having to believe God for healing. If you have children, you know that you don't want them to just barely get by, nor do you ever want them to have any physical pain. You want them to prosper and have good health.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:11: **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

There's no one who knows the Father God better than the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). He came, died and redeemed us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13,14,29). But Jesus also wanted us to know that God is good, for He said **...there is none good but one, that is, God** (Mark 10:18). Jesus isn't saying we're bad people. He's letting us know that no matter how good we become, we're no comparison to how good God is.

Psalms 106:1: **Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.**

James 1:17: **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

Acts 10:38: **How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.**

Stay Built up so You can Receive & Keep Your Blessings

– Because someone is trying to take them!

So, no matter what you're faced with today, I want to encourage you to build your faith up on God's Word to the point that you know in your heart that you're prosperous, healthy, and living in victory in all areas of your life. Satan is the author of oppression, depression, fear, confusion, sickness, disease, poverty and lack. He is out to rob you of your joy and peace, as well as to take everything you own, possess and have.

#1: Know the Will of God from His Word

The first step in receiving your prosperity and health from God starts with you convincing yourself that it is God's will that you be healthy and prosperous. So, no matter what happens in your life, if it's not healthy, or if it's not prosperous, you'll know it's not of God.

Psalm 35:27: **Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.** God delights in your prosperity. If He didn't care about your wellbeing, there would be no verses telling you that God has more for you than just salvation.

#2: FIGHT!

The second step is you've got to resist every attack from Satan.

James 4:7: **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

1 Peter 5:8,9: **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.**

1 Timothy 6:12: **Fight the good fight of faith...**

Fight off all the feelings of unworthiness and negative emotions that come to you in regard to your prosperity. Resist that old attitude: ***Why have the best when the other will do?*** Thinking and talking that way is just what Satan wants you to do. Remember, it's God who wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, so your attitude should be: ***What God wants for me, I want for me. What God has for me, I want to receive for me.*** And He doesn't want you to live in lack, sickness or pain!

#3: Stay Where Satan Cannot Touch You

The third step is to keep yourself in the position that Satan can't touch you, and that he has no place in your life to bring sickness or financial lack.

1 John 5:18: **We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.**

An example of being touched by Satan is found in Job 2:7: **So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.** Satan was able to come in because Job yielded to fear: **For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.** Job 3:25

Thank God that Job got through his trial and received twice as much as he had before, all because our God has mercy, and does miracles, healings, financial turnarounds, and restores everything Satan has stolen from us if we'll believe God for it! The point is: we don't want to give any place to the devil, and we will if we sin or allow fear, strife or unforgiveness to get into our life. Another way we give place to Satan is by neglecting time in prayer and the Word to the point that we become spiritually weak.

Ephesians 6:10-18: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Proverbs 18:14(AMP): The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?

While innumerable benefits are derived from staying built up spiritually, there are also huge consequences that come from allowing ourselves to become spiritually complacent or lazy. You can't stay spiritually built up and strong just by attending church; you also have to attend to the Word daily (Proverbs 4:20-22). This takes a lot of work and effort on our part, but there's nothing more beneficial than you and I drawing nigh unto God through time in the Word, time spent in prayer and obeying Him.

Satan is the one that brings distractions to our life. He's got to keep us from doing the Word that we know to do if he's going to succeed. Consequently, he'll always bring distractions, problems and persecutions to try to prevent and discourage us from putting time in the Word and in prayer. So, when the temptation comes to try to get you to slack off your spiritual work, just know that this is a ploy of Satan to get you in the position that you're spiritually weak, which is a position that none of us wants to find ourselves in. It's important to our welfare and wellbeing that we do not allow ourselves to become spiritually weak by neglecting daily time in the Word.

Let's constantly be doers of the Word and continually enjoy the blessings and benefits of our New Covenant.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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