

10 PILLARS OF A PROSPEROUS LIFE

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Prosperity is not based on what we possess but on who we are inside, or who we are spiritually. God wants us to be prosperous in health, finances and spirit (3Jn.1:2). Wealth is a blessing from God toward those who are faithful to His words. If we obey God's commands, prosperity will be upon us.

1. True prosperity defined in the Bible:

Prosperity is not determined by a lack of hard times but by how we handle tough situations. If we obey the Lord and keep all His commands faithfully, God will make us greater than any other nation on earth (Deut.28, Jn. 10:10). We will not lack anything we need (Psalm 23).

2. Warning to those desiring to get rich:

Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation (1Tim.6:10). Let us have contentment with the blessings that God provides.

3. Instructions to the rich:

Command those who are rich not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth... but to put their hope in God who richly provides us with everything (1Tim.6:17). Let us use the material blessings we receive from God to give to others.

4. Abundance, Blessing and Prosperity in the Bible

The Lord was with Joseph, a successful man of integrity and obedience, who was sold as slave in Egypt in Potiphar's house. Joseph's commitment to God was the basis for his loyalty for his master. The Lord prospered all that he did.

5. The Bible for success:

Recite and meditate day and night, that we observe and do everything that is written in it. Then we will be prosperous and successful (Josh.1:8). Joshua accepted the challenge to lead God's people to the Promised Land. He followed faithfully all that the Lord commanded Moses.. Similarly, we must commit ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually to fulfil the tasks left to us and provide leadership for the next generation.

6. Religious Persecution seen as Prosperity:

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 (Luke6:22). Job was a righteous man, yet the Lord allowed Satan to test his devotion by taking away his flock, his wealth, his family, and even his health (Job13-19). Yet, he did not question God, but accepted His sovereignty. The Lord restored his material possessions. Like Job, let us trust God through everything and submit to him.

7. Divine Prosperity without pain:

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth without painful toil in it (Prov.10:22). Let us remain under the Lordship of Jesus, who owns everything.

8. Ten (10) Pillars of Prosperous Life:

8.1. Priority (Prov.3:1-4). Set your priority according to God's word.

8.2. Reliance (Prov.5-6). Rely on the wisdom and power of God and not on your own understanding.

8.3. Obedience (Jn.15:14). Obey God's word and not your own will and desires.

8.4. Sowing (Prov. 3:9-10). Acknowledge God's ownership of everything by giving back what is due to Him and be generous also with other people.

8.5. Pliability (Prov.3:11-12). Be teachable! Do not reject the Lord's discipline.

8.6. Education (Prov.3:21-24). Take divine wisdom by diligent study of God's word.

8.7. Risk Taking (Prov.3:25). Do not be afraid to take the step of faith. Take your confidence in the power of God.

8.8. Open-handedness (Prov.3:27-28). Practice compassion with the less fortunate people.

8.9. Unity (Prov.3:29). Be at peace with all people.

8.10. Satisfaction. (Prov.3:31-32) Be satisfied with what you have and be thankful.

CONCLUSION:

"Prosperity" is the condition of enjoying wealth, success or good fortune. It does not mean increase in material wealth only but also growth in spiritual qualities that enables us to be in good standing with God and men.

REFLECTION: What plan will you take to attain prosperity and spiritual growth for your family?

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