

Money Matters – 2

“The Prosperous Man”

Psalm 1:1-4 (NLT)

God’s prosperity is wholeness

- “Whatsoever he does shall prosper”
- “Wherever he goes, success pursues him”
- “Everything he touches is blessed”

[TWO EXTREMES CONCERNING PROSPERITY]

A- Poverty and holiness are synonymous

B- Wealth and riches equate to great faith

A. Poverty and holiness are synonymous

“poverty is somehow virtuous” (vows of poverty)

“money is the root of all evil” (NO! Love of...)

1- An honest approach to scripture refutes this school of thought

2- It is intellectually dishonest to teach God wills poverty

Example: Job- Job 1:3 & 10 (ref)

Abraham- Genesis 13:2 / Genesis 14:23 (ref)

Isaac- Genesis 26:12-16 (ref)

Jacob- Genesis 30:41-43 (ref)

Joseph-Genesis 39:2 (ref)

David / Solomon

Psalm 35:27 (ref)

Deuteronomy 8:18 (ref)

III John 2 (ref)

B. Material wealth equals great faith

(a man’s faith is measured by his wealth)

I Timothy 6:4-6 (ref)

verse 6...men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth who suppose that godliness is a means of great gain, from such withdraw thyself.

- God is just another money market
- Get rich scheme
- Give just to get

NO! We give to get to give again!

II Corinthians 9:7 & 8 (NLT)

Give to get to give to every good work
give cheerfully / we get our needs met / to now help others

[NEW THINKING]

A. III John 2-4 (NKJV)

“ABOVE ALL THINGS”

“EVEN AS OUR SOUL PROSPERS”

PROSPER (Strong's 2137)

- To succeed in reaching (goals and dreams)
- To succeed in business affairs (Abraham / Isaac...businessmen)
- To promote
- To help on the road (on our journey we help others)

B. II Corinthians 8: 8 & 9 (NKJV)

Prosperity is a part of the cross (The atonement)

Jesus died to bless us and make us a blessing

*To preach against prosperity is to preach against the cross

(I'm not talking about addressing dangers and temptations)

Proverbs 11:1 (ref)

C. King Uzziah II Chronicles 26:3-5 (NLT) (ref depending on time-MEDIA NOTE)

“as long as he sought the Lord; God made him to prosper”

[TAKE AWAY]

#1 God wills our prosperity

#2 With prosperity comes responsibility
(stewardship and guarding our hearts)

#3 Matthew 6:33 seek the Kingdom first