

God's View of Prosperity

1. God owns everything and we "own" nothing.

^{ESV} **Deuteronomy 10:14** Behold, ^ato the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, ^bthe earth with all that is in it.

^{ESV} **Haggai 2:8** ^aThe silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24:1 *A Psalm of David.* ^aThe earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, ¹the world and those who dwell therein,

2. The ability to get wealth comes from him.

Deuteronomy 8:17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

Isaiah 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.

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.

3. God's blessings carry no sorrow with them.

Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

1 Timothy 6:7-10 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

4. Real prosperity results from fear of the Lord and seeking him with all our heart.

Proverbs 22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Psalm 112:1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Psalm 112:2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Psalm 112:3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

5. Prosper means to accomplish satisfactorily what is intended, to have success.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 1:3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

Proverbs 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Proverbs 8:18 Riches and honour *are* with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness (about wisdom)

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Person	Verses	How to Prosper	In what area
Abraham's servant	Genesis 24:21, 40-42		
Joseph	Gen 39:2-4, 23		
Joshua	Josh 1:8		
Samson	Judges 14:6, 19, 15:14 "came mightily"		
Saul	I Sam 10:6, 10 "came on"		
Solomon	I Chron 22:11-13; 29:23, 2 Chron 7:11		
Asa	2 Chron 14:7		
Jehoshaphat	2 Chron 20:20		
Uzziah	2 Chron 24:20; 26:5		
Hezekiah	2 Chron 31:21; 32:30		
Nehemiah	Nehemiah 1:11; 2:20		
Ezra	Ezra 5:8,, 6:14		
Daniel	Daniel 3:30, 6:28		

What are some needs in your life? How does the pattern of giving relate to this? What can you do to start seeing grace in this area?

What is the difference between need met and prosperity? What are the principles of God's view of prosperity? How can I apply them in my life?

Seek God first, meditate on Word, "grace giving"

Study Joshua 1:8 and story of Hezekiah from Enriched in Everything

Bring up examples of abundance and abounding: purpose is thankfulness