

“The Blessing Of God” Part 1

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Over the last ten weeks we’ve studied God’s Word to see the crossroads that The Church and our country is at. Regardless of who is elected President, governor, or laws that are passed, we still need to do what is right or righteous. It matters how we vote and the decisions that we make so we can continue to walk in God’s blessing. By choosing to do what is right or life, we are choosing God’s Blessing and He said , “it will overtake us”.

During this series we are going to look at how to walk in that blessing in the midst of chaos. There is a blessing or God’s favor that comes upon us that enables us through the power of the Holy Spirit to do God’s Plan as we live according to His Word.

Proverbs 10:22 King James Version

22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22 Amplified Bible

*22 The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does **toiling** increase it].*

Rich in all areas of your life: relationships, health, finances

Rich defined: plentiful; abundant; plentiful, abundant, copious, ample, liberal, generous, bountiful; more than enough.

But, there is a counterfeit to “rich” as the Word of God defines rich. This is what the world thinks...

Psalm 73:12 King James Version

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. (money only)

Psalm 73:12 Amplified Bible

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who always prosper and are at ease in the world; they increase in riches (money only).

They, (the ungodly) are thriving in the world (Babylonian commerce way of doing things) not in God’s Kingdom. Our (Christian) prosperity or riches do not come from the world but from the Blessing of the Lord.

The world means, the Babylonian Commerce way of doing things. Below are some of their (world’s or natural mans) ideas or ways of doing things:

- It’s all for them
- The sinful way
- The dishonest way
- The easy way - the quick buck
- They have the better way to raise your kids
- Several ways to God
- Redefine marriage
- Separation of Church and State

Anytime you hear, see, think or are tempted to do something, ask yourself, what does the Word say? What did Jesus do?

God's Word says that "it's the blessing that maketh rich" – not the world. Meaning doing what is right or righteous regardless of what you think the outcome might be in the temporal versus the world's way of doing things.

Proverbs 14:12 King James Version

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 14:12 Amplified Bible

12 There is a way which seems right to a man and appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death.

Jeremiah 6:16 King James Version

16 Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Jeremiah 6:16 Amplified Bible

16 Thus says the Lord: Stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is; then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it!

If you are outside of “the blessing” in anything, spirit, soul, body, finances, family – sorrow will be added to you. If you are just trying to add to yourself and not to the Kingdom of God, you’ve got sorrow being added to you.

How many of you have ever stepped out of the blessing just for a little bit? – What happens – bad choices? Sorrow?

I don’t know about you but I’ve had all the sorrow I want. So I better figure out God’s will so I walk in the blessing, I have to study God’s Word.

Joshua 1:8 King James Version

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 Amplified Bible

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good [a]success.

What does it mean to be “Prospering In God” ?

What does it mean to “be rich” from being blessed?

3 John 2 King James Version

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

3 John 2 Amplified Bible

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.

There are **three kinds of blessings** mentioned here in this passage but not limited to this passage:

1. Material prosperity
2. Bodily healing and health
3. Soul/salvation

So, what does God's Word have to say on how He views a prosperous person. This description starts all the way back in the Old Covenant or Old Testament of God's view of a prosperous person or people who prospered in God.

Psalms 112:1-10 King James Version

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

Two qualifications of a blessed man:

1. Fear of God also in verse 10 of chapter 111
2. Great delight keeping the commandments

Psalms 112:2 King James Version

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

If you are prosperous in God your children should be as well. Because you aren't going to keep it all for yourself. But when the world tries to hand it down, all the kids fight over it and the lawyers get involved. Greed overtakes the natural man.

Psalms 112:3 King James Version

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth forever.

Notice wealth and riches are viewed differently. ***The blessing of the Lord maketh rich*** and he will have wealth. Enough for his assignment plus... This is what happened in the story of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes when Jesus fed the five thousand, it said that there was plenty left over.

The world, and even the church, too often think that the Christian ***should be poor*** – yet the Bible says you will prosper when you're blessed as your soul prospers.

What does poor mean?

- o hapless: deserving pity; "a hapless victim having little money or few possessions";
- o lacking in specific resources, qualities or substances;
- o inadequate: not sufficient to meet a need; "an inadequate income"; "a poor salary"; "money is short";

Psalms 112:4 King James Version

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

You can't keep this Blessed Man in the dark. In 2 Kings 6:12 it says Elisha was telling the King of Israel words that were spoken in the bed chamber of the King of Syria. Upright, gracious, full of compassion and righteous are all apart of what God says is rich/prosperous.

Psalms 112:5 King James Version

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Sheweth favour (in the Hebrew):

- o grace
- o favor
- o quick to give.

Discretion:

- o knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress; "the servants showed great tact and discretion"
- o delicacy: refined taste; tact
- o free will: the power of making free choices unconstrained by external forces
- o the trait of judging wisely and objectively; "a man of discernment"

Psalms 112:6 King James Version

6 Surely he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

You can't be moved – nothing moves you from the faith.

Psalms 112:7-8 King James Version

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

When you start listening to what everyone else is saying, that's when fear starts creeping in.

- o What if gas goes up to \$8 a gallon...
- o Our jobs are in jeopardy...
- o What are we going to do if this happens or that happens...
- o I don't think that's what they meant...
- o What if so and so gets into office...
- o What about our retirement...

That's when people start to quit. As far as I know, there's no award or trophy given to a quitter. There's no banquet for honoring "this year's best quitter". The Scripture says don't lose faith when going through trials (because you will face them).

Read the Word to pump yourself up full of faith everyday. Jesus said in Scripture to cloak or clothe yourselves or wait to be endowed with power before you leave the house.

Luke 24:49 King James Version

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endowed with power from on high.

Luke 24:49 Amplified Bible

49 And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high.

Whatever you're going through compared to what eternity will be like isn't worth throwing it all away for a problem that won't last long. So, see past the problem, know that GOD will provide and see you through and start 'Living Victorious' even through the trouble because you know (by faith) that it won't last long.

God said don't you worry about what anyone is doing to you or saying about you because vengeance is mine...

Romans 12:19 Amplified Bible

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God's] wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord.

Romans 12:19 King James Version

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Jesus told us in the Gospels to build on a strong foundation for it wasn't the flood that did the house in – it was the poor foundation –that's why verse 8 says "he shall not be afraid".

Psalms 112:8 King James Version

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

Who cares what people are saying about you? I don't have to answer to them I answer to God.

Romans 12:14 King James Version

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Romans 12:14 Amplified Bible

14 Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them.

If you're out in the world toiling for a living trying to make it like everyone else is making it – you will be filled with sorrow. That's when fear kicks in!

1 Peter 5:6-7 King James Version

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7 Amplified Bible

6 Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you,

7 Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

Humbling yourself doesn't mean "do whatever you want to me world, I'm just a humble little man". No, it says under the mighty hand of God so that He may lift you up when it's time.

What does "care" mean ?

1. Worry
2. Unbelief
3. Fear
4. Doubt

Fear or cares chokes out the Word of God!

I used to care what people thought of me and that's why I was just like them. Now I don't care. So now I don't worry – because I don't care, I can't tell you how much I don't care!

Psalms 112:9-10 King James Version

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

He has given to the poor and why does his righteousness endure forever? Because it's based in the Word. It's not based in the world, it's not based on what the government can do for me, it's not what anyone else can do for me.

Don't seek what you're going to wear tomorrow or where you're going to live like the gentiles do (the ungodly)— that's all they do and they get sorrow.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:33...

Matthew 6:33 King James Version

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

Matthew 6:33 Amplified Bible

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

So, you and I, followers of Jesus Christ, in Word and deed are to “Seek ye first the kingdom”.

Even when it doesn't feel right or look right to the world or even our natural man. Always do it God's way, when you and I do it His way we won't have any sorrow added to it. When you do it God's way or the righteous way, you will become stronger and stronger. You are increasing your faith.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 King James Version

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Amplified Bible

13 Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak,

14 Assured that He Who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also with Jesus and bring us [along] with you into His presence.

15 For all [these] things are [taking place] for your sake, so that the more grace (divine favor and spiritual blessing) extends to more and more people and multiplies through the many, the more thanksgiving may increase [and redound] to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

17 For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],

18 Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting.

When you wake up say, “I am blessed”, because you know who’s on your side.

1 John 4:4 King James Version

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4 Amplified Bible

4 Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.

