

Prosperity: God Sets the Level

Introduction:

- I believe there are abuses within some Prosperity Preaching... at least that is what I am told.
- But, we have allowed so-called purists to take away this TRULY BIBLICAL TEACHING
- Most people feel guilty or less noble or even down-right unscriptural to believe for Provision and Prosperity.
- Jesus talked about money. One sixth of the Gospels, and one third of the parables address the subject of stewardship. Jesus dealt with money matters because money matters. He had more to say about finances and material possessions than baptism, prayer, faith, and love. According to Howard Dayton of Crown Financial Ministries, there are 2,350 verses in the Bible on money and material possessions.

What are Biblical truths we need to know to experience supernatural provision?

There are five truths in Philippians 4:19 to experience supernatural provision.

I. The Door - And

- Giving is ONE of the prerequisites for Divine Provision; faith, integrity, hard work, wise spending, right occupation are others.
- Previous verses are about giving.
- Galatians 6:6-8 - Giving causes the reaping.
- II Corinthians 9:5-8 - Giving, there is that reaping again. Money is the seed.
- The giving of your time, talent, and treasure connects you to provision. What does your giving life look like?

II. The Source - My God

- Provision and prosperity are GOD'S IDEA: for some reason THE RELIGIOUS don't like it.
- III John 2 - Wish above all things: Succeed in business affairs, be in health, as growing God.
- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 1:2-3
- II Chronicles 26:5
- Do you believe God wants you to prosper? Decide to believe that prosperity is God's idea.

III. The Need - Shall supply all your need.

- The Philippians church was in great need but was faithful in giving!
- Supply - to fill, to make full, to make up a deficiency, or to supply completely and totally. It gives the idea of filling something so totally and completely that it has no more capacity to hold anything else because it is already absolutely full. If this Greek word pleroo was used to depict a glass of water, it would mean that the glass is filled to the brim with water and is even overflowing, with no room for even one more drop of water. That glass of water is completely filled, packed full, overflowing, and spilling over!
- Need - The Greek word for "needs" in this verse absolutely and emphatically includes your physical and tangible needs, wants, and desires!
 - He knows - Psalm 103:13-14 & Matthew 6:32
 - Desires to meet it - Matthew 6:33
- Are you asking God to meet your needs? God wants to meet your needs.

IV. The Level - According to His riches and glory

- The level of provision is NOT OUR NEED, but HIS RICHES AND GLORY!
- Psalm 23:5

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- Deuteronomy 6:10-12
- II Corinthians 9:8
- God is not afraid of excess in your life.

V. **The Connection - By Christ Jesus**

- Using the title "Christ Jesus", it is Covenant language.
- Deuteronomy 8:18
- Galatians 3:13-14
- II Corinthians 8:9 - the entire chapter is dealing about money; suddenly because we don't like "rich", we are going to make it spiritual.
- Your surrendered life to Jesus Christ puts you in a covenant relationship with God which includes provision.

Conclusion:

- Rick Renner a classical Greek scholar translates this verse: "But my God will supply your needs so completely that He will eliminate all your deficiencies; He will meet all your physical and tangible needs until you are so full, you have no more capacity to hold anything else. He will supply all your needs until you are totally filled, packed full, and overflowing to the point of bursting at the seams and spilling over!"
- Look at your giving (time, talent, treasure).
- Ask God to abundantly supply your needs.
- Release your faith for prosperity through what you pray and what you say.
- Stay connected to Christ Jesus.

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[Gal 6:6-8 NASB] 6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches [him.] 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

[2Co 9:5-8 NASB] 5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, so that the same would be ready as a bountiful gift and not affected by covetousness. 6 Now this [I say,] he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one [must do] just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

[Jos 1:8 NASB] 8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

[Psa 1:2-3 NASB] 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree [firmly] planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

[2Ch 26:5 NASB] 5 He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

[Psa 103:13-14 NASB] 13 Just as a father has compassion on [his] children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. 14 For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are [but] dust.

[Mat 6:32-33 NASB] 32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

[Psa 23:5 NASB] 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

[Deu 6:10-12 NASB] 10 "Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, 12 then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

[Deu 8:18 NASB] 18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as [it is] this day.

[Gal 3:13-14 NASB] 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"-- 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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[2Co 8:9 NASB] 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.