The Message Of Prosperity

Text:  III John vs.#2 - "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Deut.28: 1-14.  These verses clearly state that "if" one obeys God's commands, He will bless them abundantly.

Remember:  Matt. 6:33 / John 15:7

God told Abraham in Genesis 12:2 - "I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing."

See:  Gal. 3:29 / Ro. 4:23 & 24

We are blessed to be a blessing! How far do we take this Abrahamic covenant blessing? Does God want us to have several million dollar homes and many luxury cars?

Is it a sin for parishoners and ministers to live lavishly?  We will deal with this subject and see what God's Word says.

God definately wants to bless and prosper us. It is for God's glory that we do prosper.

Debt, bankruptcy and bad credit never brings glory to God!

Genesis 8:18 reminds us that "...it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day."

Our blessings come from God, so we can bless others and bring glory to Him.

Tithing (See: Malachi 3:10 & 11), is prereqisite for us to be in the position for the blessings from God.

We'll deal with this subject of tithing (in detail), on another sermon. Just remember that tithing
is the foundation (like a house foundation) that our giving and blessings are built upon. When we tithe (10% of our gross income), God sees our faith and faithfulness. God rebukes the devourer (satan) for us. Of course, God expects us to be good savers, stewards, investors and managers of the 90% He's entrusted in our hands.

How much is too much for us to hoard? It's not for us to judge other christians (in the pulpit or the pew). See: Matt. 7:1-5.

It is scriptural for us to judge ourselves. We need to always be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and the needs of others around us.

Phil. 4:11-13. God doesn't want us broke, busted, or disgusted.

Our contentment should always be in God and not our material possessions. We should be happy serving God and others.

See: Heb. 13:5 - "...be content with such things as ye have..."

God is not against christians owning a beautiful home, cars and even an airplane. But EXCESS in any material possession, is a factor we should consider. God is a God of BALANCE! Blessings glorify God. Excess and outlandish display of material items can bring a reproach upon us that turns the world off from God.

The unsaved learns to distrust ministers and parishoners who spend, spend, spend and beg, beg, beg!

The opposite is true, as well. Poverty, sickness and utter despair among believers brings a disgrace and is repulsive to the sinner. Again, it's balance.

Phil. 4:5 - "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."
Il Peter 1:6 speaks on temperance.

We often think of lust in a sexual way or desire. Many christians have fallen into diver's sins because of lusting after material things. It's not always in the sexual way, for it to be a lust issue. The definition of lust is: "to feel an intense desire."


Is it wrong (or a sin) to have multiple million dollar homes and luxurious cars? Nowhere in the Bible does it say it's a sin. But the lust and love in excess of these and other material possessions could be. Money is not a sin. It's the love of money that is.

There are poor people lusting after riches, it's not just the wealthy. God sees the heart. See: I Sam. 16:7.

I Tim. 6: 6-12.

I Tim. 6:10 - "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."

Here is the "key" in verse #10 ..."while some have coveted after, they have erred from the faith..."

Guard covetousness whether rich or poor. God wants to bless and prosper us. It should be our desire to get out of debt so we can live a blessed and prosperous life. It is not for excess that we should allow ourselves to be "prosperous."

What is excess?

Webster's dictionary says it so well. "Action that goes beyond a reasonable limit."
"An amount greater than is necessary."
Remember, we are blessed to be a blessing! God will not take you to another level of prosperity until you prove your faithfulness in your giving at this time.

Don't wait until you have more,
Give more with what you have now.

God won't let go of what's in His hands until you let go of what's in your hands.

If you can't give when you have little, you won't give when you have much.

Luke 16:10 - "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much."

Will you be faithful with what God has entrusted to you? Are you willing to be a blessing to others?

See: Luke 6: 38 / Ecc. 11:1

Read: II Cor. 9:6-11.

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