

GOD'S THREE LAWS OF PROSPERITY

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

(3 JOHN 1:2)

God's three laws of prosperity stand as immutable as the laws of nature. Each key to spiritual and material success is contained in the pages of God's Holy Word. It is the will of your heavenly father that you PROSPER and be in health. Christ has come to give us more ABUNDANT LIFE. There is no need for you to become a victim of circumstances, forced to drift with the current of opposition. You can apply God's eternal laws of success to the spiritual, domestic and financial areas of your life with assured prosperity. If you fail to heed and apply these laws of God, you are bound to inevitable failure. Remember, success is not always measured in dollars and cents.

THE LAW OF DEFINITENESS OF PURPOSE

As shown by a survey of more than thirty-five thousand persons, 98% of all people have no definite purpose to life other than the vain compulsion to sustain comfortable existence. Think of it! 98% of the people of the world are drifting aimlessly through life, with no idea of the work to which they have been called or fitted. If you set no goals, it is improbable that you will arrive at any achievement.

Most people are selfish in their desires and therefore bound to unhappiness. There must be direction and purpose in your life! You must have an UNSELFISH REASON to justify your existence. You cannot succeed while applying a “hit or miss” attitude. Every effort, word and investment must go toward the fulfilment of your goal. A definite purpose is the starting point of all achievement. It provides eight great incentives.

1. It develops self-reliance and self-discipline.
2. It encourages you to specialise in your field.
3. It inspires budgeting of time and money.
4. It alerts the mind to ideas and opportunities.
5. It develops the capacity to reach decisions.
6. It inspires the co-operation of others.
7. It prepares the mind for faith in God.
8. It provides a positive attitude, freeing the mind from doubts and fears.

As a Christian your first purpose in life is to please and glorify Christ. As David, you must be able to say *“ONE thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after.”* (PSALM 27:4) David had only one supreme desire and this he pursued with all his might. To dwell in the presence of the Lord and to behold His beauty was the thirst of his soul. To please God was all he lived for. He could truly say, *“As the hart [deer] panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.”* (PSALM 42:1)

To insure a happy and useful life, it must revolve around the person of the Lord Jesus. Love for and inspired by Him, is your greatest incentive for prosperity. Let Christ become the hub and centre of all your aims and desires, and the spokes will extend into the areas of your work, home and church. *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”* (MAT 6:33) After Christ is made your head and partner, all decisions are inspired by His spirit. You are always confident, you cannot fail. *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* (ROM 8:31) You never act independently of His Spirit. He dwells within us and *“it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”* (PHIL 2:13) You seek only the glory of God, therefore, your mind is prepared to hear the words and counsels of God. You do not fear, *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”* (2 TIM 1:7) You become steady in adversities; the storm that moves other hearts to fear is but a challenge to the peace of God within you. When Christ is in the boat no wind can ruffle you, for Christ abides within. As your Lord and Guide, He is interested in everything you do, and you are always careful to please Him in every decision. With each motive inspired by the desire to please Christ, you become unselfish and humble. You attract love to you; people love your company and draw upon your faith and confidence. Your home is happy because it is centred in Christ. Now He leads you to find the goal and purpose of your life. The greatest force in all the universe is working with you to accomplish the purpose for which you came into being. You have achieved the first step towards success, definiteness of purpose.

THE LAW OF ECONOMY

Now that you have chosen your goal and purpose in life, nothing must be done except that which will further this purpose. This law affects your money, time and words. You must discipline and budget these natural resources in each department of your life. Your spending plays a very important part of this role of success. Most people waste far more than they actually need. If you learn not to waste time, words or money, you have almost overcome all obstacles in your path to prosperity. Always consult that inner voice of the Spirit before you spend. Remember you are a steward of His goods.

The law of economy affects your words. Idle words breed sin and will ultimately cause you to lose the respect of others. Be more quick to listen than to speak. *“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”* (COL 4:6) Your words must be chosen for the purpose of edifying. Idle chatter and gossip can be disastrous. Let your conversation be inspired by the love of God so that it may minister grace to the hearers. Let the treasures of wisdom be on your lips so that men will want to hear your words and cherish your counsel. Speak sparingly and always with a purpose. Time, words and money are your three greatest assets in this path toward prosperity.

THE LAW OF GENEROSITY

“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.”

(PROVERBS 11:24)

Your attitude concerning giving is of the utmost importance. The law of generosity does not conflict in any way with the law of economy. All giving must be for the advancement of your purpose in life to glorify Christ and for the upbuilding of His Kingdom. Your ultimate success must be for the glory of God and the winning of lost souls. It is an undeniable fact, that without sowing there can be no reaping. *“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”* (GAL 6:7) True riches are always produced by a generous and sacrificial life. All of the riches that we enjoy today have been sown in sacrifice and tears by someone, sometime. Our greatest treasure of eternal life came through the sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus.

“He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 9:6)

Your giving must be sown, not wasted. It must be invested, not merely given with a generous spirit. It is an unfruitful fact that, *“with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.”* (LUKE 6:38b) When giving will benefit the cause of Christ and further your aspired goal, give unselfishly. The more you give or invest wisely, the more benefits you will reap. *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and RUNNING OVER, shall men give into your bosom.”* (LUKE 6:38a) You cannot outgive God. A miserly attitude will result in poverty in every aspect of life. Give and invest generously in the purpose of your life. Never seek something for nothing, but give amply for what remuneration you receive.

Your generosity must include God's work, your home, your business and the poor. Don't forget, “He that hath pity upon the poor leandeth unto the Lord,” and God always pays high dividends. This includes not only the financially poor, but those that are poverty stricken without the bread of life. In investing in the work of God remember to invest wisely. The storehouse spoken of in Joel, is a kingdom of God from which we all are fed. God has only one source of supply and from that He supplies all our needs. It behoves us to give where it is most needed and where it will do the most good. Unwise and selfish giving has greatly hindered the purpose of God in bringing the Gospel to every creature. Not all religious giving is pleasing unto God. The Lord wills that the bread of life be distributed evenly and justly to all that hunger and thirst after righteousness.

THE CHALLENGE OF MISSIONS

Approximately 9% of the population of the world speak English. Approximately 96% of all church giving is consumed upon 9% that speak English, while only 4% of Christian giving reaches a massive 91% of the population of the world! How unwisely we have invested! How foolish we have been to pour millions of dollars into expensive church buildings when God is interested in the message! Many are fooled into thinking they are giving to the Lord when in reality they are merely giving to satisfy a selfish desire for a beautiful church or comfortable accommodations. Give wisely where most needed to receive the most from every dollar invested. Many thousands of dollars are invested in each soul in

most of our churches today. On most foreign fields, a very small amount is needed to win and house one soul. I believe we should continue to grow and expand our building program here in the United States. I would have it borne in mind, however, that the church is to house people, not to keep abreast of the architectural designers. 120,000 souls are perishing every day without ever hearing of Christ because of the selfishness and unwise giving of the Christian world. The communists are investing wisely in revolution and terror. Can we not use this lesson to bring the Gospel in every nation, tribe and tongue? Give unselfishly to foreign missions, and in reaching toe lost in the least possible time. Choose the channel of your giving as you would evaluate any property for investment. Be sure your giving will win many souls and so bring back the king. This is the heartbeat of the eternal father! Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice until all have heard it once? What percent of your giving goes to the heathen?

God wills your physical, spiritual and financial prosperity. Use your talents, time, words, and money wisely. They are God's gift to YOU. You are God's steward of these worldly goods. God's immutable laws insure you lasting and eternal rewards! Amen.