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 True prosperity is wholeness in our entire spirit, soul and body.

 True prosperity is wholeness in every area of our lives.



<sup>2</sup>"But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night."



#### Psalm 1:2-3 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup>"They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do."



 God's perspective of prosperity is wholeness and fruitfulness in every area of our lives.

Because His Life and His Presence is in us.

- The Treasures of Your Heart
- The Value of Giving
- The Value of Believing
- The Value of Stewardship
- The Value of Work

#### 2. The Value of Giving

- Tithing
- Offerings
- Alms

#### Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup>"For by grace you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."



#### Romans 1:16 (KJV)

16"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."



## GRACE IS NOT AUTOMATIC! WE MUST TRUST HIM!

## IF GRACE WAS AUTOMATIC WE WOULD ALL BETHE SAME!

## THERE ARE NO FLAWS WITH THE GRACE OF GOD

## GRACE MUST BE ACTIVATED BY FAITH

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HIS GRACE IS THE SOURCE NOT OUR FAITH

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#### 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup>"And God is <u>able</u> to make **all grace abound toward you**, that you always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."



## HE MAKES ALL GRACE ABOUND) TOWARD YOU

## HIS GRACE SUPPLIES AND MULTIPLIES THE SEED WE HAVE

SOWN

#### Matthew 4:4 (KJV)

4"But He answered and said, 'It is written, "Man shall not <u>live</u> by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.""





<sup>17</sup>"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ."



### YOU CANNOT HAVE FAITH INDEPENDENT OF GOD'S WORD

YOU CANNOT HAVE FAITH INDEPENDENT OF REVELATION OF HIS GRACE

## WE LIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD!

## THE JUST WILL LIVE BY HIS FAITH!

# EVERYTHING JESUS DID, HE DID BY THE WORD OF GOD

**GIVING** IS AN ACT OF IN HIS WORD

## GIVING IS AN ACT OF HONOR

## **GIVING** IS AN ACT OF MCBBHP & THANKSGIVING

**GOD IS** 

## HONORED & WORSHIPPED

WHEN WE TRUST HIS WORD

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### WE TAKE THE

## LIMITS OFF GOD

WHEN WE TRUST HIS WORD

# IS AN ACT OF WALLS OF

(Perpetually Increasing Harvest)

#### 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NKJV)

10"Now may He Who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness."



## OUR TITHE IS THE FIRSTFRUIT

## SEED

OF AN ENDLESS CYCLE OF INCREASE

### HE SUPPLIES US SEED TO MULTIPLY **OUR INCREASE**

THE SEED OF GRACE CARRIES WITHIN ITSELF A HARVEST OF

## INFINITE POTENTIAL

### HE HAS GIVEN US POWER TO GET WEALTH

## TO ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT

#### Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup>"Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase:"



#### Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup>"So your **barns** will be filled with plenty, and your **vats** will overflow with new wine."



WE GIVE BY

## 

ACCORDING TO HIS WORD

# IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASES GOD

Hebrews 11:6

#### Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>"BY FAITH Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of the gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks."



### FAITH

WAS THE INGREDIENT
THAT MADE ABEL'S GIFT
MORE EXCELLENT

ABEL OPERATED IN

## FAITH

WHERE DID HIS FAITH REGARDING OFFERINGS COME FROM?

## CAIN AND ABLE WERE ACCUSTOMED TO HEARING

GOD'S VOICE

### HOW COULD CAIN

### DO WELL

UNLESS HE KNEW WHAT WELL WAS?

## CAIN WANTED GOD'S APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE

- Cain was not...
  - A God-hater
  - An atheist

CAIN BELIEVED IN GOD
BUT WANTED
TO COME TO GOD IN

### HIS OWN WAY

AND STILL BE ACCEPTED

## WE CANNOT COME TO GOD ON OUR OWN TERMS

Self Righteousness

# A HEART OF FAITH WILL NOT REFUSE

TO DO WHAT GOD HAS TAUGHT

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#### John 6:63 (KJV)

<sup>63</sup>"It is the **Spirit Who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing. The words I speak to you are **spirit and life**."



#### Galatians 5:16 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup>"I say then, walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."



## THE JUST WILL LIVE BY HIS FAITH!

### THERE IS A RIGHT AND WRONG WAY TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

## CAIN'S HEART WAS NOT RIGHT W/ GOD

BUT HE WANTED TO BE ACCEPTED ANYWAYS

### CAIN'S HEART WAS THE PROBLEM NOT HIS GIFT

God is <u>not</u> after your finances...

## GODIS AFTER YOUR HEART!

### 1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)

7"But the Lord said to Samuel, '...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."



# GOD REJECTED CAIN'S OFFERING BECAUSE IT WAS NOT OFFERED IN

FAITH

### BUT GOD NEVER REJECTED CAIN

#### Malachi 3:6 (KJV)

6"'For I am the Lord, I do not change: Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

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### ANYTHING THAT IS NOT OF FAITH ISSIN

#### Jude 1:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup>"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."



### CONCERNING OUR SALVATION WE SHOULD BE

### EARNESTLY CONTENDING

FOR THE FAITH

#### Jude 1:4 (NKJV)

4"For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ."



COMMON ERR & HERESY CONTINUES TO TEACH:

### SINIS OK DUETO GRACE

#### Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>"For you brethren have been called to liberty; only **do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh**, but through love serve one another."



#### Jude 1:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup>"Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of **Cain**, have run greedily in the error of **Balaam** for profit, and perished in the <u>rebellion</u> of **Korah**."



#### • Jude 11: (Context: False Teachers)

— Cain: Murder (Defiance)

Balaam: Greed (For Hire)

– Korah: Rebellion

False Teaching:

"God's grace allows us to live immoral lives"

#### We teach...

- Unconditional love and grace!
- God accepts us as we are!
- God will not reject us!
- The Goodness of God!
- The full Gospel vs a 'prosperity gospel!'
- Sin is <u>still</u> dangerous!

- Like Cain you cannot:
  - Hate your brother without defiance
  - 1 John 3:15
  - 1 John 4:7-8, 20
  - Ephesians 4:29-32

- Like Balaam some teachers will compromise the Word of God for:
  - Money (for hire)
  - Fear of man!
  - Selfish gain

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### THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE & TEMPLE

His Presence Only Rests on Free-Will Offerings

#### Exodus 35:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>"Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord, gold, silver and bronze."



#### Exodus 35:21 (KJV)

21"And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments."



4"Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing,"



<sup>5</sup>"and they spoke to Moses, saying, 'The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do.'"



6"So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the entire camp, saying, 'Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary,' and the people were restrained from bringing,"

<sup>7</sup>"For the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much."



### THE OFFERING TO BUILD THE TABERNACLE

### WAS NOT LAW

"DON'T GIVE..."

## "...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO

### THE LORD'S HOUSE IS BUILT ON

## FREE-WILL OFFERINGS

#### HIS PRESENCE ONLY <u>RESTS</u> ON

# WHAT WE GIVE FREELY

They gave...

...Because they wanted to

...Until they gave too much

#### 1 Chronicles 29:2 (KJV)

<sup>2</sup>"Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron..."



#### 1 Chronicles 29:2 (KJV)

<sup>2</sup>"and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance."

#### 1 Chronicles 29:3 (KJV)

<sup>3</sup>"Moreover because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of my own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house."



- End of David's Life...
  - He wanted to build the Lord's Temple
  - He could <u>not</u> build it

### BUT HE COULD RAISE THE MONEY

#### 1 Samuel 22:2 (KJV)

<sup>2</sup>"And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, amd everyone that was discontented, gather themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and they were with him about four hundred men."



### David...

- Brought his own offering to the Lord
- Then his chief and might men brought their offering to the Lord

### Solomon...

 Did not have to raise money to build the Temple

# NO TAX NO COMMAND

The resources were already there

### 1 Chronicles 29:4 (NKJV)

4"Three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses."



### 1 Chronicles 29:6 (NKJV)

6"Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work **offered willingly**."

### FREE-WILL OFFERING

#### **King David:**

- Gold: \$4.7 Billion
- Silver: \$8.4 Million
- Other precious metals and stones

#### The People:

- Gold: \$7 Billion
- Silver: \$11 Million
- Other precious metals and stones

### 1 Chronicles 29:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup>"Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also rejoiced greatly."

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# FREE-WILL OFFERINGS

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### Proverbs 11:24-25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup>"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."



### Proverbs 11:24-25 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup>"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."



### Proverbs 13:7 (NKJV)

7"One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor yet has great wealth."



### Proverbs 21:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>"Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered."

### Proverbs 29:7 (NKJV)

7"A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge."



- New Covenant = New Priesthood
  - (OT) Levite Priesthood (Tribe of Levi)
    - Law: Took the Tithe

- (NT) Jesus our Great High Priest (Tribe of Judah)
  - Grace: Receive the Tithe

### MELCHIZEDEK

A New Covenant and Priesthood

GIVING IS A
BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF

BLESSING



