



Sermon Outline

Sunday, March 8th, 2020

Sermon Series: The Midas Touch: A Balanced Approach to Biblical Prosperity

Sermon: "**Perspectives 2.0**" – (God-given Clarity of Money, Possessions and Eternity)

Read 3 John 2 (NKJV); Psalm 35:27 (NKJV); Psalm 115:12 – 15 (NKJV) and John 10:10 (NLT)

- **GOD'S WILL FOR YOURS AND MY LIFE IS _____ NOT POVERTY, _____ NOT LACK, _____ NOT CURSES AND _____ AND NOT DECREASE!**
- Our Father God wills and wants each of us as His children to prosper in all things – spiritually, mentally, physically, relationally and financially.
- **GOD'S PLAN IS TO BRING _____ AND _____ INTO OUR LIVES.**
- **FOUR (4) IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES ABOUT INCREASE**
- **PRINCIPLE #1 – GOD GIVES YOU INCREASE SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE AN _____**
 - God looks at us and says, "I want to increase you so that you can make a difference for the betterment of My Kingdom."
 - The Lord gives us _____ so that we can play an important role in His work, not our own.
- **PRINCIPLE #2 – GOD GIVES YOU _____ SO YOU CAN DO _____**
 - God increases you because He wants you to be capable of handling more, so you can have an even greater _____ than ever before.
- **PRINCIPLE #3 – GOD GIVES YOU MORE SO YOU CAN DO MORE, NOT JUST SO YOU CAN HAVE MORE.**
 - Let's get even more specific. If your _____ isn't trending up, then your _____ isn't plateaued, flat lining, or just staying the same; it is trending down and you are declining in your GIVING.
 - When God gives you more resources, it's not so that you can _____ the same as always and keep the INCREASE for yourself.
- **PRINCIPLE #4 – GOD WILL DO WHAT YOU CAN'T, BUT HE WON'T DO WHAT YOU _____.**
Sometimes we want to push everything on God. But the Bible is clear on this. (1 Corinthians 3:6)

GOD'S GENIUS IDEA OF GENEROSITY LIVING AND GENEROUS GIVING

- **Proverbs 11:24 - 25 (NKJV)** – "24 There is one who scatters yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. 25 The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself."
 - **Generosity Point #1:** God didn't design _____, GIVING or SOWING for us to have less or decrease.
 - **Generosity Point #2:** _____ doesn't come from money you don't have, but from money you do have you shouldn't have.
 - **Generosity Point #3:** We must quit thinking about giving with only the _____ in mind but think and have the perspective of the _____ in mind.
- **Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV)** – "He who has a generous eye will be blessed for he gives of his bread to the poor."
 - **Generosity Point #4:** When you give _____ to the poor you will be enriched with blessings in return.

- **Acts 20:35 (NLT)** – “And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is **more blessed to give than to receive.**’”
 - **Generosity Point #5:** It is MORE _____ to give than to receive.
- **Read Isaiah 32:6 – 8 (NKJV)**
 - **Generosity Point #6:** _____ is always the main strategy out of lack, insufficiency and poverty.
- **Read 2 Corinthians 9:5 – 8 (NKJV)**
 - **Generosity Point #7:** We are encouraged by Scripture to both _____ and _____ our giving to be GENEROUS:
 - **Some notes:** (1) If your harvest doesn’t come in – check your PURPOSE. (2) If your harvest isn’t big enough to meet your need – check your PREPARATION.
 - **PURPOSE:** (1) To be a blessing; (2) To give cheerfully; (3) To give correctly – with the right heart measure and seed measure.
 - Sowing sparingly means to sow unwillingly – with an unwilling heart.

WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO PROSPER?

- **1st Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper – To Produce Enough Money to _____ For the Needs of Our Household: Read 1 Timothy 5:8 (NKJV)**
- **2nd Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper – To Possess Enough Money to Preach, Partner and Provide for the _____ Around the World: Read Romans 10:14 – 15 (NKJV)**
- **3rd Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper – So We Have Enough Money to Pay _____.** Unfortunately, even some Christians cheat and lie on their taxes. **Read Matthew 22:17 – 21**
 - We need to see that Jesus just told us two things in verse 21: (1) **We are to pay our taxes,** and (2) **We are to tithe.**
- **4th Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper – To Have Enough Money To Take Care of and Give Regularly to the _____.** **Read Proverbs 19:17 (NKJV); Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV) and Proverbs 28:27 (NKJV)**

WHAT ARE OUR PERSPECTIVES ABOUT MONEY, POSSESSIONS AND ETERNITY?

- Our _____ of money and possessions is a decisive statement of our eternal _____. **Read Matthew 6:19 – 24 (TPT)** The key to a right _____ of money and possessions is a right _____ – an eternal perspective. The everyday choices I make regarding money and possessions are of eternal consequence.
- **Some Bible Illustrations of What is God’s Perspective about Money:**
 - **Money and Salvation: 1st Good Example – Zacchaeus – (Luke 19:9). 2nd Good Example – Cornelius – (Acts 10:1 – 8). 3rd Bad Example – The Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19:16 – 30; Luke 18:18 – 30).**
 - **The Principle is timeless: There is a powerful relationship between our true spiritual condition and our attitude and actions concerning money and possessions.**
 - **John the Baptist preaching on Bearing the Fruit of Repentance: (Luke 3:7 – 14).**
 - **The Ephesians Occultists (Acts 19:18 – 20)**
 - **A Poor Woman and a Rich Man: Read Mark 12:43 – 44 (NKJV) and Luke 12:13 – 21 (NKJV)**
- The Story Money Tells us from the Biblical vantage point and God’s _____ is that the study of Zacchaeus, the rich young ruler, the poor widow, the rich fool, and many other Bible characters show us that our handling of money is a litmus test of our **true character. It’s an index of our spiritual life.** Our stewardship of our money and possessions becomes the story of our lives.
