



**TWCC Sermon Connection Handout
Sunday, March 1st, 2020**

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

Sermon: **“Perspectives”** – (Possessing the Righteous PERSPECTIVES as the Blessed of Lord and as God’s Steward)

3 John 2 (NKJV) – *“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”*

Psalm 35:27 (NKJV) – *“Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, “Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”*

Psalm 115:12 – 15 (NKJV) – *“¹² The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. ¹³ He will bless those who fear the LORD, Both small and great. ¹⁴ May the LORD give you increase more and more, you and your children. ¹⁵ May you be blessed by the LORD, Who, made heaven and earth.”*

John 10:10 (NLT) - *“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”*

- **GOD’S WILL FOR YOURS AND MY LIFE IS _____ NOT POVERTY, _____ NOT LACK, _____ NOT CURSES AND _____ AND NOT DECREASE!**
- We see God’s Will identified in these verses. He, through John, is **PRAYING** that we _____ in all things; and through the Psalmist, that He takes _____ in our **PROSPERING** and _____ us and **INCREASING** us more and more; and through the lips of our Lord Jesus He conveys to us His _____ and intention in coming to earth to **PROSPER** us – the fact that He was sent to **BLESS** us. **Acts 3:26 (NIV)** – *“When God raised up his servant, He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”*
- Our Father God wills and wants each of us as His children to prosper in all things – spiritually, mentally, physically, relationally and financially.
- I ask you to approach this new Series with an open heart, an open mind and an open hand to clearly see and glean a fresh Biblically balanced _____ of:
 - (1) God’s Will and Plan for your Prosperity! (**3 John 2; Psalms 35:27**)
 - (2) Our Father God is more than enough and our All-Sufficient God Who supplies us and nourishes us with all that we need in abundance and in overflowing proportions!
 - (3) The Scriptural Truth is That You are Blessed to be a Blessing! **Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV)** – *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” – IN CHRIST WE ARE _____!*
 - **Galatians 3:9, 13-14 (NKJV)** – *“⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. ¹³ Christ has 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 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”*
 - By Faith Abraham’s _____ are ours!
 - **Blessing Facts: BLESSING OF THE LORD** = (1) The Covenant of God that Overrides the Curse, (2) The Anointing of God through which Divine Favor Flows, and (3) The Power to Produce; The _____ is what make us _____ [fully supplied; have abundant provision] without painful toil or sweat with it.

(Proverbs 10:22 (NKJV) – “The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”)

- (4) **It is more Blessed to Give Than to Receive!** (**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.**’”
- (5) **We are to Live to Give and Give to Give!** (**Ephesians 4:28 (NLT)** – “If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then **give generously** to others in need.”
- Here are some other Scriptures that should enhance and encourage our _____ and give us greater clarity about what God says about money:
 - **Psalms 24:1 (NLT); Psalms 50:10 (NLT) and Haggai 2:8 (NLT)**
 - We need to understand that our God is abundantly _____, and He is the _____ of all the created Universe. We are NOT to retain a mindset and a *PERSPECTIVE* that God wants us to struggle, strain and stress out about finances and serve under the hand of a _____ God! (**Read Romans 8:32**).

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR FINANCES

- **Read 3 John 2 (NKJV) and Psalm 35:27 (NKJV)**
- **Real Faith in God’s Word on Balanced, Biblical Prosperity** teaches us: (1) God’s Will is Prosperity in all areas and aspects of my life! (2) Poverty is a curse and Prosperity is a part of the Blessing we have in Christ. **HEAVEN’S CLOTHING IS NEVER WOVEN WITH THE CURSED PATCHES OF _____!** We must see that even Jesus our Lord made a distinction between Himself and the poor. **Read John 12:8 (NKJV)**
- **Let’s look at the Giant of Poverty:** David has the experience that he needed to prepare for the giant. He killed some smaller things first. That is how you defeat poverty, one enemy at a time. **Kill the bear of _____ and the lion of _____ (COVETOUSNESS/LUST for things) and you will be well on your way to overcoming the _____ in your life.**
- I suggest to you that this also take us working by faith and faithfulness in both: (1) _____ and (2) _____.

WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO PROSPER?

- **1st Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper – To Produce Enough _____ to Provide 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)**
 - God wants you and me to have enough money to be able to send people and support people to preach the Gospel. We should NOT have an *issue* or get *irritated* when ask to give offerings to missions, missionaries to a minister of the Gospel.
- **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 _____,** and (2) **We are to _____.**
- **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)**
 - We shouldn’t sow into _____; however, we should _____ to the POOR, and make sure we _____ **GENEROUSLY!** (**Proverbs 22:9; Proverbs 28:27**)

LESSON ABOUT PERSPECTIVES:

- **Read Matthew 25:14 – 30 (NKJV)** Your _____ of God will determine how you relate to Him. People often perceive the character and purposes of God through the lens of negativity. Your perception of God determines your _____ of Him, good or bad.
- The Steward with one talent _____ (believes in his heart) that his master is a: (1) _____ (2) _____ and _____ man. (**2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT)**)
