# 10 DAYS OF TRUE PROSPERITY

*Pastor George Pearsons*

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Are You Prepared for Prosperity?

Day #1

A. Are You Prepared for Prosperity?
   “...I am looking to and fro across the earth for those to whom I may show Myself strong and transfer My property and My influence in the earth out of the hands of the powers of darkness and into the hands of My people.
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B. How Do We Prepare for This Great Transfer of Wealth?
   1. God’s Word reveals how to prepare for prosperity.
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   4. Would we even know how to properly handle wealth when it came to us?
      a. What would we do with it?
      b. We must function on a higher level than the world.
   5. “What would you do if I put you in charge?”
      a. Now is the time to prepare for that assignment.
      b. Now is the time to learn how to be rich—God’s way.

C. Proverbs 10:22—The Blessing of the Lord, It Makes Rich and He Adds No Sorrow to It
   1. Rich is not a bad word—it is a biblical word.
      a. To accumulate and grow
      b. To become wealthy
   2. The key to biblical wealth is in how it is handled.
      a. Proverbs 1:32: “The prosperity of fools shall destroy them.”
      b. Proverbs 28:10: “The upright shall have good things in possession.”
3. “If you will learn to follow the inward witness, I will make you rich. I will guide you in all the affairs of life, financial as well as spiritual. I am not opposed to My children being rich; I am opposed to them being covetous. To be rich is to have a full supply and abundant provision.” —Word from the Lord to Kenneth E. Hagin

4. True prosperity vs. the world’s prosperity
   a. “The world’s definition of prosperity is very limited in its scope—financial ability and power. In fact, it goes only this far by its own admission. The world itself admits that it has no power to overcome poverty, sickness, spiritual or social ills.” —From The Laws of Prosperity by Kenneth Copeland
   b. “True Prosperity is the ability to use God’s power to meet the needs of mankind in any realm of life.” —From The Laws of Prosperity by Kenneth Copeland
   c. “God’s power is the only power that covers the entire spectrum of human existence.” —From The Laws of Prosperity by Kenneth Copeland

5. The difference is very clear.
   a. Worldly wealth is all about self.
   b. True prosperity is all about obeying God and serving others.
   c. The world’s motivation for accumulation is acquisition.
   d. True prosperity’s motivation for accumulation is distribution.
   e. The worldly rich use people to get things.
   f. True prosperity uses things to love people.

D. Become an Expert at Managing God’s Resources
   “In a world that believes the only reason for prosperity is to buy bigger cars and finer houses, a new Church is rising up. These believers are not deceived by greed. They know God’s purposes for prosperity.

   “These believers know God wants to bless His people so they can be a blessing. They know He gives us power to get wealth, so He may establish His covenant (Deuteronomy 8:18) and so we ‘may have to give to him that needeth’ (Ephesians 4:28).

   “God wants us to minister to a world caught up in the cycle of greed and lack. We can’t do that if we are wondering where our next meal is coming from. God knows that. That’s why He has provided us ‘all sufficiency in all things’—so we may have enough to ‘abound to every good work’ (2 Corinthians 9:8).

   “Our part is to learn how to access His resources and how to use what He provides. You’ve heard people say about their money and their giving, ‘It all belongs to God anyway.’ That sounds good, but it isn’t true. Your money isn’t all God’s, and it’s not all yours. All wealth comes from God. And He is the One who has given you the power to get wealth. But He is very specific about what is His, what is yours and what you are to do with what He provides.

   “The bottom line is this: You are blessed to be a blessing. You oversee both your and His resources. You oversee wealth He has provided for some very specific Kingdom purposes.

   “Silver, gold and all the wealth of the earth are His. For too long the forces of Satan have controlled those resources, using them to drag men into darkness. Now it’s time
for the Church to learn what true wealth really is, tap in to the riches that spring from the Word instead of the world, and enjoy living as givers in spreading the gospel throughout the earth.

“The most powerful spiritual invasion force the devil has ever had to face since Jesus walked this earth will be the Church alive to God’s purposes for prosperity. They have found more joy in giving than in anything money could buy. They allowed themselves to become experts in managing the resources God provides.”

—From Blessed to Be a Blessing by Kenneth Copeland
What Riches Were Meant to Do

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”

Ephesians 4:28

It always amazes me when I preach about prosperity and someone comes up to me and says, “I don’t need much prosperity. I’m a simple person with a simple life. So I just ask God for enough to meet my needs.” They think that’s humility, but it’s not. It’s selfishness! They don’t realize it, but they’re actually saying, “All I care about is meeting my own needs. I have no ambition to help meet anyone else’s.” They could ask God for a million dollars, take out just enough to meet their needs, and give the rest away. But that doesn’t even occur to them because when it comes to money, they’ve been brainwashed by a world that says if you have it, you’ve got to keep it.

That philosophy has hindered the ministry of Jesus Christ on the earth today. It has caused preachers to set aside their calling and get secular jobs just to survive. It’s handicapped churches and stunted the growth of ministries that could have reached thousands more for the Lord.

It takes money to preach the gospel. Jesus Himself knew that, and contrary to what some people think, His ministry was not a poor one. He had so much money coming in and going out through His ministry that He had to appoint a treasurer. His name was Judas.

But Jesus didn’t store up that money for Himself. He gave it to meet the needs of those around Him. He had such a reputation for giving that on the night of that last Passover when Judas left so abruptly, the disciples assumed that Jesus had sent him out to give to the poor.

Can you imagine how much and how often Jesus must have given to the poor for the disciples to make that assumption? Jesus never built a worldly empire for Himself. But that doesn’t mean He was poor. It means He was the greatest giver who ever walked the face of this earth, and it’s time we started following in His footsteps.

Don’t turn down the wealth God wants to give you just because you don’t “need” it. Dare to accept it, then pass it along to those who do. Stop working for a living and start working for a “giving.” Discover for yourself what riches were really meant to do.

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:15-31
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C. Study the Lives of Lottery Winners
   “Study the lives of lottery winners. They turn out badly because they are poor people with money.” (Note the woman who won $1,000,000 in the lottery who wanted to keep her welfare payments of $200 per month.)

   “They did not become wealthy people because they were still poor in their thinking and in their spirits. They had no clue what to do with all that money. They tend to take the ‘quick grab’ and leave half of it laying on the table. They were going to pay $250,000 every month for 25 years. Instead, they want the whole $12,000,000 right now. Why? Because they want
to blow it. If they had any sense, they would take the $250,000 each month and make $20,000,000 each year with it.” (Note the lottery winner who started a pool table repair franchise and lost $12,000,000.)

—From *True Prosperity* by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland

**D. 1 Timothy 6:17-19—Instructions to the Rich**

1. Paul did not exclude rich people from the Church.
2. Paul was a wealthy man.
   a. Acts 24:25-26 (NIV): “As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, ‘That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.’ At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him.”
      i. No one expects a bribe from a poor man.
      ii. Verse 26: “He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him.”
   b. Philemon 18 (AMP): “And if he has done you any wrong in any way or owes anything [to you], charge that to my account.”
      i. NLT: “Charge it to me.”
      ii. WNT: “Debit me with the amount.”
   c. Philippians 4:18 (AMP): “I have everything I need and am amply supplied.”
      i. “I have all, and abound: I am full....”
      ii. MSG: “I have it all—and keep getting more!”
3. Paul was not intimidated by wealthy people.
   a. “Charge them that are rich in this world.”
   b. Charge (GK) = order them, command them, teach them
4. Paul understood the pitfalls of wealth.
   a. 1 Timothy 6:9-10 (AMP): “But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish (useless, godless) and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction and miserable perishing. For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute [mental] pangs.”
   b. MSG: “But if it’s only money these leaders are after, they’ll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.”
   c. Matthew 19:23-24 (AMP): “And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you, it will be difficult for a rich man to get into the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go into the kingdom of heaven.”
5. Paul’s instructions to the rich
   a. That they not be high-minded
   b. Nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy
   c. That they do good
   d. That they be rich in good works
   e. Ready to distribute, willing to communicate
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Wealth and Humility

Day #3

Foundation Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19
“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

A. 1 Timothy 6:17—Don’t Be High-Minded
1. High-minded (GK) = arrogant, haughty and prideful
   a. Arrogant (Merriam-Webster) = disposed to exaggerate one’s own worth or importance by an overbearing manner
2. AMP: “Charge them not to be proud and arrogant and contemptuous of others.
3. MSG: “Tell those rich in this world’s wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money.”
4. Paul realized that one of the pitfalls of having wealth is the temptation to see one’s self as being superior to others.
5. True prosperity walks in humility.
   a. The more prosperous we become, the more humble we should become.

1. Verses 19-21: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.”
   a. The rich man never reached out to the beggar.
   b. He most likely wanted him out of the way and was relieved when he died.
2. Verses 22-24: “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’”
   a. The rich man began ordering Abraham to order Lazarus to go fetch some water.
   b. He would not even speak directly to Lazarus—it was still beneath him.
3. Verses 25-26: “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’”
   a. Abraham tried to talk to the rich man about the beggar and about the great chasm.
   b. He completely ignored Abraham on both counts.

4. Verses 27-29: “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’”
   a. Again, the rich man is talking directly to Abraham to send Lazarus to his father’s house.
   b. The rich man is not hearing Abraham.

5. Verses 30-31: “No, father Abraham,” he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”
   a. Now, the rich man is arguing with Abraham.
   b. The wealthy have a tendency to not listen, be prideful and act arrogantly toward others.

C. Humility Vs. Pride
1. Proverbs 18:23 (MSG): “The poor speak in soft supplications; the rich bark out answers.”
   a. NLT: “The poor plead for mercy; the rich answer with insults.”
   b. NIV-84: “A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly.”

2. Proverbs 28:11 (MSG): “The rich think they know it all, but the poor can see right through them.”

3. Hosea 13:6 (NLT): “But when you had eaten and were satisfied, you became proud and forgot me.”

4. Ezekiel 28:4-5 (NLT): “With your wisdom and understanding you have amassed great wealth—gold and silver for your treasuries. Yes, your wisdom has made you very rich, and your riches have made you very proud.”

5. Revelation 3:17 (MSG): “You brag, ‘I’m rich, I’ve got it made, I need nothing, from anyone,’ oblivious that in fact you’re a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless.

6. Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT): “This is what the Lord says: ‘Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!’”

7. Proverbs 22:4 (NLT): “True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.”

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Who Do You Trust?  

Day #4

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“Again, please note this scripture doesn’t say to charge them that are rich in this world to get rid of everything they have, because God doesn’t like people who have things. It doesn’t tell us to save one old shiny suit and move off into a cabin in the hills and be humble. If you do that, you simply take yourself out of any position to bless anyone else in the rest of the world. That’s the most selfish thing that a Christian could do.

“No, these verses simply said the rich shouldn’t trust in their riches, but in God. That’s an important point. It’s something you’ll have to deal with where your own mind and flesh are concerned, and the more you prosper, the more you’ll have to deal with it.

“You’ll have to judge yourself every day of your life on your own inner attitude and faith to make sure you’re depending on God and not on what you have in the bank. But don’t let that scare you. Just make a sober determination that you’ll do it.”

—From Blessed to Be a Blessing by Kenneth Copeland

A. 1 Timothy 6:17—Don’t Trust in Wealth

1. NIV: “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

2. NLT: “Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.”

3. MSG: “Tell those rich in this world’s wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage.”
4. Paul understood that the rich were tempted to replace their trust in God with their trust in wealth.
5. His assignment was to lead the rich away from their trust in money and redirect their trust toward God.

B. Mark 10:17-27 (NIV-84)—The Rich Young Ruler

1. Verses 17-18: “As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. ‘Good teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘Why do you call me good?’ Jesus answered. ‘No one is good—except God alone.’”
2. Verses 19-20: “‘You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” ‘Teacher,’ he declared, ‘all these I have kept since I was a boy.’”
3. Verse 21: “Jesus looked at him and loved him. ‘One thing you lack,’ he said. ‘Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’”
   a. He did not trust the love of God coming from Jesus.
   b. Jesus was calling him into the ministry as an apostle—and he traded his apostleship for money.
   c. Jesus was also looking for Judas’ replacement.
4. Verse 22: “At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.”
   a. KJV: “And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.”
   b. AMP: “At that saying the man’s countenance fell and was gloomy, and he went away grieved and sorrowing, for he was holding great possessions.”
   c. He experienced acute unhappiness and depression over the thought of losing what he had amassed.
   d. He trusted in his great possessions more than he did in the Word of God.
5. Verse 23: “Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for the rich to enter into the kingdom of God!’”
   a. The rich are entrenched in the world’s system of finance.
   b. It is possible to cross over into the kingdom system, but it can be difficult.
6. Verses 24-25: “And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”
   a. “Jesus was telling him to sell and give to the poor. But why did He tell him that and we don’t have any record of anything of Him saying that any other time? Because that was his problem. He was keeping the commandments. He was doing what was good. But he had this one problem. Jesus was trying to set him free so that he could trust in Him.
   “Trusting in riches is the danger of being caught up in the world’s system. This world’s system can only go so far. It is not the answer to every need.
   “Thank God I am not dependent upon the world’s system!” —From The Kingdom of God—Days of Heaven on Earth by Gloria Copeland
7. Verses 26-27 (NIV-84): “The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, ‘Who then can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’”

C. Who Do You Trust?

1. Proverbs 11:28 (NIV-84): “Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”

2. Psalm 52:7-8 (NIV): “‘Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!’ But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God’s unfailing love for ever and ever.”

3. Psalm 62:10 (NIV-84): “Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.”
   a. NLT: “Don’t make your living by extortion or put your hope in stealing. And if your wealth increases, don’t make it the center of your life.”

4. Jeremiah 17:5-6 (NIV-84): “This is what the Lord says: ‘Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.’”

5. Verses 7-8 (NIV-84): “But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”
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Beware, Lest You Forget God

Day #5

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A. 1 Timothy 6:17—Their Trust Should Be in God
1. Paul understood that the source of trust can shift once money enters the picture.
2. Once trust has shifted, the next step is to forget God.
3. Hosea 13:6 (NIV): “When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.”
4. Once the rich forget God, it is downhill from there.
5. Isaiah 17:10-11 (NIV): “You have forgotten God your Savior; you have not remembered the Rock, your fortress. Therefore, though you set out the finest plants and plant imported vines, though on the day you set them out, you make them grow, and on the morning when you plant them, you bring them to bud, yet the harvest will be as nothing in the day of disease and incurable pain.”

B. Deuteronomy 8:7-20 (MSG)—Make Sure You Don’t Forget God
1. Verse 11: “Make sure you don’t forget God, your God, by not keeping his commandments, his rules and regulations that I command you today.”
2. Verses 12-13: “Make sure that when you eat and are satisfied, build pleasant houses and settle in, see your herds and flocks flourish and more and more money come in, watch your standard of living going up and up.”
3. Verses 14-16: “Make sure you don’t become so full of yourself and your things that you forget God, your God, the God who delivered you from Egyptian slavery; the God who led you through that huge and fearsome wilderness, those desolate, arid badlands crawling with fiery snakes and scorpions; the God who gave you water gushing from hard rock; the God who gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never heard of, in order to give you a taste of the hard life, to test you so that you would be prepared to live well in the days ahead of you.”
4. Verses 17-18: “If you start thinking to yourselves, ‘I did all this. And all by myself. I’m rich. It’s all mine!’—well, think again. Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors—as it is today.”

5. Verses 19-20: “If you forget, forget God, your God, and start taking up with other gods, serving and worshiping them, I’m on record right now as giving you firm warning: that will be the end of you; I mean it—destruction. You’ll go to your doom—the same as the nations God is destroying before you; doom because you wouldn’t obey the Voice of God, your God.”

C. Keep Putting God First

“Prosperity is the result of doing God’s ways.

“Some pass the poverty test, but fail the prosperity test. You get your needs met and receive great abundance. But, your heart will begin to grow cold if you don’t keep God’s Word first place in your life. All of a sudden, you are taken with the things that have been added to you. They could be things like cars, planes, houses, land—whatever it is that you like. You have to walk circumspectly to walk in prosperity. You have to keep putting God first.

“When all your needs are met, remember where you got it. Remember that it was God who gave you the power to get wealth. One thing about wealth—it can come quickly and it can go quickly.”

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A. 1 Timothy 6:9-10—Love God, Not Money
1. “But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 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.”
2. Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (NIV-84): “Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?”
3. Proverbs 8:17-21 (NIV-84): “I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.”

B. Psalm 34:10—Seek God, Not Money
1. NIV: “The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”
2. 2 Chronicles 26:5 (AMP): “He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the things of God; and as long as he sought (inquired of, yearned for) the Lord, God made him prosper.”
   a. Verse 16 (NIV): “But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God.”
3. 2 Chronicles 31:20-21 (NIV-84): “This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the Lord his God. In everything that he
undertook in the service of God’s temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.”

a. 2 Chronicles 32:27-29 (NIV-84): “Hezekiah had very great riches and honor, and he made treasuries for his silver and gold and for his precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuables. He also made buildings to store the harvest of grain, new wine and oil; and he made stalls for various kinds of cattle, and pens for the flocks. He built villages and acquired great numbers of flocks and herds, for God had given him very great riches.”

C. Job 36:11-12—Obey God, Not Money

1. NIV: “If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment. But if they do not listen, they will perish by the sword and die without knowledge.”

2. Matthew 6:24 (NIV-84): “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

3. Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NIV): “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God.”
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The Upright and the Wicked
Day #7

Foundation Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19
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A. 1 Timothy 6:18—Do Good With Your Money
1. Why would Paul have to point out the obvious?
   a. The rich had a reputation for using their money to do wicked things.
   b. Those wicked things lead to disaster.
2. Proverbs 1:18-19 (NIV-84): “These men lie in wait for their own blood; they waylay only themselves! Such is the end of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the lives of those who get it.”
   a. Proverbs 28:16 (NIV-84): “A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life.”
3. Proverbs 13:11 (NIV-84): “Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.”
   a. NLT: “Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.”
   b. AMP: “Wealth [not earned but] won in haste or unjustly or from the production of things for vain or detrimental use [such riches] will dwindle away, but he who gathers little by little will increase [his riches].”
   c. Matthew Henry Commentary: “Wealth gotten by dishonesty or vice has a secret curse, which will speedily waste it.”
4. Proverbs 28:8 (NLT): “Income from charging high interest rates will end up in the pocket of someone who is kind to the poor.”
   a. AMP: “He who by charging excessive interest and who by unjust efforts to get gain increases his material possession gathers it for him [to spend] who is kind and generous to the poor.”
5. Proverbs 28:20 (AMP): “A faithful man shall abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich [at any cost] shall not go unpunished.”
B. Properly Handling Wealth

“The sages of the Jewish commentaries say that judgment is sometimes in riches.

“How could that be?

“For example, look at an entertainer or an athlete who never had money and is now making lots of money. He has more money than he knows what to do with. But because he is not born again, spirit filled and is living in a dark world, he won’t be taking it to church. Where is he going to take it? He will take it to the drug dealer, to the beer joint and to immorality. He can buy all the immorality and drugs that he wants. That is why so many of these people are in trouble. Financially, they have the world on a string—but the world is all they have. Their money drives them to judgment.

“Whether money is good or bad depends on who has the money.

“When the righteous have money, they do good things with it. When the wicked have money, they do bad things with it. And those bad things lead to death—many times at an early age. You might ask, ‘Why would that famous person throw his life away?’ The reason is because he doesn’t know what else to do with it. He is living in the kingdom of darkness.

“You can’t look at the rich and wonder how they got their money. Money acquired by ill gotten gain is not from God. You could be part of the mafia and have lots of money—but you probably won’t live out your full number of days. What happens to all of the ‘ill-gotten gained’ money? It will go right into the hands of the just.

“Do you want to be one of those hands?

“Well, get it together and you can be!”

—From True Prosperity by Gloria Copeland


1. Verses 1-2: “Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.”
2. Verses 3-4: “He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.”
3. Verses 5-6: “When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.’ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.”
4. Verses 7-8: “All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a “sinner.”’ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’”
5. Verses 9-10: “Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.’”

D. Psalm 73—The Wicked Who Prosper
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Rich in Good Works

Day #8

Foundation Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19
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A. Ephesians 6:5-9—The Wealth Mentality
1. Paul understood that the rich subscribed to a “master/slave” mentality.
2. They were accustomed to being the dictator while those around them were required to fulfill their every command.
   a. This did not just apply toward those who served them.
   b. The rich were treating their Christian brethren this way as well.
3. Paul had to address the conduct of the rich.
4. Ephesians 6:9 (AMP): “You masters, act on the same [principle] toward them and give up threatening and using violent and abusive words, knowing that He Who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no respect of persons (no partiality) with Him.”
5. Colossians 4:1 (MSG): “And masters, treat your servants considerately. Be fair with them. Don’t forget for a minute that you, too, serve a Master—God in heaven.”

B. 1 Timothy 6:18—That They Be Rich in Good Works
1. He admonished them to be “rich in good works.”
   a. TCNT: “Urge upon them to show kindness, to exhibit a wealth of good actions.”
   b. MSG: “Be rich in helping others.”
   c. True wealth is found in helping others.
2. Your good works should be as abundant as your riches.
3. Matthew 5:16 (AMP): “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.”
4. 1 Peter 2:12 (NIV): “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

5. Acts 9:36 (NIV-84): “In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.”

C. Matthew 27:57-60 (AMP)—The Rich Man From Arimathea

1. Verse 57: “When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.”
   a. A rich man can also be a follower of Jesus.
   b. He stepped in to help Jesus’ family, seeing that they did not own a tomb in Jerusalem.

2. Verse 58: “He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.”
   a. Joseph had great wealth—and great influence among the leadership of Jerusalem.
   b. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for and received the body of Jesus.

3. Verse 59: “And Joseph took the body and rolled it up in a clean linen cloth used for swathing dead bodies.”
   a. This rich man lifted the body and prepared it himself for burial.

4. Verse 60a: “And laid it in his own fresh (undefiled) tomb, which he had hewn in the rock.”
   a. This wealthy man built the tomb himself.

5. Verse 60b: “And he rolled a big boulder over the door of the tomb and went away.”
   a. He did all of this himself, not requiring anyone to do it for him.
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**Warning: Beware of Covetousness**  
**Day #9**

**Foundation Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19**

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**A. 1 Timothy 6:9-10—While Some Coveted After**

1. Paul knew that covetousness was a great temptation of the rich.
2. He also realized that covetousness motivated people who wanted to get rich.
3. *Covetousness (HEB)* = insatiable craving, greed and lust for more—especially at the expense of others
   a. Proverbs 22:16 (NIV-84): “He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich—both come to poverty.”
   b. Jeremiah 17:11 (NIV-84): “Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay is the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone, they will desert him, and in the end he will prove to be a fool.”
4. *Covetousness (GK)* = a desire for things that exceeds a desire for God
   a. Matthew 6:24 (MSG): “You can’t worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you’ll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can’t worship God and Money both.”
   b. Psalm 119:36: “Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.”
      i. MSG: “Give me a bent for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot.”
5. Covetousness results in disaster.
   a. 1 Timothy 6:9-10 (MSG): “But if it’s only money these leaders are after, they’ll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.”
   b. Verse 9 (NLT): “But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.”
c. Proverbs 15:27 (NIV-84): “A greedy man brings trouble to his family.”
   i. NLT: “Greed brings grief to the whole family.”
   d. Ecclesiastes 5:13 (NLT): “Hoarding riches harms the saver.”

B. Disastrous Results of Covetousness
   1. 2 Kings 5:27—Gehazi was the shrewd servant of Elisha. Even though Elisha refused payment for the healing of Naaman, Gehazi’s greed got the best of him. He collected payment anyway and ended up with leprosy as punishment.
   2. 2 Chronicles 26:5, 16, 21—As long as King Uzziah sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. But the stronger he got, the more greedy and prideful he became. The result was destruction. He became a leper and remained so until his death.
   5. Take note of present-day examples of covetousness—those involved in “Ponzi schemes.”

   1. Verse 13: “And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.”
   2. Verse 14: “And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?”
   3. Verse 15: “And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”
   4. Verses 16-17: “And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?”
   5. Verse 18: “And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.”
   6. Verse 19: “And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”
   7. Verse 20: “But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”
   8. Verse 21: “So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”
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A. 1 Timothy 6:17-19—Be Ready and Willing to Give
1. Paul knew that the rich had a tendency toward being tightfisted with their money.
2. He had to instruct them to be ready and willing to give.
   a. Give to God with their tithe.
   b. Give to the ministry with their offering.
   c. Give to others with their harvest.
      i. Ephesians 4:28: “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”
3. Ready to distribute (GK) = liberal in giving; generous
   a. MSG: “Be extravagantly generous.”
   b. AMP: “Be liberal and generous of heart.”
4. Willing to communicate (GK) = an eagerness to share with others
   a. WNT: Openhanded
   b. Given freely and cheerfully
5. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (AMP): “Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, “prompt to do it”) giver [whose heart is in his giving].”

B. Psalm 112—The Profile of a Wealthy Believer
1. Verse 1—He is blessed because he honors God and His Word.
   a. To be blessed is to be empowered to prosper.
   b. To be blessed is also to be a blessing.
   c. Genesis 12:2 (AMP): “And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].”
d. Zechariah 8:13 (NLT): “Among the other nations, Judah and Israel became symbols of a cursed nation. But no longer! Now I will rescue you and make you both a symbol and a source of blessing.”

2. Verse 2—His children are blessed because of his giving.
   a. NLT: “Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.”
   b. Psalm 25:12-13 (NIV-84): “Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land.”
   c. Psalm 37:25 (NIV-84): “I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.”
   d. Psalm 128:1-3 (NIV-84): “Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.”

3. Verse 3—Wealth and riches are in his house.
   a. NLT: “They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever.”
   b. MSG: “Their houses brim with wealth and a generosity that never runs dry.”

4. Verse 4—He is gracious and full of compassion.
   a. *Compassion* (HEB) = a moving, a deep inner yearning, an overwhelming desire of the heart towards supplying the needs of others
   b. Compassion is God’s love surging through the heart of one to another.
   c. Luke 10:33-35: “But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.”

5. Verse 5—He displays favor and lends.
   a. MSG: “The good person is generous and lends lavishly.”
   b. NIV-84: “Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.”
   c. Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV-84): “One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”
   d. Philemon 1:18-19: “If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account; I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.”

6. Verses 6-8—His heart is established and is not moved during adverse economic times.
   a. Jeremiah 17:7-8 (AMP): “[Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit.”
   b. Psalm 1:3 (NIV-84): “He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”
Verse 9—He is a giver who reaches out to the poor and continues to be promoted.
   a. AMP: “He has distributed freely [he has given to the poor and needy].”
      i. Our motivation for accumulation is distribution.
   b. MSG: “They lavish gifts on the poor—a generosity that goes on, and on, and on. An honored life! A beautiful life!”
   c. Proverbs 19:17: “He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.”
   d. Proverbs 22:9 (NIV-84): “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.”
   e. Proverbs 31:20 (NIV): “She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.”

Verse 10—He resists the devil—and the devil flees!
   a. Lack of any kind has no place in the house of the righteous.
   b. The prosperous believer stands strong and firm.

C. 1 Timothy 6:19—A Foundation for the Future
   1. By following these instructions, the rich will be laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.
   2. Laying up in store (GK)
      a. To treasure away
      b. To store up a treasury
      c. To deposit in abundance for future use
   3. A good foundation (GK)
      a. Something put down
      b. The foundation of a building, wall or a city
      c. The beginnings, the first principals, system of truth
   4. That they may lay hold on eternal life
      a. Not just for heaven
      b. Eternal life is also the quality of life here and now.
   5. Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV-84): “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

D. Are You Prepared for Prosperity?
   “...I am looking to and fro across the earth for those to whom I may show Myself strong and transfer My property and My influence in the earth out of the hands of the powers of darkness and into the hands of My people.

“Are you prepared?

“What would you do if I put you in charge?

“Would you follow the plan that the world already has that is full of confusion and doubt and unbelief, or would you dare rise up and say, ‘Thus saith the Lord…’?”

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