

Jesus Gives Real Prosperity

(How God multiplies the mundane and ordinary)
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“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” (3 John NKJV)

Life Math

There is **addition**.

There is **subtraction**.

There is **multiplication**.

There is **division**.

“Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you . . .” (Job 22 NIV)

3 Ingredients of Prosperity

Prosperity is **favor**.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.” (Luke 4:18-19 NLT)

Prosperity is **blessing**.

“The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.” (Proverbs 10:22 NLT)

Prosperity is **reward**.

How to Prosper

Prosperity requires **trust**.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. **And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,** saith the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 3:10-12 KJV)

Prosperity requires **obedience**.

“Don’t be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he’ll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God’s Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.” (Galatians 6:7-8 MSG)

Prosperity requires **time**.

“Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.” (Psa 73)

Prosperity requires **investment**.

“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. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. **By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.**”
(1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT)