

KINGDOM PROSPERITY (Part 2)

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SEEK HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

Seek to understand and practice the righteousness of God, which is the way, and life of the kingdom.

One enters into the kingdom by covenant. The covenant is entered into by giving one's life to Christ. It is therefore necessary that one abides by the principles of the covenant. The key word here is OBEDIENCE. As a covenant child, you have to obey the word of God. You don't rationalize the word of God. You don't choose the one to obey, you obey everything. You tremble at the word of God, you store the word of God in your heart, and allow it to mould and control your life.

Deut 13:4

4 It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.

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Deut 28:1-2

28:1 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. 2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

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1 Sam 15:22-23

22 But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

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Read also Prov. 4:20-23; Col. 3:16-17

Your whole life must be rooted in the word of God your spiritual, social, marital, academic, financial, business and material life should be based on the word of God. You must make sure that no aspect of your life contradicts the word of God. If it does, then you are not following the righteousness of the kingdom.

Remember, it is only when you are an active member of the kingdom of God, a promoter of the kingdom and a practitioner of the principles and commandments of God, that success, wealth and every other thing you need, will be added unto you. Start practicing this now, and you will experience the manifestation of the promises of God.

Seek the kingdom, and prosperity will pursue you. Don't reverse it by pursuing money and forgetting the kingdom. If you do, you will not prosper.

When you come to God, you follow the principles of his kingdom, or you will never receive or experience what he promises you in the kingdom. Drop your ideas and beliefs. Take God's revealed word and apply it. And you will prosper.

Prov 23:4-5

4 Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. 5 Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

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CONDITIONS FOR PROSPERITY

1 Obedience to the laws and commandments of God Almighty.

Deut 7:12-16

12 If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers. 13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land--your grain, new wine and oil--the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your forefathers to give you. 14 You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor any of your livestock without young. 15 The LORD will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you.

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2. Faithful tithing.

Mal 3:8-12

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, `How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. 12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

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3. Generous and cheerful giving for the furtherance of the gospel.

Luke 5:1-11

5:1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, 2 he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that

their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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4. Giving to the servants of God.

Gal 6:6

6 Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.

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Matt 10:40-42

40 "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. 41 Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

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1 Cor 9:1-14

9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? 2 Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 3 This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. 4 Don't we have the right to food and drink? 5 Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas? 6 Or is it only I and Barnabas who must work for a living? 7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk? 8 Do I say this merely from a human point of view? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? 9 For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? 10 Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. 11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? 12 If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? 14 In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

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5. Giving to the needy.

Deut 15:7-11

7 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. 8 Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. 9 Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward your needy brother and give him nothing. He may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. 10 Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. 11 There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.

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Prov 21:13

3 If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

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Luke 14:12-14

12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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Prov 22:9

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

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6. Wisdom.

Prov 8:12-21

12 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. 13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. 14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power. 15 By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just; 16 by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth. 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. 18 With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. 19 My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, 21 bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

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Prov 2:1-8

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and if you call out for insight

and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, 8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

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7. Discipline and self control.

Prov 21:17

s17 He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.

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8. Diligence in work.

Prov 21:25

25 The sluggard's craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.

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Prov 22:29

29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

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Prov 10:4

4 Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.

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9. Good stewardship.

Luke 16:10-15

10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 13 "No servant 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." 14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. 15 He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.

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10. Pray for the prosperity of the city and nation where you are. If it prospers, you will prosper too.

Jer 29:7

7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."
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Take time to go through the scriptural passages listed above make notes of your own as you study. Then settle down to walk by them and you will have a testimony to share very soon. I will like to hear your testimony when it is ready. God bless you.

SUCCESS TITBITS

1. **Successful people are committed people. Without commitment you can't achieve anything.**
2. **Live every moment in the consciousness of who you are and success will always be yours.**
3. **It takes understanding to stand.**
4. **It takes understanding to succeed.**
5. **Labouring without understanding wearies the body.**
6. **You must believe in yourself and in your product to be a good sales person.**
7. **If you do not believe in a vision, you cannot follow the visionary.**
8. **Follower-ship is all about following someone that you believe in and agree with his vision and purpose.**
9. **The law of follower-ship demands that you: (1) trust your leader's sense of judgment, (2) where you lack understanding, you seek insight, (3) never confront or challenge your leader, that will amount to rebellion.**
10. **The man who takes instructions will always be promoted and favoured.**
11. **The way of humility is the way to the top. The proud always go down.**
12. **The Lord orders the steps of a good man. And when the Lord orders your steps, success is inevitable.**
13. **Following the Holy Spirit is following the road map to success and victory. Failure will be a taboo for such a person.**
14. **Skill and knowledge are very important for success, but the anointing and favour brings the supernatural to help us overcome the enemy, gain speed and accomplish our goals.**
15. **The consciousness of the presence of God motivates one to victory.**

RENEWING THE MIND

1. **Positive minded people always make it to the top.**
2. **A man is what he thinks of himself.**
3. **The thoughts you think today and the words you speak today will determine your tomorrow.**
4. **Your words create your world. Your thoughts determine your words. Control your thoughts and you will be able to control your words.**
5. **Your feelings are manifestations of your thoughts.**
6. **Desire is a product of the meditations of the mind.**
7. **Success and failure are determined by the thoughts a man thinks.**
8. **Your thoughts determine your focus.**
9. **Your thoughts determine your level of zeal and energy for expansion.**
10. **The mindset of a man determines how he approaches life, manages problems and challenges, and what he accomplishes.**
11. **Your thoughts increase you or reduce you.**
12. **Your thoughts put barriers before you and limit you if they are negative.**
13. **Taking on the mentality of God as a son of God guarantees your success in every area of life.**

WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. **Your friends contribute to the direction of your life.**
2. **Identifying a worthwhile relationship and an unproductive and unnecessary relationship takes skill and the help of the Holy Spirit of God.**
3. **Getting rid of a friend that is having a negative influence on one is a task many people are nothing willing to undertake, but necessary if one must be who he or she is supposed to be.**
4. **Time wasters kill your dream and your life.**
5. **Those who are always asking from you but not giving to you have no contribution to make in your life.**
6. **It takes a humble heart to relate well and maintain relationships.**
7. **Never see yourself more highly than you ought to.**
8. **Storing bitter feelings in the heart is building a stronghold against your offender.**
9. **Every acquaintance always leaves a part of him or her in your life.**
10. **How much of you are from you, and how much of you are from those around you?**