Answers about Biblical prosperity

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Does God want His people to prosper?

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 2)



What is God's will for prosperity?

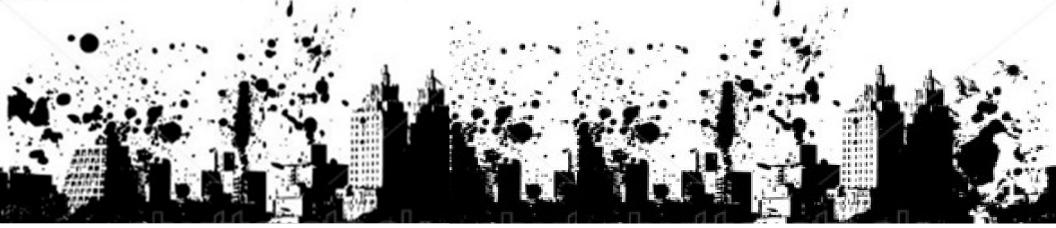
"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (James 1:4)

"That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing." (1 Thessalonians 4:12)

Is poverty good?

"The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the <u>destruction</u> of the poor is their poverty." (Proverbs 10:15)

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (Psalm 103:4)



Where did poverty and lack come from?

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12)

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." (Romans 8:22)

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13a)





Why did Christ become a curse for us?

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Galatians 3:13)

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet <u>for your sakes he</u> became poor, that ye through his poverty might

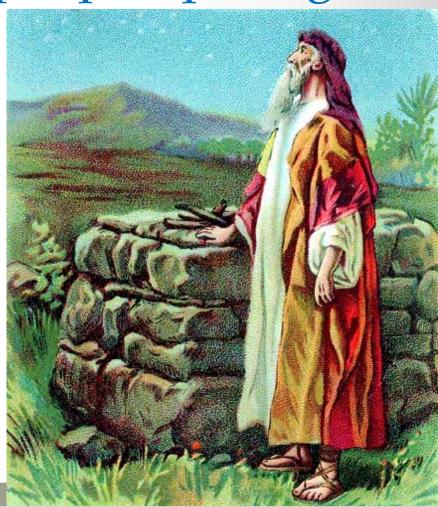
be rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Is God against His people prospering?

"And Abram was <u>very rich</u> in cattle, in silver, and in gold." (Genesis 13:2)

"And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things." (Genesis 24:1)

"So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." (Galatians 3:9)



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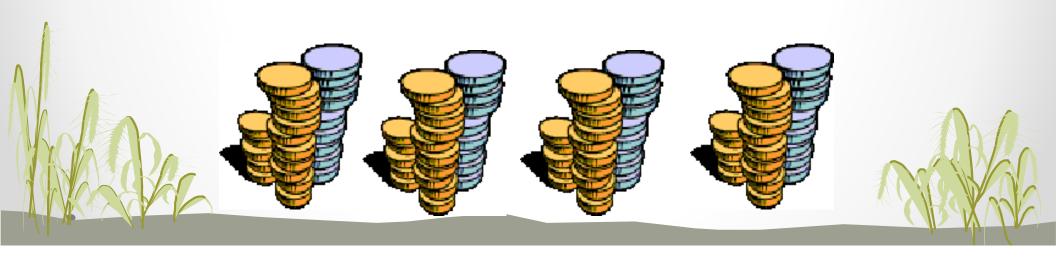
"But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." (Deuteronomy 8:18)

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, <u>always having all sufficiency</u> in all things, may abound to every good work"

(2 Corinthians 9:8)

What warning does God give?

"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." (1 Timothy 6:10)



Should God's people be givers?

"Give, and it shall be given unto you ..." (Luke 6:38a)

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he <u>may have to give</u> to him that needeth." (Ephesians 4:28)

"... the righteous giveth and spareth not" (Proverbs 21:26b)

"... God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7b)

What is the tithe?

"And all the tithe ... is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD." (Leviticus 27:30)

"And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD."

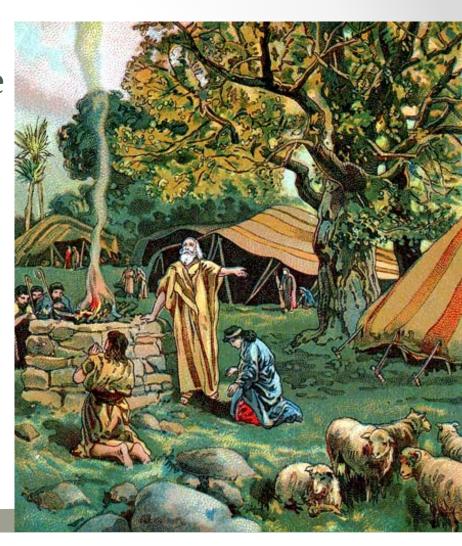
(Leviticus 27:32)



What is the tithe?

"Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils." (Hebrews 7:4)

"And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he [Abraham] gave him tithes of all." (Genesis 14:20)



Is tithing for today?

"And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth." (Hebrews 7:8)

"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." (Malachi 3:10)

Why is tithing important?

- ➤ Tithing is foundational to Biblical prosperity.
- > Tithing gets God involved in your finances.
- Tithing shows that you can be trusted with God's money.
- > Tithing is a commandment.
- > Tithing shows that you honour God.

Reference: Sermon "Understanding tithes and offerings", Pastor Craig Savige, www.victoryfaithcentre.org.au

What is the main spiritual law of prosperity?

"And he [Uzziah] sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper." (2 Chronicles 26:5)

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

What is the prosperity law of diligence?

"Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, <u>let it be diligently</u> done for the house of the God of heaven" (Ezra 7:23a)

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

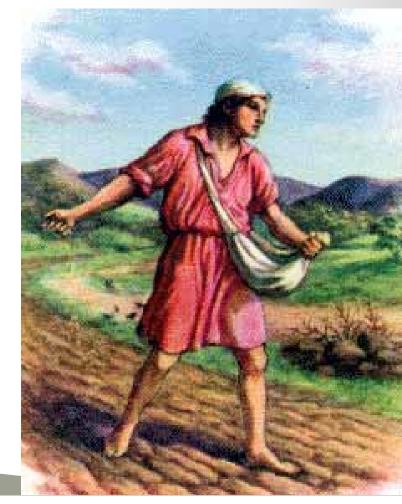
What accompanies lack of diligence?

"I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man." (Proverbs 24:30-34)



What is the law of sowing and reaping?

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)



What is the law of sowing and reaping?

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for <u>in due</u> season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9,10)

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." (2 Corinthians 9:6)

Is God's House and prosperity connected?

"Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven" (Ezra 7:23a)

"Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house." (Haggai 1:9)