

How to Prosper God's Way ***(Selected Scriptures)***

We are living in a culture which has elevated earthly treasures to a place of idolatry; where people have chosen to worship creation rather than the Creator. Sinful man pursues material riches rather than God's riches. The Lord Jesus Christ says we ought to, "*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you*" (Matt. 6:33).

It is not wrong to have material riches and to enjoy all these riches from God gives. It becomes wrong when people shift their love from God to love of money and become materialistic. As long as we have the right perspective of riches, God promised to continue blessing us materially (Proverbs 10:22). The key to financial prosperity is T-R-U-S-T.

1. ***T - _____ your _____ seriously***

One of God's design by which we may gain or increase wealth is by working (Eccl. 5:18-19). God gave the Garden of Eden for Adam and Eve to till because there is enjoyment in the fruits of one's labor (Gen. 2:15; Prov. 14:23). Work is a biblical mandate and a necessity for living (2 Thess. 3:10; Prov. 28:19). Work hard and honest labor and God will surely use that as a means to prosper you.

2. ***R - _____ to _____ intentionally***

Saving is another God-honoring way to obtain money (Prov. 21:20). God wants you to have more money than you need. His principle is to spend some and save the rest (Prov. 30:24-25).

3. ***U - _____ a working _____***

Making a carefully crafted budget and living by it is another way to obtain money. Budgeting simply means keeping records, making a priority list and properly appropriating the available funds to control your expenditures (Prov. 27:23-24; 24:3-4). Budgeting prevents bondage to credit (Prov. 22:7).

4. ***S - _____ with people in _____***

The practice of generosity is also God's way of blessing you with His riches (Deut. 15:14, Luke 6:38). Generosity results in a greater reward from God (Acts 20:35; Prov. 19:17). Our giving becomes God's way of prospering us.

5. ***T - _____ yourself to _____***

Part of proper stewardship is to return to Him a portion of what He has entrusted to you - the tithe (Num. 18:25-26; 2 Chro. 31:4-6 and Neh. 10:34-37). The tithe belongs to the Lord, it is holy unto Him (Lev. 27:30-32). God uses the tithe for the expansion of His kingdom but He honors our faithfulness by blessing us in return (Malachi 3:10-12).

Psalm 67:1-2 says, "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us; that your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations." God blesses us with material resources so that we can bless the world with the saving knowledge of God.