

## **Your Life Is On Display!**

There are 3 major reasons God delights in blessing you financially.

1. To Serve As An Example.

God wants your success to serve as an example of what His love and power can do in a person's life. By sending success into the lives of His children, God can demonstrate to an unbelieving world both His nature and His power.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." (1 Corinthians 1:27) He also testified that God dealt with him and said: "...my strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Have you ever known people who seemed to be the model of success in every area of life—spiritually, physically and mentally? Their life appears almost perfect. Their financial condition was stable. Their family and social life was an example of all that is wholesome, healthy and desirable. Yet, as you studied those individuals, you found it hard to pinpoint the secret of their success. Do you know what I mean? There seemed to be no outstanding abilities or resources within these people for them to draw from. Maybe you have looked at people like this and wondered what their real secret is.

The Master key to any truly successful life is daily obedience. For instance. Abraham's obedience brought the blessings of God in abundance.

" And he said, I am Abraham's servant. And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:" Genesis 24:24-26)

He served as an example to each of us of what God wants for His children.

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of

promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serves the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

## 2. To Provide For Your Family.

God wants to give your success to enable you to provide for your family's needs. The Bible makes it explicitly clear we must provide for their material needs as well as their spiritual needs: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (1 Timothy 5:8)

God gets no glory if your family has to live in a rat-breeding, roach-infested tenement. He is not pleased if your family never has enough to eat, and your children wear 'hand-me-downs' and go without shoes. He is a God of an abundance of blessings. He wants you and your family to have plenty and some to spare.

## 3. To Carry Out The Great Commission

The reason God wants you successful is to financially support and undergird the work of God. As God sends prosperity into your life, He not only meets your needs, but also makes it possible for you to help carry out the Great Commission.

Someone has said that money in the hands of an unbeliever is a snare, but money in the hands of a believer is a tool to do God's will. As Christians prosper financially and use their resources for God's work, good things start happening.

Churches are built, mission stations are established, Gospel radio and television programs are aired, soul winning ministries are launched to share the message of salvation with those who have not yet been born-again. All these things cost money. God prospers His people so there will be no shortage of funds to do His works.

Thousands of people have misunderstood God's attitude toward success and prosperity. Somewhere they have gotten the idea that it is wrong to want to be successful. In fact, some even feel prosperity is of the devil. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Don't be misled. God does want you successful! His Word does say, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

Now, let's look at the favor of God upon your life as you grow closer to God.

I have favor with God and man. The Lord has blessed me with favor that surrounds my life like a shield. God's favor has crowned my life with joy, peace and loving kindness. His favor goes before me and prepares my way. The Lord is gracious, merciful and kind hearted toward me. He gives me favor in every area of my life. He gives me favor with everyone with whom I interact. I have favor with my family; I have favor with my employer and co-workers: I have favor with anyone I transact business with.

Good deals are always coming to me: people are always blessing me with goods, services and preferential treatment.

God's favor takes me where my own ability and wisdom cannot. God's favor opens doors of opportunity to me on a regular basis. His favor also puts me in the right place at the right time. Because of His favor things always turn out working to my benefit. Men give to me good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.

Wonderful things are always happening to me, so it is a surety that something good is going to happen to me today.

Psalm 5:12, "For thou, LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

Proverbs 12:2, "A good man obtains favor of the Lord; but a man of wicked devices will be condemned."

Numbers 6:24-27, "The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

Psalms 103:2-4, Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all thine iniquities; who heals all thy diseases; Who redeems thy life from destruction; who crowns thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;"