

HEALTH AND WEALTH

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Through a constant process of the revealing or unfolding of the knowledge of the scriptures over the last two thousand years, a concept in recent years has been unveiled concerning God's will for our lives. Prior to this unfolding of the knowledge to prosper and be in health, a strong religious spirit of suffering has prevailed in the church world.

Based on the thought that it was a punitive measure from God or a sign that He has specially selected someone, people have been taught to accept evil in their lives such as sickness, premature death, emotional stress, financial poverty, accidents, etc.

These things happen and are now thought by many to be a product of God's planning in their lives. These concepts about bad things have been derived from Old Testament under-the-law thinking, which is based on works.

Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.”

It is hard to achieve success through a concept of religious works, as it will produce guilt and condemnation, resulting in the acceptance of evil things in one's life as punishment from God. This leaves the door open for the enemy to come in to steal, kill and destroy. *John 10:10, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

We are not to accept evil as from God. *James 1:13, “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.”*

Believers are now living in the New Testament covenant of **Christ** under which, by faith, we are heirs of the Father and joint heirs with **Christ**, *Romans 8:17, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together,”* and the blessings of Abraham are ours. *Galatians 3:14, “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* Any blessings or promises in the Old or New Testament are ours simply by **faith in Christ**. All curses and negatives of the Old Testament have been nailed to the cross as Christ was made a curse for us. *Colossians 2:14, “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross,” Galatians 3:13, “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,”* and 2

Corinthians 8:9, “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.”

It is a covenant - based on the shed blood of Christ and the sacrifice of His body in our place and not by our good works or religious endeavors.

If you accept the concept that **Jesus Christ** paid the death penalty for you through His shed blood and that you are a joint heir with Him from the Father, you have made the first step in entering into kingdom living or abundant life.

IS IT GOD'S WILL?

It is an **innate desire of man to be happy, prosper, and be in health, a desire that has been placed there by God** in creation. It is interesting to watch those who would think

that it is God's will to be sick or be in poverty and experience negative living, striving so hard to fight God's supposed will by getting better jobs, going to hospitals to cure their sicknesses, and saving up for the so called “rainy day.” If the rainy day is from God, then why try to prevent it? Let it come and pray for more of it so that you might receive more of God's will for your life!

In our hearts we know that it is not God's will for us to live that kind of life! Yet somehow people have bought the concept of suffering, poverty, depression, confusion etc., as being part of the plan of God.

It is no wonder why the scriptures say, “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,*” *Hosea 4:6*. It is this very lack that has caused so many to accept, through fear and guilt, a negative concept of life.

THE “OUR FATHER”

“Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

In this example of prayer by **Jesus Christ**, God incarnate, who came to earth to show us God's perfect will for our lives, there are three observations that we would like to point out.

First: *“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.”* It will only take a moment of thought for you to realize that in heaven there is no sickness, pain, poverty, death, etc. It is obvious that Jesus is asking the Father to bring that same element to earthly living. How is God's will done in heaven? Think about it. The only reason why there is negative life on earth is because of the fall of

Lucifer and the rebellion of man. **Through Christ, the curse has been reversed.** *1 Corinthians 15:45, “And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”*

Second: Under New Testament thought or under the New Covenant, Jesus prayed, *“lead us not into temptation.”*

Remember now, **Jesus Christ** is giving us the perfect example of prayer for the perfect will of God in our own lives. Temptation here in the Greek (**pelagos** -deep or open sea and sometimes **peirasmos** - provocation) allegorically implies things that are of a destructive, evil nature, the negative forces in this world. The idea here is that one would be led, as it were, through enemy lines, without being detected, into abundant life. In other words, if we're not to be led into temptation, then where are we to be led? It's so obvious.

The third observation is, *“deliver us from evil.”* If we do fall, as a result of our error due to a lack of knowledge into a

place of tribulation or evil, the perfect prayer is for deliverance from evil, not, Oh God help me to endure what you have put upon me. There are times when we will suffer persecution for righteousness sake and may have to go through the malicious treatment of other people. There is also the suffering of self-denial, doing things we do not want to do for the good of others. Even so, in those times, we are given supernatural love, peace and joy and even in that kind of situation, life can be abundant. Any evil outside of the aforementioned is not to be accepted and deliverance is the perfect prayer!

So we can see through the perfect prayer of the **Our Father** that it is not God's will for us to suffer sickness, confusion pain, fear and other obvious negative elements, but rather **that God would lead us away from, through, or around** these things **through wisdom** and **divine insight**.

In *James 1:2* it says, "*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations,*" and we see that an individual **falls** into temptation, they are not led there. James goes on to say that even then, it will work for the good. *James 1:3-4*, "*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. but let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing,*" and also see *Romans 8:28*, "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*" He implies in *James 1:5*, "*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him,*" that it's a result of the lack of one's wisdom and that we are to ask God for more wisdom so as to avoid pitfalls. In *verse 12* of the same Chapter, "*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him,*" He gives a

further blessing for enduring that temptation, but in *verse 13*, “*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man,*” he clearly states it is not from God, but a result of our own lusts. *Verses 14-15*, “*But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*” *Verse 16*, “*Do not err, my beloved brethren,*” tells us not to err by attributing evil to God. *Verse 17* shows us plainly where good things come from. “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning.*” In other words, God does not change. **He is good all of the time and does not put evil on His children.** *John 10:10-11*, “*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more*

abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.”

However, rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, *1 Samuel 15:23, “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king,”* and if we rebel, God will chasten us by releasing us to our rebellion. *Romans 1:24, “Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.”* If we obey Him we will get the good of the land. *Isaiah 1:19, “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.”*

SCRIPTURES FOR REINFORCEMENT AND FAITH

The knowledge that you obtained in the study called **The Authority of the Believer**, combined with the following

references, will produce the kind of life that God has intended for every one of His children. For God has not appointed His children unto wrath, *1 Thessalonians 5:9*, ***“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”*** and the following verses will give proof and build faith for the kind of life that God has for you. Faith in **Christ** is the basis for new testament living. It is a new way of living. *Hebrews 10:20*, ***“By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.”*** If you can believe for it, then you can have it. *Hebrews 11:1*, ***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*** Consistent and regular meditation on these scriptures and confession of them to one's self will change your way of thinking and renew your mind. *Romans 12:2*, ***“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God,”*** so as to produce faith for divine health and

prosperity. *Psalms 1:2-3, “But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night, and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper”*

This, in turn, results in a good confession or profession of faith, *Hebrews 10:23, “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised,”* initiating a release of power through our faith.

Mark 11:23, “For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith,” and

Ephesians 3:20, “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” When a

thought of sickness or poverty of any kind comes into your mind, it will be displaced by having the following scriptures

internalized in your spirit through prayer, meditation and confession.

REINFORCEMENT

Hebrews 11:6, “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.”

John 10:10, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

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

2 Corinthians 8:9, “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

2 Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of love and of power, and of a sound mind.”

Galatians 3:14, “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

James 1:17, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

Philemon 1:6, “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 7:11, “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask him?”

Philippians 4:19, “But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

1 Peter 2:24, “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

Matthew 8:17, “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”

James 5:15, “And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

Psalms 103:3, “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.”

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Deuteronomy 28:1-14, “And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy

basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto;

and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people

unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in

his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be

afraid of thee. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy

cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The Lord

shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in His season, and to bless all the

work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many

nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: and thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other Gods to serve them.” Note: Jesus did "hearken diligently," "observe" and "do all His commandments" for us. It is done, in the Son.

Malachi 3:10, “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.”

1 Thessalonians 5:21, “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

John 6:35, “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

Matthew 11:28-30, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Psalms 112:1-3, “Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.”

Joshua 1:7-9, “Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law,

which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest 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. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

Acts 10:38, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

A GOOD CONFESSION

What is a good confession? The Word of God says not to let His Word depart out of your mouth and you shall have good success. *Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest 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."*

Romans 10:8 says, "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach." In *Romans 10:9*, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved (delivered)," we see that confession is a part of the process of salvation, along with believing in the heart. *Verse 10* says, "confession is made unto salvation."

Confession does not make salvation, but is designed to bring us into or allows us to access the salvation or benefits that already exist in Christ.

So we see through a combination of believing in the heart and confessing with our mouth, salvation is consummated and secured to us through faith and confession. It is not a confession of sin that is being referred to here, but rather a confession of faith. If salvation itself is secured by the word of faith, *verse 8, “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach,”* then the benefits of salvation are likewise received in the same manner.

Though we cannot see salvation, we believe for salvation through faith and we know that even now we are saved, not by natural sight but by faith. *2 Corinthians 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”* Likewise, are the benefits of salvation that we have seen through the aforementioned

scriptures received. A **confession of faith** is a result of a **confession unto faith**. In other words, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. *Romans 10:17*, ***“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”***

Through hearing the Word preached or taught, confessing scriptures to one's self or meditating on them, one will internalize them into their spirit, producing faith, resulting in a confession of faith.

WHAT IS MEDITATION?

In *Psalms 1:2*, ***“But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night,”*** the secret to the prosperity of *verse 3*, ***“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper,”*** was given - **meditate**

on the Word. Meditation is reflective thought; thought that one reflects back into one's self. Do not mistake the internalizing of scriptures into one's spirit for the memorization of the scriptures in one's soul, or conscious mind. To memorize and internalize are two different things. You may not have consciously memorized the Word and still could have unconsciously internalized the Word in your spirit. This can be easily confirmed when witnessing, you will find scriptures come to mind that you did not consciously realize you knew.

Meditation is a key vehicle used to impregnate or sink the seed of God's Word deep into one's heart or inner man. David said in the Psalms, *“Thy word hath I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee,” Psalms 119:11.* The Word within the heart or spirit of a believer will produce a force that will keep one from sin, poverty, sickness, depression, etc.

Make no mistake, God's Word is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, *Hebrews 4:12*, “*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow,*” **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**, and it, germinated within you, will produce faith through which God's Spirit will destroy any opposition that comes against you. It is, and will be, the Word of God that will do the work in you and not the **power of your will**. It will do you well to spend some time thinking about what you have just read in this section of this lesson.

Paul said to Timothy, “*Meditate on these things, give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all,*” **1 Timothy 4:15**. The word in the Greek for the word **meditate** in this particular verse is **meletao**, which means to revolve a thought in one's mind, connotating a kind of **drilling** of instruction into one's self. Again, do not confuse

reflective meditation with memorizing. You can memorize the letter soulishly and still not have grasped it spiritually. **2 Corinthians 3:6**, *“Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”* The key is to root yourself into the **work of Christ** so that the Word comes alive in you.

SUMMARY

I would like to summarize this lesson by giving a very simple parallel concerning good and evil. Let us base it on the statement of Christ in **John 10:10**, *“The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I have come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.”* The enemy, Satan, is a thief. He's come to steal your love, joy, peace, prosperity and health. He is a murderer! He is the author of wars, sickness, depression, confusion, doubt and desperation! When **Jesus Christ**

comes again, Satan will be chained and bound in the lake of fire. *Revelation 20:10, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”*

Until then, we must learn to fight the good fight of faith, *1 Timothy 6:12, “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses,”* knowing our spiritual, legal rights to the benefits of God, as his benefactors through Jesus Christ! *Romans 8:17, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”*

Jesus Christ came to earth to directly express the perfect will of God for us. In *John 10:10*, Jesus said that He came to give us abundant life. We must get it into our minds and

hearts that abundant life has nothing to do with evil. He clearly contrasts himself with the devil as being the opposite of what the devil represents. The Apostle James was one of the half-brothers of Jesus (children born of Mary through the seed of her husband Joseph, after Christ). He lived with Jesus, God's Son. As a result, I'm sure he had a good perception of what God is like. In his book, James wrote that all good gifts and perfect gifts come from God and that God cannot be tempted with evil and does not tempt any man. *James 1:13-17, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."*

In conclusion, let us simply understand that God is good to His children, that God is good and the wicked one is evil, that good comes from God and evil comes from the enemy of our souls and the fall of man.

Therefore, resist the devil and all he represents and he will flee from you. *James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you,"* and *1 John 4:4, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."*

Know he is defeated, *Hebrews 2:14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil,"* and his works are destroyed, *1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth*

from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil, and through your faith in Christ you have the victory.”
and *1 John 5:4, “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*

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Question & Answer Section

Q. Should I, as a believer, be seeking riches to gain abundant life?

A. No. We are told by **Jesus Christ**, in *Matthew 6:33*, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you,”* to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and they will be added unto us as a result. In *Deuteronomy 28*, we find that the blessings of God will overtake us, that they are chasing us. We are not to chase them. We are to center everything we do around the **Lord Jesus Christ** and work as unto God, as a result, prosperity will follow. *2 Corinthians 8:9*, *“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”*

Q. What is prosperity or abundant life?

A. Prosperity or abundant life is not to be equated with a life consisting merely of material riches, but rather a fullness of life. In *John 10:10*, the Greek word for life is **Zoe**, meaning life in every dimension; spirit, soul, body and material world. **Outward fulfillment being a result of inward fulfillment.** In other words, prospering even as our soul (inner man) prospers. (*3 John 2*)

Q. Can a consistent walk with health and prosperity be obtained?

A. Yes, but it is something that one must develop through seeking first the Kingdom of God by meditating on God's word, confessing it and praying concerning it. Over a period of time, spiritual development and a walk of abundant life can be obtained on a consistent level.

Q. Did Jesus come to save souls only?

A. No. Throughout the life of **Christ** in the four gospels, we see that **Jesus** healed the physical body, He prospered men financially, or in the material realm by giving great catches of fish. *John 21:6, “And he said unto them, cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes,”* and healing relationships. He also gave His Word and Holy Spirit for the healing and restoration of the spirit and soul (inner man).

Q. Is it wrong for me, as a believer, to desire to prosper and be in health?

A. No, quite the contrary. John's wish, above all things, was that we would prosper and be in health, even as our souls prosper. *3 John 2, “Beloved, I wish above all things*

that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” Too many times the thought of being spiritual is equated with the denial of abundant living.

If this is true then why did they covet the garment of Christ, *John 19:23-24*, “*Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, they parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.*” It was obviously not a worthless rag. **Jesus** was not a poor beggar as many have portrayed Him.

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Study Guide

1. Prior to an unfolding of the knowledge to prosper and be in health, a strong _____ spirit of suffering has prevailed.
2. Based on the thought that it was a _____ measure from God.
3. Believers are now living in the New Testament _____ of **Christ**.
4. Under which, by faith, we are heirs of the Father and _____ with **Christ**. (*Romans 8:17*)
5. All curses and negatives of the Old Testament have been _____ to the cross.
6. If you have accepted **Jesus Christ** as your Lord and Savior, you have made the first step in entering into _____ or **abundant life**.
7. *My people are destroyed for lack of* _____. (*Hosea 4:6*)
8. *Thy will be done on earth as it is in* _____.
9. *Lead us not into* _____ *but deliver us from* _____.
10. We can see through the prayer of the **Our Father**, that it is not God's will for us to suffer _____ and other obvious evil elements.

11. In *James 1:2*, we see that an individual _____ into temptation.
12. He implies that in *verse 5* it is the result of the lack of one's _____ and we are to ask God for more.
13. Faith is the basis for _____
_____. It is a new way of living. (*Hebrews 10:20*)
14. Renewing your mind with the scriptures will help to produce faith for divine _____ and _____.
15. We see that _____ is part of the process of salvation, along with believing in the heart.
16. Likewise are the _____ of salvation found in the scriptures received.
17. Meditation is a key vehicle used to _____ or sink the seed of God's word deep into one's heart.
18. The word within the heart or spirit of a believer will produce _____.
19. The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. **Jesus Christ** came to give life more _____.

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