



THE ABUNDANT LIFE

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I came that they may HAVE and ENJOY life, and have it in ABUNDANCE (to the full, till it OVERFLOWS)

John 10:10 (Amplified)

Other translation says: *Superior Quality, Super Abundant Quantity.*

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.

3 John 1:2

What Is Prosperity? What Is Abundance?

...Let the Lord be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

Psalm 35:27 (AMPLIFIED)

The word "prosperity" is derived from the Hebrew word *shalom*, which is where we get the English word *peace*. This Hebrew word *shalom*, means "well being, completeness, wholeness, nothing missing and nothing broken in your life." In other words: Total life prosperity.

Psalm 35:27 tells us that God takes pleasure in this level of success among His children.

What Is True Prosperity? Here Are Several Definitions.

Prosperity is being in control of your circumstances and your situations. Prosperity means being successful in any endeavor in your life, or making good progress in the pursuit of anything desirable.

The key is that true prosperity will always extend beyond your needs. Until your prosperity not only satisfies you but also overflows into the lives of others, you are not biblically prosperous.

Genesis 26:9-16; Isaac and Abimelech

Don't scale down your vision, your dream, your faith, your attitude, your plans, or your hope! Don't go under! Don't think that you will lose your life.

Verse 14: ... the Philistines (world) envied him.

Why don't Christians live out their full potential anymore? They are not living at the level that God has empowered them to.

They don't follow the destiny that God has planned for them.

- I. We Have More Knowledge Of The Bible, But Never Renewed Our Minds.
Learning does not get you an abundant life.
The gospel is all about transformation change / metamorphoses.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Romans 12:1-2

Ephesians 4:20-24

Thus you are nullifying and making void and of no effect [the authority of] the Word of God through your tradition, which you [in turn] hand on.

Mark 7:13

It is not the church, or the message that will get you into shape. It is your reaction to the Word and the message, your actions, what you do with it.

2. We Hear The Word, But Don't Add Faith To It.

For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe).

Hebrews 4:2 (AMPLIFIED)

- We are saved by faith *Rom. 10:9-10*
- We live by faith *Rom. 1:17*
- We pray the prayer of faith *James 5:15*
- We fight the good fight of faith *I Tim. 6:12*
- We keep the faith *II Tim. 4:7*
- We walk by faith *II Cor. 5:7*
- We preach the Word of faith *Rom. 10:8*
- We please God with our faith *Heb. 11:6*
- We receive divine testimony by faith *Heb. 11:2*
- We lift the shield of faith *Eph. 6:16*
- We seize the kingdom by faith *Matt. 11:12*

Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

Joshua 1:7-8

But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].

James 1:22

Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord and do not [practice] what I tell you?

Luke 7:46

For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold, and will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

2 Timothy 4:3-4