



## THE ABUNDANT LIFE (2)

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*The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. 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 translations say; *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

*If you don't know what you are going to do with life, then life will find something to do with you.*

- Kathryn Kuhlman.

You cannot ask life, "What will I do? What will I be?" You do not base your future on what others have seen before you, or what your family has done, or what society expects you to be.

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.

*... 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 12:2

*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 (Amplified)

*Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!*

(Message)

1. We Have Obtained Knowledge Of The Bible - Without Renewing Our Minds.
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)

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| - 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*

Faith is the redemption of your soul.

Take faith, and apply it to that **which seems impossible!**

*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

### 3. Don't Give God A Deadline – God Is Not Bound By Time.

*Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), making the very most of the time (buying up each opportunity), because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.*

Ephesians 5:15-17 (Amplified)

*Wake up from your sleep, Climb out of your coffins; Christ will show you the light! So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants.*

(Message)

*Thus God speaks through the scriptures: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Live, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Don't be vague but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of God.*

(J.B PHILLIPS)

How do we do this?

*Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

Romans 12:2 (Message)

Protect your heart with all diligence, because out of it flows the issues of life. Life is IN YOU!

### 4. Many Don't Live A Life Of Abundance Because: They Refuse To Break The Relationships With Ungodly Soul Ties. People without a Sense of Destiny, Faith and Knowledge of the Word!

*Take no part in and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds and enterprises of darkness, but instead [let your lives be so in contrast as to] expose and reprove and convict them.*

Ephesians 5:11

NEVER compromise in your relationships. What you compromise to gain, you always lose!

*You crazy Galatians! Did someone put a hex on you? Have you taken leave of your senses? Something crazy has happened, for it's obvious that you no longer have the crucified Jesus in clear focus in your lives.*

Galatians 3:1 (Message)

It means they are unnaturally and inordinately affected by the will, the emotions, and the desires of another person. The name Lot means "Veil".

According to the **Longman's dictionary**, a veil is something that covers or hides something else; if you draw a veil over something, it is to avoid speaking about or describing something; something that is partly hidden or indirectly expressed; we talk about veiled threats.

**5. Don't Limit God By Dreaming To Small, And Believe That A Life Of Mediocrity Is Your Destiny.**

*How often they defied and rebelled against Him in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert! And time and again they turned back and tempted God, provoking and incensing the Holy One of Israel.*

Psalm 78:40-41

*I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me!*  
1 Corinthians 9:26 (Message)

**Ask yourself this:** *Where would I have been today if I hadn't limited God through my lack of faith, my thinking and fear?*

Blessed means that you have entered into a state of being. It means to become the object of God's favour and are empowered to prosper. People who are blessed are experiencing God's best.