



BETHEL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

COURSE: FINANCES IN MINISTRY

COURSE SYLLABUS

WHAT IS PROSPERITY

1. Prosperity was God's idea for mankind's existence. In Genesis 1:28-30 God created the earth fully equipped to provide for everything that man could ever need.
 - a. God created man for the earth and gave him dominion over it (Gen.1:28).
 - b. The *IMAGE* and *LIKENESS* in which man was created is the one of the most important factors which determine our level of prosperity (Gen.1:26,27). The more we capture the image and likeness of God in our born again spirit the more we can walk in dominion authority. Having been made kings and priests (Rev.1:6, 1Pe2:5, Rev.20:6, Ex.19:5, 6) gives us executive privilege.
2. Prosperity is fully developed when one lives in the spirit and has every natural need met. Having Gods will and presence as his first priority.
 - a. Duet.8:18 declares that "it is God who gives us power to get wealth" and that he does it too "establish his covenant ". Man must establish his heart in Gods word.
 - b. 3John2 not only provides scriptural proof but insight into the order which prosperity is willed. God has a structure and is a God of order and purpose.

PURPOSES FOR FINANCES

1. To establish God's covenant
2. Make God's people a blessing Gen.12:1-3
3. For the work of the ministry Mal.3:10-12
4. Care of minister's
5. Care of the poor, orphans and widows James 1:27,
6. Offering to care for the house of God
7. Provide testimony/inheritance for your heritage

FINANCES IN MINISTRY

1. Finances in ministry (How to get and how/why to spend God's money) depend on the God given purposes for the ministry.
2. All churches/local assemblies have youth, education, elderly and mission's. All evangelistic ministries have missions/soul winning purpose/s. thus creating need for finances
3. The ministry must have its handprint on its geographical area. God's plan for finances is to carry out his purpose for establish the work. The same is true of the anointing.

HOW TO AVOID ENVY OF THE WICKED

Psalms 37:1-3,9,29 ; 1 Cor.13:4 ; Gen.30:1-3; Job5:2 gives us some important truths to observe:

1. Do not worry; they may appear to have power to hurt and or hinder you Vs.1
2. do not be envious; they may seem to have everything going their way, but it is not so Vs1,16 Pro.23:17
3. It does not last long Vs2
4. Put your trust in the Lord. You have to know that he has already provided what is best for you Vs3
5. Doing good (Duet.30:20)brings promise and praise of God and men Vs3

6. Evildoers shall be cut off Vs9 (Isa.57:13, Eccl.9:6) Knowing that God judges and rewards us for our deeds should cause us to have a healthy fear of God.
7. Those who wait on God will inherit the earth Vs.9 Lu.21:19 1Pe.5:9,10
8. Wicked people will do anything for gain but the righteous resist evil knowing that the land is ours forever. Vs.29 Prov.2:21
9. Our love for sinner's stops /blocks envy and jealousy 1Cor.13:4
10. Only God can change certain of our circumstances. Gen.30:1,2
11. Envy slayeth the silly one Job5:2
12. We are to avoid envy and the envious; 1Tim.6:4,5 Gen.26:17

WHY HAVE'NT I RECEIVED MY BLESSING?

1. Deut.8;17 Have you given God glory for what you have
2. Ps37:4 Is your greatest delight in the Lord or the things which he provides
3. Ja.4:3 What we ask God for needs to be in line with his plan for our lives. Mark 10:23

WHAT IS TAKING SO LONG?

1. Mal.1:6-8
2. Mal.2:2-9
3. Mal.3:7-15