What is Prosperity?

Prosperity is the state of thriving, flourishing, and experiencing success or good fortune. While it is most commonly associated with financial wealth and economic abundance, a broader definition encompasses health, happiness, personal fulfillment, and peace of mind.

3 John 1:1-2 NKJV The Elder, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth: (2) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 John 1:2 AMPC 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 TPT Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering.

There is a connection between your soul prospering and your natural material man prospering.

Prosperity does not begin in your bank accounts. Prosperity does not begin in your wallet or purse.

Prosperity begins in your spirit and soul.

This is the problem with programs that try and help people financially and materially. It might temporarily address natural circumstances but does not change anything on the inside of the people they help. Therefore, in the long term, people are not helped to get out of their current circumstances.

How does your soul prosper? The Word of God is what makes your soul to prosper.

God is not about pushing people down – He is about pulling people up!

We are going to prosper outwardly as we prosper inwardly!

Do we think poor, believe poor, act poor, talk poor?

Being a good steward is not the same as being poor or having a poverty mindset.

There are such things as poor people who don't have any money, and there are poor people have a lot of money.

You can be rich and don't have a lot of money yet!

Prosperity Defined:

2 Corinthians 9:8 NKJV And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 AMPC And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

2 Corinthians 9:8 TPT Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything—every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do.

Kenneth Copeland - True prosperity is the ability to use the power of God to meet the needs of mankind in every realm of life: spirit, soul, body, financially and socially.

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What kind of God did Abraham know?

Genesis 17:1-4 NKJV

Did God multiply Abraham?

"I am the Almighty God" – "El Shaddai" – "El" emphasizes God's might and power. "Shaddai" – the root of this word is "breast" like a woman's breast.

Genesis 49:25-26 NKJV

Shaddai – signifies nourishment, supply, and satisfaction. An infant's total source of supply is the breast of his mother. That is what God is to us.

He is mighty to nourish, supply, and satisfy.

He is our complete source and supply.

God is our complete source and supply. You have one Source but may have many channels.

Another Thing Abraham Saw in God

Genesis 22:7-14 NKJV

"Jehovah" – the name of God meaning "the self-existent One"

"Jireh" – Sees

Pre-vision and Pro-vision – God is the Provider that makes provision for what He sees before

BDB Definition:

Jehovah-jireh = "Jehovah sees"

1) symbolic name given by Abraham to Mount Moriah in commemoration of the interposition of the angel of Jehovah who prevented the sacrifice of Isaac and provided a substitute

yehōwāh yir'eh: A proper noun designating Jehovah Jireh, a name given to designate the Lord by Abraham for providing a sacrifice in place of Isaac (Gen 22:14). It means "the Lord will see to it" literally but also means "the Lord will provide."

God saw ahead what was going to be needed and provided the supply.

God is never surprised by your need!

Abraham knew a God Who is a blesser.

Abraham knew a God Who is a multiplier.

Abraham knew a God Who was his protector and defender.

What kind of man did God know?

1. God knew a man that would obey Him. He would go anywhere and give anything that was asked of him.

2. Abraham was a man that believed God could do anything and was not afraid!

3. Abraham was a man of generosity and put others first; he was unselfish.

4. God also knew a man who is a tither, who put God first!

5. Abraham was a man given to hospitality!

   Be the kind of person who loves to bless people, help people, make people feel comfortable.

God refers to Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

What kind of God did Isaac know?

Genesis 24:35-36 NKJV The LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. (36) And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him he has given all that he has.

Isaac knew a good life because of his father's relationship with God.

Genesis 25:5 NKJV

Genesis 26:1-6 NKJV

God will bless you in the place you are supposed to be.

Being led by the Spirit is so important where prosperity is concerned.

> **Romans 8:14 NKJV** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
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> **If you want the perfect will of God blessings, you must be in the perfect will of God for your life.**
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> **Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NKJV)** If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, Do not leave your post; For conciliation pacifies great offenses.
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> **Ecclesiastes 10:4 (AMPC)** If the temper of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place [or show a resisting spirit]; for gentleness and calmness prevent or put a stop to great offenses.

Genesis 26:12-14 NKJV

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Isaac prospered because he was obedient to the direction of the Lord. His blessing was in that place and nowhere else.

There is only one place where the highest level of God's protection, blessing, and prosperity and that is the perfect will of God.

Isaac knew the God of the hundredfold harvest!

Jacob stole the birthright through deception. Deception is never right.

Gen 27:28-29 (NKJV)
28 Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine. 29 Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, And let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed *be* everyone who curses you, And blessed *be* those who bless you!"

Genesis 28:13-17 (NKJV) And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. [14] Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. [15] Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." [16] Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." [17] And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

Gen 28:20-22 (NKJV) Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, [21] so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. [22] And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Jacob found God was a covenant God with him just like He was with his father and grandfather.

Jacob was a man who was willing to change.

Jacob was a man who was willing to honor God first.

Gen 30:43 (NKJV) Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

Jacob had been a deceiver and unfortunately he reaped deception through his father in law, Laban.

Jacob became a hard worker and was faithful where he was in the moment.

Jacob grew to become a finisher.

God brought Jacob from a place of being a deceiver with nothing but a staff and a bed roll to being a man that He could bless and honor.

Ultimately, the twelve tribes of Israel came out of Jacob because God had blessed him.