

## MONEY MATTERS

*(How to Make Your Money Count for Now and Forever)*

### **IS THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL THE TRUE GOSPEL?**

1 Timothy 6:6-11

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*But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang. But flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.*

*1 Timothy 6:9-11*

**The Prosperity Gospel** -- believers have a right to the blessings of health and wealth, and they can obtain these blessings through positive confessions of faith and the sowing of financial seeds.

**Is the good news of prosperity really the good news of Jesus?**

#### **1. The prosperity gospel emphasizes health and wealth.**

##### **A. Health and wealth are appealing to the unsaved.**

*But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 1 Corinthians 2:14*

##### **B. Health and wealth are temptations used by the devil.**

##### **C. Health and wealth are not the emphasis of salvation.**

*And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23*

#### **2. The prosperity gospel emphasizes positive confession.**

*"And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13*

##### **A. The Lord is not your heavenly genie.**

B. The Lord doesn't do our will, we do His will.

*"Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me;  
yet not My will, but Thine be done." Luke 22:42*

C. Real faith is believing and claiming what He says.

*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.  
Romans 10:17*

### **3. The prosperity gospel emphasizes material blessings.**

A. The greatest blessings are spiritual.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who  
has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly  
places in Christ .... Ephesians 1:3*

B. The greatest temptations are material.

C. The Christian life involves suffering with a future reward.

*Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or  
of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel  
according to the power of God. 2 Timothy 1:8*

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not  
worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed  
to us. Romans 8:18*

**Do you have the real thing?**