

MONEY MATTERS

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

IS THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL THE TRUE GOSPEL?

1 Timothy 6:6-11 Jeff Schreve

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?