

Perfect

Psalm 112:1 (NKJV)

¹ Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man *who* fears the LORD, *who* delights greatly in His commandments.

- It reveals the blessings and the characteristics of a person who fears the Lord and delights greatly in His commandments
- It is truly a picture of a person who is complete, mature, stable, fixed and established in the Lord

Psalm 37:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright; For the future of *that man is* peace.

- Perfect: (KJV) Complete, mature, godly, and consistent
- We are perfect in Christ – **Hebrews 12:23**
- He his perfecting His work in us – **Philippians 3:12, Philippians 2:13**

Since the creation of man it has been the enemy's goal to keep us from everything God has promised and purposed for us

- He wants us to be double-minded

James 1:8 (NKJV)

⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

When we are double-minded we don't know who we are in Christ

Prosperity flows from the inside out

You cannot obtain and sustain outward prosperity when you are inwardly **un-stable**

- Double-minded: Greek; double-souled, having two minds, confusion
- Confusion: Lack of understanding; uncertainty, a situation of panic, a break-down in order

Three perspectives of instability in life

- Your relationship with yourself
- Your relationship with others
- Your relationship with God

God Wants You to be Blessed, Happy, and Prosperous

- Blessed, happy and prosperous people are peaceful people

Peace leads you to make different decisions about money, career, relationships, and your family

- As the peace of God overtakes your life, prosperity increases
- You will ultimately become a peace-maker

The Church should be a community of unity and peace

– **Psalm 133**

- We think it's normal to have problems
- It's not normal!
- You can not be a child of God and hate people

– **1 John 4:20**

He even makes our enemies be at peace with us

Proverbs 16:7 (NKJV)

⁷ When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

- What has become an enemy in your life?
- Has the enemy come against, promotion, success, health, relationships, marriage, children, or finances?
- The enemy wants to keep you from believing God wants to prosper you in these areas
- He gets us off track thinking we deserve to be miserable, barely getting by in life and that God is mad at us
- He keeps us bound by shame, rejection, confusion, and condemnation
- Sometimes we even blame God and get bitter
- Jesus suffered for our peace – **Isaiah 53:5**
- God has given us a covenant of peace
- For us and our children! – **Isaiah 54:13**

Psalm 112:2 (NKJV)

² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

- When you live for God it releases a blessing upon the next generation
- Naturally and spiritually

The Lord wants to bring increase, abundance, and multiplication into our lives

Psalm 115:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ May the LORD give you **increase** more and more, You and your children.

- The blessings of God come through covenant
- The covenant of blessing for the people of God is a thread you can follow from Genesis to Revelation

If we are willing, obedient, fixed and established on God's covenantal promises we will continue to see increase from generation to generation

Do you have room for more?

Isaiah 54:2–3 (NKJV)

² “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. ³ For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited.

- God wants to do more for you than you can imagine!
– **Ephesians 3:20**

Successful people want to share their secrets with others

- Think about TED Talks and other seminars
- If you could spend an hour with Solomon, what would you ask him?
- Warren Buffet, Bill Gates
- Why would it be any different with God
 - *“What’s your secret? “Teach me, train me.”*
- God wants to share His secrets so you can be a blessing to others
- We are representatives of God’s love, blessing and favor
- If God can do it for us, He can do it for others

God is saying, *“Get ready to enlarge the place of your tents, because your dreams and visions for you and your family are about to be multiplied.”*

- God wants to fill you to overflowing so you spill out into the lives of others

Psalm 35:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, “Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

- It is God’s pleasure to bless you
- Why else would He raise up an Abraham, David, Solomon, or others in the Bible?

1 Chronicles 4:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Now Jabez (*he makes sorrowful*) was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I bore *him* in pain.” ¹⁰ And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.

- This is all the Bible says about Jabez
- He was honorable – Stable, steadfast, and established
- He prayed for increase and God granted it to him

We have got to break the mentality that all God cares about is saving us for eternity

- Do you think God is pleased when there is no increase in your life?
- Do you think He is pleased when you don't increase in wisdom, knowledge, understanding and revelation?
- Do you think He is pleased when you don't increase in faith and love?
- Do you think God is pleased when we stay at the same level our whole lives?
- God wants everything in our lives to be increasing

We should be influencing and touching more and more people!

God wants you financially prosperous!

Psalm 112:3 (NKJV)

³ Wealth and riches *will be* in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

- We serve than God of more than enough – El Shaddai
- Wealth – Hebrew – “*wealth, riches, substances; enough sufficiency.*” “*to posses riches,*” *to be in a position of ease.*”
- Riches – Hebrew – “*to accumulate, to prosper, to be happy, to enrich.*”

The possession of wealth is not regarded as sinful to God or for His people

- In fact it is looked upon as a sign of the blessing of God

Wealth does have certain sins attached to it that you can be vulnerable to

- Pride, oppression of the poor, selfishness, dishonesty, self-conceit, self-trust

When we live holy, righteous, established in God, faithful, obedient, generous, and wise our wealth pleases God and is a sign of His blessing on our lives!

- He gives us the power to get wealth – **Deuteronomy 8:18**

God hates limitations!

Psalm 78:41–43 (NKJV)

⁴¹ Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. ⁴² They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy, ⁴³ When He worked His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the field of Zoan.

- Not only did they limit God, God was not pleased that they limited Him
- Limiting God keeps us from having all that God wants to bring into our lives
- When we limit God we are basically saying, *“God I don’t trust You to go beyond a certain boundary or limit”*

They saw the giants and didn’t believe that God could give them that ability to overcome them and enter the Promised Land

We limit God when we forget or never acknowledge all that He has done for us

- We stop sharing our testimony with others

Regularly talking about the things of God and remembering His faithfulness will build your faith

- It builds your expectation
- Think about the way He has delivered you, healed you, restored your mind

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

If you want to please God you must believe that He is good and is a rewarder

- God doesn't favor people based on the skin color, family name, or background
- He does favor faith-filled people

Romans 4:3 (NKJV)

³ For what does the Scripture say? “*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*”

- He was righteous before God because he believed Him
- Time and time again Jesus commended people for their faith
- Most of the time it was Gentiles

Luke 7:6–7 (NKJV) Centurion's Servant

⁶ Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”

- We need to think and dream big!
- If God says it in His word, it’s done

Don’t let your background or past make you think you’re not good enough or worthy of God moving in your life

- If you have faith you can receive a miracle

Matthew 15 – The Canaanite Woman

- She came to Jesus because her daughter was demon possessed
- Jesus ignored her at first
- When He finally answered it seemed as if He was insulting her

Matthew 15:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴ But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶ But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.”

- Could you imagine being called a dog by Jesus?
- Most of us would walk away
- How are you responding to an opportunity of offense?
- Persecution comes for the word’s sake – **Mark 4:17**

Her Response

Matthew 15:27–28 (NKJV)

²⁷ And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

- She knew even a crumb was enough for a miracle
- Don’t let your circumstance call you a dog
- When you walk in faith it is proof that you know God
- You know that He is good, merciful, kind, forgiving, redeeming, delivering, and restoring!

Believe that God wants to bless you

- Your ministry, finances, business, family or whatever it is
- Start to believe God for a miracle
- Don’t throw in the towel
- Don’t stop doing what you know to do
- If you have never stepped out in faith, start today!

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Thank God you're not where you were five or ten years ago.
Change your confession!

- God has helped you remain faithful to Him and His word
- He has been consistently increasing you and all that concerns you
- You continue to progress and move forward
- Your life keeps getting stronger and more plentiful
- You know things you didn't know before
- Your worship and knowledge of God have increased
- Your level of discernment is greater
- Your ability to hear from God and speak for Him has increased
- Everything around you has benefitted by your increase and prosperity
- Your marriage and covenant relationships are thriving
- You are increasing in love, kindness and edification
- The blessing of God has come upon your employer or business
- You are becoming more and more generous
- The Lord has enlarged you

Call things that are not as though they were – That's Faith!

Romans 4:17 (NKJV) Abraham

¹⁷ (as it is written, "*I have made you a father of many nations*") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;