

Perfect

Psalm 112:1 (NKJV)

¹ Praise the LORD! Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the LORD, *who* 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 is perfecting His work in us – **Philippians 2:13, 3:12**

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

James 1:8 (NKJV)

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

- Prosperity flows from the inside out
- You cannot obtain and sustain outward prosperity when you are inwardly **un-stable**
- God Wants You to be Blessed, Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous

Psalm 112:2-4 (NKJV)

² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

- Generational blessing for the people of God is a thread you can follow from Genesis to Revelation
- Remember prosperity flows from the inside out
- How much we prosper physically, spiritually, emotionally, relationally and financially depends on the condition of our soul
- We display the fruit of the Spirit when our souls are under control of the Spirit of God

Galatians 5:22 (NKJV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness

- These nine fruits of the Spirit can be summed up in
- Grace – Compassion – Righteousness

A double-minded person is bound by rejection, rebellion, and bitterness

- They can not be gracious, compassionate and righteous

In order to dethrone the flesh and live according to the spirit we must discipline our bodies – **1 Corinthians 9:27**

Wise and Just

Psalm 112:5 (NKJV)

⁵ A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with *discretion*.

- Grace – Generosity – Discretion
- Amp – *justice*
- Again this lifestyle can only flow out of a person submitted to the Holy Spirit
- Generosity and righteousness is a recurring theme
- A man who trusts and delights in the Lord is one who conducts his affairs with discretion

Webster Dictionary Definition: *The word discretion refers to judgment, decision-making; how a process or manner of deciding what should be done is carried out—proper, fitting, right. It also means “the quality of having or showing discernment or good judgment”; “ability to make responsible decisions.”*

- A man or woman of God is not a loose cannon
- A person who conducts his or her business with fairness
- A person who operates with common sense
- Levelheaded, prudent, sensible, astute, insightful, and wise

God wants us to prosper in life and have good success
– Joshua 1:8

- Wisdom is the key to success

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

- It doesn't say faith is the principal thing
- It doesn't say love is the principal thing
- Even though these are important wisdom is essential in having a prosperous life

Proverbs 8:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom; I *am* understanding, I have strength.

- There is so much foolishness in the world today
- People do not understand that getting wisdom should be a priority
- You cannot get ahead by listening to and applying foolishness to your life
- Foolishness leads to bitterness, confusion, instability, and poverty
- Wisdom gives good advice

Wisdom gives you understanding to discern the things of God

- To discern the will of God and what direction to follow for your life
- To determine the way of wealth, prosperity and success

Proverbs 8:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. ¹⁶ By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.

We are royalty and have been seated in heavenly places, in Christ – Ephesians 2:6, 1 Peter 2:9

- God’s plan is for us to rule and reign with Him
- To become like kings and queens
- To rule means to contend, have power, prevail over or have dominion
- The enemy should not be allowed in and out of our lives anytime he wants
- God has given us territory to rule over
- Our family, business, ministry
- Wisdom allows us to govern well
- To have power and direction over our lives

Wisdom says of itself....

Proverbs 8:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me.

- We should start young in obtaining wisdom and continue through our lives
- We will make fewer mistakes

There are always solutions with wisdom

- Regardless of where you are today
- You can start to make wise decisions and turn your life around
- Wisdom will bring a solution to your problem

Proverbs 8:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Riches and honor *are* with me, Enduring riches and righteousness.

- Wisdom will allow a generational blessing to flow
- This is a constant theme in the word of God
- God doesn't want us to have riches one day that are gone tomorrow
- When we follow Gods instructions we will have riches that last

Proverbs 8:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ My fruit *is* better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver.

- Through wisdom God will promote you
- Trust you with more
- He will bring you before great men and give you opportunities

Proverbs 8:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ I traverse the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice

- Wisdom will lead you on the right path
- Foolishness and stupidity will put you on the path to destruction
- Wisdom will put you on the path of life, success and prosperity
- What path are you on?

Too many people in our society speak foolishly and lack wisdom

- They make foolish decisions
- They get involved in foolish relationships
- When things don't work out they blame God
- It's not God's fault
- It's the decisions that you made

Proverbs 19:3 (NKJV)

³ The foolishness of a man twists his way, and his heart frets against the LORD.

- You cannot make foolish decisions, have a foolish lifestyle and have foolish people influencing you and prosper in life

Proverbs 3:13 (NKJV)

¹³ Happy is the man *who* finds wisdom, and the man *who* gains understanding;

- You can make a change today
- Do you need wisdom?
- All you need to do is ask

James 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

- God loves to give wisdom
- You can receive an impartation of wisdom
- You can have the spirit of wisdom

Deuteronomy 34:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

- Get around wise people
- Find someone who's successful in some area in life and ask them how they got where they are
- God loves it when we ask for wisdom
- He will give you creative ideas, invention and innovation

Psalm 112:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

- The Psalm 112 man is uncompromisingly righteous
- His righteousness endures – It lasts!
- It stands through tests and trials
- There is no wavering

The reason so many struggle with the same temptations year after year is that they have not settled in their hearts that when right and wrong come up, there is no choice

- Our yes is yes, and our no is no!
- It is settled, and our heart is established
- We should not be up and down
- Doing well for a while and then backsliding into a compromising lifestyle
- As believers we should be looking to live a consistent lifestyle

We all struggle, but remember the goal is to become steadfast, unshakable, single-minded, and fixed on God

- Most people think to be righteous is to be “basically good”
- We then compare ourselves with someone else that is doing worse so we can feel good about ourselves
- We need to know what the standard for righteousness is
- Who is righteous and what does that look like?

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- When you become born again you become a new person
- You become a righteous person
- You become a new creation
- You accept the righteousness of God that is in Christ
- You cannot be bound by sin and be righteous

What does a righteous person look like?

Job 1:1 (NKJV)

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

- Job is the oldest book in the Bible – predating Abraham
- He lived before the law
 - So his righteousness could not have been through keeping the law
- He didn't have the Ten Commandments to guide him
- We are not talking about legalism
- Don't drink don't chew or run with those that do

Job Chapter 29 carries some secrets to his righteousness

Job 29:4 – He served God in his youth

- Start when you're young
- Wisdom and righteousness are connected
- Don't wait until you've "lived a little"

Job 29:6 – His steps were bathed in cream and the rock poured out rivers of oil

- He was prosperous and anointed
- Cream or butter represent prosperity
- Oil represents the anointing
- He was anointed to prosper

Job 29:7-10 – Job was honored and respected

- When Job showed up everyone shut up and listened
- **Proverbs 10:21** – *"The lips of the righteous feed many"*
- He was a powerful, righteous man because God exalted him

Job 29:12-13 – He cared for people who had no one to help them

- He didn't just talk the talk he walked the walk
- He delivered the poor and fatherless
- He was wealthiest man alive but had compassion and humility

Job 29:6 – Job was a father to the poor

- Am I willing to step in and be a father to those who don't have one?
- We need men to rise up and be fathers
- The next generation is at stake

The Bible says faith without works is dead

- You can speak in tongues, shout and carry on
- But do you have works of righteousness?
- A righteous person is gracious and full of compassion
- They understand that God gave them all they have, and it is to share with others

Job 1:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?”

- God bragged on Job
- What does God say about you?

You may not understand what is happening all of the time but never turn your back on God

- God gave Job twice as much
- Be a man after God's own heart, who will do God's will
– **Acts 13:22**