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**A Glimpse Into Biblical Prosperity**

Proverbs 11:10

**Key Truth:** Many have used the term prosperity to associate it with the Bible to justify a certain financial status. It is true that God wants His children to prosper however Biblical prosperity differs greatly from that of the world.

1. A worldview of prosperity.

 A. The golden rule effect.

 B. Money can make you happy.

 C. Money can give you superior status.

2. A misinformed Christian worldview of prosperity.

 A. God doesn’t want you to be poor.

 B. Material prosperity is for the faithful.

 C. Material wealth is associated with God’s favor.

3. The road to biblical prosperity is formed with wisdom.

 Deuteronomy 29:9; Proverbs 19:8

 A. The path to biblical prosperity begins with Jesus.

 3 John 1:2

 B. Following Jesus positions us for kingdom

 achievements. John. 14:12

 C. Obedience to God is important for Kingdom

 success. Deuteronomy 5:33

4. Biblical prosperity is understanding what is good.

 Genesis 24:21

 A. Goodness is defined by God’s standards. Romans 8:28

 B. Goodness is being conformed in Christ’s image.

 Romans 8:29-30

 C. We truly prosper when God is glorified in our walk.

 John 17:1-3

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Biblical prosperity is not out of reach for believers. God wants His children to prosper in our efforts to advance the Kingdom. Pray for strength and wisdom for a prosperous walk in the Lord.

**Food For Thought**

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

What applies to me today?

Where have I seen this in others?

Where have I experienced this?

Options To Maximize Your Reading Of Proverbs:

* Pick a Time - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.
* Mark it Up - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you’ve done this over time.
* Write Down Your Thoughts - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.

As you do this from day to day, know that you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to, as well as helping others to live out the wisdom and love of God in your life.