

Jesus Is Provider – 04/03/11

II Corinthians 9:5-8

5 This is my reason then for urging the brothers to visit you before I come myself, so that they can get your promised gift ready in good time. So that your gift may be *a real act of grace and spontaneity and not money that has been squeezed out of you or given under pressure.*

6 *Remember this:* He who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously and that blessing may come to someone, will also reap generously and with blessings or *Scanty sowing, scanty harvest: Plentiful sowing, plentiful harvest.*

7 Let everyone give *as his heart tells him.* Not grudgingly or of necessity or under compulsion; for God loves, takes pleasure in, prizes above other things and is unwilling to abandon or to do without a cheerful, joyous, prompt-to-do-it giver, *whose heart is in his giving*

8 And God is able to give you an *OVERFLOWING measure of all good gifts*, that *ALL YOUR WANTS of every kind may be supplied at all times* and you may *give of your abundance to every good work.*

JESUS THE PROVIDER

Is it God's will to prosper you, provide for you, and meet your needs?

Ephesians 3:20 - Now to Him (Jesus) Who, by the power that is at work within us, is able to carry out His purpose and do *superabundantly, far over and above all* that we dare ask or think, *infinitely beyond* our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams.

Do you believe this is God's intentions toward you?

God's blessings are not about the pursuit of money, but rather fulfilling a purpose and walking in "His Blessings" that exceed what money can provide!

Ecclesiastes 5:10 - If you *love money*, you will *never be satisfied*; if you *long to be rich*, you will *never get all you want*. It is useless.

Deuteronomy 28:11-13

11 And the Lord shall *make you plenteous in goods* . . .

12 The Lord shall open to you his *GOOD TREASURE*, the heaven to give the rain unto your land in his season and *TO BLESS ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND AND YOU SHALL LEND UNTO MANY NATIONS AND YOU SHALL NOT BORROW.*

13 And the Lord shall make you *the head and not the tail* and you shall be *above ONLY* and you shall not be beneath, If you will listen to and obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day to observe and to do them.

Proverbs 8:18-21

18 *I HOLD WEALTH AND HONOR, POSITION AND GOOD FORTUNE;*

19 what I yield is better than the best of gold, what I bring in is better than rare silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment.

21 That *I may cause* those that love me to inherit substance or *THAT I MAY ENDOW MY FRIENDS WITH WEALTH AND FILL THEIR TREASURIES.*

III John:2 - Beloved, I wish *above all things* that you *may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers*

How Does God Prosper His Children?

There is a God side and a Man side to every blessing of God.

Galatians 6:7 – Don't be under any illusion: You cannot make a fool out of God! *A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows or gives!*

Are you a sower and a giver?

Philippians 4:15-19

15 Now you Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church with the exemption of yourselves, had anything to do with me as far as *GIVING AND RECEIVING*.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent more than once to relieve my wants and needs.

17 *It's not your money that I am anxious for, BUT I SEEK FRUIT THAT MAY ABOUND TO YOUR ACCOUNT or I AM ANXIOUS TO SEE THE ABUNDANT RETURN THAT WILL BE PLACED TO YOUR ACCOUNT or I seek for the profit which increases to your account or I SEEK AND AM EAGER FOR THE FRUIT WHICH INCREASES TO YOUR CREDIT-THE HARVEST OF BLESSING THAT IS ACCUMULATING TO YOUR ACCOUNT.*

18 But I have all which I require and more than I require. I am fully supplied.

19 But my God shall supply *ALL YOUR NEEDS* according to *His riches* in glory by Christ Jesus.

We honor God by expecting a harvest of blessing!

Luke 6:38 - Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over, *SHALL MEN GIVE INTO YOUR BOSOM OR LAP*. For with the *SAME MEASURE THAT YOU GIVE WITH, IT SHALL BE MEASURED OR GIVEN BACK TO YOU AGAIN*.

Our giving, not our needs determine the measure of our blessing!

II Corinthians 9:9-11

9 The scriptures say of such a man, "He scatters his gifts to the poor, his deeds of charity go on forever."

10 And God, who supplies seed *for the sower or giver* and bread for eating, will supply you with seed and multiply it, and will *increase the crop of your charities or giving*.

11 *THE MORE YOU ARE ENRICHED BY GOD, THE MORE SCOPE THERE WILL BE FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING*. Your gifts administered through us, will cause many to thank God.