

HOW TO HAVE A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Joshua 1:8,9

I. THE DEFINITION OF PROSPERITY

A. Webster – The condition of being successful. Especially economic well-being.

B. Old Test. H6743 tsaw-lakh', tsaw-lay'-akh A primitive root; to push forward, in various senses (literally or figuratively, transitively or intransitively): - break out, come (mightily), go over, be good, be meet, be profitable, (cause to, effect, make to, send) prosper (-ity, -ous, -ously). Used times in OT KJV 66

C. Old Test. H7919 saw-kal' A primitive root; to be (causeatively make or act) circumspect and hence intelligent: - consider, expert, instruct, prosper, (deal) prudent (-ly), (give) skill (-ful), have good success, teach, (have, make to) understand (-ing), wisdom, (be, behave self, consider, make) wise (-ly), guide wittingly. used in KJV OT 63 times

D. "The word success there in Joshua 1:8 literally comes from the Hebrew term that means to be prudent or a great synonym to be wise. The definition of success from a Biblical perspective is that which gives success is adherence to the word of God... When we order our life according to the word of God and do that, then the Bible calls that success..." – Dave Kistler

II. THE QUEST OF PROSPERITY

A. Human Motivation

1. Love of money I Tim. 6:10
2. Desire for fame 1 Jn. 2:15
3. Covetousness (Idolatry) Col. 3:4-6
4. Wish for Comfort, Convenience
5. Pride of Life I John 2:15-17

B. Spiritual Motivation

1. Glory of God
2. Spreading the Gospel
3. Prove God's faithfulness

God pleasing prosperity is the result of Faith Living. Heb. 11:6; Rom. 14:23

III. THE WAY OF PROSPERITY

A. Meditation in God's Word

Deut. 32:46; Prov. 4:26; Hag. 1:7; Luke 9:44; Ps. 1:1,2;
Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:2; Ps. 119:15,48,97; Matt. 6:33

B. Obedience to God's Word

1. Prospering I Chronicles 4:9,10; I Chron. 22:11,13;
2. Tithing Proverbs 3:9,10; I Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

C. Application of God's Principles

1. In Home Malachi 3:16-18, 4:4-6
2. In Marriage I Cor. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:21-34
3. In Business Luke 6:27-38
4. In Church Acts 2:38-47

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