

A String of Pearls

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Divine Prosperity

One of the areas God constantly works with me in is the financial end of walking as a prophet. Yes prophets also need finances or money or natural goods to live on this planet. We don't eat air, and we don't exist off of JUST the word of God. The main reason God has me study the subject of divine prosperity is that the enemy is constantly telling me, "You're going to starve" or "You're going to go without". I know that you too are hearing similar taunts and this is the reason I'm going to share with you what I do. We are told, "The just shall live by faith". In this short commandment is so much "manna" I could stand and preach for months with this as my text. How important are these six words? Let me tell you how important God deems them! He lists them here:

- Romans 1:17 (Paul to the Romans)
- Galatians 3:11 (Paul to the Galatians)
- Hebrews 10:38 (Paul to the Hebrews)
- Habakkuk 2:4 (Habakkuk to the Hebrews)

We're told that in the mouth of two or three witnesses EVERY word shall be established! Many people think that ONLY those of us who are in full time ministry need to live by faith, but I promise you that if you name the name of Y'shua/Jesus you are among the "justified" or "just" or "righteous" and are supposed to live by faith. Let me go onto say that faith isn't defined as most folks label it. **Faith is the substance of the things you are hoping for (earnestly expecting) and the substance or natural makeup of things NOT seen.** This is the *biblical* definition of faith. Faith is trust. We trust what we see and hear in and from the word of God (written) and Living Word of God (Y'shua/Jesus). The written word is the bread and the Living Word (Y'shua) is the manna from heaven. Deuteronomy 8 tells us that we don't live by bread alone (the written) but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Y'shua/Jesus reminded us that **HE** was the bread of life come down from heaven! So we go to the word as our bedrock and we DO what he tells us to do as he speaks to us via the Holy Spirit. The Lord is alive and he is sitting on the right hand of God Almighty, the Father giving commandments or directions to those who have ears to hear.

The word of God/Word of God is our bedrock that helps us stand in the storms of life. I will constantly remind you that storms are coming. Don't think it's weird when storms come. We pray for rain and then when a storm comes we get freaked

Special points of interest:

- I am about to step into something very big and God has put several opportunities before me in ministry. I covet your prayers for a clear path.
- Again, that whatever has blocked the door for my vehicle situation to turn around to be clearly evident so I can deal with it.
- For strength to share the fruits of the spirit with those God puts in my path.
- That I would graciously walk in contentment in my new life.
- Direction in Kenyan, Malaysian, Singaporean, Russian, Nigerian and American web ministry.
- Direction regarding putting bibles in a new ministry in Africa.

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out. We don't have to have those storms destroy us even though they are beating vehemently upon our homes. This is a parable for life on planet earth. Storms come because God makes it rain on the godly and the ungodly. We can't have good crops without rain! This seems so simple, yet when we're in the middle of a storm we're mad or scared!



There are so many things the enemy uses to bring fear to us on a daily basis, BUT if we have true confidence in God's word we will go to His word to find faith and then fear has to go. **Submit to God, resist the devil and he WILL flee.** He may tell you he isn't going to flee, but he has no choice. Just stay put, stable, standing, or persevering on the word and your situation will change. We're told that through "faith and patience" we inherit the promises. We don't always like the patience part, but if we understand that everything is like sowing seed we can see the benefit of using patience. (Notice I said USING patience and not being used up by our IDEA of patience.)

If I till my garden and then remove the weeds, rocks and then plant seed, I am using FAITH and PATIENCE for an eventual harvest. The word of God is seed. If you get a word that gives you hope and you implement faith and speak that word and see your words as prayers unto God, you will have an eventual harvest. The word tells us that sowers plant crops and go to bed and rise up and repeat this process and eventually they have a harvest. Of course they water the seed and fertilize it, but they don't know how the dirt is causing the seed to produce. You don't know how the dirt of your heart (spirit) is working on the seed (the word) you've planted, but it's working nonetheless. Don't go tilling it up with "I NEVER get what I pray for". That's like digging up your sunflower seeds to see if they are going to produce.

The unbelieving person doesn't believe he/she gets what he/she says or prays. He/She will say, "I don't believe you get what you say/pray" and that's exactly what he/she gets! We as believers are supposed to see our words as a constant stream of prayer to the Father. If you see your words that way you'll speak far less often and only speak what you want or what God has told you to say!

1 John 3: 20 For if our heart (the spirit or dirt where faith produces) condemn us, God is greater than our heart (the garden), and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart (spirit-garden) condemns us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. (We walk by faith in His word.)

1 John 5: 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask ANYTHING according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we KNOW that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The enemy has us in such a state of unbelief that we think we must lean to our own understanding and NEVER trust God with all our hearts (spirits). We are told we are greedy and lustful IF we ask God for our needs to be met. Instead we go to banks and credit cards to get our needs met OR we work like dogs at jobs thinking that is our source. Now I'm NOT telling you not to go to banks or not use credit cards to get help. And I'm not saying that you should sit on your fannies and not work. Those who don't work don't eat! I use the bank, I use my credit card and I have a job and I'm doing that job right now! I'm saying that you need to know that faith is God **speaking to you** and **directing you** to meet your needs using natural sources in supernatural ways. It's just that His ways are so much higher and better than our struggling natural way of doing things. He is a GOOD Father and He wants us to have good things, however, He doesn't want those things to have us.



God created everything we see. If we get out of balance we think everything we see is simply natural and

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has nothing to do with spiritual. God continually redirects us to His word so we can see that everything natural was made from spiritual substance, faith. He put faith in His words and released them saying, "LIGHT BE". The light is the elemental makeup of everything natural. He then used light to make the universe and all natural substance. So He exhorts us to use our faith (which He, by the way, gave to us) to create with our words. Remember, we have the power of life and death in our tongues. At the most simple, elemental, basic understanding of faith, we can see that if we use our words to hurt we kill, and if we use our words to heal we restore. God wants us to go way beyond the base use of our words. He wants us to use our words to destroy the works of the adversary, those works being poverty, sickness, bondage and death. He has given us very simple instructions and we are to obey them. In the meantime the adversary is on the planet. We are supposed to deal with him productively. Our instructions are to cast his fanny out! That's the FIRST thing we're supposed to do. We deal with him in ourselves so we have the right and the power to do so in other's lives. Then we can be creative and productive.



Ok, let's stop and breathe! It might be a good time to look at the ABC's of divine prosperity:

Matthew 6:19-34 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.



Let me begin by reminding you that God is a good Father and He isn't giving us instructions to make our lives miserable, but He wants to prosper us in such a way that the enemy has NO door into our lives. The enemy comes to STEAL, KILL and DESTROY. These are bad things! If he (hasatan) can get you fearful of God rather than trust Him, he will steal from you, kill you and destroy you. Not good. Second, life on earth is temporal. Your earth life in your physical is linear and your life on heaven is eternal! Eternal is better than temporal or temporary. God didn't want His children to have to work at destroying the works of the adversary forever, and He didn't want evil to have an

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eternal foothold in heaven. God set up the rules BEFORE He created the archangel we call Lucifer. God is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent. The adversary is NOT. The enemy is a fire starter and God is a fire-putter-utter.

(Side note: these things I share are spiritual warfare as much as any other principle or oracle in the word. You can't fight a way without "counting the cost" so we must know how to "finance" the work of this battle! How many wars were lost because the guy who started it didn't count the cost and ran out of funds?) I trust God to speak to you to help me keep sharing these truths. If you don't sow into my life, He will be forced to use ravens and eventually send me elsewhere to sow.



I am very pragmatic. My natural dad taught me to be practical. I'm not a wasteful person and I don't need a lot of stuff to keep me happy. In fact stuff tends to get in my way and I'm constantly purging and working to simplify and remove stuff from my life. My natural mom taught me how to "make a silk purse out of a sow's ear" so I look at one man's trash as treasure to use for the kingdom. I also delight in taking the word and using it as practically and logically as the Lord will allow. That is for your benefit as well as mine. Again another reason to sow into my life and what God has me doing.

You may overlook these verses I've shared here because you're so familiar with them, but if you have even an inkling of spiritual intuition you will take them and dissect them for your own benefit. I can diagram them, break them down to the lowest common denominator, but if you don't use them they become just so much text on a page. I'm going to make a sort of outline that will help you see them as I see them.

- Don't be focused (look too long) on accumulating natural stuff. Focus (look) on discovering eternal substance so you're eternal life will be full.
 - The enemy is watching you and how you shop and how you get your needs met.
 - The enemy is a thief and he is looking for an opportunity to steal from you.
- Don't give him that opportunity.
 - He wants to corrupt your goods and steal them.
- He can't do so if you see your substance is stored in heaven. Even if you're robbed, your substance is heavenly (faith) and you can recover anything he steals.
 - If you focus on natural stuff your spirit will focus on natural stuff and you'll end up like Lot's wife.
 - If you focus on God's kingdom your spirit will be productive and bring to you what you need to do God's will. (Like Noah, Abraham, Joseph, etc.)
 - You need your spirit to be productive to manifest divine substance.
 - Your eyes are gates to either God or the enemy.
 - You can be blinded to spiritual stuff if you fail to see the *value* of spiritual stuff.
 - You can think you're seeing and NOT be seeing.
 - Spiritual blindness is the *ultimate* blindness.
 - You can't fence sit. If you focus on God and His kingdom you'll love Him. If you focus on natural substance you'll hate God. (Scary huh?)
- Don't think about your life and meeting your own needs.



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- Not about eating
- Drinking
- What you're going to wear
- Remember, real life is more than food and clothing and focusing on these is focusing in the wrong direction. (You've basically got your back to God and that is bad.)
- Think about the flowers (Yes you read that right. We should focus on the flowers.)

(I'm going to take another side trip here. I remember when Jeff and I were in Wyoming on our way back to Texas. I had no idea, but Jeff had only \$18.00 in his pocket. We were in Casper, Wyoming and had our 93 Suburban and our 32' Avion travel trailer. We were bringing our daughter and grandson back from Wyoming to stay for a while. We had stopped at a truck stop in Casper and Jeff was about to fill up the car. He looked at me and said, "Be in agreement that we have the money we need to get home." Not thinking (which turned out to be a good thing) I said, "I agree". We went into the truck stop to use the facilities and I thought we'd eat too. While in the bathroom, Jeff proceeded to fill the car using the last \$18.00 in his pocket. He heard the Lord say, "You need to stop and smell the flowers." Jeff wasn't happy hearing those words. He was stuck on the fact he had only \$18.00. "God can't you see I've got a problem. I have four people, a car and a huge trailer to get home". Again he heard, "You need to stop and smell the flowers." He told me later he was tempted to rebuke the devil for distracting him, but knew the voice was God's so he obeyed. There was a half whiskey barrel in the alcove before the restaurant. It was full of stinky marigolds and petunias. He went over to the barrel and bent over. As he "smelled" the stinky flowers he found a wad of cash sitting in some muddy water! He picked it up. It later turned out to be four brand new one hundred dollar bills! God was using, "Consider the lilies of the field" thinking! We made it home. Again, you can see that *God uses natural means in supernatural ways to supply our needs!* Why? Because He isn't a counterfeiter. He can't rain money from heaven as it would be illegal tender.

- Remember: What you think about you will end up saying. (Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.)
- Don't think or say, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What am I going to wear?"
 - God knows before you do the things you need.
- Keep your focus on the kingdom of God.
 - Righteousness (a free gift to those who believe in Jesus)
 - Joy (this brings supernatural strength from God)
 - Peace (Jesus is made this to us so focus on Him and your provision will be complete.)

Last but not least, don't even THINK about tomorrow.

We only have grace for today.

We aren't promised tomorrow.

Why bother thinking so far ahead. Carpe diem or "seize the day"!



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The Prophet's Reward

Once again the Lord is requiring me to step out and exhort you to help me. There is a reward for caring for a prophet. There is also a reward for sowing into the life of a widow. Because the church as a whole has not taken care of the widow, God is doing the job through the Body.

Matthew 10:41 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward...

I think back to when Elijah was about to curse the land with drought (at God's command). I'm sure his head was talking like crazy, but God had made provision for him. God told him, "I have commanded a widow woman to sustain you there" (In 1 Kings 17:9) I can also imagine how he FELT when he asked her to "make me a little cake" using the meal and oil she had. He didn't take all she had, but just enough to cause the blessing of God to work. God NEVER asks us to give all we have, but commands us to give a part for the work of the kingdom. God speaks to His children to sustain His Levites, the stranger, the fatherless and the widows within our sphere of influence.

*Deuteronomy 14: 29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; **that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.***

When we care for the Levite (full time ministers), the stranger (anyone you don't know), the fatherless and the widow God promises to bless the work of our hands. Conversely if we don't we limit how much He can bless.

God even brings widows, orphans and strangers to me. I also support my pastor with my tithes. Help me continue the work God has asked me to do. Listen for the part He wants you to have in my life. If you're reading this you are within the sphere of my blessing. Thank you for listening and then obeying.