

**God Gives Us The Power To Make Wealth
But It's Not "Magical"
Rather It Is Wise And Responsible**

It is God who gave Israel the power to generate wealth.

(Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV) "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who *gives you power to get wealth.*"

Wealth does not drop from the sky.

Wealth is generated by those who have the power to make wealth.

God rarely directly gives people money. Rather He gives people the power to create wealth for themselves.

"The power to get wealth" is given by God in a specific way that is - the righteous person receives wisdom from God then diligently and ethically implements this wisdom towards a useful and socially beneficial end.

It is this diligent wise and righteous implementation of wisdom and knowledge that generates wealth.

Prosperity and Christian Character

God wants you to prosper. God also wants you to be like Jesus. Salvation and Christian character are God's top priority, your prosperity is a secondary priority.

So God's method of prospering you will involve you growing into a mature and godly human being along the way.

God's method of prosperity for Christians will NOT involve any dishonesty, cheating, lying, violence, corruption, idolatry, lucky charms, spells or consulting the dead.

God's method of prosperity for Christians will involve – being a Christian, and showing honesty, integrity, wisdom, maturity, patience, faith, hard work, skill, kindness, compassion for the poor and honoring God.

God is interested in making you strong. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. God wants strong, wise, skilled, successful believers who are faithful to Him.

God wants Christians who are responsible and honest and can rule the nations with Him one day.

God wants to bless and prosper you – but it will not be via a "get rich quick" scheme. It will be a slow sure process of growth in blessing and growth in righteousness and truth. That way you will grow as a Christian and your prosperity will be established and last.

The Biblical View Of Prosperity

Prosperity Flows To Those Who Fear God and Keep His Commandments

Proverbs 3:5,6; 33; 4:22; 5:21; 10:6,7,11,16,17,22; 27; 11:16; 12:20,28; 13:21; 16:7,22:4, 28:10; 29:18

Prosperity Comes To Those Who Seek Wisdom and Understanding

Proverbs 3:1,2,6,13,16-18,22; 4:10,13,22,23,26; 8:18,32,34; 9:11; 11:14, 13:10,14; 14:30; 15:24; 16:20-22, 19:8; 20:15; 24:6.

Prosperity Comes To Those Who Are Diligent

Proverbs 8:17, 10:4, 11:27, 12:24, 12:27, 13:4, 14:4; 21:5,

Prosperity Comes Through Well-Ordered Relationships And Appropriate Personal Boundaries.

Proverbs 1:10-15; 3:31; 3:28-32; 4:1; 5:1-11; 6:1-5, 20;10:1; 11:11,15,29;13:24; 14:21; 15:4,20; 16:7,21,28; 17:6,18, 19:9,13,18,26; 20:2,20; 21:9; 22:9,10; 22:6, 22-25; 23:13,15,22; 24:21,28; 25:6-9,18;26:18,19; 27:10,14; 28:7,20; 29:3,5,15,22-25; 30:17; 31:27.

Prosperity Is Accumulated By Paying Attention To The Means of Production And By Cautious Expenditure

Proverbs 13:23, 21:17,20; 24:27,30; 27:23, 29:3

Prosperity Is Retained By Righteous Living

Proverbs 13:11,22,23; 23:5

Unbiblical Views Of Prosperity

“Buy this lucky charm and you will get rich” – that is idolatry!

“Put these magic Latin words on your door and you will attract good luck and wealth” – that is using spells and is witchcraft!

Get power from the dead or lottery numbers through a medium and you will get rich – that is spiritism and is absolutely forbidden!

“Gamble with these lucky numbers and you will make a big pile of money” – that is serving “Luck” rather than God and will lead to ruin.

Join a secret society such as the Masons and do their rituals and you will get rich and powerful – the Masonic rituals lead to “Lucifer” and Satan worship.

Get a loan and don't pay it back. Lie to people and cheat anyone who looks gullible. This is wickedness “The wicked borrows and does not repay” (Psalm 37:21). Wicked people are full of schemes – including “get rich quick” schemes. (Psalms 26:10, 64:6)

ALL THE ABOVE ARE DECEPTIONS AND MANY OF THE ABOVE BRING CURSES NOT BLESSINGS

USING MAGIC, THE OCCULT OR SUPERSTITIONS OR LIES OR TREACHERY TO GET RICH WILL RESULT IN GOD DESTROYING YOUR LIFE AND YOUR WEALTH

REMEMBER THE WICKED MAY FLOURISH FOR A SHORT WHILE BUT IN THE END “THEY ARE LIKE CHAFF” BURNED IN THE FIRE AND BLOWN AWAY BY THE WIND. (Psalm 1)

Integrity Leads To Blessing and To Established Prosperity

Spiritual Aspects Of Prosperity and Poverty

1. Prosperity is totally under the control of the sovereignty of God
2. There is a moral aspect to prosperity involving personal character attributes and right relationships.
3. There is a spiritual realm of blessings and curses that greatly influences our prosperity.
4. Satan steadfastly opposes God's prosperity.
5. People can become poor through idol worship because idolatry brings a curse which brings creates poverty.
6. People often become poor the quest for “luck/fortune” creates an irresponsible mindset that in turn creates poverty.
7. Sometimes religion as a means of escape and illusion, and people become poor because they do not deal effectively with their problems.
8. The spiritual world of primitive religion and idols is chaotic and in need of appeasement not logical, lawful and predictable, it thus does not encourage long-term planning.

GOD BLESSES THE RIGHTEOUS

BLESSINGS INVOLVES THREE THINGS (Genesis 1:22-28)

Be Fruitful – to be able to produce, to bear good fruit in life

Multiply – to increase quickly and continually

Have Dominion – power to rule, to be the head not the tail

IN CHRIST WE ARE GREATLY BLESSED!

(Galatians 3:14 NKJV) that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

(Ephesians 1:3 NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

The blessings of Abraham INCLUDE being fruitful, multiplying and having dominion.

Best For Integrity	Development Level
Finland	13
Denmark	15
New Zealand	18
Iceland	9
Singapore	22
Sweden	6
Canada	1
Luxembourg	17
Netherlands	8
United Kingdom	10
Australia	7
Norway	2
Switzerland	12
Hong Kong	24
Austria	16
USA	3
Chile	34
Germany	14
Israel	23
Belgium	5
Japan	4
Spain	21
Ireland	20

Worst For Corruption	Development Level
Zambia	151
Albania	100
Guatemala	117
Nicaragua	121
Venezuela	48
Georgia	85
Ukraine	91
Vietnam	110
Kazakhstan	76
Bolivia	112
Cameroon	134
Ecuador	72
Haiti	152
Moldova	104
Uganda	158
Azerbaijan	103
Indonesia	105
Kenya	136
Angola	160
Madagascar	147
Paraguay	84
Nigeria	146
Bangladesh	150

How Does The Blessing Work?

Solomon – Feared God
Got Wisdom
Built And Maintained Alliances
Live Righteously
Worked Hard

and thus made wealth.

God did not give Solomon any money.

God gave Solomon a godly family and great wisdom.

Solomon earned vast sums of money through wisdom and skill and wise trading with other nations.

The rich people in the Bible such as Abraham, Job, and Solomon were all righteous, wise, and productive people – they were not just “lucky”.

The Blessing and The Curse At A National Level

The wealthy nations are the smart, hard-working, efficient, honest and generally Christian nations.

Of the top 20 nations 17 are Protestant, 2 are Catholic nations with strong Protestant influence, the other is Japan – where the workforce was heavily influenced by Protestant values after World War 2.

The wealthy nations are not corrupt do not worship idols or rely on lucky charms.

The twenty poorest nations are African nations with a reliance on voodoo, idols, luck, witchcraft and spells – and they are cursed by God as a result.

Christian nations are much wealthier than non-Christian nations and Protestant nations are wealthier than Catholic nations.

Honest nations are much richer than dishonest nations.

Nations that value wisdom and education, technology and innovation are ahead of nations that value tradition, position, status or are anti-intellectual in some way.

Industrious hard-working nations are much richer than nations that take life easy.

Application To Christian Living

1. Fear God and obey His commandments.
2. Seek the blessing of God on your life.
3. Do not worship idols or use lucky charms.
4. Be honest and keep your commitments.
5. Avoid “schemes” and do not engage in deception.
6. Honor one another and build good relationships with good righteous people of understanding.
7. Avoid associating with the wicked, the immoral, the violent, the lazy, the foolish or the corrupt because these will destroy your prosperity.
8. Get wisdom and understanding particularly practical knowledge that you can use to make a living.
9. Apply it diligently and skillfully towards a constructive end - skill and hard work bring honor.
10. Don't sit around dreaming, drinking or sleeping.
11. When you become wealthy remember to honor God and to give to the poor.
12. Do not be stingy or selfish. Remember the “fool” with full barns and use your money for Kingdom purposes!

The Prayer of Jabez

(1 Chronicles 4:10 NIV) Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.