

MANAGING OUR PROSPERITY

II Corinthians 9: 6-15

Prosperity and blessings are synonymous in the biblical context. Blessings and prosperity mean that we are receiving the favor of God. Generosity is a stepping stone to our prosperity. There is no better indicator of growth in the life of a Christian than in the area of giving. We should give cheerfully, not grudgingly. When giving is cheerful it will be generous. God is not overly concerned with the amount of the gift, but with the motive that lies behind the giving. Our gift to the Lord does not make Him any richer; it makes us richer spiritually because of the realization that everything is His and that we are giving because we love Him.

Failure to give money that God has given us is a serious matter. People who fail to honor God with their money actually rob God and curse themselves, not because it impoverishes God but because it denies the God ordained means to support His work and His ministers. For the children of God who honor Him with their money God promises abundant blessings and prosperity.

Since I believe that giving is a key to spiritual growth let me share with you three things that will help us in managing our prosperity as a Christian.

1. The Lord is Indescribably Good.
 - A. Principle in giving to God
 - B. Purposefully giving to the Lord

2. The Lord has indescribable Grace.
 - A. Promises for grace giving
 - B. Proportionately giving to the Lord

3. The Lord gives an indescribable Gift.
 - A. Prosperity as a reward for your generosity
 - B. Primary generous giving blesses the Lord