

Encounter and True Prosperity

I. Access to All Things

A. The Gift of God is Access to Overflowing Life

John 10.9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**. I came that they may **have life** and have it **abundantly**. **11** I am the good **shepherd**. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Ps 23.1 The LORD is my shepherd; **I shall not want**.

B. A Good Shepherd and a Healthy Soul

Ps 23.3 He **restores my soul**.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

3 John 2 NKJ Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper*** in **all things** and be in health, just as your **soul prospers.***

C. A Prosperous Soul is a Gateway for Blessings.

Releases Abundance and Health into Individuals, Families,
Nations

Gratitude recognizes the good that has been done.

II. Encounter Reveals Our Internal Realities

A. Zaccheus - Tired of Being Bad

Luke 19.1 He entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** And behold, there was a man named **Zacchaeus**. He was a **chief tax collector** and was **rich**. **3** And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. **4** So he ran on ahead

and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. **5** And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for **I must stay at your house today.**" **6** So he hurried and came down and **received him joyfully.** **7** And when they saw it, they all **grumbled**, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a **sinner.**" **8** And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the **half of my goods I give to the poor.** And if I have **defrauded** anyone of anything, I **restore it fourfold.**" **9** And Jesus said to him, "Today **salvation has come** to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. **10** For **the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**"

Matt 13.44 "The kingdom of heaven is **like treasure hidden in a field**, which **a man found** and covered up. Then **in his joy** he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

B. Rich Young Ruler - 2 Masters

Mark 10.17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, **what must I do to inherit eternal life?**"

Lk 18:18 a ruler

18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" **20** And he said to him, "Teacher, **all these I have kept from my youth.**"

Matt 19:20 young man

21 And Jesus, **looking at him, loved** him, and said to him, "You **lack one thing**: go, **sell all** that you have and give to

the poor, and **you will have treasure in heaven**; and come, follow me." 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he **had great possessions**. (or they HAD him!)

Lk 18.23 But when he heard these things, he became **very sad**, for he was **extremely rich**.

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How **difficult** it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ... 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For **all things are possible with God**."

Matt 6.24 "**No one can serve two masters**, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be **devoted** to the one and **despise** the other. You cannot serve God and money. (mammon)

What we "hold on" to, has a hold on us!

C. Breaking Cycles of Destruction

Mark 9:21 And Jesus asked his father, "**How long** has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From **childhood**." 22 And it has **often** cast him into fire and into water, **to destroy him**. But **if you can do anything**, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, "**If you can't! All things are possible for one who believes**." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he **rebuked** the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I **command** you, **come out** of him and **never enter him again**." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was **like a corpse**, so

that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But **Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.**

Unlimited Solutions to long term suffering

Break the Cycle of "Repeat Catastrophe" - sudden damage

II. The Kingdom of God & NORMAL Abundance

1. It's relational. When our thirst for God meets His thirst for us, there are no limits. It's the New Heaven and Earth

2. Blessing Godly Appetites

"Blessed" are: the poor in spirit - theirs is the Kingdom
hunger & thirst for righteousness- filled!

Restore to Normal - Abounding in every good work.

2 Cor 9.8 NIV And God is able to make all grace **abound** to you , so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will **abound in every good work.** **9** As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." **10** Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity **will result in thanksgiving to God.**

Wealth is Unlimited but without PURPOSE, it will be Misused.

Rev 3. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

He opened the Universe to you! Will you open your door to Him?