

BIBLICAL PROSPERITY QUICK START

What the Bible Actually Says About Wealth in 7 Minutes

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You've Been Lied To

For centuries, the church has taught Christians to fear wealth, spiritualize poverty, and feel guilty about prosperity.

The result?

- Talented believers suppress entrepreneurial gifts
- Christians avoid wealth-building as "worldly"
- The kingdom lacks funding while the world gets richer
- Poverty is praised as "spiritual" while prosperity is condemned as "greedy"

Here's the truth: This teaching isn't biblical. It's centuries of accumulated distortion.

Let me show you what Scripture actually says—in 7 minutes.

PART 1: GOD'S DESIGN IS ABUNDANCE, NOT POVERTY

The Creation Pattern

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.'" (Genesis 1:28)

God's first command to humanity: Multiply and create abundance.

Not "survive minimally." Not "embrace scarcity." **Multiply.**

The Garden of Eden wasn't a poverty camp. It was extravagant abundance. God's original design for humanity was prosperity, not lack.

The Covenant Pattern

God made wealth promises to His people repeatedly:

"The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God... you will always be at the top, never at the bottom." (Deuteronomy 28:13)

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.' (Malachi 3:10)

Notice: Blessing means abundance so great you lack storage space. That's not poverty theology.

PART 2: THE PATRIARCHS WERE WEALTHY

Abraham

"Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold." (Genesis 13:2)

Abraham—the father of faith—was extraordinarily wealthy. God blessed him financially as part of covenant relationship.

Isaac

"The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy." (Genesis 26:13)

Isaac's wealth grew continuously. God blessed his work and multiplied his assets.

Jacob

"In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys." (Genesis 30:43)

Jacob built multi-generational wealth through strategic work and God's blessing.

Job

"He owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East." (Job 1:3)

Job—called righteous by God—was the wealthiest man in his region.

The pattern is clear: God's most faithful servants built substantial wealth.

PART 3: JESUS WASN'T POOR

The Myth

You've heard: "Jesus was poor, so Christians should be poor."

The reality:

- Jesus had a **treasurer** (Judas)—you don't need a treasurer if you have no money
- Jesus wore expensive clothing (soldiers gambled for His seamless tunic—John 19:23-24)
- Jesus was supported by **wealthy women** (Luke 8:2-3)
- Jesus taught **multiplication of resources** (Parable of Talents—Matthew 25)
- Jesus **fed thousands** and turned water into 180 gallons of expensive wine (John 2)

Jesus wasn't destitute. He lived simply but had access to resources and taught strategic stewardship.

What Jesus Actually Condemned

Jesus condemned:

- **Loving money more than God** (Matthew 6:24—serving money, not having it)
- **Trusting wealth instead of God** (Mark 10:23—hard for rich to enter kingdom because they trust wealth)
- **Hoarding without generosity** (Luke 12:16-21—rich fool who stored everything)

Jesus never condemned wealth itself. He condemned idolatry of wealth.

PART 4: THE MISQUOTED VERSES

"Money is the root of all evil"

WRONG.

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." (1 Timothy 6:10)

Loving money = sin

Having money = stewardship opportunity

Huge difference.

"It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle..."

"...than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

Context: Rich young ruler loved wealth MORE than God. He wouldn't give it up when asked.

The problem: Not his wealth. His worship of wealth.

Proof: Immediately after this, Jesus says, *"With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God"* (v. 27). Rich people CAN be saved—when they worship God, not money.

"Blessed are the poor"

Luke 6:20 says *"Blessed are you who are poor."*

But Matthew 5:3 clarifies: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit."*

Meaning: Blessed are those who recognize their spiritual bankruptcy before God—not those who are financially broke.

Poverty isn't blessed. **Spiritual humility is blessed.**

PART 5: GOD GIVES THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE WEALTH

*"But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth."
(Deuteronomy 8:18)*

Read that again.

God gives you the **ability to produce wealth.**

Not just enough to survive. Not just "daily bread." **Wealth.**

Why?

*"...and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."
(Deuteronomy 8:18b)*

God's covenant includes prosperity. Wealth-building is part of fulfilling His purposes.

PART 6: THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (Matthew 25:21)

What did the faithful servants do? They **multiplied** what was entrusted to them.

What did the unfaithful servant do? He **buried** it and returned only the original amount.

Jesus' response? Called him "wicked and lazy" (v. 26).

The lesson: God expects multiplication, not preservation. Strategic wealth-building honors God. Burying your potential dishonors Him.

PART 7: BIBLICAL PROSPERITY IS FOR KINGDOM PURPOSES

Here's the key most people miss:

Biblical prosperity isn't about selfish accumulation. It's about kingdom multiplication.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion." (2 Corinthians 9:11)

The purpose of prosperity: Generous circulation for kingdom purposes.

God blesses you financially so you can:

- Fund gospel advancement
- Support missionaries
- Help the poor strategically
- Create jobs and economic value
- Build generational wealth for your family
- Influence culture and society

Wealth is a tool for kingdom impact, not a trophy for selfish pride.

THE BOTTOM LINE

What the Bible actually teaches:

God designed abundance, not poverty
The patriarchs were wealthy and righteous
Jesus taught multiplication, not minimalism
Money isn't evil—loving it more than God is
God gives ability to produce wealth
Faithful stewards multiply resources
Prosperity serves kingdom purposes

What the Bible does NOT teach:

Poverty is more spiritual than prosperity
Christians should avoid wealth-building
Money itself is evil
God wants you broke to keep you humble
Wealth and godliness are incompatible

YOUR NEXT STEPS

1. Reject poverty theology

Stop feeling guilty about wanting to build wealth. It's biblical, not worldly.

2. Build wealth strategically

Work diligently, invest wisely, develop skills, create value. God gave you the ability—use it.

3. Give generously

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6:38)

Circulation, not accumulation. Build wealth to bless others.

4. Keep God first

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

Wealth serves God's purposes, not the other way around.

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

This 7-minute guide is just the beginning. If you're ready for the complete biblical case for prosperity:

[The Prosperous Steward: What the Bible Really Says About Wealth](#)

36 chapters systematically examining:

- 150+ wealth-positive Scriptures
- Every poverty theology objection answered
- Historical origins of poverty gospel
- Practical frameworks for biblical wealth-building
- How to build wealth while honoring God

Stop feeling guilty. Start building biblically.

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