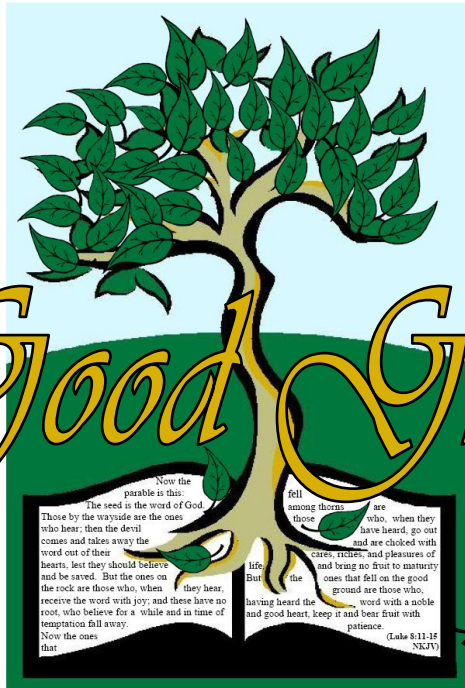


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# On Good Ground



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Total Life Prosperity

STILL PRICELESS

God's great salvation is so much more than a ticket to heaven. Eternal life – which we have here and now, not hereafter – is knowing God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ (John 17:3). Through God's Word we gain knowledge of God and His will for our lives. He wants us to be whole – nothing broken, nothing missing, nothing lacking. Indeed, Jesus said He has come that we could “have and enjoy life (to the full, till it overflows)” (John 10:10 AMP).

Yet, it's safe to say that the majority of Christians are not experiencing and enjoying a life of overflow. The main reason for this is that our minds have not been sufficiently renewed on the promises of God. This is critical because we cannot have faith beyond our knowledge of the Word. If we are going to have faith to lay hold of the great and precious promises of God, we have to get a deeper knowledge of the Word.

In 3 John 2, God says, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers.” There are a number of Christians who say they don't believe in a “prosperity gospel.” That's sad and too bad, because God does! In the end, that's all that matters. God's desire that we prosper extends to every area of our lives – including our health and our finances. But note that God says He desires that we prosper “Even as (our) soul prospers.” This means we will prosper in our finances and be in health to the same extent that our soul (our mind, will and emotions) prospers. Our soul prospers as we get immersed in the Word of God.

When it comes to our financial well-being, God's Word is clear. He delights in our prosperity (Psalm 35:27); He gives us the power to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18); He plans to prosper us (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV); He teaches us how to profit (Isaiah 48:17); and He overflows our cup (Psalm 23:5).

God is equally clear as it relates to our health and healing. He says by the stripes of Jesus we are healed (Isaiah 53:5); that He is the Lord Who heals us (Exodus 15:26); that He will take sickness from our midst (Exodus 23:25); that He will restore our health (Jeremiah 30:17); and that Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses on the cross (Matthew 8:17).

Before we can walk in God's promises of financial prosperity and health, we must renew our minds on the words God has spoken. We have to meditate on the Word, rehearsing the Scriptures over and over, for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Once our faith comes, we can then release it through confession and corresponding action and receive the promise.

So if you need a change in your health or in your finances, if you need to prosper in any other area of your life, dig into the Word of God and saturate your heart with His promises. Let them become your constant companions – always in your heart and always in your mouth (Joshua 1:8). Be sure also to walk in obedience to what God says. By doing these things you will prosper your soul. As your soul prospers, you will see dramatic improvements in your health, in your finances and in every other facet of your life.

That's total life prosperity and it truly belongs to you, in Jesus' name!



## A MOMENT WITH



*Help me to remember that when my focus is on You, nothing else matters!*



**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.** How much do you know about the books in the Bible? Is there a book of Solomon? What about Peter? How many of the books are names of people? There's a thought. Well, see how much you do know of the books of the Bible. And we've made it a little easy, that is all you will need to know for this quiz, no chapter and verse are necessary. Have fun! ©

- How many books are there in the Old Testament?  
a. 66      b. 77      c. 29      d. 39
- How many books are there in the New Testament?  
a. 19      b. 27      c. 31      d. 33
- What book follows 2 Samuel?  
a. 3 Samuel      b. 1 Kings      c. 1 Chronicles      d. Ruth
- Which Old Testament book is considered the Book of Wisdom?  
a. Ecclesiastes      b. Psalms      c. Proverbs      d. Job
- In which book does Jesus address the seven churches in Asia?  
a. Matthew      b. Luke      c. Galatians      d. Revelation
- Which of these is NOT a book of the Bible?  
a. Jude      b. Esther      c. Hezekiah      d. Nehemiah
- Which Gospel was written by a doctor?  
a. Matthew      b. Mark      c. Luke      d. John
- Which was Paul's last book before his death?  
a. 2 Timothy      b. Titus      c. Philemon      d. James
- Which of these books was NOT written by the apostle John?  
a. 3 John      b. Revelation      c. 1 John      d. Acts
- What book first gives us the Ten Commandments?  
a. Genesis      b. Exodus      c. Leviticus      d. Deuteronomy

(Answers on next page)

## The Prayer of Salvation

*God, I come to You in the name of Jesus. You said that all have fallen short of the glory of God. You sent Your Son that I would be saved. Forgive me of my sins, Lord. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus died for me and You raised Him from the dead. I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and believe that I have been born again. Thank You for loving me, for forgiving me and coming into my heart. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.*

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## The Mousetrap

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it." The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers." The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose." So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap... alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house-- the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. When she returned home she still had a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. Chicken. But his wife's sickness continued. Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. But, still the farmer's wife did not get well... she died. So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon. And from his crack in the wall, the mouse looked upon it all with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you, remember, when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make just a little effort to help and encourage each other.

EDITOR'S NOTE: You often hear, no man is an island. As much as you think you can make it on your own, you can't. You need God's help, through the help of others. Life is never... no, not ever just about you. Jesus did no wrong, but realizing it wasn't about Him, He hung on the cross for all of mankind. What possibly can be asked of you? Just a little something to think about.