

THE WORD AND SPIRIT

Watching In The Spirit - Ezk. 33:7

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UPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor; that ye through his poverty might be rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)

You may remember that on October 24, 2024, the Lord said to me, "You are entering into a time of unprecedented prosperity." A good while back, the Lord Jesus Christ spoke to me about my partners. In Acts 27:24, the Apostle Paul and others were in a severe storm on a ship. All hope was lost that they would survive the storm. While Paul prayed, an angel appeared to him and said, "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." God spared the life of Paul and all that sailed with him. The Lord said to me, as I prayed for my partners, "I have given you all that sail with you." He was speaking to me about those who supported His work through me as my partners. It has proven true many times since the Lord Jesus Christ spoke that to me.

Be Led By His Spirit

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

Jesus Christ appeared to Dad Hagin and said, "If you will learn to follow that inward witness, I will make you rich. I will guide you in all the affairs of life, financial as well as spiritual. I am not opposed to my children being rich. I am opposed to their being covetous." Dad Hagin said, "Some think He's only interested in their spiritual atmosphere, and nothing else. But He's interested in everything we are interested in."

The Lord Jesus led me out of poverty as I followed the inward witness of His Spirit after I got born again. There were my mom, dad, and four of us children in my family. We grew up poor and did without the nicer things in life. My daddy built the house we lived in out of concrete blocks that he made two at a time in an old manual concrete block machine. He built it room by room. We hunted and fished and raised hogs with my Uncle Bill. That, along with garden vegetables, was most of the food we ate. After us kids grew up, my momma told us stories of how she only had twenty-five dollars a week to buy other groceries with. That wasn't very much, even in that day, but we made it. My daddy always had old cars because that is all he could afford. If anything went wrong with the car, we repaired it ourselves, even rebuilding the engine. Daddy taught us three boys to be good mechanics because he could fix anything and taught us how. He only had a sixth-grade education, but he was an engineer. He just didn't have the paperwork to prove it. I went to work, at twelve years old, after school and during the summer. I made twenty-five cents an hour back then. Our jeans had holes in them, and Momma would patch them. Back then, patches weren't popular.

I am not complaining, because those days did us boys good. We learned to appreciate what we had, and we developed excellent work ethics. We never went hungry, as Momma always had



us something to eat somehow. My daddy's motto was "Can't never could." He would not allow us to say we couldn't do something. He would tell us to figure it out and find a way to get it done. We all grew up with a can-do attitude. I know many others who grew up the same way. We were not the only ones. When I received Jesus Christ as my Lord, my life was a miserable mess. I was so broke that I could not pay attention! I am blessed to testify that Jesus Christ helped me turn my life around, and He brought me out of poverty.

I was saved on my third escape from prison. I turned myself in, and the authorities took me back to prison. It was there that I began to study the Bible and learn to be led by His Spirit. I read about tithing, and that inward witness of His Spirit prompted me to start tithing. I couldn't have currency, but when anyone would send me money in prison, it was placed on my account. I would take ten percent and more of that to buy postage stamps and mail them to Kenneth Hagin Ministries as my tithe. I never lacked in prison, and I gave to others who didn't have anything. This started my journey of getting out of poverty. I began to get more money, and later on, after I got out of prison, I got good jobs. The Lord was having to correct my thinking and believing as I went along because I had a poverty mindset from growing up poor. The Lord Jesus eventually showed me how to go into business for myself, and I made even more money. I worked hard and had long weekdays, but I made more money than I ever had in my life. I continued to sow, give, and help others, and I reaped financially from that. I still made time to study my Bible and pray and seek God as I prospered.

One day, many years ago, I seemed to have an unction to go to the Mercedes dealership. I walked in with fear and trembling because I did not think I belonged there. An older, wise salesman saw me and knew I looked intimidated. He came and talked with me and showed me the cars inside the room. When I saw the price of them, I almost passed out and hollered! He would just laugh and seemed to enjoy seeing me try to process it all. He said, "People come in here and pay cash for these cars almost everyday." He found out I was a Christian and began to talk faith scriptures to me! I agreed the Bible was true, but I didn't believe them for myself. I told him I wasn't ready to buy one yet, and he agreed with me. He told me to pray about it, study the Bible, and build my faith and then come back. I left the dealership in doubt and unbelief.

It took me two more years, but I finally went back to the Mercedes dealer. I walked in, and I saw that same salesman across the room. He looked up at me, with a big smile, and stated, "You are ready now; I see it on you!" I gave him a big grin, and I answered, "Yes!" I financed the least expensive new Mercedes on the lot because that is all the faith I had. It wasn't about the Mercedes; it was about breaking a mindset I had. My daddy never owned a new car in all his life. My family never even dreamed of anything like that because we had a fixed poverty mindset. The action of buying this car broke the poverty mindset that I grew up with. I still had to work on this area, but I began to change that day.

I drove the car over to my momma's house. When she saw it, she let out a yell and asked, "Did you rob a bank?!" I answered, "No, Momma the Lord Jesus helped me." She began to ramble on in a worried tone of voice, saying she hoped God would help me or I would not be able to pay for it (I loved my Momma, but she had that poverty mindset also.) I replied, "The Lord will help me." He did, and I paid the car off early. During this time, the Spirit of God taught me to build my faith by meditating on the Word of God. The inward witness led me into it. Of course, having a lot of money and things is not a mark of spirituality. Being born again and serving the Lord Jesus Christ is being spiritual.

Is Prosperity Tied Solely to Giving?

The Bible teaches us to tithe and sow financially, and our prosperity is connected to that. The Bible also teaches other truths that will bring us prosperity. Dad Hagin said, "In teaching prosperity, too many preachers seem to communicate the idea that receiving financial abundance is totally and exclusively tied to one thing—giving...usually to them! Don't misunderstand me. I believe in giving. I believe that giving is important. But it is not the only key to prosperity."



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It is easy for ministries and churches to overextend themselves financially. A person can desire something so much and think and talk about it so often that they begin to believe it is the Lord leading them. I know from experience in my past! When they overextend themselves financially, they have to raise large offerings to cover the amount they need. Then, most of the time, taking up an offering takes forty-five minutes to an hour because they are trying to motivate people to give to them. Don't get me wrong, I believe in taking up offerings and making people aware of the need, but my total faith and trust is in the Lord Jesus Christ. I have seen the Lord bring miracle offerings to RGM over the years.

Doing what the Bible says has a direct relationship to our prosperity. Joshua 1:8 declares, "*This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*" You see, the Bible doesn't just speak about God prospering us. The Bible also speaks of us making our own way prosperous.

You must have good work ethics along with your sowing. Get to work on time and perform your job with excellence. Don't be lazy when the boss man is not looking. God will bless what you set your hand to.

Trust The Lord Not Man

I was believing the Lord for an airplane some years ago to fly to my meetings. I confessed and sowed what I could. This went on for about a year or more with no results. I was praying one morning, and I asked the Lord what I needed to do.

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He said to me, "You're not believing Me, you are trusting in what man can do for you. Immediately I saw where I had missed it! I repented right away and told the Lord that I trusted Him. He said, "You will have the money soon." The money came very soon!

If you will learn to follow the inward witness, Jesus Christ will make you rich. That simply means that you will have an abundant supply in every area of your life. Dad and Mom Hagin followed that inward witness like Jesus told him. They used to live in a three-room house, not three bedroom—three rooms total. A small kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom. Their son, now Pastor Kenneth Hagin, used to sleep on a rollaway bed in the kitchen in the winter and on the back porch in the summer. Dad Hagin had to take out loans just to pay his normal bills. He wore his car out and had to sell it for junk. He had to walk or hitch a ride when he went somewhere. He sought the Lord, and He told him what to do. He followed that inward witness, and the Lord made him rich. It didn't happen overnight, but in the years ahead he was very blessed. In their latter years they were personally sowing a million dollars a year into the Kingdom of God. I would say that the Lord Jesus Christ certainly blessed them. They were generous with their money by sowing it to help others.

The same will happen for you, and blessings will abound in your life. Remember, The Word of the Lord came unto me and said, "*You are entering into a time of unprecedented prosperity.*" That is a guarantee from our Lord Jesus Christ to all of us. I also knew, by revelation, that this was a window of opportunity available to us. It isn't an indefinite period of time. We must take advantage of this while He is emphasizing it.



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