

## 5 Keys to Real Prosperity

(Part 2)  
3 John 2

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

PURPOSE: To teach God's people about God's desire to prosper and bless their lives.

KEY WORD: Keys

INTRODUCTION:

\* *5 Signs of a truly prosperous life:*

1. THE BASIC NEEDS OF LIFE SUPPLIED! (1 Tim. 6:8)

*And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

2. ENOUGH EXTRA TO REACH OUT AND HELP OTHERS!  
(Ephesians 4:28)

*Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*

3. SEED TO SOW INTO THE MINISTRY! (2 Cor. 9:10)

*Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)*

4. AN EMERGENCY FUND! (Luke 14:28)

5. A GODLY HOME AND GOD-FEARING CHILDREN! (Ps. 127:1)

*Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it:*

Key #1

Prosperity begins with the realization that  
One needs a Divine Revelation from God!  
(Genesis 12:1-3)

*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:*

*2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

*3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

### 3 Lessons about Revelation:

#### **I. ALL FORMS OF DIVINE REVELATION POINT US TOWARD A CHANGE IN CONDITION, COMPREHENSION, OR COURSE! (V.1)**

*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:*

- Notice the changes...
  - A. THERE WAS A CHANGE OF LOCATION!
    1. God said get out of your own country!
    2. He called Abram to step out into a new and untested environment!
    3. Revelation will usually lead you right out of your comfort zone!
  - B. THERE WAS A CHANGE OF RELATIONSHIPS!
    1. God says move away from your family!
    2. He calls Abram to step away from those he is comfortable with and trust that God will surround him with a new family!
    3. Revelation leads us into a broader and more diverse family, but it allows us to know the real meaning of community!
  - C. THERE WAS A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP!
    1. God told Abram to leave his father's house!
    2. God says I want to be your father!
    3. Revelation leads us into a place where we are lead completely and totally by the Heavenly Father!

#### D. THERE WAS A CHANGE OF DIRECTION!

1. God says go to a land that I will show you!
2. God wanted Abram to become completely dependent upon him! (God wanted to offer Abram his eyes, ears, and hands!)
3. Revelation takes into a place where God's eyes see for us. His ears hear for us and his hands work for and through us!

#### E. ABRAM LIFE WAS CHANGED FOREVER BY HIS EXPERIENCE WITH DIVINE REVELATION!

1. Let's review the types of changes we receive through revelation;
2. Revelation bring us to a change in...  
Condition (The way we are is changed.)  
Comprehension (What we know is changed.)  
Course (Where we're going is changed.)
3. Every time revelation is given someone moves out and experiences something new!

## II. REVELATION IS CONNECTED TO THE UNCONDITIONAL GRACE OF GOD! (V.2)

*And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

- Revelation is a grace thing!

#### A. REVELATION MAKES US AWARE OF GOD'S DESIRE TO REMAKE SUPERNATURALLY!

1. God says, I will make you a great nation!
2. Notice here that God is doing the making not Abram!
3. When God begins to remake us into something awesome, it is an act of His grace and mercy!

#### B. REVELATION OPENS OUR EYES TO GOD'S HAND OF BLESSING!

1. God tells Abram, I am going to bless you!
2. These blessings are the work of God and God alone. It is not anything Abram could have done!
3. God wants to bless us and turn us into a blessing! (God calls Abram a blessing not a burden!)

#### C. REVELATION CAN LEAD US INTO GREATNESS AND ABUNDANCE!

1. God announce to Abram that He would make his name great!
2. God offered Abram fame and fortune! This was God's grace reaching out and speaking life to an unlikely vessel!
3. God is looking to help lift up humble vessels who can bring him glory!

**III. REVELATION SERVES TO INFORM US OF GOD'S FAVOR AND DESIRE TO GO THE EXTRA MILE! (V.3)**

*And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

- God's favor was proclaiming the good things of divine favor.

**A. THE POWER OF TRANSFER BLESSING!**

*And I will bless them that bless thee,*

**B. THE POWER OF SUPERNATURAL PROTECTION!**

*...and curse him that curseth thee:*

**C. THE POTENTIAL OF DIVINE INFLUENCE!**

*and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*