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# PROSPERED BY THE GOD OF HEAVEN

((Requirements for Divine prosperity))

Nehemiah 2:20

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**Introduction:** Greetings, beloved.

Humanity has always sought prosperity, transcending the boundaries of culture, time and geography.

This enduring quest embodies far more than mere accumulation of wealth; it embodies the yearning for holistic well-being—health, happiness, and fulfillment. From the depths of personal aspirations to the shaping of societal structures and national policies, the desire for prosperity weaves its intricate tapestry into the fabric of human existence.

At its essence, prosperity encompasses not only financial security but also spiritual, emotional, and relational richness. It is the relentless drive to thrive, grow, and flourish in every dimension of life. Even amid the tumultuous waves of economic uncertainty and personal challenges, the promise of divine prosperity shines bright as a guiding light for believers.

John in his third letter prayed. ***“Beloved, I pray that you prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”***- III John 1:2. This prayer underscores the interconnectedness of our physical and spiritual well-being. It is crucial to note that as our souls prosper, every other aspect of our lives flourishes.

For believers to experience full prosperity, including spiritual well-being, certain requirements must be met.

Today, as we embark on a journey to explore the requirements of divine prosperity, we turn our gaze to Nehemiah 2:20, where it is declared, ***“The God of heaven will prosper us.”*** In the face of opposition and adversity, this proclamation serves as an unwavering assurance of God’s provision and favor.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVINE PROSPERITY

**I. Faith and Trust (Hebrews 11:6)-**  
Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that faith

is essential for those who seek God's favor. **For without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.** To prosper, we must trust in His promises and believe that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Proverbs 3:5-6 – ***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”***

- **Case Study:** Abraham's journey of faith in Genesis 12:1-3, where he obeyed God's call and experienced divine provision and blessing.

**II. Obedience and Alignment with God's Word (Joshua 1:8)** - Joshua 1:8 instructs us to meditate on God's Word day and night, obeying its commands. ***This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.***

Prosperity comes when our actions align with God's principles, bringing success and fulfillment.

- **Case Study:** The obedience of King Hezekiah in 2 Chronicles 31:21, resulting in prosperity and success.

**III. Generosity and Cheerful Giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)** God prospers

those who are generous in their giving. Paul emphasizes that it should be done willingly, cheerfully and not out of compulsion or obligation. he suggest that a generous giver will be blessed abundantly by God and that their generosity will result in thanksgiving to God from those who receive- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ***but this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, he sows bountifully will also reap. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have abundance for every good work.***

*Take Note, Paul also emphasizes the importance of giving according to one's means, highlighting that it's not the amount given but the attitude of the heart that matters.*

- **Case Study:** The widow's offering in Mark 12:41-44, where her sacrificial giving was commended by Jesus.

**IV. \*\*Prayer and Seeking God's Will (Philippians 4:6-7)** ***-be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*** Philippians

4:6-7 encourages us to present our requests to God through prayer. Prosperity is often tied to seeking God's will and relying on His guidance in all aspects of our lives.

**Case Study:** the example of Abraham's servant who prayed to God to give him success as he looked for bride for Isaac- Gen 24:12.

**V. Diligence and Hard Work: (Proverbs 10:4) God of heaven will prosper those who puts in consistent effort to accomplish something whether it be a career, trade and or business.** Proverbs 10:4 – "Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth."

**Case Study:** The example of Joseph in Genesis 39:2-6, who prospered in Potiphar's house through his diligence and integrity.

**VI. Humility and Repentance (James 4:10; 2 Chronicles 7:14)** James 4:10 highlights the importance of humility before God. **Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.** Additionally, 2 Chronicles 7:14 underscores the role of repentance

**Conclusion:** As we navigate the uncharted waters of the year, let Nehemiah's declaration echo in our hearts: "The God of heaven will prosper us." By embracing faith, obedience, generosity, prayer, diligence and hard work, humility, and faithful stewardship, we position ourselves to receive the prosperity that flows from the hand of our gracious God.

May this year be marked by spiritual growth, abundant blessings, and a deepened relationship with the One who holds our future. In faith, let us journey forward, knowing that the God of heaven is faithful to prosper His people in Christ name. Amen.

and turning from sinful ways for God to heal and prosper His people.

**VII. Faithful Stewardship (integrity)** Luke 16:10-12 speaks of faithful stewardship, emphasizing that those who prove faithful in small things will be entrusted with greater responsibilities and blessings. He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much, therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? **Psalm 1:1-3 – "Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord...That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.**

**Case study:** The story of Daniel in Daniel 1:8-21, where his commitment to righteousness led to divine favor and prosperity.