

HOW CAN I PROSPER IN
TODAY'S WORLD?
SELECTED VERSES FROM THE BOOK OF
PROVERBS



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THE POTENTATE OF PROSPERITY (PROV. 10:22)

The goodness of God upon a righteous person makes his life rich and prosperous; there is no sorrow in His goodness nor is there anything that can be done to add to it. From this interpretation of Proverbs 10:22 we see that God is the giver of prosperity.

THE PROFILE OF PROSPERITY

There is a certain profile indicative of the one who is prosperous. Notice that this profile goes far beyond material prosperity.

Riches (Prov. 15:6)

The Lord abundantly fills the house of the righteous not only with material riches but more importantly with spiritual riches.

Honor (Prov. 22:4)

Placed alongside of riches is honor. A person who has honor is one worthy of respect and that is a true sign of prosperity.

Overflowing Provisions (Prov. 3:9-10)

Prosperity is a sign of one who honors the Lord with his possession and income.

Emotional and Physical Health (Prov. 11:28)

The righteous shall flourish like a leaf. A flourishing leaf is one that is healthy in every way.

Good Things in Every Area of Life (Prov. 16:20; 19:8; 22:4; 28:10)

The one who is prosperous is happy (16:20), experiences good things (19:8), enjoys life to the full (22:4) and possesses good things (28:10).

THE PICTURES OF PROSPERITY

Throughout the Book of Proverbs we capture glimpses of prosperity.

Flourish like a Leaf (Prov. 11:28)

A flourishing leaf is teeming with life.

Filled Barns and Overflowing Wine Presses (Prov. 3:9-10)

Filled barns and overflowing wine presses are signs of abundance.

Filled Treasury (Prov. 8:21)

A filled treasury is a mark of wealth and prosperity.

Fatness of Soul (Prov. 11:25; 13:4)

The concept of fatness involved being prosperous, being anointed, thriving, and being healthy.

THE PLATFORM TO PROSPERITY

The following principles make up the platform that leads to prosperity.

Fear and Honor the Lord

When a person is humble and fears the Lord he will receive riches, honor (someone worthy of respect) and an abundant life (Prov. 22:4). Furthermore when one gives the Lord the best of his resources, he will be abundantly provided for (Prov. 3:9-10).

Live Righteously

Those who live righteously will experience emotional and physical health (Prov. 11:28), possess good things (Prov. 28:10) and much treasure (Prov. 15:6).

Pursue Wisdom

Overall prosperity comes to the ones who acquire wisdom, cherish understanding (Prov. 19:8) and listen to instruction (Prov. 16:20).

Be Generous

The person with a generous spirit will be blessed and will prosper in the areas where they are generous to others (Prov. 11:25).

Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan

A diligent person prospers because he plans his work (Prov. 21:5) and then works his plan (Prov. 12:11; 13:4).