

The Abundance of God

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A Guide to Abundance,
Stewardship & Generosity

God wants you to Prosper

1. What Prosperity Really Means

Prosperity is whole-life flourishing (3 John 2).

It includes:

- Spiritual life
- Physical health
- Emotional stability
- Healthy relationships
- Financial increase

Why God Wants You to Prosper

- He delights in your success (Psalm 35:27)
- He blesses you so you can bless others (Genesis 12:2)
- He equips you for your assignment (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Examples of Prosperity in Scripture

- Isaac prospered (Genesis 26:13)
- Joseph prospered (Genesis 39:2-3)
- David prospered (1 Chronicles 29:3)
- Solomon prospered (1 Kings 10:23-25)

God wants you to Prosper

2. God Is a God of Abundance

“God is a Father. He delights in the prosperity of His children.”

What abundance means:

Abundance = overflow, more than enough (John 10:10).

God’s Nature Is Abundant

He is:

- Abundant in mercy (Numbers 14:18)
- Abundant in grace (1 Timothy 1:14)
- Abundant in wisdom (Luke 2:40)
- Abundant in redemption (Psalm 130:7)

People Who Saw God’s Abundance

- Abraham – El Shaddai (Genesis 17:1)
- Moses – “abounding in goodness and truth” (Exodus 34:6)
- David – “My cup runs over” (Psalm 23:5)
- Isaiah – “The whole earth is full of His glory” (Isaiah 6:3)

Purpose of Prosperity

Prosperity Has a Purpose

A. To Bless Others

- “You shall be a blessing” (Genesis 12:2)
- “It is more blessed to give than receive” (Acts 20:35)

B. To Fulfil Your Assignment

- God gives “abundance for every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

C. To Reveal God’s Generosity

- “He multiplies the seed as you sow it” (2 Corinthians 9:10-12)

Prosperity Is Part of God’s Covenant

God’s covenant always included blessing (Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

New Covenant Reality

- You are Abraham’s seed (Galatians 3:29)
- You inherit the blessing of Abraham (Galatians 3:14)
- You are blessed with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)

Money Is Spiritual

Jesus taught:

- “You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24)
- “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:34)

Money reveals:

- What you trust
- What you value
- Who you serve

Applications & next steps to: Prosperity

Summary:

1. God wants you to prosper in every part of life (3 John 2).
2. God is abundant and generous (John 10:10).
3. Prosperity has a purpose – to bless others and fulfil your calling (Genesis 12:2).
4. You are part of a covenant of blessing (Galatians 3:14).
5. God is your Source (Philippians 4:19).

Applications & Next Steps:

1. ***Start each day thanking God for His abundance.***
Gratitude shifts your mindset from lack to overflow.
2. **Memorise one abundance scripture per week.**
Start with John 10:10 or Psalm 23:1.
3. **Practice generosity.**
Give something regularly - money, time, encouragement.
4. **Replace negative thoughts with truth.**
Declare: “God is my Source. I will not lack.”

5. Keep a “Blessing Journal”

Record every answered prayer and provision.

6. Honour God with your money

Even small amounts matter — it builds trust and stewardship.

7. Serve someone intentionally

Prosperity flows through people who bless others.

8. Ask God for ideas

Creativity, solutions, and opportunities are part of abundance.

9. Surround yourself with faith-filled voices

Abundance grows in the right environment.

10. Pray bold prayers

Ephesians 3:20 — God does “exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think.”

Overcoming the spirit of poverty & lack

1. God Wants You to Prosper

Prosperity means moving forward, succeeding, and flourishing (Genesis 39:2-4).

Joseph prospered because:

- God was with him
- God was the source of his success
- God gave him favour
- Joseph served with excellence
- Joseph added value
- Joseph's promotion had a purpose

Scriptures:

- Genesis 39:2-4
- Psalm 35:27 – God *“takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”*

2. There Is Spiritual Warfare Around Wealth

Jesus Himself faced spiritual attack around authority and resources (Luke 4:5-8).

Overcoming the spirit of poverty & lack

The Bible warns:

- You cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24)
- The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10)
- The rich rule over the poor; debt creates bondage (Proverbs 22:7)

Key idea:

The enemy wants to keep people stuck in lack, fear, and limitation.

Overcoming the spirit of poverty & lack

3. What Is a Spirit of Poverty?

“A Spirit of Poverty works by creating setbacks that hinder prosperity, cause lack, and destroy legacy.”

A spirit of poverty:

- Distorts how people see God
- Creates fear around money
- Produces scarcity thinking
- Blocks generosity
- Keeps people stuck in cycles of lack

It affects:

- Mindsets (“I’ll never have enough”)
- Behaviours (hoarding, fear-based decisions)
- Emotions (shame, anxiety, hopelessness)
- Circumstances (setbacks, losses, opposition)

Scriptures:

Luke 8:43 • 2 Kings 4:1 • Judges 6:3–6

Methods & Keys

4. Root Causes of Poverty

Poverty can come from many sources:

- Structural (injustice, corruption, crisis)
- Personal (poor decisions, addiction, lack of planning)
- Generational (trauma, learned patterns)
- Spiritual (fear, shame, hopelessness)
- Biblical causes (laziness, oppression, foolishness, immorality)

Scriptures:

Proverbs 6:10–11 • Psalm 12:5 • Proverbs 21:17
Deuteronomy 28

5. How to Overcome the Spirit of Poverty & Lack

A. Spiritual Keys

- Matthew 6:33 – Seek first the Kingdom
- Surrender finances to God
- Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom
- Repent of wrong beliefs
- Break generational patterns
- Renounce lies of poverty
- Commit to obedience

Methods & Keys

B. Mindset Keys

- Romans 12:2 – Renew your mind
- Take responsibility
- Practice gratitude (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Learn contentment (1 Timothy 6:6)
- Stop comparing (2 Corinthians 10:12)
- Learn financial wisdom (Proverbs 24:3)
- Develop vision and goals (Proverbs 29:18)

Methods & Keys

“The Lord blessed all Joseph did. You must do things you haven’t done before.”

1. Budget (Luke 16:10–11)

Track income, expenses, and make a plan.

2. Eliminate Debt (Proverbs 22:7)

Debt creates bondage – reduce it intentionally.

3. Build an Emergency Fund (Proverbs 22:3)

Save small amounts consistently.

4. Increase Your Earning Potential (Proverbs 1:5)

Grow skills, add value, seek opportunities.

5. Develop Strategic Relationships (Mark 2:3).

God often prospers people through connections

6. Serve with Excellence (Colossians 3:23).

Joseph prospered because he served faithfully

7. Practice Patience & Diligence (Hebrews 6:12).

Prosperity grows over time

Applications & next steps to: Overcoming a spirit of poverty & lack.

1. Declare God as your Source daily

Say: "God is my Provider. I will not lack."

2. Identify and renounce poverty lies

Replace them with Scripture.

3. Start a simple budget

Track money for 30 days.

4. Begin eliminating one debt

Even small payments matter.

5. Build a small emergency fund

Start with \$5-\$10 per week.

6. Practice weekly generosity

Give something – money, time, encouragement.

7. Strengthen key relationships

Invest in people who lift you up.

Applications & next steps to: Overcoming a spirit of poverty & lack.

8. Learn one new skill this month

Growth increases earning potential.

9. Serve someone intentionally

Prosperity flows through serving.

10. Pray bold prayers for provision

Believe God for more than enough (Ephesians 3:20).

Owner or Steward?

Living Under God's Ownership

"God owns everything – we own nothing. We manage what belongs to Him."

Key Scripture:

Psalm 24:1 – *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."*

1. God Is the True Owner of Everything

What Scripture Teaches

- **Psalm 24:1** – *God owns the earth and everything in it*
- **Psalm 50:10-12** – *He owns every resource*
- **Deuteronomy 10:14** – *Heaven and earth belong to Him*
- **Colossians 1:16** – *All things were created by Him and for Him*

Why God Owns Everything

- He created everything
- He sustains everything
- He rules everything

What This Means

We are not owners – we are managers of what belongs to God.

Owner or Steward?

2. What It Means to Be a Steward

“A steward is someone entrusted by an owner to manage, protect, and multiply his assets.”

Stewardship Defined

A steward:

- Manages what belongs to another
- Is entrusted, responsible, and accountable
- Does not dictate purpose – the owner does
- Must be faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2)

Biblical Examples

- Joseph (Genesis 39)
- Jesus’ parables (Luke 12; Matthew 25)

Areas God Calls Us to Steward

- Time
- Talents & gifts
- Finances & possessions
- Relationships
- Opportunities
- Influence
- The gospel
- The next generation

Owner or Steward?

3. The Difference Between Ownership & Stewardship

When We Act Like Owners

- Anxiety
- Control
- Greed
- Burnout
- Conflict
- Stagnation

When We Act Like Stewards

- Peace
- Freedom
- Generosity
- Fruitfulness
- Humility
- Sustainable living

Key Question

“Who owns what I have – me or God?”

Methods & Keys

4. Jesus' Teaching on Stewardship

A. Faithfulness With Little

Luke 16:10-12 – *Faithfulness in small things qualifies us for more.*

B. Money Has Eternal Purpose

Luke 16:9 – *Use earthly resources to produce eternal impact.*

C. You Cannot Serve Two Masters

Matthew 6:24 – *You cannot serve God and mammon.*

D. True Riches

1 Timothy 6:17-19 – *God values generosity, good works, and eternal reward.*

5. The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25)

What God Expects

- Growth
- Increase
- Diligence
- Good management

Methods & Keys

Accountability

Matthew 25:19 – *Every steward will give an account.*

Faithfulness

Matthew 25:21 – *“Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

Effort & Wisdom

Luke 19:15 – *“Do business till I come.”*

Key Stewardship Question:

“Lord, what do You want me to do with Your possessions?”

Applications & next steps to: Owner or Steward

Practical ways to live as a Steward:

1. Surrender Ownership Daily

Luke 9:23 – *Give God full rights to direct your resources.*

2. Honour God First

Proverbs 3:9-10 – *Put God first in your finances.*

3. Practice Faithfulness

Luke 16:10 – *Be consistent with what you already have.*

4. Live Generously

Proverbs 11:24-25 – *Generosity leads to increase.*

5. Manage Wisely

Budget, plan, save, and steward resources intentionally.

6. Work Diligently

Proverbs 14:23 – *Hard work produces profit.*

7. Grow Your Skills

Deuteronomy 8:18 – *God gives power to create wealth.*

8. Build Strategic Relationships

God often prospers people through connections.

9. Think Long-Term

Galatians 6:9 – *Don't grow weary; harvest comes in due season.*

10. Cultivate Gratitude & Contentment

1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 6:6 – *Gratitude and contentment protect the heart.*

Intentional Generosity

Living from God's abundant heart

"Intentional Generosity is choosing, planning and practising generosity as a lifestyle and not an occasional event."

Key Scripture:

John 10:10 – *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

1. God Is Generous – It's His Nature

God is Love

- 1 John 4:7-8 – God is love, not just loving
- Everything He does flows from love
- His love is steadfast and unchanging (Psalm 136:1)

Love Expresses Itself Through Giving

- 1 John 4:9-11 – God showed His love by giving His Son
- John 3:16 – The cross is the ultimate act of generosity

Key truth:

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Intentional Generosity

2. Generosity Brings Increase

The Bible's Paradox

- Proverbs 11:24-25 – Generosity leads to prosperity; withholding leads to lack
- Generosity refreshes others and refreshes the giver

Intentional Generosity

- Isaiah 32:8 – A generous person plans to be generous
- Generosity is noble, willing-hearted, and purposeful

“A generous person devises or plans intentionally how he may give.”

3. Jesus Demonstrated Generosity

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:33-34)

- He; Saw the need
- He; Stopped
- He: Sacrificed time and resources
- He: Acted with compassion

The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:20-24)

- The Father Ran to his son
- The Father Restored him
- The Father Demonstrated extravagant generosity

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Jesus' Life (Acts 10:38)

- He “went about doing good”
- He acted as a true benefactor – blessing, healing, restoring

Methods & Keys

4. The Heart Behind Generosity

God Weighs Motives

- Proverbs 16:2 – God sees the heart behind the action
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 – Give willingly, not grudgingly or under pressure

Wrong Motivations

- To be seen (Matthew 6:1–4)
- To manipulate God (Acts 8:18–23)
- To gain repayment (Luke 6:34)
- Out of obligation or pressure (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Right Motivations

- Love for God (2 Corinthians 8:8)
- Gratitude (2 Corinthians 8:9)
- Honour for God (Proverbs 3:9)
- Compassion (1 John 3:17)
- Partnership in God's work (Philippians 4:15–17)
- Eternal reward (Matthew 6:19–21)

Methods & Keys

5. We Are Called to Be Generous To Scripture-Based Priorities:

- **Parents** – Ephesians 6:2
- **Family** – 1 Timothy 5:8
- **The poor** – Proverbs 19:17
- **The stranger** – Deuteronomy 10:18-19
- **The fatherless & widows** – James 1:27
- **God's work & His people** – 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

6. Practical Ways to Be Generous;

Generosity Is More Than Money:

- **Words** – encouragement, affirmation
- **Time** – visiting, mentoring, serving
- **Presence** – showing up for people
- **Skills** – helping, teaching, repairing
- **Finances** – giving, supporting, sowing
- **Hospitality** – opening your home
- **Emotional support** – listening, caring
- **Service** – volunteering, helping

Proverbs 11:25 – *“Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”*

Applications & next steps to: Intentional Generosity

1. Surrender your heart daily

- Ask God to shape your motives and desires.

2. Pray for opportunities to give

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to needs.

3. Resolve hindrances to generosity

- Break patterns of fear, trauma, or withholding.

4. Plan intentional giving

- Set aside money, time, and energy for generosity.

5. Respond quickly to Holy Spirit prompts

- Act when compassion rises in your heart.

6. Practice generosity in small ways

- A message, a meal, a moment of listening.

7. Give without expecting anything back

- Luke 6:35 – Love with no agenda.

8. Honour God with your resources

- Proverbs 3:9 – Put Him first.

9. Build a lifestyle of blessing others

- Let generosity become your normal rhythm.

10. Remember the promise

- John 7:38 – *“Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*



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