

The Prosperous Soul Part 1

3 John 1:2 NKJV Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Through this series we will gain a better understanding on the critical role a prosperous soul/mind plays in our fulfilling our Christian destinies on the earth. I pray that in this series and every day from today that you may prosper and succeed in reaching all things and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

The Bible says: The link between prospering in all things, keeping good health is in relation to the prosperity and health of your soul/mind.

- When a soul/mind is prosperous it succeeds in reaching things in life.
- The greatest factor that robs a Christian from succeeding in reaching (prospering) certain dreams and desires is 100% a stagnant or under developed or unprosperous soul/mind.

However, it's not the outer changes and inventions that produce prosperous souls but still it remains the daily responsibility of the owner of that mind to mature it into prosperity.

- You need to grow with your soul
- An undeveloped mind will limit you. It is therefore your responsibility to develop your mind.

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Often we blame the devil but it's an immature soul connected to a born again Spirit, living in an adult body that causes crazy results in people's lives.

Adult childishness has caused many to sit in Prisons and Psychiatric Institutions
But also today there are many childish adults in places of authority, leadership positions because their bodies have reached the qualifying age of outer responsibilities - Driving a car, getting married, casting a vote, leading corporations and nations.

Often the immature or unprosperous souls/minds are disguised from the person because the body and face qualify as mature.

1 Corinthians 13:11 NKJV When I was a child, I spoke as a child; I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Paul speaks of a Transition:

- You think like a child when you were a child
- When you became a man you need to go through a process
- What God sees when He looks at you is Jesus – your spirit

Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Many adult minds are conformed to a set way....Born Again in Spirit but Conformed in soul/mind

- Be transformed by the renewal of your mind
- Butterfly from caterpillar
- Stretch your mind on a daily basis
- Go into cocoon – get new information and come out renewed
- The Spirit cannot guide a un-renewed mind
- Jesus went through a process so that we can see that we can also live through processes

Numbers 13:33 NKJV There we saw the giants and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

God wants to increase your wisdom

The mind just like the Spirit has a birthing (Infant), Childhood, Adolescent, Adult.

If at any stage in the process, trauma, setbacks, fear, failure occurs in the development of the mind, the mind goes through what is known as **arrested development (walls)** but the body continues its outer development.

Because of immature understanding, the mind stores that experience positive or negative and if not taught to associate a different request for the same result, the mind keeps bringing up the stored experience causing child to be confused which often leads to fear of development.

Matthew 12:33 NKJV "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

- The tree is known by its fruit
- If your mind is renewed to the word of God it is impossible to not succeed.

1st Key to a prosperous soul in Christ: God loves you

- Know that God loves you despite anything you do
- If you know that God loves you, you will go further
- God is not out to punish you
- Remind yourself daily that God loves you

Romans 5:5 NKJV Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- The love of God has been poured into your heart
- Jesus gave His life to prove it and the Holy Spirit was sent to confirm it daily.
- Do not listen to the lies of the devil
- Love is the start of a prosperous soul

Romans 5:8 NKJV But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- While you were a sinner He died for you
- He want to have a relationship with you
- You are able to step higher, do bigger things

Galatians 2:20-21 NKJV I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

- You do not have to do something to let God loves you
- If I have to do something then He died in vain

Mark 11:24 NKJV Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

- Knowing God loves you will affect the size of your prayer life

James 5:16b-18 NKJV The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. [17] Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. [18] And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Ephesians 3:17-20 NKJV ...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height- [19] to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. [20] Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Philippians 4:13 NKJV I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

- I can do anything through Christ in me

Ephesians 2:4 NKJV But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us

- Let your mind be filled with the fullness of God
- Grow your mind in love
- You can do all things but it is rooted in love

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NKJV Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, [17] comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

Romans 8:35, 37-39 NLT Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? [37] No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. [38] And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow-not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. [39] No power in the sky above or in the earth below-indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.