



The Laws of Prosperity—Part 1

GLORIA COPELAND & PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS

DAY I—The New Standard

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—3 John 2

A. The Laws of Prosperity Background

1. God first dealt with Brother Copeland about the laws of prosperity in 1967.
2. It was during a series of meetings at a very small church, in a very small town in the Texas Panhandle.
3. For years, he had entertained the idea that success was not an accident and had nothing to do with luck.
4. He had read many secular success books, but found no answers that satisfied him.
5. It finally occurred to him that the Bible was written by the most successful individual alive—God!

B. Early Applications of the Laws of Prosperity

1. When Kenneth and Gloria first began to put these laws into practice, they had “nothing around them except problems.”
2. They were deeply in debt and lived in poor surroundings when they left Oral Roberts University to step into full-time ministry.
3. They used God’s Word as “The New Standard” by which they would live.
4. Everything they did had to be by faith—or not at all.
5. They made quality decisions that seemed impossible to fulfill:
 - a. Never ask anyone for anything, including money and places to minister.
 - b. Don’t borrow money according to Romans 13:8 (AMPC).
 - c. Tell your needs only to God and expect what He has written in His Word to produce the results.

C. Results Proved Successful for More Than 50 Years

1. These strict standards of living actually became a blessing.
2. They prayed, confessed their faith, and stood on God’s Word “when every circumstance spelled absolute doom.”
 - a. Things began to happen FOR them instead of TO them.
 - b. They became debt free in eleven months.
3. Through the years, the rise in interest rates, medical costs and the economic fluctuations have not affected their lives or their ministry.





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DAY 2—Is Prosperity Evil?

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A. Prosperity Defined

1. *Prosper* (GK) = Help on the road
2. A prosperous journey
 - a. A happy journey on a particular road
 - b. To be on the right, profitable path that leads to real success and good fortune
3. To be successful
 - a. To succeed in reaching your destination
 - b. To succeed in business affairs
4. To grant a prosperous and expeditious journey
5. *To prosper* is to excel and succeed at something desirable, and to advance to the highest place possible.
6. We need to know the laws that govern prosperity and act on them.
7. “Hearing the Word puts you in position to begin to receive. When you’re in position, you either can act on the Word or you can let it fall by the wayside.” —Gloria Copeland

B. 3 John 11—Prosperity Is Not Evil

1. When the Apostle John wrote this, he had been a Christian for a long time.
2. He had walked with Jesus and watched Him closely throughout His ministry.
3. He was a wise, mature, respected elder in the Church when he wrote that we should prosper and be in health—and when he wrote verse 11.
4. Verse 11: “Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God: but he that does evil hath not seen God.”
5. If prosperity were evil, why would John want us to prosper?
6. “If you believe the Word, you take it, and you begin to say it, act on it and expect it—things will begin to change.” —Gloria Copeland
7. “Don’t quit. You can’t ever quit. You have to keep believing God, keep saying the right thing, keep doing the right thing—and you’ll come out!” —Gloria Copeland





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DAY 3—Living in Prosperity

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A. Psalm 25:12-13—Days of Prosperity

1. NIV: “Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.”
2. “Your soul has got to prosper first from the Word of God because that’s where faith is—and faith is what gets results. Faith is the substance.” —Gloria Copeland
3. A prosperous soul comes by meditating on the Word.
4. NLT: “They will live in prosperity.”
5. KJV: “His soul shall dwell at ease.”
 - a. *Ease* (HEB) = Prosperity, bountiful wealth
 - b. Good in the widest possible sense

B. Job 36:11—Years of Pleasures

1. “If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasures.”
2. *Pleasures* (HEB) = Your years will be delightful, pleasant and sweet
3. ESV: “If they listen and serve him, they complete their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasantness.”
4. NLT: “If they listen and obey God, they will be blessed with prosperity throughout their lives. All their years will be pleasant.”
5. NIV: “If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment.”

C. Expect Prosperity Every Day for the Rest of Your Life

1. Psalm 68:19: “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.”
 - a. BBE: “[He] is our support day by day.”
 - b. DRB: “He will make our journey prosperous.”
2. Matthew 6:11: “Give us this day our daily bread.”
 - a. DRB: “Give us this day our supersubstantial bread.”
 - b. TPT: “We acknowledge you as our Provider of all we need each day.”





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DAY 4—The Full Scope of Prosperity

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A. Prosperity Is More Than Just Money

1. Prosperity applies to every part of our lives.
2. To prosper is to succeed at everything we do.
3. 3 John 2 (TPT): “Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering.
4. BBE: “My loved one, it is my prayer that you may do well in all things, and be healthy in body, even as your soul does well.”
5. WNT: “My dear friend, I pray that you may in all respects prosper and enjoy good health, just as your soul already prospers.”

B. Philippians 4:19—Prosperity in Every Area of Life

1. Verse 19 (AMPC): “And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
2. Rick Renner Translation: “My God will supply your needs so completely that He will eliminate all your deficiencies. He will meet all your physical and tangible needs until you are so full you have no more capacity to hold anything else. He will supply all your needs until you are totally filled, packed full and overflowing to the point of bursting at the seams and spilling over.”
3. The world’s definition of prosperity is very limited in scope to financial ability and power.
 - a. By its own admission, it goes only so far.
 - b. The world admits that it has no power to overcome poverty, sickness, and spiritual and social ills.
4. You can have all the money in the world and still be poverty-stricken spiritually, mentally and physically.
5. True prosperity is the ability to use God’s power to meet the needs of mankind in any realm of life—regardless of what those needs may be.

“What is prosperity? That’s THE BLESSING on something.”

—Gloria Copeland





C. Prosperity Includes Success in Every Realm of Life—Spirit, Soul, Body, Financial, Relational and Political

1. Spiritual prosperity
 - a. Born again and Spirit filled
 - b. Fellowship with the Father
 - c. Working with the Father in prayer
 - d. Effective soul winner
 - e. Revelation of the Word
 - f. Spiritual prosperity positions us to receive all the things promised in His Word.
2. Prosperity of the soul—mind, will and emotions
 - a. Peace in your mind
 - b. Alignment of your will to God's will
 - c. Stability in your emotions
 - d. Being able to use accumulated knowledge
3. Physical prosperity
 - a. Living in divine health
 - b. Protection
 - c. Fear free
4. Financial prosperity
 - a. Increase and abundance
 - b. Bills paid
 - c. Debt freedom
 - d. Success in all endeavors
5. Relational prosperity
 - a. Love in your home
 - b. Devotion in marriage
 - c. Obedient children
 - d. Healthy relationships
6. Political prosperity
 - a. A God-fearing nation
 - b. Godly leadership
 - c. Support for Israel

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DAY 5—How to Reap an Abundant Harvest

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A. True Prosperity Defined by Kenneth Copeland

1. True prosperity is the ability to use the power of God to meet the needs of mankind in every realm of life—spirit, soul, body, financially, socially.
2. True prosperity is when you make it your need to get salvation into the hands of people and when you make it your purpose to feed the gospel to the unsaved.
3. True prosperity is the ability to look a man in the eye in his moment of impossibility and take his needs on as your own.
4. True prosperity is walking with God to be able and equipped to do for others whatever He needs done, whenever He needs it done and with whatever He needs it done.
5. True prosperity is not for keeping your bills paid and your body well just so you can lie around and watch TV in comfort. God is not prospering us to get us out of debt so we can get into bigger debt. He is not prospering us so we can buy and buy and buy. He is prospering us so we can give and give and give.

**“Sowing and giving is really about hearing God.
It’s doing what He says with what you have, and then you get blessed.
And you do it again, and you get more blessed.”**

—Gloria Copeland

B. Genesis 12:2—Our Motivation for Accumulation Is Distribution

1. Genesis 12:2 (AMPC): “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].”
2. Philippians 2:4 “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”
3. Galatians 6:10 (KNOX): “Let us practice generosity to all while the opportunity is ours, and above all, to those who are one family with us in the household of faith.”
 - a. Creflo Dollar emptied his entire account and sowed the money toward KCM’s airplane. He put KCM’s need above his own
 - b. Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have sown over 30 airplanes, placing others’ needs above their own.
4. 1 Corinthians 10:24: “Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s wealth.”





- 5. "A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things he possesses, but in the abundance of the things he sows." —Kenneth Copeland

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous in every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

—2 Corinthians 9:11, NIV

The result of prosperity is thanksgiving to God.

"Who do you think is going to finance the gospel if everybody's broke? And what are people going to do if they can't hear the Gospel? Somebody in the Church has got to prosper and take care of the people that need to hear the Word."

—Gloria Copeland

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