

**10 KEYS TO BIBLICAL PROSPERITY
GROW WITH GOD SERIES**

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TEXT: 2 Cor 9:11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

INTRO: “There are three things that have changed history more than anything else: 1) violence 2) knowledge 3) wealth. And the greatest is wealth.” Dr. Peter Wagner e.g. Peter Wagner testimony.

I. GOD OWNS EVERYTHING, I AM GOD’S STEWARD

A. Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

B. Haggai 2:8 The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty.

1. A financial planner or stockbroker doesn’t own the money. He or she invests it on behalf of the owner. In the same way, we are here to steward the wealth God’s entrusts to us. Luke 19:11 The parables of the minas
2. I have to give an account for how I managed God’s resources
3. We can’t take a thing with us to heaven. Like having Confederate money at the end of the Civil War. It became useless. Give everything away. First to your family, the rest to the Kingdom.
4. **2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

II. HONOR GOD WITH YOUR FINANCES BY PUTTING GOD FIRST

I. Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

II. Haggai 1:2-8 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come for the Lord’s house to be built.’” Hag. 1:3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4“Is it a

time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” Hag. 1:5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. 6 You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.” Hag. 1:7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. 8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.

III. SEEK FIRST GOD’S KINGDOM

A. Matthew 6:19-21, 33 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1. GOD WANTS YOU KINGDOM MINDED AND KINGDOM HEARTED
2. The way you become Kingdom hearted is to put your treasure into His Kingdom.
3. I live to advance His Kingdom.

IV. BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO HIS STOREHOUSE

A. Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

1. A tithe is ten percent on the gross.
2. Storehouse is the local church
3. Leviticus 27:30 A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.
4. Tithe was established 400 years before the law, as Abraham, the father of our faith tithed to Melchizedek
5. Hebrews 7:1-3 This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, 2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his

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name means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” 3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.

6. **Matthew 23:23** What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. *You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.*
7. Jesus is perfect theology. Teaching them to obey everything...

V. BRING YOUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

A. Exodus 35:5 From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze;

B. 1 Chronicles 29:6-7, 9 Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. 7 They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron....9 The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

1. Time to time God, God asked His people to give a special offering. It is interesting that it was during a time of building. Building the Tabernacle in the wilderness, Temple under David and Solomon or rebuilding the temple under Ezra.
2. We are asking you to prayerfully make a pledge next week for our building fund.

VI. LIVE A DEBT FREE LIFE

A. Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

B. Proverbs 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

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VII. HAVE MULTIPLE REVENUE SOURCES

- A. Proverbs 10:4 Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.
- B. John Wesley, “Make as much as you can, save as much as you can and give as much as you can.”

VIII. REPENT OF THE SPIRIT OF MAMMON

- A. Matthew 6:24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

IX. RENOUNCE THE SPIRIT OF POVERTY

- A. John 10:10 The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

X. RENEW YOUR MIND THAT GOD WANTS TO PROSPER YOU

- A. Proverbs 23:7a For as he ¹thinks within himself, so he is
- B. Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...
- C. Deuteronomy 8:18 “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.
- D. 3 John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

XI. KNOW THE PURPOSE OF PROSPERITY

- A. 2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.