

The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

- DEUTERONOMY 28:11 (NIV)

FELLOWSHIP

(Start the conversation and get to know more about the people in the group. You can choose to answer one question.)

1. *Growing up, did you dream of becoming rich, famous or both?*
2. *What is one gift your parents gave you that you valued the most?*

MEDITATE AND PROCLAIM

(Scripture to be gleaned from and how we can apply the Word in our lives and encourage others to do the same)

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines prosperity as advance or gain in anything good or desirable; successful progress in any business or enterprise; success. We want to be prosperous and successful; but, what is true prosperity anyway? How do we become truly prosperous?

GOD GRANTS US PROSPERITY

The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity...

The prosperity that the Lord gives is based on His grace. We can work hard and give our best in all that we do but ultimately, it is the Lord who grants prosperity. We really do not have control over it. The Hebrew word for prosperity is "yathar" which means to make abundant and have more than enough. If this is the kind of prosperity the Lord grants us, why do we sometimes still have a "scarcity mentality" or that way thinking, that we do not have or we will not have enough? God is our source and His prosperity is limitless!

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. - JOHN 10:10

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"

- JEREMIAH 32:27

DISCUSS: DO YOU THINK YOU FALL INTO THE "SCARCITY MENTALITY" TRAP SOMETIMES? WHY DO YOU SAY SO?

DIFFERENT PROSPERITY

...in the fruit of your womb...

The fruit of the womb speaks of relationships, that is something the Lord wants us to be prosperous with. Most of the things we will receive and learn are from people who love us the most. The fruit of our womb is truly miraculous. Fruitfulness is not something forced to happen. Have you ever seen a tree strive to bear fruit? Fruit just comes naturally as long as there was a seed planted. After planting a seed, it has to be nurtured and cared for. Then fruit will come in its season.

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward. - PSALM 127:3*

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. - JOHN 15:5

DISCUSS: WHAT SEED HAVE TAKEN ROOT IN YOUR HEART? WHAT SEEDS ARE YOU SOWING IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS?

...the young of your livestock...

This speaks of giving the best and giving of the future. If a livestock will not have a young, then it will not thrive and survive. The farmer will only have something for the immediate. The Lord does not only want us to be blessed for now, but He desires that the blessing continues on to our next generation and beyond.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, - PSALM 103:17

DISCUSS: ARE YOU GIVING YOUR BEST TO THE LORD WHO GAVE YOU HIS?

...and the crops of your ground...

Crops represent hard work and labour. God has cursed the ground because of Adam's sin (see Genesis 3:17). But here, He has declared a blessing of abundant prosperity. The Lord blesses the works of our hands and wants us to give our best to show our love for Him.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. - COLOSSIANS 3:23,24

PRAY

(Remember to do this. Pray for one another; for everyone to live out the Word and for any other specific prayer needs)

The Lord wants us to be prosperous not just for our sake but for His name! Pray along the lines of 2 Peter 1:3 - *"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,"*



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