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2 Cor 5:18

Your Prosperity comes from Living in Harmony with the Kingdom

Overview: God's prosperity continues to manifest in our lives as we live in harmony (i.e. in unity, in obedience) with the laws which govern this world.

A. Principles of the Kingdom of God (KOG)

1. The Goal: Continue to become more Christ-like.

Seek ye first the KOG and keeping on seeking and all these things shall be added. Matt 6:33 Draw close to God and He will draw close to you.

2. The Process: Obey authority.

All power comes from God. Rom 13:1 You would have no authority unless the Father gave it to you. John 11:19 If you are willing and obedient, you will prosper. Isa 1:19 Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. 1 Sam 15:23

3. The Mission: Your job is to tell people about Jesus and Salvation.

Having accepted Jesus as Savior, you now live with Him as Lord of your life.

You have the ministry of Reconciliation.

God's power is in the Gospel (Rom 1:16). As you share the Gospel, you live by it. 1 Cor 9:14

4. The Benefits: You are an ambassador of Heaven. 2 Cor 5:20

You have on Earth all the rights and privileges of a representative of Heaven. Matt 6:10 You are in this world but not of this world. John 15:19

As a citizen of Heaven, you are not subject to the laws of the Earth.

B. Laws of Life

1. Definition from Webster

A law is a statement of the order or relationship (between entities) which is invariable.

2. Legal or Man-made Laws

These laws are made by a governing body of men. Penalties are imposed to keep the laws invariable i.e., violations of the law are penalized e.g. speed limit on the road.

3. Physical or Natural Laws

These laws reflect the inherent nature of natural phenomena and are, of themselves, invariable. (e.g. the Law of Gravity). Violations of the these laws can only occur by supernatural means (i.e., these laws can only be superseded, over-ridden by spiritual power as in a miracle.)

4. Spiritual Laws

These are the highest level of laws and are totally invariable. These laws cannot be superseded nor violated.

- a) Simple Laws.
 - These define a single truth, which can never change. These include the Word of God, the Promises of God, the Oaths and Covenants of God, the Power in the Name of Jesus, the Law of Genesis (i.e. sowing and reaping), the Curse of the Law, the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and the Laws of Salvation.
 - Examples are:

• The Word of God is truth. John 14:6 • God will never change. Mal 3:6

• God cannot break His word.

• If you sow, you will reap. Ps 89:34

The wages of sin is death. Sin produces death. You sinned, so death has to come.

> Praise God! Jesus died for you, so you don't have to die.



b) Compound Laws

These laws may have conditions or may be combinations of Simple Laws.

➤ Conditions.

• Example 1 - If you are alive and remain, you will be raptured. 1 Thes 4:17 • Example 2 – God rewards those who diligently seek Him. Heb 11:6

➤ Combination.

• Example 1

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deu 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

• Example 2

Exo 23:25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

C. Financial Laws

1. The Kingdom of God (KOG)

God meets your basic needs when you live in and continue to grow in the KOG. Matt 6:33

God provides protection and an abundance of your **basic** needs when you are a tither.

Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Mal 3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Heb 7:8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

3. Giving and Receiving

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God provides **abundance** to meet your desires and for your ministering based on your giving.

Luk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2Co 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

2Co 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

4. Be humble (Believe the Word, speak it and do it.)

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Pro 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Suggestion: Jesus is a giver. He is our role model. Be a giving, loving, forgiving person.