



*Prosperity*  
AND THE *Soul*



*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and  
that you may be in good health, as it goes well with  
your soul.*

3 JOHN 1:2 (ESV)

*What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?*

MATTHEW 16:26 (NIV)



Men will never become great in theology  
until they become great in suffering.

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Suffering is the stripping of our hope in finite things; therefore we do not put our ultimate hope in anything finite.

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# **WEALTH'S EFFECT ON OUR SOUL**

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- **UC Berkeley study on driving behaviors**
- **NYS Psychiatric Institute study on shoplifting**
- **Independent Sector survey on charitable giving**
- **UCLA study on wealth & empathy**
- **Harvard Business School study on wealth & happiness**

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation*

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10 (NIV)



*and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10 (NIV)

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good,*

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 (NIV)

*to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 (NIV)

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves  
break in and steal. But store up for yourselves  
treasures in heaven,*

**MATTHEW 6:19–21 (NIV)**

*where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

MATTHEW 6:19-21 (NIV)

*No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

**MATTHEW 6:24 (NIV)**

*“Two things I ask of you, Lord;  
do not refuse me before I die:  
Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.*

PROVERBS 30:7-9 (NIV)

*Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you  
and say, 'Who is the Lord?'  
Or I may become poor and steal,  
and so dishonor the name of my God.*

PROVERBS 30:7-9 (NIV)



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**GOD WANTS TO PROSPER US,  
BUT ON HIS TERMS**

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**LOVE OF MONEY  
IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL**

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**FIND YOUR SWEET SPOT, AND  
LIVE TO YOUR CONVICTIONS**

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**GOD WANTS OUR HEARTS**

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