

## THE DECEPTION OF THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL Pt. 1 {Does God Promise You Health & Wealth in This Life?}

- **God's warnings about *false teaching* ...**

- 1) And it's \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the Gospel of grace. (2 Corinthians 4:3-5, 11-13)
- 2) And it's \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 11:3-4; 2 Timothy 2:15-18)
- 3) And it's \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Pet. 3:15-18; Matt. 4:6-7) and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_ to sin or living an indulgent lifestyle (Jude 1:3-4).

- **What does God want us to do when it comes to spiritual matters & regarding those who claim to speak for God?**

- 1) We are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ which means to carefully examine or put to the test of Scripture whatever is being communicated. (1 Thess. 5:19-22)
- 2) We should follow the example of the Bereans who “\_\_\_\_\_ daily to find out whether these things were” from God. (Acts 17:11)
- 3) We should \_\_\_\_\_ believers the supremacy & sufficiency of Jesus Christ, so they grow spiritually & become \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 1:28) and are not \_\_\_\_\_ and carried about with every wind of false \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph. 4:14)
- 4) We should evaluate everything from the Word of God, utilizing the standard of the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 11)
- 5) We should remember that the possession of certain spiritual gifts is NOT necessarily evidence of true \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 1:1-7; 3:1-4), nor of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (compare 1 Cor. 12:1-2 vs 1 Cor. 13 & Gal. 5:22-23). Who does the Holy Spirit glorify? (Jn 16:14)

- **What are the 4 “Cs” of correct Bible Interpretation?**

- 1) Examine the \_\_\_\_\_ of the passage -
- 2) Observe the \_\_\_\_\_ of the passage.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture with Scripture.
- 4) Arrive at a biblical and balanced \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. The POSITION ...What is the Prosperity Gospel? It is the teaching that God wants you to claim physical \_\_\_\_\_ and financial \_\_\_\_\_ by exercising great faith in God. What else is this teaching called?**

**B. The PREACHERS ... Who Teaches the Prosperity Gospel?**

**c. The PROOF TEXTS ... How Do They Try to Support this Teaching Biblically?**

1. They misinterpret and misapply Old Testament verses given to \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_ and seek to apply them to \_\_\_\_\_ believers under \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Some examples are:

- **Deuteronomy 28:1-20** - What is the historical context of this? Who were these physical blessings promised to? For what? Contrasted with grace today?
- **Joshua 1:6-9** - What is the historical context of this? What is prosperity in this context? How do you properly interpret the OT?
- **Jeremiah 29:10** - What is the historical context of this?
- **Isaiah 53:5** - compared with 53:6 and 1 Peter 2:24
- **Malachi 3:10** - What is the historical context of this? Who is being addressed here? What is the “storehouse” in the context?

3. They misuse or misinterpret NEW TESTAMENT verses \_\_\_\_\_ to support their teaching.

- **John 10:10** - compared with John 16:33
- **John 14:14** - compared with 1 John 5:14-15; Luke 22:42
- **James 4:2** - compared with 4:3
- **Romans 8:32** - compared with 8:18-25
- **2 Corinthians 8:9** - compared with 6:3-10

**D. The PROBLEMS Scripturally with the False PROSPERITY GOSPEL.**

1. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Luke 9:57-58; 12:15; 19:10**
- **Mark 10:25; 12:40-44**
- **Matt. 6:21-24**

2. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- **1 Cor. 4:8-13**
- **2 Cor. 6:10; 11:24-29**
- **1 Tim. 6:3-10**