

**THE DECEPTION OF THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL Pt. 3**  
**{Does God Promise You Health & Wealth in This Life?}**

- A. The POSITION ...What is the Gospel of Prosperity?** It is the teaching that God wants you to claim physical \_\_\_\_\_ and financial \_\_\_\_\_ by exercising great faith in God.
- 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. They misuse or misinterpret NEW TESTAMENT verses \_\_\_\_\_ to support their teaching.
- D. The PROBLEMS Scripturally with the False PROSPERITY GOSPEL.**
1. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 9:57-58; 19:9-10; 12:15, 16-21; Mark 10:25; 12:40-44; Matt. 6:19-24)
  2. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 4:8-13; 2 Cor. 6:10; 11:24-29; Phil. 4:10-13, 19; 2:25-30; 1 Tim. 6:3-10; Acts 3:6)
  3. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:9-12; 2:5, 14-16; 5:1-11)
  4. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 2:23-25; 2 Peter 2:10-16)
  5. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_. (3 John 1:2-3)
  6. It was NOT preached or practiced by \_\_\_\_\_. (Jude 1:11-13)
  7. It WAS preached and practiced by \_\_\_\_\_. (Job 1:21-22; 2:4; Matt. 4:8-10)
- E. The PROPER CONCLUSIONS based on the Scriptures.**
1. The prosperity gospel is not based upon sound \_\_\_\_\_ but faulty \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Timothy 2:15)
  2. The prosperity gospel is a \_\_\_\_\_ gospel under the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Gal.1:6-9)  
The first test of discernment to be applied to a “spiritually gifted” person is that of \_\_\_\_\_, especially regarding the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_, for this message has as its source the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The prosperity gospel breeds discontentment and appeals to the \_\_\_\_\_ of man, encouraging \_\_\_\_\_ which is \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 3:5; 1 Thess. 2:3-10; Heb. 13:5; 2 Pet. 2:1-3, 10-17; Jude 1:11-14; Acts 20:33; 1 Timothy 3:3)
4. The prosperity gospel is a \_\_\_\_\_ that either blinds the lost or corrupts the mind of the saved. (2 Cor.4:1-5; 11:3-4; 13-15)
5. The prosperity gospel misunderstands the place of \_\_\_\_\_ and the godly reasons for \_\_\_\_\_ today. (Romans 5:12; 8:18-24)
6. The prosperity gospel leaves its adherents \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ due to its false promises.
7. The prosperity gospel needs to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ from. (Romans 16:17-18; Phil. 3:18-19; 1 Timothy 6:3-21)

- **Romans 16:17-18** Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.
- **Philippians 3:18-19** For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-- who set their mind on earthly things.
- **1 Timothy 6:3-21** If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. 6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. 17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 20 O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge-- 21 by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

Key Verses: Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21

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