DOES GOD PROMISE YOU HEALTH AND WEALTH?

(Examining the Prosperity Gospel Under the Searchlight of the Scriptures)

A. The PRINCIPLES Derived from 1 Corinthians 12:1-3.

- 1. Principle to remember: The possession of certain spiritual gifts is not necessarily an evidence of true ______. (1:1-7; 3:1-4)
- 2. Principle to remember: Being ______ regarding true spirituality and spiritual gifts can ______ you. (12:1)
- 3. Principle to remember: When the Holy Spirit controls a person, he is not ______ or out of control, for the fruit of the Spirit is ______. (Gal.5:22-23)
- 4. Principle to remember: True spiritual gifts can be ______ through human or demonic means.(12:2)
- 5. Principle to remember: The first test of discernment to be applied to a "spiritually gifted" person is that of ______, especially regarding the Gospel of ______, for this has as its source the ______. (12:3)
- **B.** 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.

- What else is this teaching called?
- C. The PREACHERS ... Who Teaches the Prosperity Gospel?

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

- 1. They misinterpret and misapply ______ verses given to ______ under the ______ and seeks to apply them to ______ believers under _____.
- 2. Some examples:
 - Deuteronomy 28
 - Joshua 1:6-9
 - Jeremiah 29:10
 - Isaiah 53:5
 - Malachi 3:10
- 3. They misuse or misinterpret ______ verses to support their teaching.
 - John 10:10

- John 14:14
- James 4:2
- Mark 10:29-30
- Galatians 3:14
- 2 Corinthians 8:9
- E. 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.4:11; 2 Cor. 6:10; 11:24-29; Phil.4:10-19; 1 Tim. 6:3-10)
 - 3. It was NOT preached or practiced by _____. (1:9-12; 2:5; 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 2:4; Matt. 4:8-10)

F. The PROPER CONCLUSIONS.

- 1. The prosperity gospel is not based upon sound ______ but faulty ______ but faulty ______. (2 Timothy 2:15)
- 2. The prosperity gospel is a ______ gospel under the ______ of God. (Gal.1:6-10)
- 3. The prosperity gospel breeds ______ and appeals to the ______ of man, encouraging ______ which is ______. (Colossians 3:5; 1 Thess. 2:5; Heb.13:5; 2 Peter 2:1-3, 10-17; Jude 1:11-14)
- 4. The prosperity gospel is a _______ that either blinds the lost or corrupts the mind of the saved. (2 Cor.4:3-7; 11:13-15)
- 5. The prosperity gospel misunderstands the place of ______ and the godly reasons for ______ today. (Romans 5:12; 8:17-24)
- 6. The prosperity gospel leaves its adherents ______, ____, or _____, or _____, due to its false promises.
- 7. The prosperity gospel needs to be _____, ____, and _____, and _____, from. (1 Tim.6:3-5; Romans 16:17-18)