

## Lesson 3 Budget Bible Study Work

1. Read Joshua 1:8 and Hebrews 11:36-40. What do each of these passages communicate to you about financial prosperity for the believer?

Joshua 1:8 We will have good success because God wants that. We want good success that is according to our word not this world. So we need our word to lead us. Hebrews 11:36-40 Life can be hard. We may suffer despite our faith but we see beyond the hardships to the reward that awaits us, the joys of life with God in eternity.

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## Hebrews 11:36-40

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37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

2. Consider the lives of Job, Joseph, and Paul. Did these men experience periods of financial abundance, as well as times of financial hardship?

Yes

3. Was their lack of financial prosperity a result of sin and lack of faith? Should all Christians always prosper financially? Why or why not?

No it was a result of them following God.  
Yes all Christians should always prosper financially because God wants us to. We can if we follow God.

4. Read Psalm 73:1-20. What does this passage tell you about the prosperity of the wicked?

It may seem that the wicked prosper through what they don't get punished for on earth or how easy their lives may seem however the wicked will still have to answer to God on judgement day.

1 (A Psalm of Asaph.) Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

5. How does this impact your thinking?

1/24/20 knowing scripture my thinking is at a better stand point because my feelings were hurt when I see/know people who are wicked winning even when they aren't living as God instructed for us to listen.

6. Read Luke 12:15; Ephesians 5:3, 5; and Colossians 3:5. What do each of these passages say about coveting and greed? Define coveting and greed.

Luke - 12:15 - There should be no coveting because ones life don't matter about what you have or own.

Eph 5:3 - Let there be no greed among you it shouldn't be heard of from saints.

Eph 5:5 - No greedy person will inherit the kingdom of God.

**Luke 12: 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**

**Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

**Ephesians 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

coveting - yearn to possess or have (something)

greed - intense and selfish desire for something especially wealth, power, food.

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Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

7. Do you personally struggle with coveting or greed? How do you propose to conquer these sins?

I don't suffer with greed or coveting because I know it is not right in God's eyes.

8. Read Philippians 4:11-14 and 1 Timothy 6:6-8. What do each of these passages communicate to you about contentment?

Philippians - contentment is a learned skill however one should find joy despite his circumstances

1 Timothy - Be satisfied with what one has. God does want his children to grow but to not desire too much be grateful.

Philippians 4:11-14

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

Timothy 6:6-8

**6 But 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 raiment let us be therewith content.

Question → 9. How does our way of life discourage contentment? Sometimes we may want and not see our blessings we have before us so we aren't satisfied.

10. What changes do you need to make in your personal life so that you can live a contented life? How do you plan to accomplish these changes?

The changes I need to make is to stay prayed up, organized, make plans and stick to them. I plan to remain focused on God to lead me and guide me!!

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2. Consider the lives of Job, Joseph, and Paul. Did these men experience periods of financial abundance, as well as times of financial hardship? *Yes these men experienced both sides. But it was their obediences that gave them abundances in all area of their lives.*

3. Was their lack of financial prosperity a result of sin and lack of faith? Should all Christians always prosper financially? Why or why not? *They kept their faith and because they did. Man attacked them in many ways.*

4. *Read Psalm 137:20. What does this passage tell you about the prosperity of the wicked?* *The devil will make you want to? God's plan for you he will make it look like the wrong way is right. That's why you have to stay in continuous prayer.*

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Coveting - to want what someone else has  
Greed - Having enough but always wanting than you need

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10. What changes do you need to make in your personal life so that you can live a contented life? How do you plan to accomplish these changes? Stay humble and stay in continued prayer and in God's word.