

# PROSPERITY GOSPEL—What does the Bible say?

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**Bible passage: 1 Tim.6:3-10**

**The purpose of these presentation is to:** Consider at least 5 mistakes and false teachings often taught by prosperity gospel teachers, seek to show why these teachings are dangerous for the spiritual growth of the Christian and endeavor to correct these with true teaching from the Bible.

## OUTLINE

- I. **Introduction**
  - a. Context/Definitions
  - b. summary
- II. **5 mistakes of the prosperity gospel**
  - a. A *distortion* of the central teachings of the Christian faith (see quotations from prosperity gospel teachers)
    - i. A false view of God
    - ii. A false view of Jesus
    - iii. A false view of faith
  - b. A *defective* man-centered theology
    - i. God exists to serve man
    - ii. Blessings and not the blessing-giver are elevated
  - c. A *down play of the promise* of suffering in Scripture
    - i. Scripture promises suffering for followers of Christ
    - ii. Teachers of prosperity gospel however, see
      1. Suffering is of the devil and has no right over God's people
      2. Suffering is a lack of faith
  - d. A *disregard of the principles of* scripture interpretation
    - i. Misinterpretation of the scripture (selective citing, disregard of context, misunderstanding the OT
    - ii. Commonly misunderstood Bible verses and a biblical response
  - e. A *distorted* view of prayer
    - i. Prayer is the master key to everything you need—not the will of God
- III. **What does the Bible say?**
  - a. Warnings about prosperity
  - b. Suffering—God's way of sanctification
  - c. God's purpose for wealth
  - d. Reminders of our mortality
  - e. A wise caution
- IV. **Conclusions**
  - a. Learning from Job—Faith & suffering
  - b. Learning from Habakkuk—Joy in suffering
  - c. Lessons from Peter 1 Pet.2:15-16
  - d. Lessons on God-centered living Heb.11:35-38