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## 1 | Why Christians do not Prosper

The worldwide Christian complex says “We are saved, but sin everyday! God cannot bless sinners or answer their prayer.

1 Pet. 3:12      God is against evildoers, but He answers the prayer of the righteous.

1 Jn. 3:6-8      He that commits sin is of the devil.

## 2 | Laziness will bring poverty

Matt 25:14-30      Watch therefore, for the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country who called his servants and delivered unto them talents to invest, expecting each to be diligent in their work and service for him. To one he gave 5 talents, to another 2 talents, and to a third 1 talent. The servant who received five talents gained 5 more for his master. The one with 2 talents gained another 2. Both servants were praised for their diligence in business and faithfulness to their master. Enter into the joy of your lord, he told them. But the servant who was given 1 talent made this report to his master, Lord, I was afraid knowing that you are a hard man reaping where you have not sown, so I hid your talent in the ground. I am returning it to you. His Lord said to him, You wicked and slothful servant. You accuse me of being a hard man. Why didn't you put the talent in the bank where I could have gotten back at least some interest on it? **Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has 10 talents**, and cast this unprofitable servant into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **For unto every one that hath, more will be given. But to him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.**

**Note:** Talents refer not to giftings or abilities, but to finances. In the light of Christ's return, Christians at that time are counselled to be diligent and faithful in

business and in providing for both one's family and for the furthering of the gospel. If we grow slothful and fearful to do these things, in the end, when Christ comes, we will be cast into hellfire.

God gives all his servants the power to prosper, each according to his ability. Read 3 Jn. 2. In Psalm 1:1-3, the man who loves God's laws and mediates in it day and night will prosper in whatsoever he does.

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**What is the reality of the staggering amount of the talents in this parable?**

1 talent of gold is about 95 to 100 lbs. or about 1,000 oz. of gold.

1925 1 oz. of gold was worth \$20.00.

2015 1 oz. of gold is worth \$1,000.  
1 talent ..... \$1 million  
2 talents ..... \$2 million  
5 talents ..... \$5 million

2 Thes. 3:10-12 We command you, if any man does not work, neither shall he eat. It is the duty of leadership in the church to be sure no one receives money who will not work.

Pro. 20:4 A sluggard will not plow. He will beg at harvest and have nothing.

Pro. 24:30-34 A little sleep and folding of the hands brings poverty.

Rom. 12:11 Be not slothful in business and work. Fervently serve the Lord.

1 Cor. 4:12 Apostle Paul worked with his own hands.

1 Thes. 2:9 Paul worked day and night, at times preaching the gospel for free.

1 Thes. 4:11-12 Study, and work with your own hands, that you lack nothing.

### **3 | Christians don't pay the 10% tithe and are cursed.**

Mal. 3:8-11	God said, You have robbed me in tithes and offerings (this applied not only to Israel, but to today's New Testament Church) that there be money to pay the pastor and the light bill. Test me if I will not open the windows of heaven. There will not be room to receive it. I will watch over your harvest from the fields, and all will see that you are a blessed people.
Heb. 7:1-10	Abraham gave 10% to the King of Salem, the priest of the Most High God, who had neither father nor mother on record, and who was made like unto the Son of God in type. Under the law of Moses, Levites paid tithe from their own income to the high priest. In New Testament days, churches started by apostle Paul paid tithe to him. However, some did not, which is why Paul worked with his own hands.
2 Cor. 11:7-13	
1 Cor. 9:9-14	Even God had ordained that they which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel.
Gal. 6:6-10	Pay the teacher who teaches you in the word. You will reap what you sow in due season.
1 Tim 5:17-18	The laborer is worthy of his reward (tithe). Pay your pastor.
1 Tim 6:17-19	The rich shall <u>not</u> trust in riches, but be willing to give to the truly poor and needy.
Matt. 23:23-28	Woe to you scribes and Pharisees. You pay tithe, but fail in judgement, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, but don't leave the other things undone.
Matt. 22:21	Render unto God, the things that are God's.

### **4 | Tithes and offerings are God's way of supporting the church and ministry.**

Luke 6:38	Give and it shall be given to you. Men shall give into your bosom. If you give little, little will be given to you.
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Gal. 6:7	Be not deceived. Whatever a man sows that he will reap.
2 Cor. 9:6-9	He that sows sparingly will reap sparingly. He that gives to the poor, his righteousness remains forever. God loves a cheerful giver.
Rom. 2:6	God will render to (repay) every man according to his deeds. Are you a cheerful giver?
Matt. 10:41-42	If you give a cup of cold water to one of my disciples, you will be rewarded. God keeps record in heaven of everyone's giving.
1 Cor. 3:8-9	He that plants and he that waters shall both receive a reward.
1 Cor. 9:7-14	Don't muzzle the ox that treads out the corn. Does God take care of the oxen or us preachers? We have given you spiritual things. You should give us your carnal things in return.

## 5     **God wants his saints to prosper. Become a giver.**

Matt. 7:7-11	Ask, seek, and knock. God will give good things to them that persevere in prayer.
Heb. 11:6	Ask in faith. God rewards those who diligently seek him.
Jn. 15:7	If you <u>keep my commandments</u> , ask what you will.
Matt. 6:19-21	<b>Lay up treasures in heaven where no thief can steal. Give into God's kingdom to save souls.</b>
Luke 6:38	Give and it shall be given unto you.
Pro. 22:9	He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.
Pro. 28:27	He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack.
Psalms 112:9	He hath given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever, his horn shall be exalted with honor.

Ps. 41:1-3 Deut. 15:11	Blessed is the man who helps the truly poor. I will deliver him in trouble. Open your hand wide unto your brother, to the poor, and to the needy.
Ps. 1:1-3	Blessed is the man that is not friends with sinners. He meditates in God's word, and whatever he does will prosper.
1 Jn. 3:22	Whatsoever we ask, we receive, <u>because we keep his commandments</u> .
Matt. 22:36-40	Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Love your neighbor as you love yourself.
1 Jn. 3:14-18	Let us love our brother. The rich should help a poor brother. Let us not love in word only, but in deed.
1 Jn. 4:7-8	Let us love one another. Everyone who loves is born again. He that doesn't love, doesn't know God.
1 Jn. 3:11-21	<b>We need to lay down our lives for our brothers.</b> Christ did for us! Love your brother not in word only, but in deed, giving to brethren in need. And whatsoever we ask God he will give us, <u>because we keep his commandments and please Him</u> .
Job 1:1-3	God said 3 times that Job was perfect. Job was upright, and feared God, hating all evil. God prospered Job who was a great giver. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, etc. In today's money about 3-4 million dollars.

## 6 The rich man died and went to hell-fire.

1 Jn. 2:15-17	<u>Self-gratification and loving the world is sinful.</u> Love not this world's system – all its glamor, success, and power. Avoid the lust of the flesh, sex with many women, lust of the eyes to buy everything, pride to be famous, rich, powerful, and having authority over others. This is not of the Father, but of the world. But he that does the will of God will live forever.
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Luke 12:16-21	The rich man builds himself bigger barns to store all his goods. God said to him, You fool, this night your soul shall be required of you. Who will get your riches then? Laying up riches only for yourself will damn the soul!
Luke 16:19-25	The rich man died, His body went into the grave. His spirit and soul went to hellfire. There he cried out, I am in pain. Give me some water. He recognized the beggar across the gulf in the next compartment called paradise.
Luke 18:18-27	A rich young ruler came to Jesus asking, What shall I do to inherit eternal life? I have obeyed all the commandments. Jesus said, You lack one thing. <u>Sell all you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven.</u> The young ruler went away very sorrowful, for he was very rich. Jesus said, A rich man will hardly enter the kingdom, but with God all things are possible.
Luke 19:2-10	A rich tax collector named Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed a tree. Jesus said, Zacchaeus, come down. Today, I must abide or stay in your house. And Zacchaeus got saved. <b>He said, Lord, half of my riches I give to the poor:</b> Jesus said, Today is salvation come to this house.
1 Tim 6:7-10	<b>The love of money is the root of much sin. We cannot take our riches with us when we die.</b> Let us be content with food and clothing. But they that are rich fall into many temptations and hurtful lusts which draw them into hellfire. Some Christians have coveted after money, and have erred from the faith only to suffer many sorrows for their sin.
Matt. 13:18-23	Christ teaches this parable of the sower of 4 seeds. In verse 22, the seed that fell among thorns is he that hears the word of God and gets saved, but the cares of the world, and the <u>deceitfulness of riches</u> chokes the word, and it becomes unfruitful. That man lost his salvation!

1 Tim. 6:17-19

Warn rich Christians not to be high minded or to trust in their riches; for riches can make wings and fly away. But trust in the living God who gives **all** things to enjoy. The rich, who give to a needy brother, lays up in heaven treasure, while laying hold on eternal life.

## **7      Why are so many sinners rich?**

1. When sinners apply godly principles of hard work and honesty in business dealings, they can get rich.  
**But what will they do with their riches?**
2. The devil can also make men and women rich and famous so that they will not serve the Lord. Some live out their lives leaving an inheritance to their children. Others die young of alcohol and drug overdose, having sought fame, success, and the “good life.” In each case, self-gratification and sin caused them to become slaves to the devil. They loved this world’s system rather than God. (1 Jn 2:15-17)

## **8      Should saints envy the prosperity of the wicked?**

Ps. 73:1-28

1. I was envious of the prosperity of the wicked.
2. They are not in trouble like other men.
3. Pride surrounds them like a chain.
4. They have more than they could ever wish for.
5. They are corrupt. They cheat and lie to gain riches. They oppress the poor.
6. They speak evil of God and curse His name.
7. They are ungodly who prosper in the world.
8. As for myself, I have cleansed my heart in vain.
9. All day long I have been plagued and chastened.



10. But when I went into the sanctuary of God (or read my bible), I understood their end.
11. God will cast the wicked rich into hellfire.
12. When I thought on their end, I was pricked in my heart for being envious of the wicked rich. It is good for me to draw nigh to the Lord. I will trust in Him always, and declare all His works!

**9      Does God find many rich men who will give into God's kingdom and help the poor?**

I have watched many times how when Christians get blessed by a giver in the church, they become proudful, boasting that God blessed them because they were so good! They often fail in humility to be grateful to the one God uses to bless them. They fail in the sin of pride and unthankfulness. Can anyone of us boast that God saved us because we were so good? **They fail to recognize that a Christian giver had compassion on their suffering. Their failure to be thankful is rooted in pride.** It is not easy for them to receive help from others. It is easy to take credit to themselves for their blessing, while failing to admit their need and be grateful to the one God is using to meet that need! Pride is a sin just like murder. It will damn the soul if it is not overcome.

Yes, all blessings come from God, but he needs a man who is willing to be a giver to bless others. Why does God not tell the needy brother to go to the apple tree and pluck off some hundred dollar bills? **The ones who are being blessed may be ungrateful to the giver; he may even misuse the money he is given, or become bitter toward the giver for failing to give him even more money. But any man who gives to the truly poor is laying up treasures in heaven for himself. God will reward him. He does not need man's gratefulness or approval; for it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).**

## 10 | Parable of the laborers in the vineyard

Matt 20:1-16

The kingdom under heaven is like a man that is an householder (**head of the household**), which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day (equivalent to one day's wage), he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the 3rd hour (9 am) and saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, Go ye also into the vineyard, **and whatsoever is right I will give you**. Again he went out about the sixth hour (12 noon) and ninth hour (3 pm), and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour (5 pm) he went out and found more standing idle. Why stand ye here all day idle? No man has hired us, they answered. **Go ye into the vineyard and whatsoever is right I will give you**. So when evening came, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the laborers in and give them their pay. Start with the last, who began at 5 pm. When they came in they received the same pay as those laborers who first started working at 6 am. **The laborers who began first supposed they should have received more pay. They murmured against the householder saying,** The last only worked one hour and we worked all day in the heat. **And the lord said, Friend, I do you no wrong since you agreed to work for a penny a day. Can I not give what is mine as I see fit? Is your eye evil because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first shall be last; for many are called, but few are chosen.** **Note: The last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few are chosen.** What does this mean? The first laborers were first to be called and first in the amount of work hours they put in, but became last **because of the proudful and contentious spirit in which their labor was performed**. All are called to be saved and to do the work of God, but few retain that humble, unselfish spirit that rejoices when others are blessed and that are willing to be content with future, eternal rewards; for he who humbles himself in this life will be chosen, or will qualify, to be exalted in the next life.

## 11 | Rewards & Inheritance – Givers will rule forever

Pro. 19:17	He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given, will God pay him again.
Matt. 10:41-42	If you give a cup of water to a brother in need, you will not lose your <u>reward</u> .
1 Cor. 3:5-8	Every man will get his <u>reward</u> for his own labor.
1 Cor. 3:12-15	At the judgment seat of Christ saints will either receive or lose rewards.
1 Cor. 9:17-25	A giver's <u>reward</u> is an incorruptible crown.
Col. 3:23-24	If we serve God, giving to the needy brother, we will be <u>rewarded</u> .
Ps. 34:10	The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing!
Rev. 3:21	Saints will sit as kings and priests on thrones even as Christ the greatest Giver now sits on his throne.
Rev. 5:10	Saints will reign on earth with Christ when he returns.
2 Tim. 4:7-8	Givers will finish this race having laid up for themselves in heaven a crown of righteousness.
Rom. 8:17	<b>Saints will be joint heirs with Christ of all things throughout God's vast universe. What a glorious reward for having been a giver!!</b>

### America's "Great Society"

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" administration **proclaimed a war on poverty in America**. He built high-rise buildings in major cities for the poor. He gave them free rent, medical care, and a welfare check to buy food. Little by little the housing projects became slums where drugs and crime ran rampant. The more illegitimate children women had the more money the government gave them. **(Keep in mind, the government has**

**no money of its own. It either makes more paper money on its printing press, or takes money in taxes from hardworking citizens).** Poor people became dependent on the government, who in turn gained full control of their lives. The “Great Society” plan became a great failure.

By the year 2020, more citizens had shirked their responsibilities and had dropped out of society choosing rather to live in little tents and cardboard boxes. Sidewalks of some of our major cities are overrun with human urine and feces, garbage, and discarded hypodermic needles! The government sends more money only to end up in the pockets of local politicians. These homeless poor lie, cheat, and steal to support their addictions and lifestyles. Moral decay and sin tears at our nation.

The ongoing war on poverty has failed, because it goes against the word of God. **Those who will not work, should not eat, so the bible says.** Today, the Marxist element in our nation’s capital defies God’s word. They openly declare their hatred of America, demanding that the middle-class, and those honest businesses and corporations that provide work for tens of millions of Americans, should give even more of their hard earned taxes to the poor. They have printed so much more money that today, in 2021, food and gas prices have skyrocketed.

I recently met a homeless woman about 60 years old, who had all her belongings in a shopping cart. I asked her how she came to be homeless. Without hesitating she declared, “I chose this life and I am proud of it!” She went on to tell me 3 times that God was with her. Not only are rich wicked men proud, but so are some poor people who are content to live free from any responsibilities in life.

Hardworking Americans have come to learn from investigative journalists that beggars were making a very good living for themselves. We have since stopped giving to the few remaining beggars who still wait on street corners with signs asking for more money from us!