

## 5 Keys to Real Prosperity

(Part 4)

3 John 2

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

INTRODUCTION: Review:

Key #1 Prosperity begins with the realization that we need a Divine Revelation from God!

Key #2 Divine Prosperity must accept the fact that you can't rush God!

- *God is a god of timing. His will just might take a while! Let's look at some facts about God's timing.*
- **GOD'S TIMING ISN'T ALWAYS CONNECTED TO OUR CLOCK.**
- **THERE IS A CONSISTANT PATTERN OF A FAITH-BASED MIRACLE.**

Key # 3

Prosperity must accept the God-given Principles of Biblical Authority.  
(Numbers 20:1-6)

*Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.*

*2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.*

*3 And the people chided with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!*

*4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?*

5 *And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.*

6 *And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.*

**I. WE MUST HAVE A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF BIBICAL AUTHORITY. (V.7 & 8)**

*And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

8 *Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.*

**A. THE ROD OF GOD (SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY) IS FOR GATHERING AND GUIDING.**

*Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together...*

1. Moses had been given the rod (Authority) at the place of the burning bush!
2. The Rod was a representative of authority given by God himself!
3. The Rod was present at every miracle and it had a hand in bringing God's people from a place of bondage to a place of freedom! (But, you cannot carry the rod of God (Spiritual Authority) and operate in disobedience.

**B. OUR CONFESSION (OUR WORDS) IS FOR PROCLAIMING AND PRONOUNCING!**

*...speak ye unto the rock before their eyes...*

1. Notice God's instructions, You (The Leader) speak/ to the rock (My Source of Supply) / where the people can see it!
2. God was going to use this occasion to teach a principle to the people!
3. The principle was an eternal principle. We are to speak to our problem and declare deliverance!

C. GOD'S WAY OF PROVISION IS VERY CLEAR!

1. Leaders are called to gather the people! (We are to walk in our authority)!
2. Leaders speak to the rock! (We are to exercise our authority!)
3. It (The Rock / an unlikely source) shall give you water (Supernatural Supply)! That's Biblical Prosperity!

II. **WE MUST FOLLOW GOD'S DIRECTIONS COMPLETELY AND ALWAYS OPERATE IN LOVE! (V.9 & 10)**

*And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.*

*10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?*

A. MOSES TOOK THE ANOINTED ROD (SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY) AND BEGAN TO OBEY THE LORD! (V.9)

1. There have been so many who have begun with right intentions and proper attitudes!
2. But things begin to change along the way! Moses began to look and listen to the people!
3. There are so many voices speaking that it can easily get you off course! We must keep our eyes on Jesus!

B. MOSES GATHERED THE PEOPLE AND THEN PRIDE TOOK OVER! (V.10)

*...must we fetch you water out of this rock?*

1. Somewhere between the door of the Tabernacle and the rock, Moses had a change of heart!
2. It could have been the bad attitudes of the people that finally wore him down.
3. It could have been the position of authority that causes him to fall into pride. But something got a hold of Moses!

D. GOD DOES NOT CALL US TO FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER OR TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. WE ARE CALLED TO OBEY!

1. We are not producers. We are followers!
2. We are not the solution, God is!

3. We must never forget why we are here! We are here to shine for Jesus!

### **III. WE MUST RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO STRAY FROM THE WILL OF GOD. (V.11)**

*And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.*

#### **A. MOSES LIFTED UP HIS HAND! GOD SAID, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE!**

1. Moses was leading a nation and they were learning spiritual lessons!
2. The rod (Spiritual Authority) was not the way to provision!
3. Moses was teaching men a truth that would pervert the human race! (He taught that authority is the door to prosperity!)

#### **B. MOSES STRUCK THE ROCK! GOD SAID, SPEAK!**

1. It took Moses two strikes to bring the water!
2. The first time nothing happened but then God honored the confession of Moses! (V.10)

*“...must we fetch you water out of this rock?”*

3. God had to honor the actions of Moses or there would have been total confusion!

#### **C. THE WATER FLOWED FREELY BUT WHAT A PRICE! (V.12)**

*And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.*

1. Moses got his water but he missed out on the real victory!
2. His feet would never touch the promise land!
3. God had to punish his disobedience and the effects that followed his actions! We cannot corrupt lives without feeling the effects!