

Prosperity of the Soul

3 John 2

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

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. (NASV)

INTRODUCTION:

The modern day trend is to spend most of our time dealing with personal prosperity and good health and ignore the most important form of prosperity, "Soul Prosperity". Nothing matters more to us than the prosperity of our soul!

Man is Spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a body. There are so many theories about the soul of man. Every religion has its personal opinion about the soul. But what do we believe about the soul?

The soul of a man is made up of 3 compartments, 1) The Mind, 2) The Will, and 3) The Emotions. All three of these compartments make their home in the human brain. These all relate to how our brain works.

1) **The Mind.**

- The mind is that part of us that decides what and how we think. Our thoughts are developed by various stimuli such as environment, education, giftedness, etc.
- The mind houses what we know about everything. Our mind is filled with memories, information, and data.
- The mind allows us to reason and determines our reasoning skills and patterns. So if someone is determined to be out of their mind, we usually mean that they are not able to reason properly.

2) **The Will.**

- Our will consists of what we will allow or accept! We might say I am not willing to do this or that!
- Our will also is connected to what we determine to do, to endure, or the degree of pursuit in which we go after something. [Nietzsche](#) defines will as "any internally motivated action" or a "creative spark," We often say things like they have an iron will! They can accomplish anything if they put their mind to it. That's will!

- Lastly, the will is attached to our desires concerning, people, places or things. We do those things that we are willing to do. It is called “free will”. The minister asks the bride, will you take this man to be your husband. She says, “I will”.

3) **The Emotions.**

- Our emotions tell us how we feel about events, experiences, or various stimuli.
- The emotions we feel are then manifested through words, expressions, and even actions.
- Our emotions can be deceiving and sometimes an enemy to our faith! Emotions are a gift from God. We must understand the concept that our emotions must spiritually controlled.

The Christian must understand that our spirit, soul, and body have been connected in a way that it is hard to separate one from the other. Only the Word of God can separate Spirit and Soul.

How do we step into Soul Prosperity?
3 Keys for the 3 Compartments:

I. **A RENEWING OF THE MIND!** (Romans 12:1 & 2)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- The New Century Version calls the renewing of the mind, “*a new way of thinking*”.
- The New Living Translation says, “*let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*”
- However it is said, we must stop being shaped into the world’s mold and allow our minds to become supernaturally transformed!
- This will open us up to a brand new way of living. A life that is focused and directed by God-kind of thoughts!

- That called having a faith-filled thought life!

II. **A SANCTIFYING OF THE WILL!**

(JOHN 17:15-23)

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

*21 **That they all may be one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

III. **A MATURING OF OUR FAITH!**

- There are 4 important keys that we must see happen and understand if we ever hope to see a genuine maturing of our faith.

A. **WE NEED A WORD-DRIVEN FAITH!**

- Our faith must stand upon the Word of God instead of emotions or events that we experience!

B. **WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT OUR FAITH WILL ONLY MATURE AS A RESULT OF REVELATION EXPOSURE!**

- Our faith grows in the presence of a revelation word! This come through Anointed preaching, teaching, and prayerful Bible Study.

C. **OUR FAITH MATURES AS IT IS EXERCISED AND ACTED UPON!**

- Maturing Faith must act upon what it has received from God. Remember that faith without works is dead! Faith dies through inactivity!

D. **FAITH MATURES NATURALLY WITH TIME AND A CONSISTANT PRACTICE OF THE BASIS CHRISTIAN DISPLINES!**

- Our faith in God and confidence in His Word responds to years of exposure to the work of God among the Body of Christ!
- 2 COR. 5:1-9

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

- Phil. 4:8 & 9

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

