

GOD'S BEST

LESSON 7 – OUTLINE

- I. Concerning healing, God's best for everyone is always an instantaneous miracle.
 - A. The only reason progressive miracles come is because of the way people believe.
 - B. Their theology—the way they think—only lets it manifest a little at a time.
 - C. Grace and faith work together to bring into manifestation what God has already provided.
 - D. "I'm no longer asking God to heal me; I am receiving my healing, which He has already provided. When I pray for people, I'm no longer asking God to heal them. Instead, I'm ministering healing. I'm giving them healing—the same healing virtue that God has placed in me."
- II. All of this applies to your financial prosperity too.
 - A. God has already commanded upon you blessing and the power to get wealth—you just have to learn how to reach out in faith and receive it.

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant.

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

- B. Many things are involved in the process of putting this power to work and seeing wealth manifest (i.e., Matt. 6:33).
- C. There are many, many practical things you can do to actively cooperate with God's laws of faith concerning prosperity.
- D. Once you believe that God—by grace—has already provided prosperity, you'll begin to reach out in faith and take it; you'll start cooperating with the power and anointing to get wealth that is already in your born-again spirit.
- E. When you start doing things—believing for that anointing to manifest and prosperity to come—then you'll start seeing it (Deut. 28:8 and 12).
- F. You're working because you believe that God has already given you this anointing to get wealth, and you're acting in faith to release that power to manifest the prosperity the Lord has already provided.

- III. God—by grace—has already moved as much as He’s going to. He’s already provided everything.
 - A. Confession moves you into faith and the devil out of the way so your manifestation can come (Rom. 10:17 and Rev. 12:11).
 - B. God has put things in His Word that draw out His love and everything else He has already placed in your life.
 - C. Attending church, reading the Word, and listening to good Bible teaching don’t cause God to move in your life; they help your faith.
 - D. Although you need to do those things, don’t ever think that your actions make God react.
 - E. God has already done everything by grace, and faith is your reaction to Him.
 - F. Don’t confuse trying to “make” God do something, with your faith causing to manifest what He has already done.
 - G. Faith is simply your positive response to what God has already done.
- IV. Faith or grace taken alone—either one apart from the other—will kill you.
 - A. They must complement each other in order for you to experience the abundant life God intended for you to enjoy.
 - B. Grace and faith must work together.
- V. Paul understood and lived by this truth.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

- A. Paul cooperated with God’s grace.
- B. He didn’t labor in order to get it, but once grace came, he labored in faith to reach out and receive what God had already done.
- C. I pray that God gives you understanding and wisdom as you begin to harmonize this revelation of grace and faith and apply it to your daily life.

LESSON 7 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the early part of 2000, I ministered on grace and faith at a church in Lewisville, Texas. It was the same truth I've taught thousands of times (*Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith*). I emphasized how faith works and countered some common misconceptions (i.e., "faith" is believing that God will do something in the future). While sharing that true Bible faith is to believe what God has already done by grace, I used healing as my main example.

Since Niki's healing was so dramatic in illustrating this truth, we made a DVD out of it, called *Niki Ochenski: The Story of a Miracle!* This powerful story has already impacted tens of thousands of lives!

Several teachings that will help you better understand and receive the manifestation of prosperity include "Grace and Faith in Giving," *Financial Stewardship*, and *How to Receive God's Best*. Prosperity is simply having enough of God's supply to fully accomplish His will for your life. I pray that you get a hold of this revelation and fully accomplish your destiny in Him.

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LESSON 7 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Matthew 11:12, the violent take _____ by force.
2. Deuteronomy 8:18 says that God has given us what power?
3. That He may establish what?
4. Read Matthew 6:33. All these things will be added to us when we seek first _____.
5. Deuteronomy 28:8 and 12 reveal that God has commanded the blessing on us where?
 - A. In our storehouses
 - B. In all that we set our hands to do
 - C. In the land which He has given us
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
6. God said He would bless the work of _____.
7. We shall lend to many nations, but we shall not what?
8. According to Romans 10:17, what comes by hearing the Word of God?
9. Revelation 12:11 reveals that we overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and by what?
10. Hebrews 3:13 tells us to exhort one another how often, lest we become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin?
11. What does Hebrews 10:23-25 tell us to hold fast to?
12. Let us consider one another to provoke unto what?
13. As we see the day approaching, we should _____.
 - A. Not forsake the assembling of ourselves
 - B. Exhort one another
 - C. Break bread
 - D. A. and C.
 - E. A. and B.
14. According to 1 Corinthians 15:10, _____ toward Paul was not in vain.
15. Even though Paul labored more abundantly, what was it because of?

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LESSON 7 – SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

MATTHEW 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

DEUTERONOMY 28:8

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

DEUTERONOMY 28:12

The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

ROMANS 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

REVELATION 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

HEBREWS 3:13

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

HEBREWS 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) [24] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: [25] Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

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