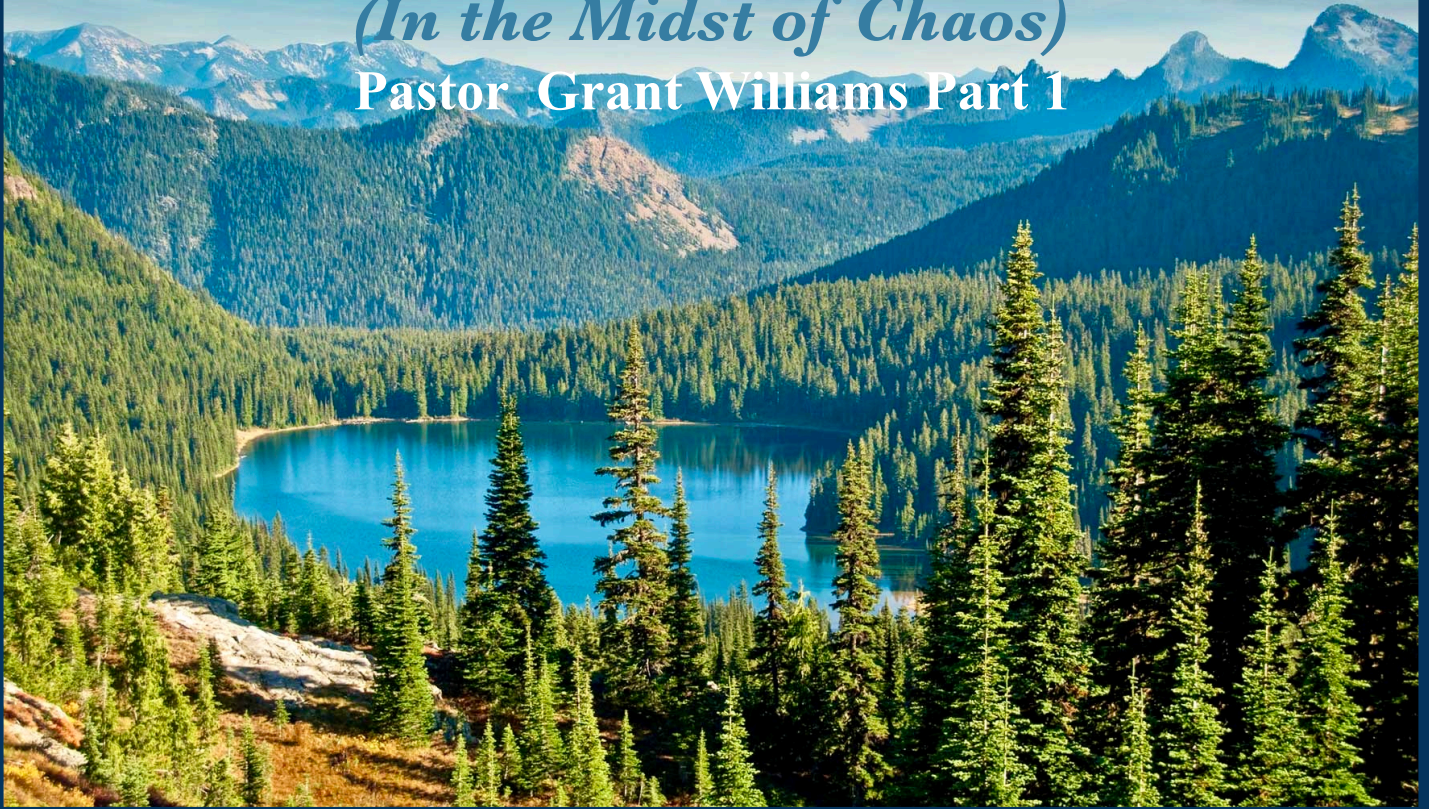


Staying Under God's Blessing

(In the Midst of Chaos)

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Regardless of who is President, your governor or the laws that are passed that are contrary to God's Word, we still need to do what is right or righteous according to God's Word in Word and Deed (Colossians 3:17). We need to read God's Word, believe it, speak it and live it and not lose hope and forget that these signs, or "things" that are happening in our great country and around the world must happen in order for God's Word to be true. These are End Times signs and God said He would warn us so we would know when it was time to fly. (the rapture of the Church)

It does matters how we vote, how we speak, if we stand up against wickedness...God's Word says that "faith without obedience leads to death" .

James 2:26 AMPC

26 faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead. f 16

The decisions however, of the ungodly who are not professing christians and those who call themselves followers of christ who live, vote, speak and act like the unbeliever still effect you and I. Even when we do what is right, when we are obedient to God's Word doesnt mean we get what we want. God said I will protect you, watch over you, will bless you in the midst of the wickedness which must occur "as in the Days Of Noah".

So, in the midst of the chaos, the End Times wickedness that God said would happen (Genesis 6), that HE commanded us to know about, told us to not fall asleep or become nauseas to what would be happening... we can still walk in God's Blessing. How? by choosing to do what is right or righteous, by being obedient to His Word, we are choosing God's Blessing and He said , "it will overtake us".

During this series we will learn how to walk in that Blessing in the midst of chaos. There is a blessing or God's favor that comes upon us that enables us through the power of the Holy Spirit to do God's Plan or will as we live according to His Word.

Proverbs 10:22 KJV

*22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh **rich**, and he addeth no sorrow with it.*

Rich in all areas of your life: relationships, health, finances...

Proverbs 10:22 AMPC

*22 The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does **toiling** increase it].*

Rich defined: plentiful; abundant. copious, ample, generous, bountiful;
More than enough

But, there is a counterfeit to “Rich” as the Word of God says rich. This is what the world thinks...

Psalm 73:12 KJV

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

Psalm 73:12 AMPC

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who always prosper and are at ease in the world; they increase in riches.

They, (the ungodly) are thriving in the World (Babylonian commerce way of doing things - it captures/prisons and wicked) not in God’s Kingdom. Our (Christian) prosperity or riches do not come from the world but from the Blessing of the Lord.

The world means, the Babylonian Commerce way of doing things. Below is some of their (worlds or natural mans) ideas or ways of doing things.

- It’s all for them
- The sinful way
- The dishonest way
- The easy way - the quick buck
- They have the better way to raise your kids
- Several ways to god.
- Redefine marriage
- Separation of church and state

Anytime you hear, see, think or are tempted to do something, ask yourself what does the Word say? There is nothing new...

God's Word says that "It's the blessing that maketh rich" – not the world. Meaning, **doing what is right or righteous regardless of what you think of the outcome might be** in the temporal versus the world's way of doing things.

Proverbs 14:12 KJV

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 14:12 AMPC

*12 There is a way which **seems right** to a man and **appears straight before him**, but **at the end** of it is the way of **death**.*

Jeremiah 6:16 KJV

16 Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Jeremiah 6:16 AMPC

16 Thus says the Lord: Stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is; then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it!

If you are on the outside of “the blessing” in anything: spirit, soul, body, finances, family – sorrow will be added to you. If you are just trying to add to yourself and not to the Kingdom of God, you got sorrow being added to you.

How many of you have ever stepped out of the blessing just for a little bit? – what happens – bad choices? Sorrow?

I don't know about you but I've had all the sorrow I want. So, I better figure out God's Will so I walk in His Blessing. In order to do that I have to study God's Word.

Joshua 1:8 KJV

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 AMPC

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

Now, what does it mean to be “Prospering In God” ?

What does it mean to “Be Rich” from being Blessed?

3 John 2 KJV

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

3 John 2 AMPC

*2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, **even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.***

So, there is **three kinds of Blessings** mentioned here in this passage but not limited to this passage.

1. Material prosperity
2. Bodily healing and health
3. Soul/salvation

So, what does God's Word have to say on how He views a prosperous person? This description starts all the way back in the Old Covenant or Old Testament on Gods view of a Prosperous Person or people who prospered in God.

Psalms 112:1-10 KJV

1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in His commandments.

Two qualifications of a Blessed man or mankind:

1. Fear of God also in verse 10 of chapter 111
2. Great delight keeping the commandments

Psalms 112:2 KJV

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

If you are prosperous in God your children shall be as well, while in your house. Because you will share knowledge of God's Word and how to handle the Blessing. But when the world tries to hand it down, all the kids fight over it and the lawyers get involved. Greed overtakes the natural man.

Psalms 112:3 KJV

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Notice wealth and riches are viewed differently. ***The blessing of the lord maketh rich*** and he will have ***wealth***. Enough **wealth** for his/her **assignment** plus... This is what happened in the story of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes when Jesus fed the five thousand, it said that there was plenty left over...

The world and even the church, too often think that the Christian ***should be poor*** (as if that is spiritual) – yet the Bible says you will prosper when you're blessed as your soul prospers. You will walk in wisdom as your soul prosper on what He has provided.

What does poor mean?

Poor defined:

- o hapless: deserving pity; "a hapless victim having little money or few possessions; "
- o lacking in specific resources, qualities or substances;
- o inadequate: not sufficient to meet a need; "an inadequate income"; "a poor salary"; "money is short"; "

Psalms 112:4 KJV

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

You can't keep this Blessed Man in the dark. In 2 Kings 6:12 it says Elisha was telling the King of Israel words that were spoken in the the bed chamber of the king of Syria. Upright, gracious, full of compassion and righteous are all apart of what God says is rich/prosperous. Supernatural wisdom to navigate the days in which we are living.

Psalms 112:5 KJV

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Sheweth favour: (in the Hebrew):

- o grace
- o favor
- o quick to give.

Discretion:

- o knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress; "the servants showed great tact and discretion"
- o delicacy: refined taste; tact
- o free will: the power of making free choices unconstrained by external forces
- o the trait of judging wisely and objectively; "a man of discernment"

Psalms 112:6 KJV

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

You can't be moved – nothing moves you from the faith. Faith in God's Word, Promises in God's Word. Faith comes by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17). Faith without acting out of obedience to His Words leads to death (James 2:26)

Psalms 112:7-8 KJV

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

When you start listening to what everyone else is saying, that's when fear starts creeping in.

- o What if gas goes up to \$ 8 dollars a gallon...
- o Our jobs are in jeopardy...
- o What are we going to do if this happens or that happens...
- o I don't think that's what they meant...
- o What if so and so gets into office...and they did...
- o What about our retirement...stock market crashing

That's when people start to paralyzed with fear, doubt and lose hope... they quit. As far as I know, there's no award or trophy given to a quitter. There's no banquet for honoring "This years best quitter". The scripture says don't lose faith when going through trials (because you will).

Read the Word to pump yourself up full of faith everyday. Jesus said in Luke to cloak or clothe yourselves or wait to be endued with power before you leave the house.

Luke 24:49 KJV

*49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with power from on high**.*

Luke 24:49 AMPC

49 And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high.

Whatever you're going through compared to what eternity will be like isn't worth throwing it all away for a problem that won't last long. So, see past the problem, know that GOD will provide and see you through and start 'Living Victorious' even through the trouble because you know (by faith) that it won't last long.

Jesus reminded Himself before going to the cross the He would be with the father soon...

John 17:13 AMPC

13 And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete...

God said don't you worry about what anyone is doing to you or saying about you because vengeance is mine...

Romans 12:19 AMPC

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God's] wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord.

Romans 12:19 KJV

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Jesus said build your house (life) on a strong foundation for it wasn't the flood that did the house in – it was the poor foundation –that's why verse 8 says "he shall not be afraid".

Psalms 112:8 KJV

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

Who cares what people are saying about you ? I don't have to answer to them, I answer to God.

Romans 12:14 KJV

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Romans 12:14 AMPC

14 Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them.

Bless those who persecute you... literally means: pray for them. The original intent of Words are very important.

If you're out in the world toiling (laboring in pain...sweating it out - working without it being multiplied) for a living trying to make it like everyone else is making it – you will be filled with sorrow. That's when fear kicks in!

1 Peter 5:6-7 KJV

6 *Humble yourselves therefore **under the mighty hand of God**, that he may exalt you in due time:*

7 *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7 AMPC

6 *Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] **under the mighty hand of God**, that in due time He may exalt you,*

7 *Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.*

Humble yourself doesn't mean do whatever you want to me world, I'm just a humble little man. No, it says under the mighty hand of God so that he may exalt, lift you up when it's time. I am going to do it God's Way or His Will and He will prosper me, provide in a supernatural way, no toiling....

What does “care” mean ?

1. Worry
2. Unbelief
3. Fear
4. Doubt

Fear or cares chokes out the Word of God !

I used to care what people thought of me and that's why I was just like them. Now I don't care, I don't worry – because I don't care, I can't tell you how much I don't care!

Psalms 112:9-10 KJV

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

He has given to the poor and why does his righteousness endure forever? because it's based in the Word. It's not based in the world, it not based on what can the government do for me, or do against me. It's not what anyone else can do for me or against me either...

Don't seek what your going to wear tomorrow or where you're going to live like the gentile does (the ungodly)– that's all the do and they get sorrow added to it. They don't think about themselves as temporarily living here.

Matthew 6:33 KJV

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things(word or promises) shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 AMPC

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

So, we, you and I, followers of Jesus Christ. In Word and deed are to “Seek ye first the kingdom” and then all the Promises to take care, to watch over to give us wisdom during these End Time events will be ours.

Even when it doesn't feel right or look right to the world or even our natural man. Always do it God's way, when you and I do it His way we won't have any sorrow added to it ore regret. When you do it God's Way or the righteous way, you will become stronger and stronger and you will be increasing your faith.

Righteousness is the platform that Faith stand on. When I do what is right, when I do it the Kingdom of God's Way, obedient to His Word then I know God is not a man that He should lie and even though it may not be what I think should happen, God's Will or His Promises will happen to me and for me.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 KJV

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 AMPC

13 Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak,

14 Assured that He Who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also with Jesus and bring us [along] with you into His presence.

15 For all [these] things are [taking place] for your sake, so that the more grace (divine favor and spiritual blessing) extends to more and more people and multiplies through the many, the more thanksgiving may increase [and redound] to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

17 For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],

18 Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting.

When you wake up say, “I am blessed”, because you know who’s on your side.

1 John 4:4 KJV

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4 AMPC

4 Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.