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PROSPERITY

STUDY 1

1. God wills that we prosper.

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

Isaiah 48:15b - *.....he shall make his way prosperous.*

Zechariah 8:12a - *For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew;.....*

(Confess that God is no respecter of persons. Confess that He is the same yesterday and today and forever. He will prosper me spiritually, financially and mentally today.)

2. God prospers us as we keep His Word.

Deuteronomy 29:9 - *Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.*

Joshua 1:8 - *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.*

Psalms 1:2-3 - *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Isaiah 55:11 - *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

John 15:7 - *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

Acts 20:32 - *And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*

3. God prospers us as we seek the Lord.

2 Chronicles 26:5b - *.....as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.*

Job 9:4b - *.....who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?*

Proverbs 2:4-5 - *If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*

Psalms 107:9 - *For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.*

4. How to apply this to me.

Genesis 39:2a - *And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man;.....*

Genesis 39:3b-4 - *.....the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.*

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

(Confess that God is with you right now as He was with Joseph. Confess that you are a prosperous man. Take it by faith. Do not worry about feelings or facts.)

5. God sends His angel to prosper us.

Genesis 24:40b - *.....The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way;.....*

Go over this message on prosperity often. Visualize yourself blessed of God. Believe that He makes your way prosperous today.

Put your trust in this rather than in past mistakes and problems.

Obey His Word. Keep His covenant. Delight yourself in His Word.

You are like a tree. You are prosperous. Imagine it to be so today. Get excited about these truths.

Anticipate that God's Word is working and growing in you today. His Word abides in you now.

You are asking and receiving many answers to your prayers.

Live knowing that you are seeking the Lord. Live expecting prosperity daily.

Love the Lord now.

Thank Him in advance.

TRIALS AND AFFLICTIONS

STUDY 2

1. Afflictions come that we might share with Christ in His sufferings.

Colossians 1:24 - *Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:*

2 Corinthians 1:5-6a - *For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.*

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation,.....

1 Peter 4:13a - *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings;.....*

2. God allows us to be afflicted to perfect or purge us.

Psalm 119:75 - *I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.*

Lamentations 3:33a - *For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.*

3. Afflictions come at times due to sin.

Psalm 107:17 - *Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.*

Psalm 25:18 - *Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.*

4. The righteous will have afflictions.

Psalm 34:19 - *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*

(Remember, regardless of the reason of the affliction, the Lord wants to deliver you from it.)

Isaiah 48:10 - *Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.*

2 Corinthians 2:4a - *For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears;.....*

5. The Word of God will bring afflictions.

Mark 4:17b - *.....affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake,.....*

1 Thessalonians 1:6 - *And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:*

6. Afflictions are trials for promotions.

2 Corinthians 4:17 - *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

Psalm 119:71 - *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.*

Psalm 66:11-12 - *Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.*

(God is proving you to bless you and to bring you into a wealthy place. Confess it now.)

1 Peter 1:6-7a - *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:*

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire,.....

7. Afflictions are lifted as we pray.

James 5:13a - *Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.....*

Jonah 2:2a - *And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me;.....*

2 Chronicles 33:12-13 - *And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,*

13 And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

JOY

STUDY 3

Deuteronomy 28:47 - *Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;*

Joel 1:12 - *The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.*

Isaiah 61:1-3 - *The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Isaiah 61:10-11 - *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

1. There is joy in serving the Lord.

John 15:11 - *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

Luke 10:17a - *And the seventy returned again with joy, (Chara: to be glad.).....*

Luke 10:21a - *In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, (Agalliao: to leap much for joy.).....*

Luke 1:44 - *For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.*

(The Greek Agalliao is again used and properly translated to leap for joy.)

Acts 16:34 - *And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced (Agalliao), believing in God with all his house.*

Psalm 132:16 - *I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*

Hebrews 1:9 - *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (Leaping joy.)*

Acts 2:46-47a - *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (agalliao or leaping joy) 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people.....*

***Jude 24** - *Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

***Revelation 19:7** - *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

*Agalliao is also used.

2. Joy in the midst of trials.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 - *Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:*

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Psalm 89:16a - *In thy name shall they rejoice all the day:.....*

2 Corinthians 7:4b - *.....I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.*

2 Corinthians 8:2 - *How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy.....*

Philippians 4:4 - *Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*

1 Thessalonians 1:6b - *.....having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:*

James 1:2 - *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*

Luke 6:22-23a - *Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from*

*their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy:.....*

(Right in the midst of your problem, start rejoicing. Try leaping for joy. If, at first, you have no emotional joy or response, keep doing it day after day until you break the pressure. Do it several minutes at a time each day.)

(You have spent years conditioning yourself to receive problems, sadness, etc. Now spend some time on deliverance. 'Joy' by faith. Sow joy seeds. They, too, will grow.)

3. Joy brings deliverance.

1 Samuel 2:1 - *And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.*

Proverbs 15:15b - *.....he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.*

Proverbs 15:13 - *A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*

Proverbs 17:22 - *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

Nehemiah 8:10b - *.....neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

Isaiah 12:3 - *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.*

Acts 16:25 - *And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.*

(Paul and Silas rejoiced their way out of jail.)

4. Joy is a command.

Psalms 2:11 - *Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

Psalms 100:1-2 - *Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

Proverbs 5:18b - *.....rejoice with the wife of thy youth.*

Ephesians 5:20a - *Giving thanks always for all things unto God.....*

1 Thessalonians 5:18a - *In every thing give thanks:.....*

Psalm 5:5-11 - *The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.*

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

5. Joy in public worship.

1 Chronicles 15:28 - *Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.*

Luke 24:53 - *And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.*

Nehemiah 12:43 - *Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.*

(Make yourself get happy.)

6. Joy restores the ministry.

Proverbs 51:12-13 - *Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

STRENGTH

STUDY 4

Ephesians 6:10b -*be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

Joshua 1:6-7a - *Be strong and of a good courage;.....*

Joshua 1:9a - *Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage;.....*

2 Chronicles 15:7a - *Be ye strong therefore,.....*

Daniel 11:32b -*the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*

1. Foundation of strength.

Genesis 1:26b -*Let us make man in our image,.....*

Galatians 3:13-14a- *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;.....

(You have been created in God's image. Adam sold us out to Satan. Jesus bought us back. You are now able through Christ. Nothing is too great for you. Come alive. Be strong today.)

2. God is your strength.

Judges 6:14b -*Go in this thy might,.....*

Psalms 27:1 - *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Psalms 84:5-7a - *Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.*

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength.....

3. Take God's strength by faith.

Isaiah 27:5a - *Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me;.....*

Isaiah 52:1a - *Awake, awake; put on thy strength,.....*

Romans 8:31b-32 -*If God be for us, who can be against us?*

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

1 Corinthians 2:12 - *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

(This includes strength.)

Mark 11:24 - *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Revelation 22:17b -*And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

(God has given you His strength. Awake and put on His life and ministry today. Take that which is yours. God freely gives victory to you today through Jesus Christ. Believe that you receive the things you need today.)

4. The lame take God's strength.

Isaiah 40:19a - *He giveth power to the faint;.....*

Isaiah 33:23b -*the lame take the prey.*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Isaiah 41:14-15a - *Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.*

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains,.....

1 Corinthians 12:24b -*having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:*

(Do not hide behind 'inferiority and poor old me' spirits. God gives power to the faint. The lame take the prey. He gives abundant honor to the part that lacks. Get on with the thing God has called you to do today.)

Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will*

strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

5. Overcomers by God's strength.

Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

2 Samuel 22:36-40 - *Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.*

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.

Judges 5:13b - *.....the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.*

(Confess: I am strong. God has made me in His image. He designed me to be strong and victorious. I submit to His will for my life today.)

(Go in His might today. See yourself moving out more daily in His might. Take His strength today. Thank Him in advance for victories. Love Him now.)

CHRIST IS BEING FORMED IN YOU

TODAY

STUDY 5

Galatians 4:19 - *My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,*

Romans 8:29b - *.....he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son,.....*

Ephesians 4:13 - *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

2 Corinthians 5:21 - *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

2 Corinthians 3:18b - *.....are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Ephesians 5:1a - *Be ye therefore followers of God,.....*

Ephesians 5:2a - *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,.....*

(We are to imitate Jesus. Walk in His steps. Walk in His love.)

1 Peter 2:21 - *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

Colossians 2:7a - *Rooted and built up in him,.....*

Proverbs 4:18 - *But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

Isaiah 42:16a - *And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.....*

Luke 11:36a - *If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark,.....*

1. Conformed to His image by His Word.

Ephesians 4:15a - *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him.....*

2 Peter 1:4a - *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,*

John 14:21 - *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

John 14:23b - *.....If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

1 John 2:5a - *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:....*

Ephesians 5:26-27 - *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

John 15:10a - *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;.....*

2. Christ is formed in you as you walk in love.

1 John 3:17 - *But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

1 John 4:16b - *.....God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

1 John 4:12b - *.....If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

Ephesians 5:2a - *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,.....*

Galatians 5:6b - *.....faith which worketh by love.*

3. Christ is formed in you by the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 3:11b-12a -he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner;

John 14:26 - *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 16:13 - *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.*

Titus 3:5 - *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

Acts 1:8 - *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Jude 20 - *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,*

1 Corinthians 14:4 - *He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.*

4. Full grown sons take Christ's ministry on earth.

John 14:12 - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

1 John 4:17 - *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

Luke 6:40 - *The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.*

Matthew 28:18-20 - *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

John 15:7 - *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

John 17:18 - *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

Meditate on these scriptures. Act like you are someone very important to the Lord's work. Consider yourself a necessary part of the kingdom. Resist pride.

Acknowledge your growth in the Lord. Anticipate growing today into more of Jesus. Become Christ conscious. Become righteous conscious.

Plan greater things in the light of this truth. You are a success. Live full of life in Christ

DILIGENT

STUDY 6

Diligence means perseverance, zeal, or, as it is used in most of these scriptures in the Hebrew, determination. So, insert the idea of perseverance, zeal and determination in each of these scriptures for the word diligent.

1. The diligent man shall stand before important men.

Proverbs 22:29 - *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.*

(Determine that you shall stand before men of stature. Determine that you shall be a success. Confess: Lord, in Jesus' Name, I determine to stand before kings. My life shall be a success for you.)

2. The diligent man becomes rich in God.

Proverbs 10:4 - *He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.*

(Confess: Lord, I shall be rich spiritually, financially and physically. Refuse failure. Refuse defeat.)

3. The diligent man rules over circumstances.

Proverbs 12:24 - *The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.*

Proverbs 12:27 - *The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.*

(Determine that you shall rule over unbelief, poverty and sin.)

Psalms 110:2b - *.....rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

(Get up now. Rule over sickness, weakness, etc.)

1 Corinthians 3:21 - *Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;*

(All things are yours.)

2 Peter 1:3 - *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*

(His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life. God has given you the equipment to be a success. Rule now over the enemy.)

Isaiah 14:2b - *.....they shall rule over their oppressors.*

(Arise now and rule the circumstances that have oppressed you.)

Romans 8:37 - *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

4. The diligent man's thoughts bring him victory.

Proverbs 21:5 - *The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.*

Proverbs 23:7a - *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:*

(Whatever you think on most is what you really are. You get what you really believe through Jesus Christ. Believe in negatives, doubt, sin and failure and that is what you receive. Constantly think on failure, sin and poverty and that is what you become. On the other hand, if you dwell on victory through Jesus Christ, then sickness, failure and poverty flee from you.)

Proverbs 13:4 - *The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*

(Confess daily: Through Jesus Christ, I am being made fat spiritually, financially and physically. Hold this confession without wavering. We walk by faith. The evidence follows a good confession.)

2 Corinthians 5:7 - *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

5. The diligent man is steadfast in God.

1 Corinthians 15:58b - *.....be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,.....*

Ephesians 6:10b - *.....be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

(Confess: Lord, in Jesus' Name, I will be strong today. God is the strength of my life . I will give no place to the devil today.)

Psalms 27:1 - *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Ephesians 4:27 - *Neither give place to the devil.*

(Make up your mind that, through Jesus Christ, you can do anything. Have a victorious attitude toward life today. The Christ that dwells within you has already won the victory. Let Christ win your battles for you. Be diligent. Set your heart like a flint on Jesus. Know that the victory is already won. Think beyond your problem. See yourself walking in victory.)

GROWING

STUDY 7

1. Growing in God.

2 Peter 3:18 - *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 - *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Romans 1:17b - *.....from faith to faith:.....*

(New levels of faith.)

Psalm 84:7a - *They go from strength to strength,.....*

2. Believe what God says about growth.

Ezekiel 36:37b - *.....I will increase them with men like a flock.*

Deuteronomy 7:13a - *And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee:.....*

Psalm 71:21a - *Thou shalt increase my greatness,.....*

Psalm 115:14 - *The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.*

Genesis 9:27a - *God shall enlarge Japheth,.....*

(Japheth means enlarge.)

Exodus 34:24a - *For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders:.....*

Deuteronomy 12:20 - *When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee,.....*

3. Praise God about growth.

Hebrews 11:1a - *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,.....*

Romans 4:17b - *.....God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

Isaiah 54:1-3 - *Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.*

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

1 Samuel 2:1b - *.....my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.*

Psalms 67:5-6 - *Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.*

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

Psalms 106:47b - *.....triumph in thy praise.*

4. Growth by proper use of words.

Psalms 50:23 - *Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.*

Philippians 1:27a - *Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:.....*

2 Timothy 2:16 - *But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*

Proverbs 18:20 - *A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.*

5. Growth by activity.

Proverbs 14:4 - *Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.*

2 Corinthians 9:10a - *Now he that ministereth seed to the sower.....*

(God ministers seed to the man who sows seed. You reap what you sow.)

6. Growth by prayer.

1 Chronicles 4:10 - *And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.*

7. Growing into maturity.

Ephesians 2:21-22 - *In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:*

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:15 - *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

Romans 8:29 - *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

Galatians 4:19 - *My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,*

8. Growing in atmosphere of love.

Ephesians 4:16b - *.....edifying of itself in love.*

Ephesians 4:15 - *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

2 Thessalonians 1:3b - *.....faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity (love) of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;*

9. Grow as calves in the stall.

Malachi 4:2b -*grow up as calves of the stall.*

(God is making you fat on His Word.)

1 Peter 2:2b -*desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

Acts 20:32 - *And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*

Acts 12:24 - *But the word of God grew and multiplied.*

10. Growth by a meek spirit.

Isaiah 29:19 - *The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*

James 4:10 - *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

Reread these texts. You are to go from glory to glory. He will increase your greatness. You must plan to grow. Expect growth. Use positive words. Step out by faith.

Begin something after prayer. Visualize yourself moving into love and maturity. Live in God's Word. Walk in meekness.

PRIDE

STUDY 8

1. Pride is worldly.

1 John 2:16 - *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

2. Pride brings shame.

Luke 14:11a - *For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased;.....*

Proverbs 11:2 - *When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.*

Proverbs 29:23 - *A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.*

3. Pride keeps one from seeking God.

Psalm 10:4 - *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*

4. Pride brings strife.

Proverbs 28:25 - *He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.*

5. *Pride is cured by love.*

1 Corinthians 13:4 - *Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,*

6. *Pride binds.*

Psalms 73:6 - *Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.*

7. *Pride defiles.*

Mark 7:21-23 - *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications,*

murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

8. *Pride is hated by God.*

Proverbs 8:13b - *.....pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*

James 4:6b - *.....God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

9. *Pride rejects the Word of God.*

1 Timothy 6:3-4a - *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;*

4 He is proud, knowing nothing,.....

10. God will punish the proud.

Isaiah 13:11 - *And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

Isaiah 2:11-12 - *The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Isaiah 2:17-18 - *And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

(Cleanse your heart of all pride. Be tender before the Lord. Exalt and magnify His Name. Let no sin become your idol.)

2 Samuel 22:28 - *And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down.*

BOLDNESS

STUDY 9

1. The righteous are bold.

Proverbs 28:1 - *The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

(Confess your boldness today.)

1 Thessalonians 2:2 - *But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.*

John 7:26a - *But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him.....*

Acts 9:29 - *And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.*

2. Boldness develops.

Acts 13:46a - *Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold,.....*

Philippians 1:14 - *And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.*

3. Boldness develops as we pray for one another.

Ephesians 6:19-20 - *And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

4. Abiding in Jesus brings boldness.

1 John 2:28b -abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

5. Boldness develops by holiness.

Ecclesiastes 8:1b -a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

Acts 4:13 - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

1 John 4:17a - Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:.....

6. We have boldness to come to the throne.

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Ephesians 3:12 - In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Hebrews 10:19 - Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

7. Application.

Put your name in each verse. Apply it to yourself as much as possible. Pray it for yourselves and others daily.

Confess your boldness in Jesus' Name. This releases your faith.

Daily confess that you are as bold as a lion. Let this sink into your spirit. Head knowledge is great but spirit knowledge is even greater.

Paul waxed bold. Think on this. You are getting bolder all the time.

Expect to open your mouth boldly and preach the word. Do not anticipate fear. Do not identify with fear.

Identify with confidence and boldness in the Lord Jesus.

Come boldly to the throne of grace and be blessed.

Think on these things.