

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

TRUE PROSPERITY

(3 John 1–8)

- 1** The Elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:
- 2** Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
- 3** For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.
- 4** I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

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5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers,

6 who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,

7 because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

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True Prosperity is Always Anchored in God's Truth (Word)

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for Prosperity**
(v 2)

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Prayer May or May Not Be Answered

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(vv 3,4)

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God's Truth (Word) – In Us and Through Us

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to Prosperity**
(vv 3,4)

*“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,
but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do
according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way
prosperous, and then you will have good success.”*

(Joshua 1:8)

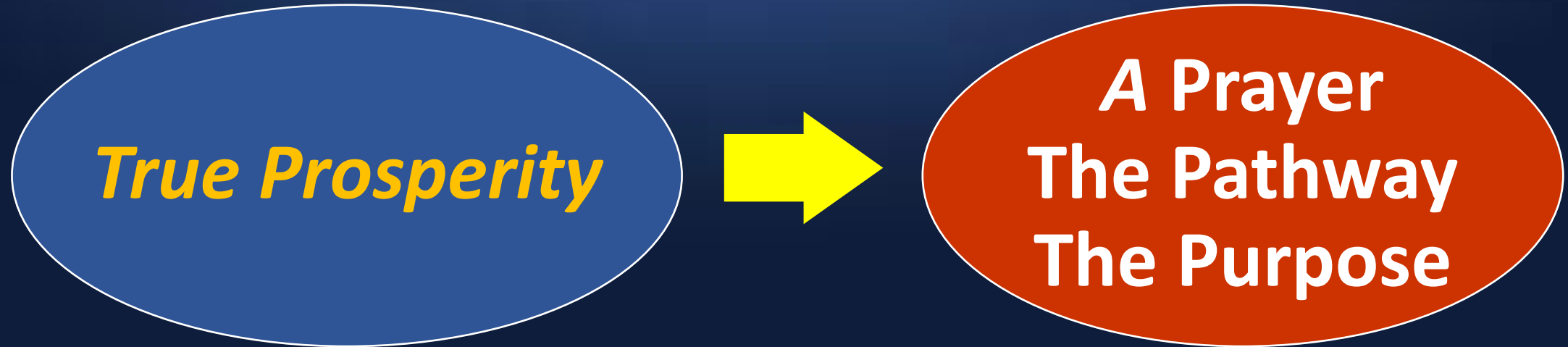
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To Do God's Work

3. The Purpose of Prosperity (vv 5–7)

“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” (1 Timothy 6:17-19)



*“There is one who scatters, yet increases more;
and there is one who withholds more than is right,
but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich,
and he who waters will also be watered himself.”*

(Proverbs 11:24,25)