

The Principle of Supply

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Phil. 4:19 ¹⁹*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Is. 1:19 ¹⁹*If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:*

Success is determined by having the right knowledge and doing the right thing with it. God said through Hosea (**Hosea 4:6**), *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”*

Proverbs 1:9 ⁹*For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.*

This is why it is important that your mind be renewed with the Word of God and you take on the mind of Christ. There is a difference between knowing the Law of God and having the Life of God. You cannot separate the person of Christ from the principles He taught or you know not Christ. Nor can you separate the rule of the law of God from the intent of the law or you know not God and deny His authority in the law.

“(Ps. 103:6-7) ⁶The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.” Just as you need more than laws that bind you to an act or behavior but you also need the Spirit of the law that binds you to the heart of the Father and His intent. So, you need more than an experience and manifestation. You need knowledge and understanding of the ways of God.

Pastor Lendell Ballenger says that , “Experience can be instantaneous but wisdom and knowledge are progressive.” It may not take much for you to experience the acts of God in His presence but you should not stop there in your pursuit of Him. The day you think you have seen it all, done it all, experienced it all, and know it all in God; When you have become so experientially numb is the day you die a spiritual death.¹

When God says He will supply all of your needs He literally meant all. The disconnect is often our misinterpretation of what is a need. It is like when you stick money back or have a credit card for “emergencies only”. Next thing you know there are more emergencies than you have money for; or you’re up to your ears in credit debt. Why? Because you did not establish the definition, boundaries, and understanding of what truly constituted an emergency. So, what does God constitute as a need?

It is important that we understand the principles of Christ and the Laws of God pertaining to the principle of supply.¹ Father intends to meet all your needs to include not only your physical needs but also your emotional needs, mental needs, relational needs, and spiritual needs. Father said, “I know your needs before you and more than you. I know needs you know not you even need. I know that you will perish for not a lack of food, clothing, homes, or cars, but for a lack of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of who I am and what I can do and will do.” God says, *“by knowledge the just shall be delivered”* and *“you shall prosper as your soul prospers”*.

What is true prosperity? Prosperity is having the provisions God deems needed for you to fulfill His plans and purposes in the life He has granted you.¹

What I saw in Las Vegas was a vast amount of material wealth wasted on perverse desires but an extreme poverty of meaning and life to souls. Such prosperity of need as God defines it only comes with the willing obedience to do with it as God desires not as you do. *“(Ps. 37:3-6) ³Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. ⁴Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ⁵Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. ⁶And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.”* When our desires become His He grants those desires. *“(Ps. 2:8) Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” To him who is faithful in the little I will make ruler of much.”*

Having the favor, the relationships, and the resources to do what God has called me to do and doing with it what He has called me to do, and do what He has called me to do with what He has given is true prosperity. God wants a heart willing to sacrifice but God also wants you to trust in the abundance of His provision when

you are willing to sacrifice. Ask yourself, what is this pastor's intent? My intent every time I preach is to impart into you Godly wisdom and understanding of the heart, mind, and ways of God through His Word and Spirit that bring life and prosperity to your soul not just your pocket book. If your soul prospers in the wisdom and ways of God you will never have need in your pocket book. God provides what you need to fulfill His will, it is not the fulfillment of the need that meets His will.

Prosperity is making progress as well as obtaining a goal. Prosperity is not arriving, but going there and looking for the next destination. We move from glory to glory, victory to victory. You do not adjust your theology based on your need, circumstance, or perception of your situation. If we were all to die of some great disease or tragedy today Jesus is still the Lord that healeth. Instead, bring your circumstance to the Word of God and the Word of God into your circumstance.¹

Your decisions can often change your circumstance. You may have to adjust your opinion in order to embrace a divine opportunity God has presented for you to grow and fulfill divine purpose. You cannot keep doing things the same way hoping for a different outcome. Nor can you continue to think the same way hoping for the outcome of your decisions to produce different results or fruit in your life.¹

God never intended for you to be depressed or suffer but they are the works of your oppressor. God intends for you to know life and the divine abundant supply thereof. Did God promise you would never experience these things, no. But Christ came to bring victory that you do not have to dwell therein.¹ Too often we embrace a lie resulting from such experiences and allow those lies to begin to manipulate and influence who we are allowing them to such life out of us. But Jesus came to destroy the lie and replace it with life eternal. Not just life here after but life eternal in intimate relationship with Him beginning now. You are not a product of your heritage, your environment, or your experiences. They may have influenced your perceptions, interpretations, and behavior. But you are ultimately the product of your choices and the way you choose to think, perceive, and interpret. If you are willing and obedient you can eat the good of the land.

But what if I have made wrong choices? Dare to believe the words of life I speak to you today. Choosing to believe and willingly obey it can change your life and make it an abundant supply of divine purpose.

The application of the principles of the Word can supply every need for life in you and your life.¹ Everything we get from God we get by desire. Jesus said, "*(Mk. 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.*" Who puts this desire in you? God does. It is called a vision. His visions come from His purposes. God has a plan and an expected end for your life is that is part of His Kingdom purpose. You have known God's heart before you can know His desires. You have to know His desires before you can know His will. You have to know His will before you can know your needs.

Many fall short because they get the Word but it never takes root and they never understand and the Devil comes and devours the seed. You do not have to do anything to be loved by God. But you do have to do something to be blessed according to His riches in glory.¹ Be willing and obey His voice, His Word. His love is unconditional but His rewards and benefits are. You have to follow through with God's principles. Your future, the blessings, and the fulfillment of your destiny do not depend on God's love for you but they do depend on your obedience which defines the depth of your love for Him. Blessings of God exist but I have to cooperate with God to bring them into my life. You cannot be lazy, irresponsible, and ignorant with the things of God failing to implement His precepts and principles and expect God to bless you above all things.

Sometimes we think, "If I could just get to Victory and have another God experience." Those are wonderful, we pray we continue to experience God and want more of it. But you do not have to have knowledge and understanding to have an experience. God wants to be more than you high or Christian climatic experience every week. ¹

Getting in the healing line, getting a prophetic word is wonderful and we will continue to allow the Holy Spirit to move as such. But when you receive that prophetic word and walk away there is an expectation from God that you will do something with it. He expects you to take it and line your life up with the principles and precepts set forth in His Word and walk in obedience to them.¹ He expects you to take the experience and put understanding, wisdom, and obedience with it. How do I get from point A to B in Christ? Every Sunday I

preach a principle of Kingdom understanding. Your ability to embrace that understanding is determined by your level of desire to do more than listen and formulate an opinion.

The wisdom God gave Joseph to create storehouses for the fruitful times of harvest in prudent preparation for the times of need in order to not just feed his family but all of Egypt and surrounding nations of people are a pattern of God's principle of supply.

The Scripture says in **Deut. 28:8** says "*God will demand blessings upon your store houses.*" Why your store house? Because your store house is where your abundance above you need is. It is where you pull from in time of need because God has already supplied. This not only applies to your physical needs but your joy, your peace, your wisdom, your understanding, your life. However, you have to have applied the principle of prudence, willingness, obedience, and stewardship. Supernatural supply is not happen when you have squandered, and abused God's provision and then expect Him to produce like a Jeanie in a bottle. God wants you to observe to do His commandments, apply His principles line upon line, precept upon precept and you will be blessed. Ignore them and you will be cursed.

God's provision is not just for you. It is often to make provision for others God has placed in your life's responsibility as well.¹ You often do not know what you do not know that God knows. That is why simple obedience is a must. But knowledge alone is not enough. You need the knowledge of God. You need the right knowledge. You also need to know how to apply that knowledge and prioritize that knowledge.¹ There is a wealth of useless knowledge out there but it is recognizing the right knowledge that brings prosperity to what you are doing in the Kingdom. If you were brilliant in physics and found your self in the middle of a lake all that knowledge is useless if you do not know how to swim. You need the right knowledge of the principles and Word of God for the every circumstance in your life. "A wise man walks with the wise and gets wiser but a fool walks with fools and is destroyed." Be careful where you walk, with whom you walk, what knowledge you gain from whom you gain it. Lucifer had knowledge and Eve received it. Adam had knowledge of Lucifer and what exactly Eve had done and what would happen if he received the knowledge she had absorbed from Lucifer. But he chose to receive that knowledge and it brought death. If they are speaking words of division, fault finding, and negativism do not fellowship with them the Word of God says. Beware of the spirits of the Leviathan, Jezebel, Absalom, Achan, and Abishai.

There are those who allow experiences alone to shape who they are and the choices they make, then there are those who take those experiences, apply the principles of God to them and gain Godly wisdom and fulfill greater things in the Kingdom.

There is enough of God's power to move you from where you are to where you need to be. There is enough power and life in His Word to meet your every need and supply His purposes in your life.

I Kings 17 Elijah and the raven providing provisions. The brook dries up and the bird dies. Elijah remains until God tells him to move. He goes to a widow with a son and does as God says. God said she has a need and I want you to go provide it for her. So the prophet goes and tells her to give what she had. She proclaims, I have not enough to sustain us but to taste a bit and die. But she chooses to be a blessing and leave her destination up to God. God does not determine your provision by your circumstance but by your destination. It is not the destination based on the information you lack but by the information He has.¹

It is never a sin to have a need. The prophet did not condemn her for having a need. When you enter a crisis it is a time to grow. Her statement of death was a statement of faith. We are going to eat and die. We are going to do with what God has provided and the rest is up to Him. If we die so be it He is still God. God sent to prophet to allow her to practice selfless willingness and obedience to the Word of God spoken through the prophet. She was not expecting a supply but to die. God sent the prophet not to judge her but to change her expectation.¹

God wants to impart into you the knowledge of the principle of supernatural supply. He desires to impart information that will change your expectation. Are you willing and obedient?

Footnotes

¹ Pastor Lendell Ballenger's *Supernatural Supply*