

How to Find True Prosperity

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The subject this morning, "How to Find True Prosperity" æ how to find true prosperity æ prosperity means success. True prosperity means lasting success. Now worldly prosperity cannot be lasting, because it is founded upon transient and mundane things of life. We can lose it, and you've seen many illustrations of the loss of material prosperity. But true prosperity depends upon spiritual treasure, which is found in the Eternal Consciousness of God, and, therefore, it cannot be lost.

And so we all, even when we think we are just seeking prosperity, we really want true prosperity. True prosperity, prosperity grounded in the Eternal Consciousness of God, the Father. And remember, you cannot lose it. Worldly things and prosperity, you can, but not those things which you lay up in heaven. Not spiritual treasures, which are found in the Eternal Presence of God.

We have a wonderful Bible quotation, which expresses clearly this idea of true prosperity. It is in St. John, the 10th Chapter the 25th to the 28th Verses. The people were asking Jesus: how long, how long are you gonna keep us in doubt æ how long? — . . . If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly." And Jesus said this, —I told you [and ye believed me not]" and you did not believe me. —The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me."

Jesus had that true prosperity. He was one with the Father's name, His Holy Vibration in all creation, the Christ Consciousness. He had that true prosperity and he did works according to that prosperity. Now, Jesus, at times, didn't have a place to lay his head, but still he had true prosperity, because, as he said, what I do, —the works I do in my Father's name" æ remember, that's the Holy Vibration within you, that's the Christ Consciousness within you æ all those things testify that Jesus had true prosperity, real prosperity, something that even crucifixion could not take away from him.

Now to the next verse æ —But ye believe not, because you [ye] are not of my sheep." You take a man who is engrossed in worldly prosperity, you cannot tell him anything about true prosperity, or spiritual prosperity, because he's so engrossed in the other. So, Jesus said, but you do not believe —because ye are not my sheep, as I said unto you." —My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me."

Now the sheep referred to by Jesus are those that hear, hear the Father's name æ hear the Cosmic Vibration, know it, are one with it, they have true prosperity for Jesus said in the last verse, the 28th, — And I give unto them“ æ because they are one with my Father's name, and they hear my voice, which is the same, the Holy Vibration, because of that, he says æ —I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish“ æ isn't that true prosperity? What could be better, what could be better than true prosperity, than eternal life? —Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.“

That's real prosperity. You may have a million dollars, and lots of land, and automobiles, and inside have nothing but dreariness and all sorts of troubles. But, if you have the Peace of God within you, if you have, as Jesus said, you hear His Voice, and are one with that Voice. Then you have Eternal Consciousness, and whether you have this body, or not, doesn't make any difference. Whether you have motor cars, or a great big bank account, doesn't make a bit of difference, because when you have to vacate this vehicle, you can't take with you. But, if you have God's contact, and know Him, have His friendship with you, then you have true prosperity, because it cannot be taken away from you. These other things can.

And so, that reference is most wonderful, because it shows what Jesus had. He had true prosperity, and that true prosperity is eternal life, something which cannot be taken away from you æ you cannot be taken out of the Bosom of Eternal Spirit. Now I like the illustration about true prosperity, laying up spiritual wealth, which I've spoken of before, in this particular reference, of the fact that we are not only material beings, we are spiritual beings, also. Therefore, and we are, as I have said, more predominantly spiritual beings, because this little vehicle lasts only a few years, and we have to get another one. But something in us, something in us goes on, and on, and always will go on. But, we must know it. If we know it, we have true prosperity.

Now, first, material prosperity is a part of true prosperity, without question of a doubt, because we're in this dream of God and we have to act accordingly. But, when we first start out as a young, as young people, we haven't got any backlog, so to speak, of material wealth, and things of this world, so we lay up, we lay up, through insurance, an estate æ a value of material things. And we do that by taking out insurance policies, or we invest wisely, and later, that bears fruit. But right off, immediately, when we take out and create an estate, we have, right then, material prosperity. Later, we consummate it. When we've made enough money, insurance is not necessary.

And so it is with spiritual things. We can, right off, lay up a spiritual estate, right now, this moment, so we will be spiritually wealthy, and we will have true prosperity without waiting for long years of meditation and devotion. We can do that right now. How? We can do it by following the channel God

has sent. He has made it possible, just like insurance policies make it possible for you to create immediately an estate, so God has made it possible by giving you a real insurance policy whereby you can create a spiritual estate right now, because He has sent the channel through which you can have God contact. And having God contact, you will have a spiritual estate right this moment. Not after years of slavery and following the razor's edge. We have to do that, just like you have to in material things. You have to consummate that estate. Lay it up. But in spiritual things you can have it right now. Then you can make it your own as the years go by.

Now, in the Bible we have one of the greatest references, which says just that and nothing else. It says, right now, the moment you turn toward God, turn toward the channel He has sent, and begin to follow it, you have laid up a spiritual estate right that moment.

Now these are not imaginations I am telling you. These are eternal truths, and if you do it, if you do as it says in the 10th Chapter of Daniel, the 12th Verse, you will immediately lay up that spiritual estate æ you will establish right this moment, that God contact, that friendship with the Master of the Universe.

So it says in Daniel these words, —Fear not, Daniel“ æ and this can apply to each and every one of us æ —Fear not, Daniel for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand“ æ when you go to God and say, —now I need You, Heavenly Father, I know You are the cause and end of all things, I need You, I must have You,“ the moment you do that, you lay up, right then, a spiritual estate, because the moment you do that, then you will do as it says in Daniel further on. —The moment that thou didst set thine heart to understand and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.“ There cannot be anything any clearer.

The moment that you make up your mind, unreservedly, to follow that spiritual consciousness within you, and then follow it by action, proper action of meditation and devotion, right then and there, you have created true prosperity. Right that moment you have laid up spiritual treasure in the Eternal Consciousness of God, because He's with you. He's with you from that moment on, and will never leave you, as long as you keep the channel open. So there you have one of the greatest references in the Bible, Daniel 10th. Read it, reread it, make it your own æ the 12th Verse.

Now the Master's advice on finding true prosperity is to lead a balanced life. As I have said, we are not only physical beings, but we are predominantly spiritual beings. So, he has laid down five things that are necessary: Meditation; Intellectual Studies; Health; Happiness; and Making Money. Let us take them one by one.

Meditation, of course, is very necessary. Sleep is not enough. Sleep takes us, as I have said, back to God, but it's an automatic process of evolution. We go on, we go near to God in sleep, but it takes so long æ incarnations. But, in meditation, you give definite, direct action in contacting God. Then you go fast to God. Then you want to, that spiritual part of us, which is so necessary in leading a balanced life. Meditation nurtures the spiritual part of us. In other words, meditation does what? Meditation increases the intuition within us, and it is through intuition, and no other way, that we make that God contact.

There's was a funny little thing I read, which I'll tell you at this time, about intuition, by Rupert Hughes. He says, —You know in intuition, when intuition comes the mind ceases to function.“ You know that. In your meditation, when the thoughts have gone to rest, that's the time I feel the Presence of God best. So, that's intuition. Now, Rupert Hughes says this, he says, —Woman's intuition is the result of millions of years of not thinking.“ So there you have it. You ladies are much better off, because you have more intuition than we men do. But, that's the truth, of course, we know what he means. It's not so easy to attain intuition just by not thinking.

So, let us remember that meditation develops within us that power so necessary to have true prosperity. What is true prosperity æ laying up spiritual treasure in the Eternal Consciousness of God. See, how can you do it? Only through intuition, so meditation is very necessary.

Now, next to the intellectual æ intellectual studies are necessary if, if they spur you on to attain experience through realization. Remember that. Book learning is not enough. But, if your intellectual studies spur you on to make those things your own through realization. If intellectual studies say that we have the intuition of the soul within us, all right. If you take it, and meditate, and feel, and know that intuition, then your intellectual study is good. So intellectual studies constitute another requisite to leading a balanced life.

Now, third, health, health is necessary, because it's almost impossible to make an ordinary success of business without health. So how much more so if you're going to make a spiritual success? It is good to have the body healthy, at least until you get hold of it, until you can control it. So health is another necessity in balanced living.

Happiness, happiness is a must. Happiness is a must, because happiness comes from contact with the Bliss of God within. And all the saints that you have met, those of you who met the Master, you realize how that Joy and Bliss flowed through him, because he had God contact.

And finally, money making is necessary. Money making is necessary, because we find ourselves in the midst of the Drama of Life. We have to make a living. We have to live according to our position in society. That's natural. That's why the Drama of Life is here. But the making money must not be the end; it must be the means to the end. In other words, we should make money for service œ service. If you want to be a little selfish, first to your own soul, save your own soul œ then help save the souls of others. If you make money that way, then you will find that there is no harm in making money.

So these five things constitute the balanced life suggested by the Master, and as our body functions smoothly, when all its parts are working as they should œ so our life must be balanced. All these things that I have named, they must be working in the correct way to produce harmony so necessary to lay up true prosperity. Now, I will not discuss at this time, material success, because you can read many books, and there are many courses advertised to make money and to succeed. But we are interested in true, spiritual prosperity œ true prosperity.

Now, going on œ another note I have here is this œ knowing definitely, God's Presence within you proves meditation, right meditation, is the greatest way to attain true prosperity. Once more, knowing definitely, God's Presence within you is the greatest way to attain true prosperity, because it is His Presence within you that is the Eternal Consciousness wherein you lay up spiritual treasures. Now, that comes through God contact œ God contact. That gives you the greatest spiritual treasure, true prosperity, because His contact in you means that when you merge in the Holy Vibration within you,

the Light and Sound of the One Cosmic Sound, Cosmic Power, Cosmic Force, in that is God's Presence. In that is His Eternal Consciousness. If you have that, you have God contact. Having God contact, don't you think you have true prosperity? You surely do. You have the greatest prosperity. So remember, the greatest way to attain, if you want real prosperity, is to know God in you; to be one with His Presence in you.

Then, if you have that contact, if you have that contact with God, then you can do, as it says in the Bible, —Ask and you shall receive.“ Now it says also, —Ask in my name and you shall receive.“ If you just say, —God, give me this, give me that, give me something else,“ that isn't asking in His name. But when you meditate deeply, see His Infinite Light within you, feel your oneness with His Great Love in your heart.

Then you're in His name. Then, whatever you ask, you shall receive, without question of a doubt. So remember, if you want true prosperity, first get God contact, then whatever you ask, He will give you. You will ask correctly, because you will be one with His Presence within you.

And finally, another thing which comes to my mind is that in attaining true prosperity, we must keep the windows of faith open. That's the greatest. Some people have God contact to a certain degree, but when they're not meditating in that contact. Then they lose faith. We must keep the windows of faith open, and then through those windows of the Soul, God's Great Light can flow through us. Having that, having His Protection and His Love, we have true prosperity, right here and now, on this earth.

So those are the main things in attaining true prosperity, that is, main points of the greatest thing is God contact. The Master used to say what? —Know the Storekeeper. Know the Storekeeper of the Universe, and as He has all things, He can give you all things. Make friends with the Storekeeper of the Universe.“ The Master used to say, —Leave all else, but leave not God's side.“ That's the important thing.

That is what it means in Daniel, "From the moment you set your heart upon God," you're not gonna run away and leave His side, but you're going to discipline yourself, and through faith keep everlastingly at it, never stopping until, finally, some day, you will see His Light with you all the time. That's true prosperity. That's what we all must have. We came alone, remember, we came alone. And as far as material prosperity and friends go, we will go alone. They won't be there. There won't be any material prosperity. But to those who have made the contact with God, and have earned His friendship by regular meditation and devotion to Him, they will not be left alone, because we came with God, and we will go with Him, consciously, if we attain true prosperity here on earth. We have earned that friendship, by God contact, regular meditation, following the techniques of Self-Realization. There you have the ways and the means to attain God contact through its different techniques, its meditation. Having that God contact, then you have earned the friendship of God. Having Him, you have true prosperity.

And so, in conclusion, remember that in success or failure, and opulence or want, in any condition; whether you have no place to lay your head even, as Jesus said, even if you have not a friend in the world, but you have that friendship and that contact with God, our One Common Father, if you have that, you have, without question of a doubt, true prosperity. And in closing I always like to read an excerpt from one of the Master's letters, which goes so appropriately with this subject of true prosperity. He wrote this quite, many years ago, as follows: financial freedom. We all think, if we could have that million dollars, how wonderful it would be.

But, he says, —Financial freedom can bring spiritual freedom only to those who are constantly trying to be spiritually free.“ In other words, to attain true prosperity by being in God’s contact all the time, in contact with His Love, His Light. So, he says, —Only to those who are constantly trying to be spiritually free, can true freedom come, and then to do that, we must be constantly on the watch, otherwise, financial freedom is the cause of bondage, harbinger of all false happiness and sense pleasures.“ So you see, unless, unless, as I have said, that money is used for service, especially to yourself first, to save your own soul and attain true prosperity, there are many dangers, and it’s almost impossible for one to attain true prosperity, if they are attached to worldly freedom.

And so, the Master concludes with these words, —Besides financial freedom, many other freedoms have to be sought, have to be attained. God contact has to be earned. Many other freedoms have to be sought, freedom from disease, freedom from accidents, freedom from misfortune, separations, and lastly, death.“ Freedom from death. If you have true prosperity, you’ll be free from death, because you are one with the Presence of God within you. Those freedoms have to be known. Then you have true prosperity.

Finally, —You have to work fast. Of course, financial freedom plays an important part, but spiritual freedom plays the most important part for you. For you are a, are free when even in a cage. Stone walls, disease, do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage. Minds innocent œ God protected. Take that for a hermitage. Take that for a heaven, a hermitage.“

And so you see, in those few words the Master summed up true freedom. True freedom means first, God contact. Having him, having earned that, you have friendship with the Master of the Universe, who made, having made all things, can give you all things.