Ps 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree

Planted by the rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;

And whatever he does shall prosper.

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World's Economy is based on trends and fluctuates with the mood of the market - FEAR

God's Economy is based on God's character, His Word, and Spiritual Laws that never change

BLESSED OT:835 'esher (eh'-sher); how happy!

...the state of "prosperity" or "happiness" that comes when God Himself bestows His favor (blessing) on someone. (Vine's)

Wade's def. "Empowered to Succeed"

PROSPER OT:6743 tsalach; to push forward,

to **SUCCEED**; This word expresses the idea of a **successful** venture, as opposed to failure. (Vine's Expository Dictionary)

(Amplified) Ps 1:1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather.

Where God Guides, He Provides

KEY #1
I Must Believe That It's God Will
For Me To PROSPER

Ps 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

PROSPERITY OT:7965 shalom; safe, well, happy, health, prosperity, peace:

From OT:7999 to be safe (in mind, body or estate); to be (causative, make) completed

Why does God want me to PROSPER?

Deut 8:11-12, 17-18

11"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today,

12 lest -- when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them;

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17 then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power (wealth) to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Look at God's original intent and design for mankind

Gen 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that ceeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

BLESS H1288 bârak *baw-rak'*

To kneel; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration), X abundantly

KEY #2 Operate in the law of "Sowing and Reaping."

Gen 8:22 "While the earth remains, **Seedtime and harvest**, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

Gal 6:7-10

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Phil 4:15-19

15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

CLOSING

Jer 17:7-8

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,

And whose hope is the LORD.

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,

Which spreads out its roots by the river,

And will not fear when heat comes;

But its leaf will be green,

And will not be anxious in the year of drought,

Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

(NLT) Jer vs. 8 They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.