

IS YOUR SOUL PROSPERING?

Back in the seventies Ann and I were at a convention and we heard a speaker make a statement that I have never forgotten. He was speaking on III John 2, which says “***Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and (that your body) may keep well, even as your soul keeps well and prospers.***” He changed it up a little bit as God gave him revelation. He said, ***Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and (that your body) may keep well, in proportion as your soul prospers.***

Joyce Meyer in one of her books talks about this scripture. She says, “Less mature, carnal Christians (still lured by physical pleasures and appetites) may get excited about the promise of prosperity and healing, because that is all they hear in this scripture. They think, wow, praise God. He wants us to prosper and be in health. But mature believers who have sanctified ears that are sensitive to God’s holy intent will also hear the part of the verse that says, ‘***even as your soul keeps well and prospers***’ They hear with understanding that God is going to give them prosperity and healing ***in correlation*** with how their soul is prospering.”

I don’t know about you but this witnesses to me. I believe many times I have failed to get God’s best because of being double-minded and letting the god of this world have too much influence in my every day affairs. I believe our Savior provided full salvation, spirit, soul and body but many of the promises are conditional such as taking His Word at face value and believing it to be not only true but for me.

Rev. F.F. Bosworth says, “Were the gifts of God merely promised gifts, we would have to wait for the promiser to fulfill His promises, and the responsibility for their transfer would be on Him. But all of God’s blessings are offered gifts as well as promised and therefore need to be accepted and the responsibility for their transfer is ours. This clears God from all responsibility for any failures.”

If we can receive this as the truth, then we need to rethink some of our beliefs. Many of you may not agree with this but I guarantee that it will make you think as it has me. God bless you.