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Lesson 1

September 27–October 3

Recipe for Success

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: Deut. 18:15–22; Joshua 1; Heb. 6:17, 18; Eph. 6:10–18; Ps. 1:1–3; Rom. 3:31.

Memory Text: “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn

from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go”
(Joshua 1:7, NKJV).

THURSDAY

October 2

Prosperous and Successful

This is not the false prosperity gospel

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>>> Jesus said in this world you will have tribulation

Jhn 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Psa 84:11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Read Joshua 1:7–9 together with Genesis 24:40, Isaiah 53:10, and Psalm 1:1–3.
Based on these texts, what does it mean to be prosperous and successful?

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Question: What were some of the reasons why the people of Israel had to wander around the wilderness for 40 years?

>>> Doubt and disobedience

Joshua 1:7–9 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; **do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.**

8 **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.

9 **Have I not commanded you?** Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, **[for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go].**”

>>> Through the instructions that God gave to Joshua, He is trying to teach something.

[Prosperous]: H6743 (Brown-Driver-Briggs) צלח / צלח tsâlach / tsâlêach

BDB Definition:

1) (Qal) to rush

2) **to advance, prosper, make progress, succeed, be profitable**

2a) (Qal) to prosper

2b) (Hiphil)

2b1) to make prosperous, bring to successful issue, cause to prosper

2b2) to show or experience prosperity, prosper

Part of Speech: verb

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: a primitive root

H6743 (Strong) צלח צלח tsâlach tsâlêach

tsaw-lakh', tsaw-lay'-akh

A primitive root; **to push forward**, in various senses (literally or figuratively, transitively or intransitively): - break out, come (mightily), go over, be good, be meet, **be profitable**, (cause to, effect, make to, send) prosper (-ity, -ous, -ously).

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The Hebrew term *tsalakh*, “prosperous” (*Josh. 1:8*), implies the satisfactory accomplishment of what was planned, or a state of favorable circumstances.

The term *sakal*, “to be wise” (*Josh. 1:8*), can be translated as “prosper” or “be successful.” But it can also mean “to be prudent,” or “to act wisely.” It occurs frequently in Job, Proverbs, and Psalms, where the notion of success is

closely tied to acting wisely by fearing God and obeying His Word.

>> Abraham's servant's Testimony

'The Lord, will send His angel with you and prosper your way
Genesis 24:40 40 But he said to me, **'The Lord, before whom I walk, will send His angel with you and prosper your way;** and you shall take a wife for my son from my family and from my father's house.

Jesus' suffering caused the will of God to prosper in His hand
Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And **the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.**

>>> Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;
> the pleasure of the Lord: The purpose of the LORD will prosper in His hand

Obedience by faith is blessed by the LORD
Psalms 1:1–3. 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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According to this insight, success is not necessarily defined as material prosperity, [though it does not exclude it.] Success has to be seen as a state of harmony with the spiritual values and principles that lie at the foundation of God's created world and that are expressed in His law.

Indeed, trust in God's promises, especially the promise of salvation by faith alone and obedience to His law, are not opposed to each other. They represent two sides of the same coin.

Read Romans 3:31. What does this text say about the relationship between law and faith?

Romans 3:31 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

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To pit faith in the atoning and sacrificial death of Jesus in our behalf against obedience to God's law is to set up a false and dangerous dichotomy. Law and grace always go together. Only a superficial understanding of the role of the law can lead to perceiving "law" and "grace" as opposites.

The writers of the Old Testament had a high regard for the law and considered it a source of delight (*Ps. 1:2; Ps. 119:70, 77, 174*). Rightly regarded and used, the law will lead to a deeper understanding of one's own sinfulness (*Rom. 7:7*) and **the need for Christ's righteousness** (*Gal. 3:24*).

However much by God's grace you seek to keep His law, how has your own experience shown you your need for Christ's covering righteousness?

Oh, that they had such a heart

Deuteronomy 5:29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

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Additional Notes

From: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-things-prosperity-gospel/>

This doctrine teaches that God wills the financial prosperity and physical well-being of his people and that faith, positive speech, and donations to select Christian ministries can increase one's material wealth and health. As Stephen Hunt explains,

The doctrine of the assurance of divine physical health and prosperity through faith is at the forefront of this expression of Christian faith. It means that "health and wealth" are the automatic divine right of all Bible-believing Christians and may be procreated by faith as part of the package of salvation, since the atonement of Christ includes not just the removal of sin, but also the removal of sickness and poverty.

The movement focuses on the power of positive thinking (the belief that positive thoughts manifest positive outcomes, while negative thoughts bring about negative circumstances), the law of attraction (the idea that since "like attracts like," visualizing and focusing on desired outcomes will attract those circumstances into one's life), and the belief that the mind has the power to heal the body and attract prosperity.

Many Christian scholars and ethicists argue the prosperity gospel's focus on material prosperity undermines the teachings of Jesus, who emphasized humility, compassion, and the normalcy of suffering.

"I don't know what you feel about the prosperity gospel—the health, wealth and prosperity gospel—but I'll tell you what I feel about it," pastor John Piper told a gathering of more than 1,000 college students in November 2005. "Hatred."

In 2014, Piper outlined six keys to detecting the prosperity gospel:

- absence of a serious doctrine of the biblical necessity and normalcy of suffering
- absence of a clear and prominent doctrine of self-denial
- absence of serious exposition of Scripture
- failure to deal with tensions in Scripture
- church leaders who have exorbitant lifestyles
- prominence of self and marginalization of the greatness of God

In a 2015 article for The Gospel Coalition, the Christian ethicist David W. Jones explained five theological errors of prosperity gospel teaching:

- The Abrahamic covenant is a means to material entitlement.
- Jesus's atonement extends to the "sin" of material poverty.
- Christians give in order to gain material compensation from God.
- Faith is a self-generated spiritual force that leads to prosperity.
- Prayer is a tool to force God to grant prosperity.
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