

# *Revealing Supernatural Life*

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## INTRODUCTION

When pressures mount and we are faced with difficult, even overwhelming circumstances, we have a choice in how we respond. Though we did not choose the circumstance, each of us has an option to face it in one of two kinds of life: the temporal or the eternal. If we choose the temporal life, we will be occupied with our experience and with what we see and feel. But if we choose eternal life, we will draw near to God. We will get to know Him who is invisible, and we will follow Him.

When we enter into an eternal value system, we look at the things that are not seen, and we speak faith into the air by calling things that are not as though they are. It seems unreasonable to look at things that are not seen. This, however, is God's way to develop our faith. Too often, God's people get into trouble when they focus on that which can be seen. They allow temporal life to take precedence over eternal life.

Too many believers endure discomfort, displeasure, and pain because of temporal value systems. Some will prosper in a temporal value system, which is fine—but it may not be spiritual. How much better if they can get the same results with an eternal value system?

As this booklet shows, when eternal life moves in and takes over a person's soul, it moves him out of the temporal life and gives him an eternal perspective on everything. That is the way every one of us can reveal the supernatural life of Christ.

*Chapter One*

## REAL PROSPERITY

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

We read in Psalm 112:3 about the upright man who has a wholesome reverence for God and who delights in His Word: “Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.”

There would not be a single missionary on the foreign field if it were not for financial blessings of some believers. If none of God’s people had money, missions work would be cut down significantly. Therefore, it is important for God’s people to pray for financial blessings. This is not

to say we should have a “name-it-and-claim-it” attitude, like that of some who misunderstand the sovereignty of God, and for whom everything relates to their own faith instead of the character of God. We have learned that God names the promise, and we claim it. We believe that it will be as God has said. In the meantime, we may have need of patience.

Many beautiful Christians do not understand the angelic contest that may keep us from seeing the answer to our prayers immediately. Job’s friends challenged his faith. They suggested that he was not right with God, and that was why he was suffering so. But the Bible says that the Lord wants us to prosper even as our souls prosper, and wealth and riches in the hands of the right people could revolutionize evangelism.

The concept that Christians should be poor and beggarly with baggy old clothes is just wrong. Why should believers be fearful of financial blessings when Jesus Himself said to the two blind men: “According to your faith be it unto you” (Matthew 9:29)?

The Holy Spirit desires that we prosper, because in prosperity we can evangelize like never before. Imagine what it would be like to be able



to go to our missions director and say, "Here's a million dollars. Pray about it and spend it where it will be most effective." By God's grace, we will see these things happen. Wealth and riches in God's house can make a difference between souls going to heaven or to hell. Money used properly gets people saved and brings them into God's house.

### *Pray for Open Doors*

As God's disciples, we can do more for Him with money than we can without it. That is why we should pray without striving in the flesh, but expecting God to really bless us. In our prayers, let's ask God to bless His people financially and to unveil certain privileges and opportunities that will provide us with the income and resources to open doors that have never been opened.

Great things can happen. Money can come in and we can give it to natives of those countries where we have gone. As people are raised up, we can send out teams of missionaries who have been thoroughly disciplined.

This is a part of living in supernatural life. This is the higher form of life. We can approach any subject from the standpoint of a natural,

temporal life or of a supernatural, eternal life. We need to develop godly habits. We need to put into practice what we know so we can produce fruit through the supernatural life that flows out of an earthen vessel.

*Chapter Two*

## THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Galatians 6:7-8).

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

God has established an irrevocable law of

sowing and reaping. We may need to learn patience, waiting before we can reap, but the devil cannot change the fact that we *will* reap. Some have experienced reaping bountifully—far more than they ever thought possible. But, they experienced that level of reaping because they did some bountiful sowing along the way.

It is crucial that we sow in the highest form of life. If we sow in the Spirit, we will reap the things of the Spirit that are produced by eternal life.

In supernatural life, we must be practical, but we are set apart from the frustrations of the natural life. Supernatural life always supercedes the frustrations of natural life. Supernatural life believes that the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). Supernatural life produces supernatural faith. And, supernatural faith goes after supernatural victories.

For this reason, I make a stand against the demons of hell and Satan's strategies. How? I approach God in prayer, in a supernatural way, through the supernatural life and the supernatural faith that comes from the Word of God. In the car, at the supper table, everywhere—we can sow supernatural life without subjectivity and emotionalism. We sow to each other's souls with

supernatural life.

### *Incorruptible Seeds*

“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

“So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase” (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Peter 1:23).

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Spiritual genetics is a fascinating topic for study.\* When believers start speaking according to supernatural faith and supernatural life, incorruptible seeds are sown, and these seeds reproduce incorruptible spiritual genes.

We know that certain traits are passed through the human race via biological genetics—through certain DNA patterns in the chromosomes and all that goes with them. This principle applies to spiritual inheritance and development as well. A Spirit-filled pastor or teacher sows the things that please God (whatsoever is of faith, according to Hebrews 11:6),

planting incorruptible seeds of faith in those who hear him. Then, in the measure that the hearers respond, God blesses them.

### *Fruit-Bearing That Pleases God*

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” (3 John 1:2).

Those who hear and respond to the Word of God through a man of God will produce fruit after the same kind and sow seeds of faith back to the initiator. As the process continues, the blessings flow, and people will know who we are by the love that we have, one for another (John 13:35).

God will bless us in the measure that we respond to Him. So, if we keep responding, He keeps right on initiating. Then, our hearts become fixed on Him (Psalm 57:7), and we begin to live in the eternal realm of a supernatural provision. The soil of our hearts is beautifully planted, and we bear the fruit of all that has been sown in our lives.

This is where the true value of wealth and riches in God’s house comes in. God’s people who can be trusted with wealth and riches, who have passed the momentum test of prosperity,

can do a lot to turn those in need to Christ.

When I first started out as a Christian, back in the little town of West Sumner, Maine, I was taught by some that the more rust my car had the more spiritual I was. Wearing baggy old clothes was the evidence that I was close to God. That was *their* definition of humility.

Poverty would be wonderful if it glorified God. If God truly wanted us to live that way, I would accept it. But in fact, God said, "I want you to prosper as your soul prospers." We are called to reveal supernatural life to people who can only see with their eyes. Until they are saved, they cannot walk by faith as we can, seeing the weakest member according to the Finished Work. So we must not look upon wealth or prosperity as a tool of Satan. God will use whatever we sanctify and set apart unto Him, to promote His kingdom on the earth.

*\* For an excellent study of the principle of spiritual genetics, regeneration, and how God makes all things new in the life of every born-again believer, read Re-gened, by Pastor Carl H. Stevens, Grace Publications, 1995.*

### *Chapter Three*

## THE POWER OF OBEDIENCE

God desires that our souls would prosper in the Word. When our souls prosper, we will be more relaxed. The soul that is prospering in the Word of God isn't tense or uptight. I could give hundreds of illustrations about people who had nothing and wound up prospering tremendously because of obedience in tithing and giving.

The law of obedience trains us, blesses us, and gives us wisdom. The greatest thing that we can have in prospering our souls is to be trained in obedience. As we begin to experience this training, we really begin to hear the still small voice of God, obeying Him in the details. We start planting incorruptible seeds in one another, revealing supernatural life in our marriages, our families, and our churches.

Through obedience, we become so hid with Christ. As members in particular of His Body, Christ is the only head we have. We don't make



decisions apart from Him. We become single-eyed. The Body prays and the Holy Spirit reveals the next move. In Acts 13, it was through prayer among the elders in the church that the Holy Spirit revealed where Paul and Barnabas should go. Unfortunately, we seldom see the Holy Spirit allowed to work this way today, because the understanding of the Body of Christ as a living organism through which God moves is not clear to many precious believers.

### *Sowing Brings Results*

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psalm 126:5-6).

I love this principle. He that sows in tears shall reap in joy. Sowing in tears when we go soul winning brings us to rejoicing when we gather in souls. We sow in faith, we sow in love, we sow in the promises of God. Just like that, we begin reaping exactly as we have sown. Whatever we sow, we will reap.

Still, we must learn to master what we sow. If we master what we sow, then we master what we think through Christ being our Master. It is

a very special thing to come to Him each night and say, "Lord, I want to go over my day with you. Show me if my sowing got a little off today. If it didn't, I will rejoice. If it was off, I want to correct it."

Let's sow faithfulness. Let's sow prayer. Let's sow edification and positive thoughts. Whatsoever we sow, we shall reap.

### *God's Great Provisions*

Alady had beautiful chocolate cream pie she had made for a party. She lost her keys and the pie was stuck in the car on a warm day.

"God, send someone to help me," she prayed. Just like that, a man pulled up and asked her if she needed any help. It turned out that the man was a convicted car thief who had recently been released from jail.

"The thing that put me in jail was getting into cars, so I should have you inside it in a minute." And, he did.

Of course, as all good illustrations go, the lady shared the Gospel with this man. He eventually went to her church and got saved. It was a blessing to this woman to be able to testify, "I prayed, and God sent an ex-convict to help me!"

## *Persevering in Prayer*

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ephesians 6:18).

God gives us so many provisions in this way when we pray with perseverance. The more I learn how to persevere when I pray, the more fruit I shall receive because of the law of sowing and reaping.

I believe God will help us build a new church building without having to owe a penny for it. I believe He can help us send out and support far more missionaries. These things are possible when we sow in faith without wavering. I expect prayers to be answered and miracles to happen.

It will be a great day to be able to look at the results around us and say, “I prayed for this!” and to see the answer before our eyes. But when we walk by faith, without seeing the answer, we have an opportunity to reveal God’s supernatural life as He reveals His life in us.

## CONCLUSION

It is such a beautiful thing to know that the supernatural life is the only life that will supply what I truly need. The natural life is necessary from a physiological standpoint, but the supernatural life is what determines my ability to make right decisions and choices when faced with difficult circumstances.

Today, I can pray in the Spirit with perseverance. I have access to grace through faith. I can go boldly before the throne of God today. I have been given that privilege.

Whatever I pray for, I can persevere, believing that God hears and answers my prayers. This is what it means to have a fixed heart. This is what it means to live in and to reveal supernatural life.