

SOUL PROSPERITY

- “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” (3 John 2)

Proposition: “Your health and prosperity are commensurate to the health and prosperity of your soul.”

SOUL (From Matthew Henry):

- “It frequently falls out that a rich soul is lodged in a crazy body.”
- “The soul is the spiritual and immortal part of man, which thinks and reasons, has a power of reflection and prospect, which actuates the body now, and will shortly act in separation from the body.”
- “Absent from the body, present with the Lord.” (2 Cor 5:8 NKJ)
- “What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his own soul.” (Matt 16:26)

Definition of prosperity: “*PROSPERITY IS THE STATE OF FLOURISHING, THRIVING, SUCCESS OR GOOD FORTUNE. PROSPERITY OFTEN ENCOMPASSES WEALTH BUT ALSO INCLUDES OTHER FACTORS WHICH ARE INDEPENDENT OF WEALTH, SUCH AS HAPPINESS AND HEALTH. FOR THE BELIEVER, PROSPERITY IS AS MUCH ABOUT GIVING AS IT IS ABOUT RECEIVING. IT IS ABOUT BEING BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING. “The Lord Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)*

Greek: eudow = “success, progress, well being, to do well.”

HEALTH: “*He himself bore our sins in his own body on the cross, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.*” (1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5)

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.” (Psalm 103:2-3)

- ADDRESSING ISSUES OF SOUL PROSPERITY
 - i) Feed your soul (Psalm 63:1; Psalm 42:1) (Prayer, praise, the word, revelation)
 - ii) Get your thinking right: “As a man thinks in his heart so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7; cf. John 5:4-5 NKJ, AMP; Rom 12:2; Eph 4:23)
 - iii) Speak to your soul:
- “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.” (Psalm 42:5, 11)
- “Plead my cause O Lord, (Psalm 35:1) Say to my soul, I am your salvation.” (Psalm 35:3)
- “My soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in his salvation.” (Psalm 35:9)
- “My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.” (Psalm 84:2)
- “I pour out my soul within me.” (Psalm 42:4)
- “O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart!” (Jer 4:19)
- “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.” (Isaiah 61:10)
- “Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.” (Prov 16:24)
- “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” (Psalm 103:2)
- “Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty.” (Psalm 104:1)
- “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.” (Psalm 103:1)

In these Psalms, the Psalmist is asking questions of his soul, he is asking the Lord to address his soul about salvation, he is mindful of his hungry, thirsty soul, he is reminding his soul to praise God for his benefits, his healing, his salvation, for his holiness and majesty.

Speak to your soul: point it toward God; remind you soul of the person of God, his holiness and majesty and the benefits of healing and salvation. Feed your soul, take your thirsty soul to God. Model your thinking on God’s pattern rather than the pattern of the world. This will bring about transformation.

A soul that praises God and receives what God is giving to that person, will be a healthy and prosperous soul. The health and prosperity of that soul will overflow into a life of health and prosperity.