

2017

THE YEAR OF THE

BREAK
THROUGH

“True Prosperity”

Part II

They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor.

But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

2 Corinthians 8:2, NLT

3 For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more.

And they did it of their own free will.

4 They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.

2 Corinthians 8:3-4, NLT

What is Biblical Prosperity?

*Six Spiritual Keys to
Biblical Prosperity*

“Diligence”

Number 1

Diligent people understand the Law of Sowing and Reaping.

They understand prosperity comes from hard work over a long period of time.

They understand prosperity doesn't come to those who give up when the going gets tough, but to those who persevere and succeed through an unwavering application of grit.

*The diligent work hard at the act of
planting, knowing God expects them to
do their part.*

*It's up to God to bring the rain and
multiply what's been planted,
but they had to plant something in the
first place!*

*The soul of the sluggard craves
and gets nothing,
while the soul of the diligent is
richly supplied.*

Proverbs 13:4 (ESV)

“Discipline”

Number 2

Discipline is the implementation of a regimen designed to train someone in a craft or trade, or to systematically change an individual's behavior over time.

Just as children need discipline in order to grow up to live a well-ordered life, so too do we need to implement discipline in our own lives to maintain and build upon that order.

5 And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you.

6 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

Hebrews 12:5-6, NLT

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful.

Later on, however, it yields a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)