

MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS AND HAVE GREAT SUCCESS – Part 2

Strong Families, Great Churches

Ecc 2:26 For to a person who is good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to one who is good in God's sight. This too is vanity and striving after wind.

God has given us wisdom, knowledge and joy. For the sinner God has given them the task of collecting. If we don't know the ways of God and only know the ways of the world, we will be acting like a sinner. We must act like those who know God. Learn His ways. Seek first His Kingdom and He will do the rest. God will do the rest. We can pray and surrender our life and God will give us wisdom, knowledge and joy. We will not exchange our health for wealth. There are a lot of people who exchange their health for wealth and work until they are stressed. Why work like a sinner? He wants us to be focused but not adding all the stress and negative things in our life. We must choose wisdom and find out how God can speak to us. Whatever we do we will prosper.

Don't be the one gathering and collecting. If we want to be a candidate of God's wealth and blessing, make sure we find God and we are clear in His sight.

1. The Counsel of God

If God does not speak to us, we have nothing to build with. Every Sunday God is speaking to us because God gives us materials. There are many government projects or government that does not provide the best for the people. The houses are cheap but of poor quality.

The disciples may toil all night to catch fish but caught none; they would do it again in the morning when Jesus told them to cast their net. Results will come by the word of the Lord. Don't just operate on our own faith level. Put our faith in Him. In certain situation where we are in, we have no faith but God is the specialist of the impossible. So put our faith in Him and not on our own strength. All the things that we have done, do we

prosper? God's counsel must come to us so that we can prosper. We must take time to listen and He must give us the proceeding word. We get the proceeding word every Sunday so that we can adjust ourselves.

If God intent to make us prosper, He will speak to us the proceeding word. He will help us realize if we are at the right place or wrong. Sometimes we can be wise in our own eyes and think that we know and we take a lot of chances. Don't take chances on the road because people can die. We cannot take chances with life. With the things of God, we cannot take chances and gamble our life. If we are driving people in the car, we must not take chances because careless mistakes can cause the death of lives.

If we are on the straight road, it will lead us to the future. If we are on the wrong road, we will always go towards the wrong direction. If we are going to KL and yet we are going south, we will never reach KL. That's why the prophetic word will help us to see the future. The word will help us to adjust and change so that we won't drive the wrong road.

Many times we cannot see what God is saying because we are looking somewhere else when God is speaking to us. The Word will align us and position us well and we will see the future.

2. Time

Time is given to every man alike. The time that God gives to us is a special gift from heaven.

For some people time is relative.

To the one who is sitting in the examination hall, time is moving slowly. While to the one who is in love, time flies. To the one who is pregnant 9 months is a long wait but to the one who is raising their children acknowledged that the children are growing too fast.

Time is never returned.

We cannot get back lost time. Even though God can accelerate the time we live in so that more things will be done in a shorter period of time. The time spent is time lost, that hour is gone forever. This date and time only appears once in a life time or in the next millennium.

Time is a measurement.

Time is the yardstick. All of history is set on time. In time management we prioritize the task so that we can allot time accordingly. We can measure success and progress and how long we have waited for this success to come through.

Time is also favor.

God gives us time so that we have success in life. God speaks to us and give us time. When we pray, God attends to our prayer. When we take time to pray, God will take time to listen. That's God's favor with time. We want to be able to live long and not sick. To be able to live long and healthy is God's favor.

Time is precious.

Some people just sit in front of the TV all day. For the businessman, time is money and opportunity. God uses time to train us to be useful and productive in God. Make sure we make time for people and we keep the appointment.

Time is leverage. If we know the enemy is attacking and we have time to prepare, that is leverage.

Time is money.

People work the night shift because that was the time with the best pay. While we are young, work hard and labor hard to make sure the time is filled. Don't waste time.

Time is opportunity.

When we have time for all that God wants us to be engaged and participate in we will see the open doors and opportunities we cannot see when we are pressured and pushed against the wall. Those who have the time to wait upon the Lord will mount up with wings of an eagle. We can catch the wind when we have already set the sails.

Don't waste time. Some people do many things at one go.

Eph 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

Eph 5:16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

We must walk as wise men. Wise men make the most out of their time. If we are wasting time, we are not walking in wisdom. Everything in life can become successful but we must follow the ground rules. The life will be miserable if we never have God's counsel. Be careful of how we walk. We must use the time properly so that we can defeat the enemy. Most of the time we must discover what God's will is. We need to understand and clarification and counsel and be sure of God's will. Once we know, do God's will and don't get drunk with every other thing. Find the strength to do it. Don't intoxicate ourselves with the things of this world.

If God can make us, design and shape us, money will be the last thing we will be worried about. If we serve God, we cannot serve mammon. Don't make money our God. He is our God and He will show us His will.

In the world today there is so much pressure and temptation. If we delay God's will and procrastinate, the devil will take away our time. The world is trying to convince us to go to them. The world will keep telling us that they are the best way to go. If we follow them we will be tossed to and fro. Find out God's will and be filled with the Holy Spirit. In life we must have one another.

Be very careful because we must speak to the right people. If we speak to the wrong people, we will be brought to the wrong path. How blessed is the man who does not listen to the counsel of the ungodly. The ways of God is like law. No matter who we are, if we break the principles, we will not make it and we will pay the price.

How do we redeem time?

Make the best and most of it so that God gives us the highest productivity rate. IF we give time to God, He will multiply it. We make time and create space. What people cannot find we can find. In all that God has given to us, we must be successful. If we are not successful, the problems are from out of us.

1. Give time to God

Give our best time to God. Don't give Him the worst time and expect things to happen. Don't leave God behind.

2. Prioritize every work

No two works has the same number of importance. If one is important, the other one would have to be let go. There is no two number 1. We must give attention to the right thing. We can save a lot of time if we prioritize our work.

3. Prioritize every event

We cannot go to everybody's wedding. Choose which event is important. We may have a high social life but our money will be gone in no time.

4. Schedule the day

Write down all the things we need to do the next day so that we can start well the next day. Offload all the things we need to do the next day in the night so that we can sleep well at night. If we write it down, we will know what to do. Wisdom will come into our life. God will help us.

If we feel negative or frustrated in our heart, write it down on a piece of paper, crumble it and throw it away. Whatever we feel, write it down but be responsible of what we are saying because God will catch us on what we say.

5. Radical review of each day's performance

At night ask ourselves what we could have done faster, better, cheaper, etc. If we plan well, we will plan to succeed. If we organize our lives, we will become a source of blessing for others.