

5 Reasons Christians Don't Prosper

Intro: Prosperity = to advance, succeed, go forward

- God desires His children to prosper
- Psalms 35:27, 28 / 3 John 2 / 1 Timothy 4:13-16

Reason #1: Hearing the wrong message

- Gathering evidence and the Jesus plus plan
- Ex. – Jesus plus plan / Romans 11:6 / Galatians 6:7-9 (v. 6 Amp.) (ex. Morse code)
- Ex. – 1 Timothy 6:17-19 / through the eyes of self or Jesus
- Proverbs 18:21 = what is heard

Reason #2: Not engaging the imagination or getting one's hope up

- Your imagination is always working for good or for bad
- Hope = a positive imagination
- Hebrews 11:1 / Romans 8:24 / Romans 15:13
- You are graced to take charge of your mind
- Proverbs 12:27 / roasteth = charak = to set in motion, start (v. 28)
- 1 Peter 1:13 / Jeremiah 15:16
- Meditation is your choice
- A Godly imagination vs. a vain imagination
 - (a) Must be based upon the Word (Logos)
 - (b) Must be a result of a Rhema (Matthew 4:4)
 - Ex. – in the Word (Logos) and released as a Rhema. (Ex. - Lima rescue center)

Reason #3: When you see it on the inside it is imperative to say it or sign for that promise

- Romans 10:10 / confession = Gr. To speak to a conclusion, to embrace a promise
- Words spoken are seeds sown for good or bad

Reason #4: Seeing yourself in the problem instead of the promise

- Not being a doer of the Word or responding to the Spirit's promptings
- Ex. – A believer who is believing for personal increase may be experiencing the nudge of Holy Spirit to increase their capacity to receive through starting a business, or some other endeavor.
- Desiring to walk on the water of possibilities will require getting out of the boat of fear / Matthew 14:24-31
- One who is consistently seeking the Lord and experiences an ongoing desire that's confirmed through the Word is in all likelihood being led of the Lord / Psalm 37:4 (responding to His Word) / 1 Samuel 23:1-14 vv. 15-18
- A Word from the Word must be obeyed in order to experience it's fruit / Ex. – Mark 3:5

Reason #5: Not quitting

- Quitting is a permanent solution to a temporary problem
- Hebrews 6:12 / Galatians 6:9 / Revelation 3:10 / Romans 15:5 / Hebrews 10:35, 36 / Revelation 1:9; 14:12 / Romans 15:4, 5
- Live in thanksgiving zone / Colossians 2:6, 7, 8 / 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 19