

5 Reasons Christians Don't Prosper (Pt. 3)

Review/New:

- God desires our success
- Psalm 1:1, 2 (Hebrew)

Reason #1: For lack of going forward

- Hearing the wrong message
 - (a) What is heard / Mark 4:24
 - (b) How one hears / Luke 8:18
 - Filter on the heart
 - Ex. 2 Corinthians 3:13-18
- 2 Corinthians 10:12 / ex. John 21:19-22
- What/how you hear will determine what you think which will ultimately determine what you believe resulting in how you talk and walk

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

- 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 / roaseth = charak = to set in motion, start (v. 28)
- Often we tell people to say the Word without challenging them to see on the inside what they're saying on the outside
- If your faith is blind, it is not faith, for faith involves seeing with the eye of your heart
- 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)
- If one's imagination is not intentionally engaged it will engage somewhere

- Seeing yourself through someone else whether good or bad / 2 Corinthians 10:12
- Seeing yourself in the problem instead of the promise

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

Biblical Meditation = the intentional act of engaging your imagination in the way God desires

- Psalm 1:1, 2 / Joshua 1:8 / Psalm 2:1 / 1 Timothy 4:15 / Acts 4:25 quotes from Psalm 2:1