

Text: Psalms 1:1-6

Introduction: The message of prosperity attracts people everywhere.

Pertinent Prosperity Questions:

1. Who is this prosperous person?
2. Why is he prosperous?
3. What kind of prosperity does he produce?
4. Who is the source behind his prosperity?
5. What can we learn about sustainable prosperity?

The answers are in the following main points:

A. The HAPPY Man (vv. 1-2)

1. His **lifestyle** (v. 1)
2. His spiritual **discipline** (v. 2; Joshua 1:7-8)

B. The PROSPEROUS Man (v. 3; John 7:37-38)

1. Is **alive**
2. Is properly **positioned**
3. Is **industrious**
4. Is **productive**

C. The CHAFFY Man (vv. 4-6)

1. Is **wicked** (v. 4)
2. Is **empty** (v. 4)
3. Is **blown** away (v. 4)
4. Has **no** standing with God (v. 5)
5. Will eventually **perish** (v. 6)

Reflections on biblical prosperity:

1. Total prosperity is for the **whole** person (1 Thess. 5:23).
2. Prosperity is abundant **life**, not just abundant **livelihood** (John 10:10; Luke 12:15).
3. Total prosperity is **marked** by: righteousness, peace, and joy (Rom. 14:17).
4. To **glorify** God is the ultimate **pupose** of our prosperity (Rom. 11:35-36).

TABLETALK STARTERS

(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Read: Psalm 1:1-6

1. In verses 1-3, “whatever he (the righteous) does prospers.”
 - a. What is the scope of the righteous’ prosperity?
 - b. What does “blessed” or happy imply about total prosperity—spiritual and material?
 - c. How does God’s Word explain the prosperity of the wicked or unrighteous? Read the answer to this question in Psalm 73:1-28.
2. What makes the blessed or happy man happy? Refer to verses 1-2.
3. In verses 1 & 3, the blessed man is prosperous because:
 - a. He is morally righteous.
 - b. He is industrious (he works).
 - c. He is motivated by God’s Word.
 - d. He is properly positioned and nourished.

Question: Are these insights incorporated in your life?
4. The contrasting words “prosperous” (v. 3) and “perish” are the only inevitable options you can choose in life.

Question: Which choice will determine your temporal and eternal destiny?

PRAY!