

S E S S I O N



***SECRETS OF THE
BEST SELLER***

ALL-TIME BEST SELLERS

This is a list of some of the all-time non-fiction best sellers. By their titles, it's easy to see that human beings are constantly on the lookout for the secrets to success, whether it is in the area of finances, professional life, relationships, etc. (BTW - this is not an endorsement of all the following titles!)

#31 - *In His Steps – What Would Jesus Do?* – Charles Sheldon (1896)

#65 - *How to Win Friends and Influence People* – Dale Carnegie (1936)

#38 - *Think and Grow Rich* – Napoleon Hill (1937)

#14 - *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care* - Dr. Benjamin Spock (1946)

#61 - *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* – Stephen Covey (1989)

#43 - *Who Moved My Cheese?* – Spencer Johnson (1998)

#36 - *The Purpose Driven Life* – Rick Warren (2002)



YOUR TERRITORY ASSIGNMENT

- *Tend - to serve, to work as an act of worship, to cultivate or develop*
- *Keep - to guard, to watch over, to protect from an enemy*

YOUR PATH

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

- Proverbs 3:5-6

- **“Heart” (leb) - Inner part, soul (mind, will, & emotions)**
- **“Acknowledge” (yada`) - To know, to perceive, to recognize**
- **“Direct” (yashar) - To be right, be straight, be upright, be just, be lawful, be smooth**

YOUR PRIORITIES

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

- Matthew 6:33

- **Don’t worry about “all these things”**
 - **Life, food, clothing, the future**

YOUR PROCESS

“Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

- Joshua 1:6

“Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

- Joshua 1:7

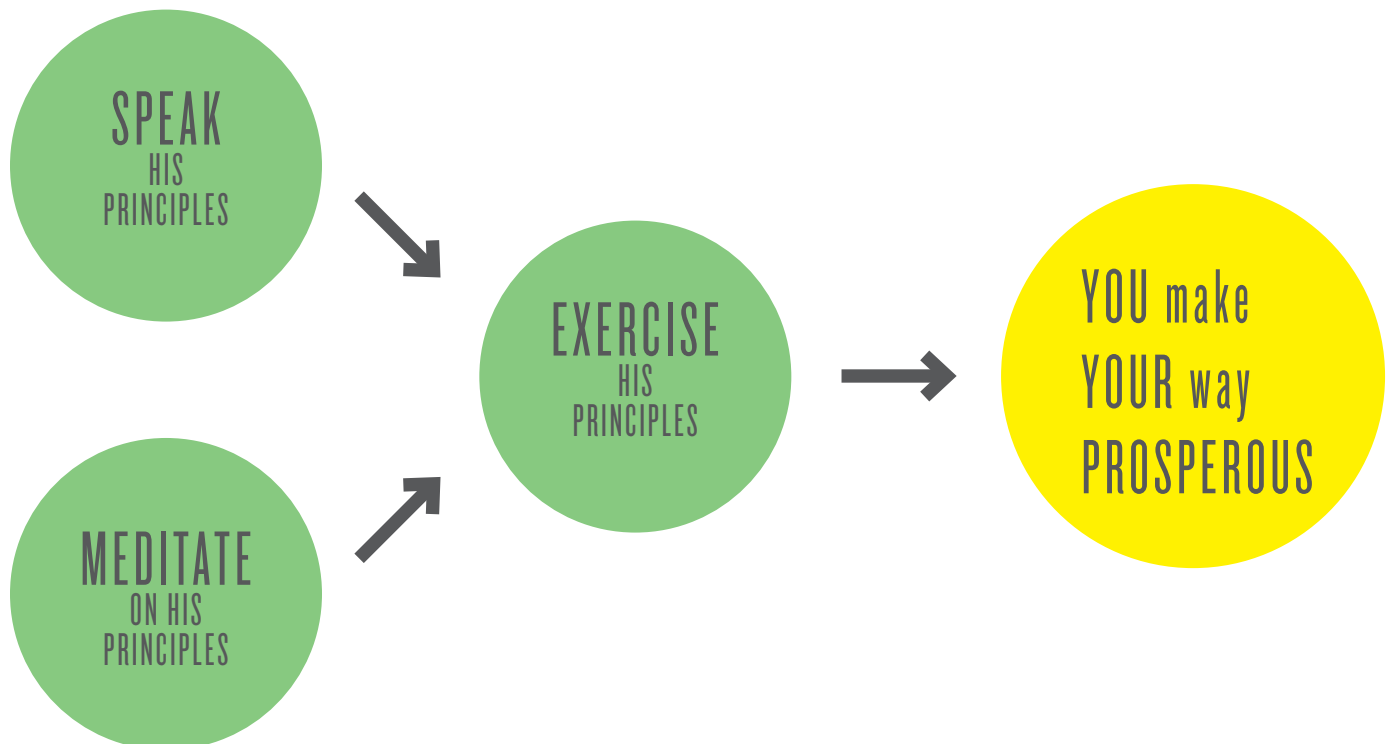
“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

- Joshua 1:8

“Strong” (chezag) - to strengthen, prevail, harden, be strong, become strong, be courageous, be firm, grow firm, be resolute

**“(12) _____” (sakal)
- to be prudent, be circumspect, wisely understand, prosper**

**“(13) _____” (hagah)
- to moan, growl, utter, muse, mutter, meditate, devise, plot, speak**



WHAT IS PROSPERITY?

- **Prosperity (noun)**
 - a successful, flourishing, or thriving condition, especially in financial respects; good fortune
- **Prosperity (adjective)**
 - having or characterized by financial success or good fortune; flourishing; successful: a prosperous business
 - well-to-do or well-off: a prosperous family
 - favorable or propitious

Psst! Prosperity does NOT mean a fat wallet!

REALMS OF LIFE

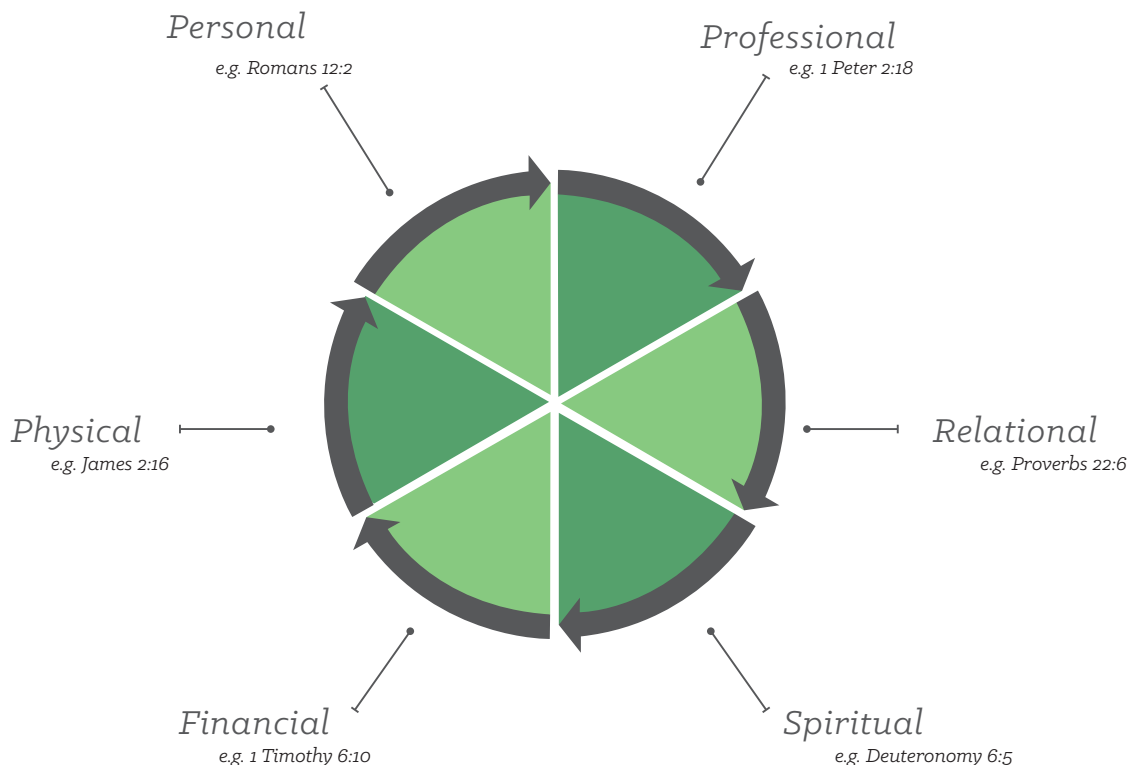
Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

- 3 John 2

This passage teaches that there is a connection between our spiritual life or realm, and our physical realm. When you grow and thrive spiritually, you see growth in the physical realm. When you grow physically (mind, will, emotions), you see growth in the spiritual realm. Picture an ever-expanding spiral. Likewise, when you regress spiritually, you regress or decay physically, and vice versa. THERE IS NO STANDING STILL.



PRINCIPLES: HIS PATH TO THRIVING



Divine Math

12 principles +

*12 practices **

1 Power =

4 promises

You will experience financial **SECURITY**

You will experience God's **FAITHFULNESS** in your finances

You will be free to **DO** what He has designed you to do

You will experience **TRUE** financial freedom

THE OPPOSITION

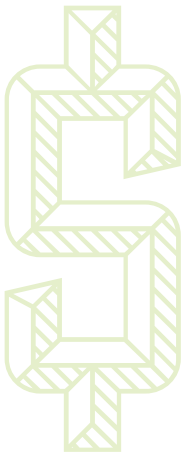
Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. - 1 Peter 5:8

- *Understand the Spiritual Battle*
- *Understand Spiritual Authority*
- *Understand How to Fight Spiritually*
- *Understand that Passivity is a Pathway to Failure!*

BOTTOM LINE

The principles and practices are EASY to understand, yet HARD to do - because we have an enemy who is real, ruthless, and relentless.

SESSION 3 BIG IDEAS



God has prescribed a path to prosperity. Based on Joshua 1:6-8, we should:

- Talk about His principles
- Meditate on His principles
- Act on His principles

The enemy is determined to destroy you, but you have been given everything needed for success. BUT success requires action!

GOD cannot and will not steer a parked car!

1. Describe how your history of handling finances has been mostly active or mostly passive?

2. What opposition do you expect when actively learning and applying God's principles?

GOD'S INVITATION TO YOU

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- **James 5:16b**

- Effective, fervent - *energeō* - to be operative, be at work, put forth power
- Righteous - *dikaios* - upright, virtuous
- Avails - *ischyō* - to be strong; to have power

- Implications
 - Some prayer has power and effectiveness, some does not
 - Some prayer changes things, some does not

- Invitation
 - Will you allow the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray more effectively?

PRAY EFFECTIVELY

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me the opportunity to change myself and my circumstances through effective, fervent prayer.

Lord Jesus, as You did for the Apostles, do for me. Teach me how to pray more effectively.

Holy Spirit, I bind and rebuke any spirit of offense or self-righteous pride that would inhibit me from receiving instruction. I invite You to guide me to pray with power and effectiveness.

In Jesus' Name.