

God has a dream and a destiny for every person, but we must pass some character tests before we can fulfill our destiny.

When Joseph was serving as a slave in Potiphar's house, he was probably tempted to "take shortcuts" or not totally apply himself to his work. But Joseph chose to honor God by being a good steward and doing things God's way. Therefore, "The Lord was with him, and he was a successful man" (Genesis 39:23). God wants to prosper us-to "push us forward"-so that we may bless others and help them prosper. We prosper when the favor of God is upon us. What is the biblical meaning of the words "prosper" and "prosperity"?

Read Deuteronomy 11:26-28 - The key to prospering is the presence of the Lord. We walk with God when we obey Him-when we do things His way. Salvation comes by grace; blessing comes through obedience. Why does God want us to obey Him and for whose benefit?

We live in a cursed world, and God's presence is a covering (a shield) for those who walk with Him through obedience.

Read Proverbs 28:13 - What does it say we are to do when we make mistakes?

The key to obedience is faith. When we obey, we demonstrate that we believe God's Word is true, and that there are rewards for obedience and consequences for disobedience. The root of disobedience is unbelief

Read Hebrews 3:18-19. Why did God describe disobedience of the Israelites as unbelief? In what areas do you struggle to obey God?

The Bible says that we grow in faith by hearing the Word of God
Read Romans 10:17 - The Word of God has the power to change our lives. Why is the key to faith hearing the Word of God and not obeying the Word of God?

How can we encourage one another to "increase your intake" of the Word? In what area of your life do you find it difficult to obey God?

Thank God for His goodness and for wanting to prosper you. Ask Him to reveal areas of unbelief in your heart. Repent for areas of unbelief and disobedience. Pray that the Lord will give you the "heart" to hear and receive the truth of His Word that you may walk with Him daily.

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Dream to Destiny

The Palace Test

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Genesis 39:1-6

Key to prospering is the presence of the Lord

Ge 4:16 Ga 5:16 Joh 15:4 II Kings 18:7

Key to presence of the Lord is obedience._____

2Ch 17:3 1 Sam 18:12,14 Job 36:11-12

Key to obedience is faith.

Eph 6:1-3 Col 3:22-25 Heb 3:18-19

Key to faith is hearing The Word.

Rom 10:17 Heb 11:13