

**Module** : Soul Prosperity

**Session 4** : Peace for The Seed - Part 1

**Focus** : Righteousness and Peace Pre-requisite to Prosperity



We have established that peace is an integral part of total life prosperity, and is actually the principle that is pre-requisite to it and also protects or sustains it.

- ❖ We must be at peace with God in terms the rightness of our relationship with Him.
  - ❖ We must be at peace within our souls irrespective of our external circumstances.
  - ❖ We must seek peace with all men and establish a peaceful environment, conducive for prosperity.
- This issue will be our focus in our present study.

### PEACEFUL HABITATIONS THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

#### Isaiah 32:17,18

- 17 And the **work of righteousness** will be **peace**,  
And the **service of righteousness**, **quietness and confidence** forever.
- 18 Then my people will live in a **peaceful habitation**,  
And in secure dwellings and in **undisturbed resting places**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS:** Righteousness is conformity to God's moral character - doing that which is right and just in God's eyes. It is "cleanness" in the eyes of God.

- Righteousness is
- whatever conforms to the revealed will of God.
  - right action
  - whatever is right or just in the eyes of God.

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Whilst positionally we are righteous in Christ, i.e. we are the righteousness of God in Christ by virtue of our belief in and acceptance of Christ as Lord, we must exhibit this practically in our thinking and behavior. We must practice righteousness.

**1 John 3:7** Little children, make sure no one deceives you; **the one who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous

**1 John 2:29** If you know that He is righteous, you know that **everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him**

Righteousness reflected in **right thinking and behavior**, result in peace. Peace is the fruit of righteousness (v.17). Inward peace in one who is peaceful (v.17) will result in outward peace in one's environment (v.18).

**Deut. 6:25** For we will be **counted as righteous** when we **obey all the commands** the Lord our God has given us. (NLT)

**Mal. 2:5-6** “My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me and stood in awe of My name. True instruction was in his mouth and **unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked with Me in peace and uprightness**, and he turned many back from iniquity.

We must be righteous, just, fair, equitable, without prejudice, without partiality, without bitterness, without revenge, without malice, without jealousy and covetousness, without hate and intolerance, etc., in **how we relate to all people**. Peace flows out from righteous dealings with people, and God blesses righteousness.

**Psalm 85:10b** Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Hosea 10:12** **Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance with kindness**; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord Until He comes to **rain righteousness on you. (NASB)**

**Hosea 10:12** I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you **(NLT)**

**Prov. 11:18** The wicked earns deceptive wages, But he who sows righteousness gets a true reward.

**Prov. 11:19a** He who is **steadfast in righteousness will attain to life**

**Isaiah 3:10** Say to the **righteous** that **it will go well with them**, For they will eat the fruit of their actions

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## **NOTE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE, AND THE ATTENDANT BLESSING OF PRODUCTIVITY / FRUITFULNESS**

### **1. GOOD THINGS**

#### **Psalm 84:11**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord gives grace and glory;  
**No GOOD THING** does He withhold from those who walk UPRIGHTLY.

Grace or divine favour is given to the upright or righteous. This manifests itself as ‘good things’ been given also.

**Uprightly = tamiym** = blameless, complete; linked with integrity, truth, virtue.

**Good = Tob** = well-pleasing, fruitful, morally correct, proper, convenient.

**The word ‘tob’** translated ‘good’ describes that which ...

- ❖ is appealing and pleasant to the senses;
- ❖ is useful and profitable;
- ❖ is abundant and plentiful;
- ❖ is kind and benevolent ;
- ❖ is proper and becoming;
- ❖ is good in a moral sense as opposed to evil;
- ❖ bears a general state of well-being or happiness
- ❖ is the better of two alternatives.

All of the above 'good things' come to the righteous. No good thing will God withhold from you when you walk uprightly. You can literally replace each phrase in the list above for '**good thing**' in quoting Psalm 84:11. Why don't you loudly confess and governmentally decree these as your reality.

Here are they:

- ✓ No **useful and profitable thing**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ✓ No **abundant and plentiful thing**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ✓ No **kind and benevolent thing**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ✓ No **proper and becoming thing**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ✓ No **morally good thing opposite to evil good thing**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ✓ No thing **designed for my general state of well-being or happiness**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ✓ No thing, **which is the better of two alternatives**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ✓ No **thing appealing and pleasant to the senses**, does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

## **2. A PREPARED CONTEXT AND ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE FOR SUCCESS AND RULERSHIP**

The creation narrative of **Genesis 1** best embodies all these various elements of meaning when the Lord declares each aspect of His handiwork to be "**good.**" God describes all of His creative work as '**good**'. Man was created on the sixth day, after God had created and prepared the infrastructure for him to function. Everything made was made to serve God's purposes within man. So the word 'good' in this sense in Psalm 84:11 could relate to God, in dispensing grace and glory to the upright, He goes ahead **to prepare a context, an environment, in which the upright/righteous would not only thrive in success, but also rule and execute His purposes. We could say that being practically righteous, especially in terms of how we relate to others, is key to the preparation of an environment for prosperity on all levels to be realised.**

Righteousness is the light of the son of God that secures many blessings, e.g. **clarity, healing, favour, grace and many others.**

### 3. CLARITY OF VISION

**Proverbs 4:18** But the **path of the RIGHTEOUS is like the LIGHT OF DAWN,**  
That **shines brighter** and **brighter** until the full day.

The 'full day' may allude to the maturation of all of God's kairoses and purposes as they climax in Christ. As the righteous approach this reality, their lives, lifestyles and character of their forward journeying (all implied in the word 'path' in the Hebrew) gets brighter and brighter. The opposite is true for the wicked and the unrighteous. (Isaiah 60; Psalm 1).

### 4. HEALING

**Malachi 4:2** "But for you **who fear My name**, the **SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS will rise with HEALING in its wings**; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

### 5. FAVOUR / GRACE / PROTECTION

**Psalm 5:12** For it is You who blesses the **RIGHTEOUS** man, O Lord, **You surround him with FAVOUR as with a SHIELD.**

**Genesis 15:1** After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, **I AM A SHIELD** to you; **Your reward shall be very great.**"

### 6. FERTILITY, PRODUCTIVITY, PROVISION

When righteousness and peace abound, the Lord will give what is GOOD – and our land - our environment - will 'yield its produce' and prosperity will result.

#### **Psalm 85:8-13**

- 8 I will hear what God the Lord will say; For **He will speak peace to His people**, to His godly ones; But let them not turn back to folly.
- 9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Lovingkindness and truth have met together; **RIGHTEOUSNESS and PEACE have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth springs from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12 **Indeed, the Lord will GIVE WHAT IS GOOD, And our LAND WILL YIELD ITS PRODUCE**
- 13 **RIGHTEOUSNESS will go before Him And will make His FOOTSTEPS INTO A WAY.**

Also, in this context, verse 13, which says that the footsteps of the righteous becomes a 'way', implies that as the initial steps that righteous take in their obedient pioneering into new avenues and spheres, that their footsteps become the 'WAY' for others which follow. Not only do they experience new things,

but they prepare the way for others to walk effortlessly into those dimensions into which they broken into or through.

**Psalm 92:12-15**

- 12 The righteous man will **flourish like the palm tree**, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
 13 **Planted in the house of the Lord**, They will **flourish in the courts of our God**.  
 14 They will **still yield fruit in old age**; They shall be **full of sap and very green**,  
 15 To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him

**Prov 15:6a** **Great wealth** is in the house of the righteous

**Prov. 11:28** He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will **flourish like the green leaf**.

**Prov. 11:30a** The fruit of the righteous is a **tree of life**

**Psalm 37:19b** And in the days of famine they (*i.e. the righteous*) will **have abundance**

**Psalm 37:25-27** I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his descendants **begging bread**. All day long he is gracious and lends, And **his descendants are a blessing**.

**Isaiah 33:15-16**

- 15 He who **walks righteously** and **speaks with sincerity**, He who rejects unjust gain And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil;  
 16 He will **dwelt on the heights**, His refuge will be the impregnable rock; **His bread will be given him, His water will be sure**.

[Note here that a righteous walk is evidenced by sincere talk – see verse 15]

## **7. INCREASE IN QUALITATIVE PROVISION**

Isaiah 60 is prophetic of a mature and glorified church. See verse 17.

**Isaiah 60:17** Instead of bronze I will bring gold, And instead of iron I will bring silver, And instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron. And I will make **peace your administrators**; And **righteousness your overseers**.

When peace administrates your life and righteousness has the oversight, there will be an upgrade in the quality of resource and provision from ...



This is a picture of a prosperous state. When righteousness oversees your life and peace administrates it, you are ideally positioned for a dramatic increase in provision of a greater value and superior quality. Let righteousness have the oversight in all your affairs and let peace rule and govern your heart and relationships and so position yourself not just for provision, but an enhanced or upgraded provision.

- If you accustomed to Stone, expect Iron.
- If you accustomed to Iron, expect Silver.
- If you accustomed to Wood, expect Bronze.
- If you accustomed to Bronze, expect Gold.

**Ps. 147:12-15** Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you. He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.

## 8. THE 'ZOE' LIFE OF GOD

The Greek term for the abundant God-kind of life promised to us is 'ZOE'. Part of this life includes total life prosperity at all levels inclusive of spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, social and financial prosperity. Righteous living positions one for accessing this kind of 'God-life'.

**Prov. 11:19a** He who is steadfast in RIGHTEOUSNESS will attain to LIFE.

Remain consistent in your expressions of practical righteousness and so experience the ZOE Life; the God-kind-of-Life; the Abundant Life.

**Prov. 11:30a** The fruit of the RIGHTEOUS is a TREE OF LIFE.

LIFE and death are located in the tongue – in the words of our mouths. A righteous walk is evidenced by sincere talk. "He who walks righteously and speaks with sincerity, ..." [Is. 33:15a]. We must speak wholesome words of grace that testify of our righteousness in God.

**Prov. 15:4** A soothing tongue is a TREE OF LIFE, But perversion in it crushes the spirit (NASB)  
 Gentle words are a tree of life, a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit (NLT)  
 Kind words are like a life-giving tree, but lying words crush your spirit (ERV)

(There are many more blessings attendant with righteousness which are not cited in this study. At the end of this study, as an appendix, I have provided a summation of the overall benefits of righteousness taken from The Accurate Building Concepts Course (ABC) – level 1 – Lesson 6 – developed by Dr Sagie Govender: [www.apostolicleader.co.za](http://www.apostolicleader.co.za)).

## SEEDS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**Sowing financial seed** – offerings- is an important principle for financial breakthrough and prosperity.

**2 Corinthians 9:6** Now this I say, he who SOWS sparingly will also REAP sparingly, and he who SOWS bountifully will also REAP bountifully.

The entire context of 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9 is centred in financial giving and receiving. Paul likens the giving of finances to God, to that of seed sown by a farmer. Genesis 8:22 indicates that AS

LONG AS THE EARTH REMAINS, the principle of seedtime and harvest will persist and be operative. The earth is regulated by divine principles that God Himself set in place when the earth was created.

**SEED in Scripture has broad symbolic application, e.g.:**

- In some of His parables, Jesus likened **the Kingdom of God** to seed sown.
- In Matthew 13:1-23 the seed is the **Word of God**.
- The Words of our Mouths are seeds.

**Prov. 18:21** “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit”

- In Matthew 13:24-32 the good seed refers to wheat - **actual persons - true sons of the Kingdom** (Matt 13:38) - in other words, the ‘Word (seed) has now become flesh or has become sons of the Kingdom (people). **You are a seed.**
- **Righteousness** and **praise** are seeds (Isaiah 61:11; Hosea 10:12)
- **Christ** is pictured as a seed (Gal. 3:16).
- The entire Kingdom is prevalent with the principle of the seed. The **all-pervasive and highly infectious influence of the Kingdom** is portrayed in a parable as being compared to a mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32).
- The principle of **‘faith’** in the Kingdom is also likened to a mustard seed (Luke 17:6).
- **Giving money** is a seed. (2 Cor.9)



The analogy of the ‘seed’ is also used in the area of the economy of the Kingdom of God. Galatians 6:6-10 speaks of sowing and reaping within the context of giving materially and financially to those who minister to you the Word of God, and also doing good deeds to the household of faith – your brothers and sisters in the Lord.

When true sons of the Kingdom who are ‘seeds’ sow financial seeds in faith, they are symbolically tapping into a very core ‘seed principle’ of Kingdom life and reality. In essence, they are seeds, sowing seed. Their financial gifts are expressions of who they are and gives indication to what ‘kingdom’ they are functioning in. They embody the characteristics of a seed – they know what it is to ‘fall to the ground and die’ – living in the spirit of martyrdom - dying to self – self-denial – knowing how to make serious personal sacrifices even in financial giving.

### **PEACE FOR THE SEED**

Sowing financial seed on its own may not generate the God intended harvest if the sower of the seed accommodates relational tensions and breakdowns within his/her life.

Let’s demonstrate this from the Scriptures:



**Zechariah 8:12** ‘For there will be **peace for the seed**: the **vine will yield its fruit**, the land will **yield its produce** and the **heavens will give their dew**; and I will cause the remnant of this people to **inherit all these things**.

In this verse there is a picture of tremendous productivity, fertility and inheritance. A seed was released to generate this, but it was released within the context of 'PEACE'. Note: 'There will be peace for the seed'.

**Zech 8:12a** (CEV) your crops are planted in peace;  
(GW) Seeds will thrive in peacetime.

The potential within the seed is aborted or not fully realised if that seed is released within a context devoid of peace.

### **PEACE IS THE CONTEXT FOR ABUNDANT PROSPERITY AND EXPONENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS**

#### **Lev. 26:3-10**

- 3 'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out,
- 4 then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.
- 5 'Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your food to the full and live securely in your land.
- 6 'I shall also grant PEACE IN THE LAND, so that you may lie down with no one making *you* tremble. I shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and no sword will pass through your land.
- 7 'But you will chase your enemies and they will fall before you by the sword;
- 8 five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword.
- 9 'So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you.
- 10 'You will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new.

The profuse productivity of verse 3 to 5 is sustained by the promise to peace in verse 6. Verse 3 reminds us of obedience as a fundamental requirement for peace and prosperity. Verse 5 alludes to a time when there is no gap between various harvests. This is akin to the plowman overtaking the reaper.

Verse 8 paints the **picture of exponential increase in effectiveness and efficiency based upon the peaceful relationships**: Five chase a hundred (5:100) and one hundred chase ten thousand (100:10 000). The ratio 5:100 simplifies to 1:20 ; The ratio 100:10 000 simplifies to 1:100

5 who are in oneness chase 100 – this is impressive; the capacity of each one is equated to 20 others. But 100 chase 10 000; i.e. the capacity of each one is 100. The point is both scenarios are equally impressive, but the capacity of each one grows as the group enlarges. The more people come into peaceful relationships characterized by love and one-ness, the capacity or ability of each is dramatically or exponentially enhanced.

Verse 10 implies that the rate at which new harvest are attained will be so fast that the biggest problem faced will be utilizing the old or previous harvest to make way for the new one at hand.



## THE SPIRIT OF GOD BREAKS BARRENESS IN THE CONTEXT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

### **Isaiah 32:15-20**

- 15 Until **the Spirit is** poured out upon us from on high, And the **wilderness becomes a fertile field**, And the fertile field is considered as a forest.
- 16 Then **justice will dwell in the wilderness** And **righteousness will abide in the fertile field**.
- 17 And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.
- 18 Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places;
- 19 And it will hail when the forest comes down, And the city will be utterly laid low.
- 20 How **blessed will you be**, you who **SOW BESIDES ALL WATERS**, Who let out freely the ox and the donkey.

This passage presents a land becoming fertile as the Holy Spirit comes upon it, bringing justice and righteousness which produces peace. Verse 20 alludes to the sowing of seed 'besides all waters'. This could be interpreted in several ways – here are two:

- seed is sown in accordance with the Word (water representing the Word).
- seed is sown in an environment which is saturated with the Word (water) of God.

The phrase, 'who let out freely the ox and the donkey', may allude to such profuse fertility and abundant growth in the land that the ox and donkey roam freely feasting, something they could not do earlier.

Verse 15 refers to an increase in qualitative provision as well: "**the wilderness becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field is considered as a forest.**"

**WILDERNESS**      **FERTILE LAND**      **FOREST**

### Again it must be stressed:

- a. Peaceful relationships facilitate this.
- b. This is a work of the Holy Spirit. Without Him and His work, barrenness will persist. Remember peace is a fruit of the Spirit.

## RIGHTEOUSNESS PRODUCES PEACE, WHICH BECOMES THE SEED FOR A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Whilst peace is the result of righteousness, when righteousness prevails and is practiced, the peace produced becomes the seed or catalyst to greater expressions of righteousness and all of the blessings associated with it.

- James 3:18**   And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace
- James 3:18**   And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace **(ESV)**
- James 3:18**   And those who are peacemakers will **plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. (NLT)**

## Concluding Remarks:

May you hunger and thirst for righteousness continually:

**Matt. 5:6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied

If you would receive it, these truths from God’s powerful word have the capacity to break the barrenness and lack in your life at every single level.

**Psalm 29:8a** The voice of the LORD **shakes the wilderness;**

**Shakes = chuwl** = travail, birth pangs or to give birth.

The voice of God brings birth pangs upon the wilderness to give birth to fruitfulness.

**Isaiah 43:19** Behold, I will do a new thing, **Now it shall spring forth**; Shall you not know it? I will even make a **road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.**

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\* [See next page for Appendix 1: Benefits of Righteousness]

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## APPENDIX 1: GENERAL BENEFITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### Extracted from ABC Notes Level 1 - Lesson 6

#### THE BENEFITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

##### 1. DELIVERANCE

**Ps 34:19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the **LORD delivers him out of them all.**

#### **Ps 37:39-40**

39 But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 **And the LORD shall help them and deliver them;** he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.(NKJ)

**Prov 11:8** **The righteous is delivered from trouble,** and it comes to the wicked instead.(NKJ)

EVEN HIS POSTERITY WILL BE DELIVERED.

**Prov 11:21** Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished; **but the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.**(NKJ)

e.g. ABIJAM

#### **1 King 15:3-5**

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was his father David.

4 **Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem;**

5 because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.(NKJ)

##### 2. IMMOVABILITY (STABILITY / SECURITY)

**Ps 37:17** For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the **LORD upholds the righteous.**(NKJ)

**Prov 24:16** For a righteous man **may fall seven times and rise again,** but the wicked shall fall by calamity.(NKJ)

**Ps 55:22** Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; **he shall never permit the righteous to be moved.**(NKJ)

**Prov 10:30** **The righteous will never be removed,** but the wicked will not inhabit the earth.(NKJ)

**Prov 12:3** A man is not established by wickedness, but **the root of the righteous cannot be moved.**

**Prov 12:7** The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but **the house of the righteous will stand.**(NKJ)

##### 3. KINGDOM OF GOD

#### **Matt 25:33-34**

33 "And He will set the **sheep on His right hand,** but the goats on the left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:(NKJ)

**1 Jn 2:29** If you know that He is righteous, you know that **everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.** (NKJ)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS FOR THOSE WHO PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS.

**Eph 5:5** For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**(NKJ)

**Gal 5:21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**(NKJ)

#### **Rev 22:14-15**

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

15 **But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.** (NKJ)

##### 4. ANSWERED PRAYER

**James 5:16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (NIV)

**James 5:16** Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.(TLB)

**Ps 34:15** The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.(NKJ)

**Ps 34:17** The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.(NKJ)

**Prov 10:24** The fear of the wicked will come upon him, and the desire of the righteous will be granted.(NKJ)

**Prov 15:29** The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous(NKJ)

## 5. ILLUMINATION

**Prov 3:32** For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, but His secret counsel is with the upright. (NKJ)

## 6. OVERSIGHT

**Ps 34:15** The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.(NKJ)

## 7. SUCCESS/SATISFACTION

### Isa 33:15-16

15 He who **walks righteously and speaks uprightly**, he who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil:

16 He will dwell on high; his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; **bread will be given him, his water will be sure.**(NKJ)

**Ps 92:12** The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**Prov 15:6** The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings them trouble.(NIV)

**Prov 11:28** He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.(NKJ)

### Ps 37:17-19

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.

18 The LORD knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and **in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.** (NKJ)

**Ps 37:25** I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.(NKJ)

**Prov 10:3** The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, but He casts away the desire of the wicked.(NKJ)

## 8. UPGRADE

**Ps 75:10** "I will cut off the strength of evil men," says the Lord, "and increase the power of good men in their place."(TLB)

**Ps 75:10** 'All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, but the **horns of the righteous shall be exalted.**"(NKJ)

**2 Sam 3:1** Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. **But David grew stronger and stronger**, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.(NKJ)

**Job 17:9** the **righteous shall move onward and forward**; those with pure hearts shall **become stronger and stronger.**(TLB)

**Job 17:9** Yet the righteous will hold to his way, and he who has clean hands will be **stronger and stronger.**(NKJ)

## 9. NEPOTISM

**Ps 5:12** For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; **with favor You will surround him** as with a shield.(NKJ)

## 10. EXULTATION (JOY)

### **Ps 97:11-12**

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and **gladness for the upright in heart**.

12 **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous**, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.(NKJ)

**Prov 29:6** In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous **doth sing and rejoice**. (KJV)

**Prov 10:28** **The hope of the righteous will be gladness**, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.(NKJ)

**Ps 64:10** **The righteous shall be glad in the LORD**, and trust in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.(NKJ)

**Ps 118:15** **The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous**; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.(NKJ)