POVERTY IS THE SEED FOR OPPRESSION.

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Poverty is lack. Not having what you need when you need it is poverty. When you are living in lack you will be **OVERWHELMED** with oppression.

Oppression is the demonstration of power in a cruel, burdensome and unjust manner. When people are poor they are subjected to deal with the decisions of other people. Poverty makes people a target for oppression because they have **NO OTHER OPTION**.

THE PURPOSE FOR WEALTH

Have you ever heard of the term the "haves and have nots?" If you have heard of this phrase then it will be easy for you to understand how the rich rule over the poor. The people who are without have to beg for what they need,

work for not enough and submit their will to other people's agenda.

The people who do not control their circumstances, time and schedule will always be dependent. **POVERTY KEEPS YOU DEPENDENT ON PEOPLE**. God never wanted anyone to be impoverished. The Lord has stated many times in scripture that He wants His people to be wealthy.

HERE ARE SOME REFERENCES

3 John 1:2 says, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Psalm 35:27 says, "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant."

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

Psalm 112:1-3 says, "Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever."

Isaiah 1:17 says, "Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

ENDING OPPRESSION

Oppression ends when abundance and power begins. Rich people are not oppressed. Powerful people are not oppressed. Their influential position causes them to MAKE changes rather than endure change.

This is why God wants you to be prosperous. He knows that the system of oppression has no power over prosperous people. Prosperous people are the change makers. They are the movers and shakers. They are above the status quo. They are the head that leads the pack.

Religious people will tell you that if you are oppressed, pray to God for deliverance. Can you pray? Yes. Will God hear His people? Yes. Will He deliver them? Yes. Are they free from oppression? **NO**.

The Israelites were oppressed in Egypt and the Lord delivered them from the captivity of Pharaoh. However, the Lord did not send them to Canaan (the promise land). He sent them to the wilderness because they were not in the position of power (rulership).

Crying out to God can free you from oppressive people but it cannot free you from the **SPIRIT** of oppression.

PROSPERITY FREES YOU FROM THE SPIRIT OF OPPRESSION.

When people cannot force you to take their views you are free from oppression. When people cannot force you to obey their decisions you are free from oppression. When people have no power to mistreat you, you are free from oppression. When you do not need what other people have you are free from oppression.

PROSPERITY IS THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR OF OPPRESSION!

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