### WEALTH IS A BARRIER

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#### Proverbs 18:11

Wealth is a barrier of **PROTECTION**. People who are wealthy are not easily accessible. Most likely, the first thought that came into your mind is money. Does this statement include money? Yes. However, it includes so much more.

Everyone wants to feel protected. Protection is necessary for the enjoyment of your life. It is a hurtful feeling to work for something and then lose it because you did not know **HOW** to protect it.

This is why God has given us the power to be wealthy.

Among other reasons, He wants us to be able to protect ourselves, coupled with His divine protection.

Deuteronomy 8:18 says, "But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day."

## BEING WEALTHY CAN PREVENT EVILNESS FROM OVERTAKING YOU.

#### LET'S DISCUSS

As mentioned previously, this goes further than the idea of money. We know money can buy security cameras, weapons, lawyers, access to resources, etc. However, if you are wealthy in money, yet poor in other areas you will still lose.

Not being wealthy in knowledge will cause you to lose in life. People who are poor in relationships, meaning they do not know how to make relationships work will attract a spouse, yet experience a broken heart later.

People who are poor in prayer will easily be led by the spirit of evilness and wickedness which will cause them to lose their soul. People who are poor in wisdom will ruin every good thing that comes into their hand. People who are poor in creativity will live a boring and unfulfilled life.

This is why the Lord expressed His wishes to us in 3rd John 1:2. The scripture says, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." It is important to be wealthy in all areas so you won't fall prey to the schemes and devices of this world.

Proverbs 27:7 says, "The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet."

WHATEVER area you are NOT wealthy in will distort your perception. What is bitter will look sweet. What is negative will look positive. What is wrong will look right.

#### POVERTY DISTORTS YOUR VISION!

Wealth protects you from making bad decisions. Wealth protects you from making a bad situation worse. When you are wealthy you are not desperate. You are not anxious. You have the temperance to **WAIT AND BE PATIENT**.

# POVERTY PRODUCES IMPATIENCE AND IMPATIENCE CAUSES MISTAKES AND MISTAKES CREATES REGRETS!

God gave you the power to get wealth so you can protect your life! Proverbs 18:11 says, "The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And as an high wall in his own conceit." Wealth is a gift from God to protect you from being misled and deceived by the spirit of anxiousness, impatience and desperation.

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