

# **“The Road to Blessing”**

**‘This is Elementary’**

**Scripture: Matthew 6:33, Malachi 3**

**Introduction: God wants us to prosper. Ps 1:1-6**

**Blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
or stand in the way of sinners  
or sit in the seat of mockers.  
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither.  
Whatever he does prospers.**

**A definition: Prosper**

- 1. OT = Tsalach: Advance, make progress succeed,  
Hebrew word = The infinite God, enwedging into the  
receiving vessel the aspirations of the heart so that the  
fullness of life may be experienced.**
- 2. NT = Prostithemi (passive): A good journey, way, or route.  
To grant a prosperous journey, to lead by a direct and easy  
way, to succeed (especially in business). It comes from  
the word ‘eu’ meaning to be well off, to fare well, and  
hodos meaning the road.**

**3 John 2**

**Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in  
good health, just as your soul prospers. NASU**

**Truth: In order to experience true prosperity, my mental frame must embrace  
God’s elementary principles of prosperity.**

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to God.**

**A. This mental framework is imperative for true prosperity.**

**Psalms 24:1**

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

- b. Hag 2:8
- c. 1 Chron 29:14
- d. Deut 8:18

B. We are stewards of what God owns.

II. God chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

A. Malachi 1:1-3      2 "I have loved you," says the LORD.

B. God has no interest in holding out on you.

Listen: Deut 6:1-12

C. God chooses to bless ... desires to bless and prosper.

III. You choose if you will \_\_\_\_\_.

A. How do I do that?

1. Giving the tithe and offering or retaining it for oneself.

2. The issue is the heart first, then obedience to do.

C. Now look at what God says:

Mal 3:6-12

"In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse-the whole nation of you-because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

1. The curse is real ... 3 times in Malachi it is used.

a. Mal 1:14 = Cheating by not keeping your word

b. Mal 2:2 = Not listening and obeying which = honor

c. Mal 3:9 = Robbing God of the tithe.

d. Curse = being banned from enjoying ones productivity.

2. The blessing is real. It is realized by:

a. Obedience ... bringing the whole tithe ... 10% of gross.

b. God says "please" ...

c. Test me ... Test means to scrutinize or examine, give Him the test in this tithe. The proof will be the opening the windows of heaven.

Conclusion: This is a frame of mind that is elementary. I want you to prosper.