

Are you Liberal or Conservative?

This country needs to understand the way God blesses and prospers people. The only people He can help are those that know they need God and are willing to pay the price. Isaiah 61:1 says He preaches to those who are meek and lowly like Jesus was. To be meek is to be teachable, recognizing our great need for Him. He came to set us free.

We often have mindsets of being able to prosper or not prosper due to our circumstances, the family we were born into, or the job that we have, but we see Joseph who prospered as a slave. He was wrongfully sold into slavery by his jealous brothers; he chose not to become bitter but be obedient to God in spite of his circumstances. Genesis 39:2-3 says, *And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.* Joseph was sold into Egypt as a slave and he prospered. He didn't have physical wealth but he prospered in knowing how to deal with his situation and deal with people so that they saw everything he did prospered for them. God gave Joseph understanding, so he prospered in laboring for someone else and they began to notice he was a prosperous man. He was later wrongfully thrown into prison for something he did not do, but he again chose not to be bitter but obedient, and again, everything he did prospered. He stayed obedient to God and He delivered him. Joseph became second only to the king and walked like none other, all because of his obedience. If you want to advance, in the workplace or anywhere, just show that what you do causes prosperity to the one you're laboring for and I guarantee you won't be at the bottom very long. You'll soon begin to advance. I always had the attitude that I needed to work hard so that the people who hired me could make a profit off of my labor so I could keep working there.

God wants to prosper us, both physically & spiritually. 3 John verse 2 says, *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.* So how do we begin to prosper? In Matthew 25:34 Jesus says, *Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.* Then the righteous ask when they did all of these things, and Jesus says, *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.* We see the way to prosper in God is to help the brethren become established in the ways of God. It's a lifestyle. Life is a learning process.

Conservatives look for someone to increase, to help them learn how to prosper. They help others with their own money and you often don't hear about it because they don't make a big splash. A liberal gives freely to others, but the catch is, they use someone else's money to give a handout without supervision. And then they wonder why they don't prosper. God's inheritance is people, so we help others as unto the Lord, not for our gain but for them to come out of their bondage, to be set free in Jesus. The more we push Jesus out of this nation, the poorer and hungrier people will become.

Conservatives look for someone to help who wants to come out of where they are at, who wants things to be different. We need to be like Abraham and get out of our environment, because our environment will hold us down. You become like your environment. Bitterness keeps us where we are at. When you are bitter you cannot see correctly. Everything is always everybody's fault but yours. A bitter person can only see others' wrongs and never their own. I once had a great injustice done to me, and I blamed everybody else. I knew that in me was bitterness. I heard the Lord say, *Why don't you take the blame?* So I said, I made the choice to come to this place where these things happened to me. And when I took responsibility for my choices, my bitterness left me, and I began to leave my old environment and began to prosper.

If I would burn a business, I would go to jail, for a lot of years. But we see in Ferguson, Missouri people rioting and burning things and bringing great destruction. The reason they are getting away with it is because they are using witchcraft from hell to stop the public, law abiding citizens, from doing what should be done to the lawless, all in the name of racism. I get called names, but I don't pay attention to what others say about me, it's what God says that matters.

To stay out of prison, or not have the police after me, I don't burn down businesses and everything seems to go real good. What's going on in Ferguson is not about race, it's about selfish people getting what they want without having to labor for it. One of the greatest sins is wanting someone else's things. It's called coveting, and is in the Ten Commandments. Coveting is one of the last things to enter a society before it falls. 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 says, *...this we command you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*

Welfare is really like a dog kennel. Once a day, the tender comes and throws in a hunk of meat. If that's all they know, the dogs think that person is just the greatest. But after they eat, they are still in the kennel. They have no ability to provide for themselves and live a miserable life.

Be faithful to God. His words will always prosper you if you are obedient to them like Joseph was. If Joseph prospered as a slave, we have no excuses. God is not a respecter of persons. He will bless whosoever will come, no matter what you've done, if you are willing to repent and change.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

-Pastor Larry Troyer

My husband and I are a testimony to these things. The man who wrote this article took my husband under his wings when he had nothing, and he submitted to him and did what he said. Today he is prospering both physically and spiritually. He is solid and not looking for a handout. At the age of 28, our home is paid for, we have money in the bank, and now are helping others to do the same thing.

-Sarah Irvin