

# AS YOUR SOUL PROSPERS

## III John 2

- I. STORY OF YOUNG MAN'S PURSUIT OF SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY.
- A. Young man working 16 hours a day seeking for success.
  - B. Had boss for model.
  - C. Definition of success.
    - 1. Happiness.
    - 2. Health.
    - 3. Reasonably prosperous.
    - 4. Security.
    - 5. Friends.
    - 6. Peace of mind.
    - 7. Good family relationships.
    - 8. Hope that things will either continue as they are or get better.
  - D. How did boss measure up?
    - 1. Happy? - "I don't think he's happy at all. Seldom hear him laugh; he almost never smiles, and he has ulcers"
    - 2. Healthy? - Failing grade.
    - 3. Prosperous? - "Very prosperous; making more money everyday.
    - 4. Secure? Equated security with money.
      - a. A well-known Texas politician who was worth an estimated \$100 million but later filed for bankruptcy.
      - b. Industrialist once worth over half billion dollars and now bankrupt.
    - 5. How many friends?  
Don't think he has any friends.  
To be honest, he's somewhat of a jerk.
      - 1. Peace of mind? Probably not.
      - 2. Family? His wife is in the process of divorcing him.
      - 3. Hope? False hope.
  - E. Of 8 measurements of success, the boss received a plus on one, a question mark on two, and a failing grade on five!
  - F. Would you swap places with him?
- II. WORLDS DEFINITION OF PROSPERITY.
- A. Earthly success, fame, fortune, possessions.
  - B. Educational attainment.
  - C. Financial and political power.
  - D. Social power.
  - E. Can have all world's money and still lack.
    - 1. Can have money, lose your soul, and go to hell - If gain the world and lose your soul, what have you profited?
    - 2. Have plenty and never have peace of mind.
    - 3. Be sick, not able to buy health with all your money.

### III. WHAT IS SUCCESS OR PROSPERITY?

- A. As long as you're happy, meeting your needs, and not having to depend on someone else.
- B. Having more than enough.
  - 1. Meet your needs, store up for children, have enough to help others
  - 2. Eat the fat, drink the sweet, send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared.
  - 3. Should lend and not borrow.
  - 4. Owe no man anything.

### IV. TRUE PROSPERITY IS GOD MANIFESTING HIMSELF TO US THROUGH HIS WORD.

- A. True prosperity is the ability to use God's power to meet the needs of mankind.
- B. True success is:
  - 1. Peace with God.
  - 2. Peace with one another
  - 3. A productive life.
  - 4. Freedom from financial bondage.
  - 5. Good health.
  - 6. Long life.

### AS YOUR SOUL PROSPERS.

- A. God's will to prosper.
  - 1. In Spirit - To be born again.
  - 2. In Soul - Have a renewed mind.
  - 3. In Body - Walking in divine health.

What does it mean to prosper in soul?

Living in right relationship with God.

Your life is in divine order.

You have your priorities right.

You are living in contentment.

A sense of satisfaction of knowing that you are doing God's will.

Your soul is under the leadership and authority of the spirit, which has been born again--partakers of His divine nature.