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METHOD OF STUDY

PREPARING TO START

(1) Your study time needs to be accompanied with prayers. Whenever the revelation of truth dawns on you or the power of truth takes hold of your spirit, that is a good time to pray it out.

Don't miss this chance. Such a moment is the time to pray and meditate, observing moments of silence or quietness, making proclamations and confessions, prophesying etc; as the move of the Spirit dictates. That is the time to check up related scriptures that flash through your mind. Singing, praying more, and doing as the occasion serves you.

Be sure to write down any spiritual development in your FCBS Notebook. What occurs to you, what God may be saying to you, what you may see or feel concerning issues of your life, etc. Expect things to be revealed to you while you study. This is to be a prayer-driven study.

(2) Review the document: "Certificate in Ministry – Course Units & Time Frame". Then - CHOOSE BETWEEN A DAILY STUDY PLAN: (MON –FRIDAYS) 2 HRS OR MORE DAILY, OR A WEEKLY STUDY PLAN: ANY 10 HOURS OF THE WEEK OR WEEKEND. SPECIFY IN YOUR NOTEBOOK ON PAGE 1 WHICH DAYS OF THE WEEK YOU HAVE CHOSEN AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO YOURSELF.

GAINING A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Set aside your first 6 hours and be able to read through the entire syllabus. Starting from this Method Of Study to the Examination page (optional) at the end of this syllabus. For example, you can set aside these hours in 2 periods of 3 hours each, to achieve the combined total of your first 6 hours. Go back to the beginning of METHOD OF STUDY and re-read the whole of this syllabus.

In doing so, please pay special attention to specific lessons, paragraphs, phrases or verses that you may feel a need to re-read. The Holy Spirit will be prompting you on certain points that will be triggers to your present and future miracles. Keep re-reading until you accomplish the combined total of 6 hours required for the OVERVIEW.

COMMENCING YOUR STUDY, LESSON BY LESSON

- (1) Start your study time reading-through the entire lesson for the day/week, e.g. lesson 1.
- (2) Next, go over the same lesson. This time, slowly and meditatively. As things occur to you, you may feel like praying it out, speaking it out, or repeating scriptures aloud to yourself...and writing down any revelation in your FCBS Notebook, along with the date.

Remember to apply this important requirement to all subsequent lessons in this study. You will no longer be reminded of this requirement beyond this point.

QUESTIONS TO MIND AS YOU STUDY

- (a) How do these scriptures apply to my life and destiny?
- (b) What is the vital principle of scripture, correction, reproof, or direction that I

need to apply from these scriptures to my life, to fulfill my obedience?

(c) Is there any personal message that the Lord is passing across to me?

(d) What prayer do I need to pray from these scriptures to shape my life and Calling?

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The vision of EOF 302-A is to guide the Student into the discovery and understanding of the good success or the God-kind of success, and how to cultivate the seed of the Word of God towards the divine empowerment by which each one can make their way prosperous.

This course draws upon biblical scholarship beginning with the scriptural entry-points of Joshua 1: and Isaiah 48:17, all around the Old Testament and into the New Testament. It envisions the instant and continual activation of the covenant of success and prosperity and the fulfilment of the same in the life of the Student.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Our objective in EOF 302-A is to examine and understand God's plan for our material life and wellbeing as contained in his covenant of success and divine prosperity. We are particular about individual blessings from God. Ezekiel 5: 9 -20, Genesis 12: 2 – 3.

That the Student will learn and be able to clearly distinguish between that which is demonic, natural, and divine, in terms of success and prosperity. Discerning and understanding the inherent choices and inevitable outcomes involved, so each one can discern correctly and choose between the good and the evil.

That the student will be empowered and uplifted in the three P's of Prosperity, namely, Provision, Protection, and Peace, hand in hand with their personal fulfilment in the context of the good success.

COURSE OUTLINE & LESSON NOTES

LESSON 1

Introduction To The Good Success And Divine Prosperity

Firstly, we establish a biblical premise on which to build our understanding of SUCCESS and the context in which we deliver this course.

(1) The source of all GOOD SUCCESS is God:

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom
is no variableness, neither shadow of turning”
James 1:17.*

“A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven” John 3:27.

(2) The GOOD SUCCESS implies there are other kinds of success.

(1) un-Godly or demonic success (2) Natural success (some people may be born, as the natural saying goes, “with a silver spoon in their mouth”), etc.

SUCCESS can either be (1) Godly/divine, (2) Demonic, or (3) Natural/Worldly. What makes SUCCESS to be either Godly/divine, demonic, or natural/worldly? The answer lies in our next question: WHO sets the purpose and the bench mark for measuring success, and then empowers you in the journey into success? God, the devil or the world/yourself?

(3) Only the GOOD SUCCESS is Godly.

The good success is based on Godly principles/good doctrine:

If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. 1 Timothy 4:8

We seek to follow the good doctrine of the Word of God in the journey of success, in order that we may attain all the good success that the Lord has for us. For there are many doctrines out there, teaching success and prosperity that are not good doctrine or downright out of balance with sound doctrine.

Some may be 50% good doctrine and 50% worldly. Others may be 70% good and 30% worldly. Worst still, others may be an attempt to mix the good and the demonic. The Word of God must remain 100% as the lamp to our feet and the light to our path in the journey of good success.

Here’s how God delivered it to Joshua. Every sound doctrine for good success and prosperity must encompass these characteristics:

Benchmarks And Divine Purpose:

Joshua’s good success was to be determined by the fulfilment of certain benchmarks set by God, which clearly defined the divine PURPOSE. Success must be constantly linked to God’s purpose and be seen as a means to fulfilling purpose. We find clear cut purpose set before Joshua and Abraham.

For Joshua: Joshua 1:2.

“...now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all the people, unto the land which I do give them, even to the Children of Israel”

For Abraham: Genesis 12:1-3.

“Get thee out...unto a land that I will shew thee ... and I will bless thee, ...and thou shall be a blessing... and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed”.

Discipline & Boundary:

Every journey into the good success must have clear, pre-set, boundaries for which your due diligence and discipline is required by God. This is so that you don’t veer off to the right or to the left, amidst the natural and spiritual pressures that surround every journey into success.

The God-kind of success (the good success) must have boundaries: (1) what you can do to make your way prosperous (2) what you must never do, in order to avoid compromising the integrity of the success. Note that the verses underlined below (just for the purpose of this study) are to highlight the benchmarks/boundaries contained therein.

For Joshua: Joshua 1: 4.

*From the wilderness and this Lebanon
even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the
land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the
going down of the sun, shall be your coast.*

For Abraham: Genesis 14:22-23.

The discipline and boundary for the Blessing required him not to take anything that does not belong to him. He must avoid covetousness or taking what belongs to others, if God was to bless him as his only SOURCE:

*"I have lifted up my hand unto the Lord the most high God
,...that I will not take from a thread to a shoe latchet, and
that I will not take anything that is thine..."*

You must see God as your Source and really mean so, in your thoughts, words and deeds, for the Covenant to work for you.

You must not look upon man or even your work as your Source. Your work is a MEANS. Men may be the MEANS. Birds of the air may be the MEANS (as it was with Elijah). God remains our true SOURCE as Believers.

The Method & Procedures:

We are to discern and define clearly the method and procedures for the journey of success from His Word. Weigh every decision or choices you make in the journey to success on the ground of His Word, always guided in your heart by the Spirit of truth.

God's Word is meant for doctrine, exhortation, reproof, and instruction in righteousness, so that you may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:16-17. That means, a God-method for success excludes every bad, un-Godly way or work. It entails –

(1) Keeping ourselves in contentment while expecting more: Contentment with what we have sets us free from Greed and Covetousness, the two opposites and enemies of Giving and Contentment.

Jeremiah 8:10-13: Due to covetousness (verse 10),

"...the things I have given them shall pass away from them" (verse 13).

For, "Godliness with contentment is great gain". 1 Timothy 6:6.

We are further counselled not to run -

*"greedily after the error of Balaam for reward and
perish in the gainsaying of Core", Jude 1:11.*

Leaders in particular warned not to be –

"greedy of filthy lucre"

1 Timothy 3:3; 8.

(2) Keeping our affection and love On God and His kingdom (not on material things):

To constantly set our affection and love on the Lord and on that which comes from above, by practicing Giving to God and to others as a lifestyle which separates us from serving mammon.

1 Chronicles 29:3:

“Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of Gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house”.

Therefore, to the Believer is the word of the Lord to,
*“set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
 For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God”.*

Colossians 3:2.

(3) Keeping our faith through love:

We are to exercise our faith for success and prosperity only through love. Never attempt to proceed in the journey of good success and divine prosperity without setting your bearings of faith and love right.

To do otherwise, is to proceed with an attitude that will make you to trust in the flesh or on other people. That opens your life up to the temptation of becoming covetous of what others have, and invariably, becoming full of the love of money.

That which comes to us through morally bankrupt and unethical means is not of God. The Bible calls all such the unrighteous gain which God will judge.

In our journey into the good success, we must endeavour to constantly practice the true faith, walking in that –

“...faith which worketh by love”. Galatians 5:6.

For, *“though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (love), I am nothing”.* 1 Corinthians 13:2.

(4) Keeping our faith in integrity without compromise:

*“The integrity of the upright shall guide them
 but the perverseness of the transgressors shall destroy them”.*
 Proverbs 11:3

*“And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up mine hand
 unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,
 [that is pure trust and faith in God alone, who himself owns everything!]*

*that I will not take from a thread even to a shoe latchet,
 and that I will not take any thing that is thine,
 [no to covetousness and no to the love of money]*

*lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich”
 [God alone deserves to be given all the glory!]
 Genesis 14:22-23.*

THREE KINDS OF PROSPERITY

There are three kinds of prosperity:

- (i) **Natural Prosperity:** This kind of prosperity is obtained naturally through such virtues as natural wisdom, talents and abilities, hard work, etc. It is available and achievable by all humans, Believers and non-Believers alike. This comes about as a product of any form of diligent toiling or work, as seed time and harvest on earth, because “to every labour there is a reward”. Ecclesiastics 5: 9, Acts 14: 17, Genesis 8:22. This works by natural laws.
- (ii) **Divine Prosperity:** This kind of prosperity is available only to those Believers who follow the biblical principles of the covenant of prosperity. We say, a ‘covenant’ in that it contains instructions that require a ‘harkening diligently to observe to do according to all that is contained therein, then shall you make your way prosperous and have good success’. It is a product of obedience. Ecclesiastics 5:18–20; 1 Corinthians 2:6–12.
- (iii) **Demonic Prosperity:** This is prosperity gotten through wicked or devilish ways. Ecc 5:13–17.

KEYS TO DIVINE PROSPERITY/PERSONAL FINANCE

1 (a) **THE WORD OF GOD** (The word of His Grace).

The word of God is the access key to divine prosperity. Giving is a key but not the key. Job 22:21. Divine prosperity answers to the word of God.

Joshua 1: 8, Psalm 1:1–3, 112: 1; Acts 20: 32; 2 Corinthians 9:8–9.

2 (b) **THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.** The work of our hands is a channel for the flow of natural finances. Psalm 90:16–17. Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10–12.

To define the works of our hands, we need to look at our skills, talents, interests, careers/employment/business, or full time ministry for those involved therein.

The work of the ministry is work indeed, the Father’s business in our hands. Luke 2: 48, 49.

The Three Kinds Of Labour

(a) Physical Labour

(b) Mental Labour

(c) Spiritual Labour

A Believer has access to all the three kinds of labour:

Proverbs 12:11; Proverbs 28:19.

3. **GIVING** AND RECEIVING Genesis 8:22; Acts 20:35; Galatians 6;7; Philippians 4:15.

There are different kinds of Giving.

(i) GIVING FOR THE CAUSE OF THE GOSPEL

2 Corinthians 8:1–7; Mark 10:28-29.

(ii) GIVING TO THE POOR

Proverbs 19:17 Giving to the poor is lending to God.

Proverbs 28:27.

(iii) GIVING TO STRANGERS

Hebrews 13:1 & 2 Entertain strangers

Matthew 25:34.

(iv) Missionary Giving

Matthew 19:29; 3 John 2.

(v) GIVING TO THE MAN OF GOD (PROPHETS OFFERING OR LOVE OFFERING)

Galatians 6:6–8: share all good things with your instructor.

Phil 4:10–19: That your heavenly account may be credited.

Prophets Giving answers to you at a level higher than you.

1 Corinthians 9:7–14: If you have sown spiritually, those who receive your ministry have a spiritual duty to minister back materially.

Romans 15: 27: If you have been sown to spiritually or been spiritually blessed, you owe it to the person who has been a blessing to sow to them materially.

TITHING: THE FOUNDATION OF GIVING

Genesis 14:17–20, Hebrews 7:1-8.

Tithe is 10% of your income or earnings and this belongs to the Lord. Tithing is not an issue of the law of Moses only. Tithing begun before the law was given to Moses. God instituted it before the law of Moses came. Tithing is part of the covenant in Christ Jesus. Galatians 13:14–18; Matthew 23;23.

PRINCIPLES OF TITHING

*“Honour the Lord with THY substance, and
with the first fruits of all thine increase;...”*

Proverbs 3:9.

(a) Only money that is owned by you is to be tithed: THY substance.

A loan amount e.g. for a business or investment is not your money and is not to be tithed. Though the profit/gain or equity which is THINE is to be tithed.

(b) Money tied to a specific purpose from the Giver may not be tithed. For example, money provided by an employer to the employee and defined or specified to be used by the employee for accommodation/board, or a membership due payable is not directly owned by you and may not be tithed. Its provider has tied the funds to a specific purpose, even though you do enjoy the benefit. If however you are given as an allowance over which you have discretion or freedom to keep as your own benefit, such may be may tithed, being your own funds.

- (c) Tithing is the first part to be done before any expenses. Your “first...” where God is first in your life and you want to “seek first the kingdom of God”.
- (d) Knowing the principles is one thing but being honest in your own heart to discerning what is ‘tith-able’ is vital to operating the principles of tithing successfully.

FOUR CRITICAL POINTS IN THE PRACTICE OF GIVING

- (a) Giving willingly from the heart 2 Corinthians 8 :12.
- (b) Not Giving grudgingly (2 Corinthians 9: 7) or of necessity.
You must not give out of compulsion. 1 Corinthians 16: 2; 2 Corinthians 9:7.
- (c) Giving cheerfully because God loves a cheerful Giver 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Three Levels of Spiritual Relationships Requiring Giving

1. Giving Relationship With Colleagues:
Matthew 10:40; Luke 10:5; Matthew 10:41b.
This is Giving to co-Believers, co-students, co-members, etc. It is a Giving to a colleague in the name of the Lord.
2. Giving Relationship With Those Spiritually Higher In Service:
Such Giving is sowing into a higher or prophetic level in love: called love offering or prophets/prophetic offering.
Matthew 10:41a: Makes you to become connected spiritually to the prophet.
Psalm 20:3: Offering makes God remember you.
3. Giving Relationship With Those Spiritually Younger In Service:
Those spiritually younger than you. Matthew 10:42.

THE PURPOSE OF PROSPERITY

- (a) Deuteronomy 8:18–To establish his covenant on the earth for the purpose of the Gospel.
- (b) So that we will be able to do good works. Luke 10: 3 –36.
- (c) So that we would be able to have spiritual influence that brings people to God.
Matthew 27: 57, Luke 23:50; Mark 15:42; John 19: 38; Ecc 7:12; 10:13–16; Proverbs 14:20.

THE EXERCISE OF GIVING IN DEVINE FINANCE

- (a) Be a ‘friend’ of God’s supernatural Kingdom so that when the natural life fails you, the supernatural will receive you into its economy. Luke 16:1–12.
- (b) In doing so, you must know that you owe God faithfulness. Faithfulness prepares you for your own destiny while Giving establishes your trust in God.
- (c) If you never exercise the power to ‘lay down’, you will never be able to exercise the power to “take up”.

ASSIGNMENT: BACK UP THE FOLLOWING TRUTH WITH THE RELEVANT SCRIPTURES (35 marks).**CONDITIONS FOR HARVEST**

- (i) Good ground.
- (ii) Giving with purpose.
- (iii) Giving because you love God.
- (iv) Giving in obedience to God.
- (v) Giving as part of worship to God.
- (vi) Giving as an expression of thanks and praise.
- (vii) Giving with expectation.

REAPING THE FRUIT OF YOUR SOWING

- (a) Watch the words of your mouth Proverbs 13 :2–3; Matthew 12:37 Job 22: 28–29.
- (b) Hard work. Proverbs 13:4,11.
- (c) Live a life full of praise to God. Psalm 67:3–7.
- (d) Creative thinking – “the witty inventions of the Book of Proverbs”. Proverbs 8:12.
- (e) Love righteousness. Proverbs 13:25.
- (f) Patience and continuity. Hebrews 6: 10-12.
- (g) Refusing to consider the negative state of your finances, trusting God.
Romans 4:18–22.

**COURSE GRADING
(Exams & Records Unit)**

- A. Examination: ----- Total Marks: 55%
- B. Assignments/Practicum ----- Total Marks: 35%
- C. Any Other Task/bonus marks:----- Total Marks: 10%
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COURSE EXAMINATION

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TIME ALLOWED: 60 MINS

DO ALL: The following are quotes that you are at this stage familiar with or may look familiar. Fill in the blank spaces. One word required for each blank space. From your study of this course:

- (1) The Three Kinds of Labour are: _____, _____, _____
- (2) List 3 kinds of Giving, with the relevant scriptures.
- (3) _____ is the key to divine prosperity.
- (4) Tithe income: List 2 kinds of income that are to be tithed and any 2 others that may not be tithed, stating why.