

## 3. How to Prosper in Hard Times



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Back in about 1996 we had a guest come to church and he was preaching on finance.

It was a subject that had always interested me.

As a child, I was raised in terrible poverty, but I would dream of being rich, as children do, but this dream always remained with me.



So when this preacher came to preach at our church, he had books on offer and asked if anyone wanted one.

I right away put my hand up and the next thing that happened, was this book came flying through the air at me. This was one of the most profound books I'd read

I worked in banking and saw much wealth on people and others that lived on the breadline, many of which were often the Christian people. This always troubled me. If My God was a good God, what was wrong?

He was beginning to get my attention. We simply didn't know The Word on finance and our leaders were not teaching it .

I tithed, but still I didn't get ahead.

I had known The Lord 20 years at this stage, and I worked in banking. It was my job to get all the files out for those that had overdrawn their accounts without the banks authority.

In our bank the biggest group that were overdrawn were Christians. Many of the staff would criticise the Christians and their lack of financial sense and they wanted nothing to do with them or their Christian views because of what they saw.

This affected me so badly, that when this book was thrown at me I decided I was going to check out the truth. So I stayed up all night and read it. I learned that where I lived did not determine my wealth, or lack of it. God does not discriminate against anyone, whether they were raised in poverty or due to the colour of their skin, whatever colour you are.

We simply lacked the truth of His word.

In 3 John 1.2, it says " *I wish above all else that you prosper and be in health as your soul prospers* "

Note here... as your soul prospers...what does that mean?

We're going to stay focused on this because we need to know what The Word says about money, especially now.

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