

**FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIMOTHY W. JOHNS
(GOD'S STRATEGY FOR WEALTH: THE BLESSING OF A TITHER)**



Opening Scripture:

"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. '

Deuteronomy 16:16

'So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." '

II Chronicles 2:20

Prosperity comes from the word of God spoken by the prophet

For everything God commands there is a blessing attached to it.
'If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;'

Isaiah 1:19

'Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts; "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the Lord of hosts.'

Malachi 3:10-12

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1. Open the windows of heaven (pour out of blessing)
2. Rebuking the devourer for our sakes (protection of seed sown)
3. No crop failure

Introduction

'Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. '

II Corinthians 13:5 NKJ

We want to look at two questions during this bible study lesson.

- What is Faith?
- How do I walk by faith?

What is Faith? Acting on what you believe.

What do you believe? The Word of God

What does the Law of Faith say? Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth.

1) Examine yourself

- Most people are in and out of faith (They don't even know it)
- Don't wait until you have no options, to start believing God
- You can get in faith right now
- If you are living by faith, you are not living

2) Revelation is the common sense of God (A Christian without common sense is perishing)

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Allow me to explain what I mean. **Having a word without Revelation is like have a car without gasoline.**

Many Christians know the written word, but have not accessed the power of what they know

Our biggest problem is that we have been trained by the World to be in bondage to time

- There is a time for everything (sleep, work, rest and vacation)

Didn't you notice that Time could never stop or hinder Jesus

- Jesus was healing the sick before his blood was shed

Somebody shout **REVELATION BEFORE MANIFESTATION**

Our circumstances, situations, and contradictions are product of time

- Circumstances are things that hinder, surround you and temporal
- Situations are negative events that impact your life
- Contradictions are manifestations of something God didn't say

3) God gave us faith to have dominion over Time

- Before there was sin there was no separation of time and eternity
- Jesus redeems us from time & birthed us into faith

All creation was subject to man
When Adam fell time fell also

You and I were not made in time, we were made in God and placed into time (Isaiah before you mother's womb I knew you)

Time was created to serve man (The heavens belong to God, but he has given the earth to the children of man)

'The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.'

Psalms 115:16

Time was created on the fourth day and was created to serve man

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Conclusion: If God wanted us to wait for a miracle, why would he give us faith