# Biblical Principles for a Prosperous Life
# Lesson #1

INTRO:

**Theme Verse for series:**

Joshua 1:8 - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way **prosperous**, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Foundational Statement:**

You cannot violate the _____ of God and expect to maintain the _____ of God.

>Three essential steps for the rule to apply:

- One must first _____ what the principles are
- One must **determine the** _____ to adhere to them
- One must _____ _____ into their daily lifestyle.

Question: What is a BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE?

A. **Let's break down Hebrew 5:12-6:2**

a) "…teach you the first **PRINCIPLES** of the oracles of God."

i. Webster Definition #1: Anything from which the others to some series take their rise

**1)** The _____ of the alphabet as elements of speech

2) The elements from which all things have come

- 5 elements of the universe are fire, earth, water, metal, wood
- 5 sensory organs are eye, ear, tongue, mouth, nose
- 5 emotions are joy, anger, worry, grief, fear

ii. It is from the PRINCIPLES OF GOD we get all of our core values

b) The _____ of God

i. Oracles are words or utterances

c) "…Teach you **AGAIN**…

i. Implication #1 – they were taught

ii. Implication #2 – They didn't learn them, much less determine value and implement.

iii. Implication #3 – They digressed spiritually - became as needing milk AGAIN and not meat.

B. **Hebrews 6:1**

a) "Therefore leaving the Principles of the Doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto Perfection"

i. **Principles**: Definition #2

1) The FIRST person or thing in a series; the origin or start

a) The first place out of several

b) The first rule of a series of rules

2) **Therefore** – The writer (Paul) comes to the conclusion that

c) They **KNOW** the principles of Christ

d) They understand the **VALUE** of these principles

ii. **LEAVING**/ let us go on…

1) The principle is the _____ place, not the finish line.

2) GO ON = produce, bring forward in a speech, to lead, conduct

3) Time to **APPLY/Implement** them into their lives

iii. **Perfection** = The state of completeness; spiritual maturity

b) "Not laying again…"

i. I shouldn't have to TEACH YOU AGAIN = Learn the principles

1) The admonishment is to **Go on to completeness**

ii. This is the same as our introduction: The Essential Steps

1) _____ them

2) Determine their _____

3) _____ them to your lifestyle.

KNOW THEM – VALUE THEM – APPLY THEM

iii. James 1:22-25 - Shall be BLESSED!

C. The Problem addressed here in Hebrews 5 - For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one **teach you again** which *be* the **first principles** of the **oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

- They were **taught**
- They **didn't value** them
- They **failed** to **apply** them

What was the result of not grasping the value and the importance of applying them?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Let's move on to the word **PROSPEROUS**

I. How do **you** define being PROSPEROUS?

II. How does **God** define being PROSPEROUS?

- Prosper or Prosperous – **49 times in the O.T.**
- Means to push forward, to break out, to go over, be free from
- To Make gain, **to thrive**

III. Scriptures

- Genesis 24:21 – Prosperity in _____. (see also vs 40,42 & 56)
- Genesis 39:2 – Prosperity in _____(He broke out" of expectations)
- Genesis 39:3 – Prosperity in _____
- Genesis 39:23 – Prosperity **REGARDLESS OF** _____.
- Numbers 14:41 – The _____– violate the command = WILL NOT PROSPER
- Nehemiah 1:11- servant's heart, prayer first, correct attitude, "push me forward"
- Psalm 1:1-3 – Name the "does not's" and the "do's"
- Isaiah 55:11 – God's Word will PROSPER

  What didn't you see in these 7 references?

**Conclusion**: Be careful how you define *prosperity* in your world