**IN PURSUIT OF PROSPERITY**

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How many times were you wished a happy and **PROSPEROUS** New Year?

Prosperity can either be a **BLESSING**or a **CURSE**.

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.24I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”*

Matthew 19:23-24 (NLT)

*And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?*  Matthew 16:26 (NLT)

**How do I keep prosperity a blessing in my life?**

**1. PURSUEa HUMBLEheart.**

*But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”* James 4:6 (NIV)

*For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”* Luke 14:11 (NKJV)

**2. PURSUE a GRATEFUL heart.**

*Always be joyful.17Never stop praying.18Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

*Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.* Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

**3. PURSUE a GODLY heart.**

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,6who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,7but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.8Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.9For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name…*

Philippians 2: 5-9 (NASB)