

## THE PRESENCE

- Word of the Lord for **2024: A Year of the Presence of the Lord.** *It's a year for God's people to become God's shadow and only move when he moves and stay still when he's staying still. The world around you will get darker, more fearful, and more confusing in 2024. There will be events that will shatter the confidence of some and throw entire man-made systems into chaos. But those who have anchored their life in the presence of the Lord will not only survive the dark times, but they will thrive in the dark times and others will look to you for consolation and direction. Practice my presence daily and throughout each day. Long for my presence like you long for oxygen to breathe. Gather together with others who esteem my presence and separate yourself from intimate connections with those who dishonor my presence. The gulf is widening, and the glory is necessary in order for you to know how to take steps of victory. The decision is yours. Choose today and every day. Blessing, presence, wisdom, favor, healing, prosperity, protection, and all that heaven has in store for you. Or struggle, carnality, personal preference, worldly insight, public opinion, and all that Satan wants to throw your way.*
- In God's Presence, we can expect to: ***Be Led by His Presence, Be Healed in His Presence, Be Empowered by His Presence, and Be Prospered in His Presence.***

### Week #4 – Be Prospered in His Presence

**Prosper** – *to be or become successful; to achieve something aimed for. Synonyms: flourish, thrive*

- **QUOTE:** *Biblical prosperity means to thrive, succeed, or have success in every area of our lives – spiritually, financially, mentally, emotionally, physically, relationally, and every other way.*
- **III John 2 (NKJV)** – *Beloved, I pray that you may PROSPER IN ALL THINGS and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*
- **QUOTE:** *God wants to do something IN us and FOR us that we've not given Him space to do before now.*
- God has amazing plans for us. Satan has destructive plans for us. We cast the deciding vote.
- How do we cast that deciding vote?
- **Joshua 1:8 (THE VOICE)** – *Let the words from the book of the law be always on your lips. Meditate on them day and night so that you may be careful to live by all that is written in it. If you do, as you make your way through this world, YOU WILL PROSPER AND ALWAYS FIND SUCCESS.*

### The Key to Prosperity

**Joshua 1:8** – *Let the words from the book of the law BE ALWAYS ON YOUR LIPS...*

- What does that mean?

#### 1. **Speak the Word of God**

- **QUOTE:** *Success in God's Kingdom begins by tracking the words we speak and the unconscious declarations we make.*
- **Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)** – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*
- **Proverbs 18:21 (GNT)** – *What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so, you must accept the consequences of your words.*
- **Proverbs 18:21 (EASY)** – *Words have the power to bring life or death. So be careful if you talk a lot!*
- **QUOTE:** *Because we are made in God's image, we are wired to speak words of life that agree with the Word of God.*

- **Proverbs 6:2 (NIV)** – *you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth.*
- We must learn to stop confessing and cementing what currently is and start calling the things that are NOT (yet) as if they already are.

**Joshua 1:8** – *...Meditate on them day and night...*

## 2. Meditate the Word of God

- *Meditate (Heb. Hagah) - To reflect; to moan, to mutter; to ponder; to make a quiet sound such as a sighing; to meditate or contemplate something as one repeats the words.*
- The best English word we have to represent Biblical meditation is **RUMINATE** – *to think about repeatedly, like a cow chewing its cud.*

**Joshua 1:8** – *...be careful to live by all that is written in it*

## 3. Obey the Word of God

- Ultimately, our ability to prosper the way God desires is tied to our ability to OBEY GOD'S WORD!
- **John 6:60 (MSG)** – *Many among his disciples heard this and said, "This is tough teaching, too tough to swallow."*
- **QUOTE:** *Our level of prosperity is directly tied to our level of obedience. How much do you want?*
- Developing the habit of confessing the word and meditating the word, puts us in position to:
- **I Peter 1:13 (THE VOICE)** – *So get yourselves ready, prepare your minds to act, control yourselves, and look forward in hope as you focus on the grace that comes when Jesus the Anointed returns and is completely revealed to you.*