

"Poor" (Strong's #4434, Ptochos) is "destitute of wealth, influence, position, and honor, lacking in anything and reduced to begging."

The only way that Jesus could completely set the "poor" free, was to become poor himself. "... *though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor...*"

Jesus became poor through his death on the cross.

He was hungry.

He was thirsty. He said, "I thirst."

He was naked. They took his garments, and cast lots for them.

He didn't even have a burial place.

At his death, most of his disciples abandoned him.

3) REJECT ANY _____ IN MY LIFE

Definition of Poverty

"The spirit of poverty is a stronghold established for the purpose of keeping us from walking in the fullness of the victory gained for us at the cross, or the blessings of our inheritance in Christ." (Rick Joyner, Overcoming the Spirit of Poverty)

STEPS & MEDITATIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. What area of my life do I see lack in? _____
2. What area of my life do I need to believe and trust God for increase in and blessing? _____
3. What kind of thoughts of abundance will I entertain? (See Scriptures).

4. When I have thoughts of poverty (lack, fear of lack, not enough, rejection, insecurity, inadequacy, lack of self-esteem, self-pity, depression or feel unloved), I will thank Jesus because he became poor on the cross so that I could become rich.



The **BIG EXCHANGE** *Sermon Series*

WEEK 1: BLESSED OR BUSTED?

THEME SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV)

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich."

"Rich" (Strong's Concordance #4147, Plouteo) means:

- To be or become _____
- To be increased with _____ and outward _____
- Metaphorically, to be richly _____ and affluent in resources so to be able to _____ of salvation to all.

3 John 1:2-3 (NKJV)

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly when believers came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth."

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

"Blessed" is to be happy, empowered to prosper and a resource of _____ to others

"Busted" is a state of financial failure, ruin, or _____

IF I REALLY WANT TO PROSPER, I MUST:

1. RECEIVE GOD'S _____ FOR MY PROSPERITY

God has prosperity in mind for every believer.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

John 10:10 (NKJV) "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

God is your Source of increase and blessing.

James 1:17 (NKJV) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

God gave the Israelites a vision of prosperity.

Deuteronomy 8:6-10 (NIV) "Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land- a land with brooks, streams and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

IF I REALLY WANT TO PROSPER, I MUST:

Three ways to be in agreement with God's vision for your prosperity:

- _____
- _____
- _____

What is a description of where you are today?

1. **Egypt**- the land of _____
2. **Wilderness**- the land of _____
3. **Promised land**- the land of _____

2. UNDERSTAND GOD'S _____ FOR MY PROSPERITY

God made a payment to purchase everyone from the kingdom of darkness through Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:13 (NIV) "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'"

"Redeem" means to _____

The BIG EXCHANGE:

Jesus' Mission Statement in Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the **poor**. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."