



## I. INTRO/REVIEW

### A. Living Large

- For some – expensive extravagance
- For others – A desire for increase

### B. If we're honest – wouldn't we all like to be living large?

- As always – God's already way ahead of you!

**3 John 2 (NKJV) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.**

**Deuteronomy 7:13 (NIV) <sup>13</sup> He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.**

## II. WORKING WITHIN GOD'S LAWS

### A. God wants us to increase so what's the problem?

- We have a faith problem (Our believing is wrong)
- We have a wisdom problem (We don't know how)

### B. Natural and Spiritual laws

**Genesis 8:22 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup> "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."**

**Escape velocity** is the necessary force needed for an object – a space shuttle – to break free from the earth's atmosphere and into the freedom of space

### C. There are 7 laws to introduce to you – laws of this life – if you follow and work

- The Law of
  - Wisdom
  - Faith
  - Time
  - Discipline
  - Words
  - Sowing and Reaping
  - Use

## III. FAITH AND WISDOM

### A. Faith & Wisdom go hand in hand – they sort of parallel each other



**Proverbs 13:14 (NKJV) The law of the wise is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.**

**Proverbs 4:6 (NKJV) Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.**

**Wisdom** – The ability to apply the knowledge **CORRECTLY**. It is the ability to apply knowledge in the right way at the right time and in the right sequence so that it creates the right results.

B. Wisdom isn't the same as knowledge

- Knowledge is important but can be a cheap counterfeit for Wisdom

**Proverbs 9:10 (TLB) For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding.**

**Isaiah 55:9-11 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup>“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup>“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.**

C. Wisdom starts when we acknowledge that God is the source

**James 1:5 (NKJV) <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

**James 1:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.**

D. The Law of Faith works with the Law of Wisdom

**Romans 3:27 (NKJV) Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.**

#### **IV. FAITH IS A RELATIONSHIP**

A. People confused about faith – not a religion or denomination

B. My definition of faith

- Faith is what brings the power of heaven to the problems of life
- Faith is the currency of heaven, the means of exchange
- Faith is acting like what God said is true
- Faith is an attitude and an action



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It's Worth the Work



**Romans 12:3 (ICB) <sup>3</sup> God has given me a special gift. That is why I have something to say to everyone among you. Do not think that you are better than you are. You must see yourself as you really are. Decide what you are by the amount of faith God has given you.**

C. Sometimes what you know is your greatest problem

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLV) <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not trust in your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Agree with Him in all your ways, and He will make your paths straight.**

D. Faith is a relationship

**Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**