

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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“LIVE LONG AND PROSPER”

Prosperity! Much is being said and written about prosperity. There is an innate desire in peoples' hearts to prosper, to gain wealth, to store up treasures on earth, to experience the “American Dream.”

There has developed in our American Church a “Prosperity Theology.” The basic tenet of this theology is that God wants his people to prosper, to have the best of everything that this world has to offer, to experience health, wealth and longevity.

After all, we are children of the King and God desires that we live as King's kids. We are heirs of a Kingdom and co-heirs of that Kingdom with Jesus Christ. Right? The question is, “Which Kingdom?”

God promises throughout his Word that his chosen people will prosper and have abundant life. Deuteronomy 5:33, 28:11, 29:9,30:9; Psalm 128:2 and many other Scriptures promise that God will bless his people and that they will enjoy prosperity.

Jesus said that he came that we might have life, and that abundantly, or to the full. John 10:10

However, if we read the Word carefully, we take note of the fact that each promise of prosperity carries with it a condition: IF. IF God's people keep the covenant that he has made with them; IF his people carefully follow his commands and IF his people walk in his ways, THEN, he will bring prosperity and honor into their lives. God's promises of his kind of prosperity are all conditioned on whether his people honor his Covenant. For, as noted in Psalm 73:3 and Jeremiah 12:1, the wicked can also prosper.

What to do then with the Prosperity Theology and those within the Christian Community who teach it and who, from all outward appearances, enjoy the fruits of their teaching—they have an abundance of the stuff and things of this world?

As I was reading through Jesus' teachings in the Gospel according to Matthew, I came across this story he told about the wheat and the tares [weeds]. Matthew 13:24-30,. The story spoke to me about how I am to respond to brothers and sisters in the Kingdom who espouse a “Prosperity Theology,” resulting for some in, what for me is, living a rather

lavish lifestyle and proclaiming it as evidence of being blessed by God.

God's Word is good, right and true. His promises are also good, right and true, all of which find their “Yes” in Jesus [2 Corinthians 1:20] How I interpret his Word and how others may interpret it may not always agree. How then do I respond when I believe they are not being true to what I believe is clearly stated in God's Word regarding prosperity?

My first response is that of the farmer's servants regarding weeds that are growing among the good seed, “Do you want me to go and pull them up? Do you want me to do something to help get rid of this bad theology? My innermost heart's desire is to protect your good Word from man's bad teaching. Shall I pull up the weeds?”

Jesus gave, for me at least, the direction I am to take: **“No, because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them into bundles to be burned, then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”** Matthew 13:29, 30

It is difficult from my human perspective and understanding just which is the wheat and which are the weeds. Therefore, only our Lord has the true ability to discern which is which. Only he knows what is in the hearts of “them” and “me.” Only He knows whether “they” or I fulfill the conditions of his promise for prosperity.

I ask, “Well, Lord, what **about** them?” And my Lord responds by asking, “And what about **you**?”

And so I am forced to ask myself, “Am I keeping God's Covenant and his Commands? Do I love him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength? Do I love my neighbor as myself? Am I living a holy and righteous lifestyle? Do I live as a dwelling place of God's Holy Spirit? Do I reflect the Spirit of Jesus in all that I do regardless of whether I “have” or “have not”?”

“Lord Jesus, help me to grow healthy seeds and leave the weed pulling—in both “their” life and “my” life to you. Teach me to walk in humility.” lle

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Update from the Philippines

Grace and peace be yours in abundance in Jesus name!

It is with much joy and inspiration that I share with you the blessings of God through the healing event held last Sept. 9 at The United Methodist Church of Legazpi with delegates from South District of Bicol Philippines Annual Conference.

Four out of five churches participated in the Healing event under the leadership of DS Wilfredo Vargas. About 50 delegates came and one church has to ride a banca (small boat) for 1 1/2 hours to get to the venue with their backpacks and sack of rice to augment their food. There were lively praise and worship and I shared about the "Power of Spoken Word" in the family and church. The Holy Spirit led me in a different way to minister through prayer and declaration to almost all aspects of the participant's life. The event went for three hours in the afternoon of Saturday.

Participants were led to pray, forgive and release words of blessings to one another. You can see in their faces, tears and smile how the Holy Spirit moved powerfully in their body, soul and spirit. (Pls. see photos).

The following day I gave an Anniversary message for the church in celebration of their 35th foundation. I gave a message on God's Blessings in a Family where at the close of my message I encouraged all members of each family present to forgive and bless one another. The sight was awesome!

On the lighter side, With me on that trip aside from Josie (Jomel) my three sisters, nephew and our 90 year old Dad. We had time as a family to see and appreciate God's magnificent creation. Legazpi City is well known for the Mayon Volcano which this time is under alert Level 2 that's why there's smoke coming out of the volcano. Mayon is considered one of

the greatest sites in the world through its "perfect Cone" shape. We had much time enjoying each other's company, food and ministry.

In this spirit, We would like to thank the WOSM Board / family for your unceasing support through prayers, encouragement and finances... and for your continued trust and confidence in us in this ministry.



WE LOVE THIS MINISTRY! Praise be to God!



*"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."
- 2 Corinthians 9:10*

Your involvement in Wind of the Spirit Ministries, your prayers and your gifts are being used to change lives for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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MID-YEAR MEETING

The Mid-year Meeting of the Board of Directors and Support Council of Wind of the Spirit Ministries will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Silverdale United Methodist, Silverdale, WA between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m..

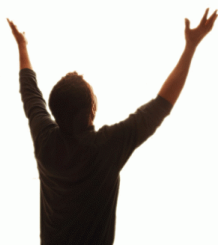
All members of the Board and Council are encouraged to be present for this important meeting. We will recall how God has been at work in and through this ministry in the past few months as well as take time to plan for the future. You will not want to miss it!

Testimony from Estonia Healing Academy

A young man came for prayer after the Sunday morning service in Võru, Estonia. First, we asked God how to pray, then asked the man if there was someone he needed to forgive. He began to cry and told us he had been violently abused by his father. We asked him if he would speak forgiveness, but he just wept and could not respond. We prayed silently then asked him again and he looked as if he was being choked. He stopped breathing, his face turned deep red and the veins in his face were standing out. We told the unclean spirit that it was forbidden to hurt the man and commanded it to come out without manifesting. He looked as though he were going to vomit several times and finally let his breath out in a long sigh.

The team leader felt he should stand in for this young man's father and ask his forgiveness on his father's behalf since the young man still could not speak forgiveness without the demonic presence strangling him. As the team leader asked for forgiveness on behalf of his father, the man began to weep and held the team member, hugging him tightly. We asked him yet again if he could speak forgiveness to his father **and he did!** Then the same thing started happening, but this time he was looking at the team leader in a very unusual way, as if he were astounded and confused and he kept moving his head closer then farther away. We commanded the spirit of confusion and anger to leave.

The team leader then asked the Lord to fill him with the Holy Spirit and he started twitching, his eyes were fluttering and then rolled back. Suddenly a sense of peace came over him and when he finally opened his eyes his face was filled with light. He started laughing and said he was full of joy. He told us he had never been able to forgive his father until now. God did a mighty work in him as we watched!



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1-7	For People who are recovering from the hurricanes that have wreaked havoc throughout the Caribbean Islands and South Eastern US States
8-14	For Brothers and Sisters in Estonia as they face new challenges related to the Church and their Country.
15-21	For Jeremy and Joy Ellington as they continue their work in India, developing new leadership and equipping people with new Bible studies.
22-28	For David and Josie Sablan in the Philippines as they continue to conduct Healing ministry events beyond the local church they serve as pastors.

29-31 PRAY FOR WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11,12

