

Rolling Hills Community Church - Franklin
Make Ready: Aligning Your Prosperity
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Deuteronomy 30

1. Remember the Sovereignty of God

...and when you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey Him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes... Deuteronomy 30:2-3a

- Moses reminds the people that God is in control.
- God does not call His children to be successful, but to be faithful.
- As God's children today, we are in this Covenant relationship through Jesus Christ.
- We are the "engrafted branches" (Romans 11).
- God is our Father, and He is in control. We must put our faith and trust in Him!

2. Prepare for Prosperity

You will again obey the Lord and follow all His commands I am giving you today. Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous... Deuteronomy 30:8-9a

- Moses prepares them for prosperity before it even comes.
- Moses knew what a blessing prosperity would be, but also what a temptation.
- How do you define success?
- Generosity is the only antidote to greed
- Keep the Lord first – even over prosperity.
- The question becomes, "Do you love God or just His blessings?"

3. Choose Life

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the Lord is your life... Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

- Moses tells the people that they all have a choice to make.
- What will you choose?
- Eternal Life begins when you enter into the Covenant relationship with God.
 - *Jesus answered, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6*

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be

generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Taking It Home

Our God has blessed each of us in amazing ways. Just by virtue of where we live, we are prosperous. Our God has given us so much, and He wants us to enjoy it. However, sometimes we can fall more in love with the blessings than we do with the God who gives them. We must keep God first. Generosity is the only antidote to greed. God wants to bless us, but He wants us to steward what He entrusts to us for His glory. We must determine how we define success and choose to put God above anything this world has to offer. Commit your life to Christ today.