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Foreword

"Fernando's ministry goes beyond teaching to the realm of revelation.

If you hearken, you will see a difference in your prosperity. I am proud of his accomplishments as a son."

Dr. Morris Cerullo

PORTAL

I am convinced through the Word of God that there are different portals that are spiritually open throughout the year, and throughout time. I am sure that the nation of Israel is a portal from heaven to earth. In history we have seen several movements where a portal opened, for example, one hundred years ago it happened in California. The movement was called Azusa Street Revival. Another movement occurred in Pensacola, Florida. What is a portal? A portal by definition is: an entrance like a door or fence, or stately looking gates like at the entrance of a palace. Also a portal is a tunnel.

"Obedience is an overpowering and stately posture for your prosperity." FG

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Introduction

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The theme of prosperity taught according to the Word of God, leads us to live a fulfilling life. It does not mean that there will not be difficult times in your life, but understanding the theme of prosperity helps us to have a mind connected with the Holy Spirit in difficult times including financial challenges. The theme of prosperity does not promise you'll never have times of financial challenges. But even in times of financial challenges you will succeed and live a life according to what God promises.

For over twenty five years I have seen my life flourish as the Word of God is fulfilled. I want to clarify that I am not a millionaire, but I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving blessings from

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God which He has bestowed on my life and my family. And when the Lord determines that our ministry of the gospel should expand further, He will provide us the needed transportation in order for us to reach more souls for Jesus, and a temple that will be a training center for thousands of disciples planted in the Christian Faith.

Chapter 1

God’s Plan

God’s Plan

Psalm 92:12-14:

"The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing."

God is always exhorting His people. Here the psalmist says that God has given me the flourishing strength as of a Palm Tree. This man of God was always thriving. This Bible passage teaches that the righteous will flourish. Note that the word of God is conditional in this particular case. Prosperity is not automatic and the man of God had to do something. He had to be firmly planted in the house of God. As such, to receive the prosperity that God has for your life, you have to be planted and grounded in God's house. The prosperity from God states that even in our old age we will be fruitful and constantly bearing fruit. The importance of knowing these

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scriptures is that things do not happen automatically. This scripture gives us a vision for our future. We will be vigorous and strong, full of authority and power of the Holy Spirit. The glory of God will be upon us and therefore the blessing of God will be visible and palpable. It is obvious that God loves to bless and exalt people who are planted in the house of God. However, this does not mean that you don't have a life outside the house of God. What this is trying to show us is that you are to be steadfast in your heart for God's house and are making time to serve God in the temple of God. The writer of this psalm was King David who was not in the house of God twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty five days a year. But he himself went to services and and loved to worship and praise God. Possibly in some services he could not go because there was a war or other political matters he had to attend. But even when he could not be present the heart of King David was fixed and steadfast for God's house. He lived a long and fascinating life and today King David is an inspiration to many of us who follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 35:27:

"Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

The cause we have is the salvation of souls through the atoning blood of Jesus. When we say the blood of Jesus, we are talking about the blood that Jesus shed on the cross of Calvary. That blood gives an entrance to the gates of heaven to every man and woman . When we repent in our heart, we are immediately a new creature in God's eyes. Our cause is the restoration of our communities, our neighborhoods, our cities and our countries. God loves us and has pleasure in giving prosperity to His servants. In some bible translations we noticed that they use the word peace. When we study the definition of the word peace we find the following.

Peace = security, happiness, health, fulfillment, prosperity.

God's thoughts for you are not only for your

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personal security, but also He wants happiness in your life. But God does not stop there. He wants you to have good health. His love is so complete that He wants you to have plenty of everything and especially prosperity. God does not want you to lack something. His will is to provide everything you need, and to give you the desires of your heart.

Jeremiah 33:9:

"And it shall be to me a name of joy, praise and honor before all nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the good and all the peace (prosperity) that I will provide for them."

In the book of Jeremiah it is clear what God wants to do with His people. Many hear about the good that God does for His servants, but also have a reverential fear because of all the good that God does to their personal lives. Therefore, whatever God has said, it will be fulfilled in your life.

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Jesus has made me a successful man in every area of my life and God has filled me with many spiritual and material blessings. For twenty five years the hand of Lord has prospered me, and due to this I can say that I have been able to travel in North America, Central America, South America, Europe and Asia preaching the Word of God. It has been twenty four nations that I have been honored to go to. I thank God that thousands of people have been encouraged. When I started to follow Jesus, I didn't know anything about the Word of God. As a child, I was indoctrinated into the Catholic Church, and I was not taught much of the Word of God. I did learn that Jesus is the Savior of the world, and that He loves us.

One day at the age of twenty eight I was alone in my house. I lived well and had money, but I was missing something. I was tired of living a life of defeat with an addiction to drugs and alcohol. Many times I went to jail because I got

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in trouble. One day in my house I felt tired of living like I was living. From the depths of my heart I cried out to God for help. At that moment my room was transformed into Holy Ground. I knelt down and I began to feel God's presence very strongly.

When I stood up, after crying for a long time, I went outside. For the first time in my life I saw that the colors were clear. The red color looked bright, and beautiful. Yellow was also bright and I felt a sense of excitement as I observed the flowers. My sight and vision were changed and my heart was renewed. I was destined to be dead or in jail for the rest of my life. My future was supposed to be completely destroyed, but God brought me out from total destruction. He forgave me and gave me a new life. I started reading the Bible fervently. In a short time I was able to find a church that I liked and stayed in the church for about seven years. After seven years I moved to another city in the United States.

I want to start by showing you a scripture that is very significant for me. I found it in

Psalm 107:19-20:

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions."

I was living a life of ruin. I had no peace, and I didn't have any real friends. I was in dangerous situations many times. Constantly my mind was filled with fear and could not trust anyone. God began to teach me about His love and began to give me a breakthrough from afflictions and began to fill me with His anointing and prosperity.

The first definition of prosperity that I want to give you is:

1. Welfare
2. Improving economic or social situation.
3. Success or favorable development of something.

Psalm 68:3-6:

"But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before their God; v4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol him who rides on the clouds, LORD is his name; rejoice before Him. A Father of the

fatherless, A defender of widows, is God in His Holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families: he brings those who are bound into PROSPERITY; but the rebellious dwell in a dryland.”

I was captive (a slave) to alcohol and drugs, these addictions made me a prisoner of fear. When Jesus came into my life, His plan was to "take me from fear to faith, from lack to prosperity." He wanted to restore my life in all areas, and gradually remove all insecurities. I started studying God's Word to find out more about the theme of the prosperity of God for us. When I asked questions, I noticed that some people did not know how to answer me on the subject of abundance and plenty. I also noticed that some people spoke ill of people who wanted to learn of prosperity or teach about the biblical subject. When I mentioned the subject, I noticed that it caused much resistance from many. But I did not give up because I kept finding biblical quotations that supported my thinking. These quotes are written and I want to share them.

Job 36:11:

"If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity (prosperity) and their years in pleasures."

The first thing I noticed in this scripture is that God is good. He always wants the best for His children. He is a father who loves us, and just like any parent He wants us to obey and follow His instructions. In this scripture we see the instruction "if they obey." This word about obedience is important to practice. Regularly we do not like it when someone tells us what to do because we are adults and we manage our lives. However, the results are always better when God does the managing. God's instruction will always direct us to a good end.

Psalm 92: 10-12:

“But my horn You have exalted like the wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; My ears hear my desire on the wicked who rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.”

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God is always exhorting His people. Here the psalmist says that God has given me strength like a buffalo. And that's exactly what He does. He strengthens you. You look younger than your age. You have vitality. He anoints you with fresh oil.

That anointing comes upon you from the throne of heaven which destroys every attack of the enemy against your mind, your body, your spirit, your soul or your family.

Any attack from the wicked will be destroyed because God has given you the anointing of fresh oil. Picture yourself God opening up a bottle of water and putting it over your head and slowly pouring that water over your head and all over your body!

Try and see this in your mind. You have been anointed with fresh oil. This fresh oil is a point of contact of the Holy Spirit upon your life.

Chapter II

The Portal Opens

Exodus 3:8-9:

v8 "And I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians (oppression), and get them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey, the place of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. v9 The cry of the children of Israel is come before me, and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them."

God's children rebelled against God and the curse of rebellion led them to terrible places and were slaves for over four hundred years. It was not God's will nor His desire that His people were in slavery. It was the decision which they made that led to the worst human conditions. But God being a God of mercy and compassion heard their cry and began to help them. When a person or group repents wholeheartedly God immediately moves on their behalf. In this passage of the Bible we see that God descended to rescue them from the hand of Pharaoh which was a shadow of the devil. The devil had God's children in bondage but when the sons of God began to cry out to

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God, circumstances changed. God not only made the decision to go down and deliver them from slavery, but also decided to take them to a land flowing with milk and honey, and a very favorable place where there was provision for everything they needed and dreamed about having. God is a God Who blesses and He gives the best. They had many enemies against them, but God is much bigger than all the enemies that come against His people. The sadness that they had for over four hundred years God was removing it. Also, all the oppression, God was erasing from their hearts as they began to experience a new move of God upon their lives. Today God continues to work on behalf of His people. The devil has tried to oppress us and make us feel bad. The devil has tried to bring poverty and sadness to our lives and has tried to convince us that God's will for us is to be afflicted and poor. The devil is the father of lies and he can never manifest the truth. God not only wants us free from all sorrow and oppression but also wants to give us an abundant life. He wants to give you everything you need. Our God is so good that He wants to restore our marriages and fill them with joy. He also wants to help our children to be exemplary in every area of their

lives. What we as parents have to do is give our hearts to God, and submit our lives to God's word for the rest of our lives. Pray and ask God where you should go to church.

Begin congregating in one place consistently thanking God for your life. When parents make that decision the children reap the blessing. As parents God has given us the responsibility to lead our children, and our children are always watching how we act and what we do. Our children do not always hear what we say, but they will mostly imitate what we do. God wants to bring our children to a happy life and a life full of blessing in every area. God is a good God and loves families. But we as parents have to decide to follow God, and therefore live an exemplary life.

Colossians 1:13:

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son"

(We were prisoners)

The Bible teaches us that when we surrender to Christ wholeheartedly we are freed, and translated into the kingdom of God. Before that

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moment we were in the kingdom of satan, where there are all kinds of curses, lies, perversion, doubt, fear and many other things. What is known as the powers of darkness is very real, and due to this many people are prisoners in their minds causing them not believe in God. As soon as you make the decision to ask Jesus into your life, and for forgiveness, the devil has no power over you. You are in a new kingdom. Things change instantly and we are no longer prisoners of demons from hell. We are now filled with the Holy Spirit of God for the glory of God. And God always supplies all of our need so that we lack nothing. Prosperity becomes normal in the life of a believer. Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. It means that He loves you with unconditional love and He wants you to learn biblical principles in order to have that prosperous and abundant life that Jesus has for you. In the realm of the enemy you can have money, but you do not have peace. You can have material things and can look good on the outside, but in the inside there is a vacuum (a huge void). In the kingdom of God there is a smile on the inside which is eternal that can not be turned off. That smile comes from what is called the joy of the Lord which is my strength.

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God prospers you not only on the outside, but more importantly your heart is happy and it shows because you have been freed from the curse. God prospers you outside and inside.

Isaiah 55:10-12:

v10 For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, v11. so is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish what I purpose, and shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. v12. you shall go out with joy, and be led in peace; the mountains and hills before you will burst into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

God is very clear with us about the prosperity that He wants for each of His children. The prophet Isaiah speaks of rain and snow coming down from heaven. That rain and snow germinate the seed that is sown, and it produces seed to the sower and bread to the eater. What is the prophet showing us?

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He shows us that the word of God germinates and produces just like the rain does over a seed planted on the ground. When God's word is sown in someone's heart it unquestionably will germinate and produce and bring forth much fruit. The word of God in the believer's heart is thriving and continues to thrive in every area of the believer's life. These Bible verses show us that it is impossible not to succeed when you believe in the word of God. Why? Because it will not return empty or unfulfilled. It is the order of the Highest Court. When a person is happy and prosperous there is less stress. And that's exactly what God wants. God is able to teach us the lessons which are necessary in our lives in order to live a Christian life that is exemplary. God does not want you to lack the necessary things of life. That is not the will of our Father. God's will is that we have more than enough to help the poor and needy.

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Chapter III

Fear of the Lord

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The position of those who fear the Lord (those who depart from evil)

1. Welfare.
2. Improved economic or social situation.
3. Success and favorable development activities.

Psalm 25:12-14:

v12. Who is the man that fears the Lord? He will teach him in the way that he shall go.

v13 He himself shall abide in prosperity, and his seed shall inherit the earth. v14 The secret (mysteries) of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

I'm trying to show scripture after scripture in order to have clarification about God's will for you and me. I need you to see with your own eyes in different parts of the Bible how God speaks of prosperity, and that He wants this for His people.

Verse 12 helps us understand that the person who has the Fear of the Lord, is a person who will know clearly their purpose on earth. God himself will show you and direct you in the way you have to go. The Fear of the Lord is what

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helps us not live in private or open sin. Some people try to live a life full of sin, and simultaneously believe they will receive God's best. This is one reason some people do not live in God's prosperity, and think it's a lie. You can not be a double-agent.

Verse 13 shows us that there will be joy for the welfare and blessings obtained from up above. You will also see that their children will inherit good things. But these promises are conditional. They are only for those who Fear the Lord. Clearly, the Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Verse 14 shows us that the secret things of God is for all who depart from evil. As you follow God with a reverential attitude, He will disclose ideas and concepts that were unknown.

Is it ok to ask God to prosper you?

Psalm 118:24-25:

v24 This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. v25 O Lord, save us, I beg; I beseech thee, O Lord, send prosperity now.

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We see clearly that it's okay to ask God to prosper you. King David cried out to God "may we prosper now." King David was thinking of everyone, and his desire was that everyone would prosper. During that time the King gave thanks to God for every day he was given life. King David had a revelation of the Fear of the Lord which let him know that he was going to enjoy and be happy. Apparently he was having a difficult time, but he did not complain. Even though he was King, He recognized that he needed God in his life, and throughout his life he maintained a posture of gratitude.

GOD LOVES PEOPLE TO FLOURISH

Proverbs 22:4:

“Wealth, honor and life are the result of humility and the fear of the Lord.”

God's reward for those who live in the Fear of the Lord is prosperity. The measure of prosperity only God knows, therefore, don't assume that you will be a multimillionaire. This should not be the purpose of your heart or the reason why you follow Jesus. We follow Jesus

because He first loved us, and forgave us. The remuneration of the Fear of the Lord will be riches, honor and life to enjoy God's blessing.

It is very important to know these biblical secrets, and have them activated in your life. The person who does not know these sacred principles, possibly thinks they can continue to live an ungodly life while reaping God's full prosperity plan. Therefore it is very important to read the Bible for yourself. If God said it in His Word, it is settled.

Proverbs 22:5:

"Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; he that keepeth his soul shall be far from them. "

For your daily journey to be blessed and not full of obstacles which seem to appear out of nowhere, it is better to get away from all that is evil. Thorns and snares are signs that the person who is perverse will always have problems and encounter very difficult situations. They always have complaints about everything and everyone. For this reason it is better to decide to get away, get far away, from the perverse and experience a godly life.

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Psalm 112 speaks of prosperity for those who Fear the Lord! This part of the bible shows us the blessings for you, your children, and your children’s children. It is a generational blessing.

Psalm 112:1-9:

v1 Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

v2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; (Sons and daughters) The generation of the upright will be blessed. (This current generation)

v3 Wealth and riches are in his house (money and material blessings) and his righteousness endureth forever. v4 Light arises in the darkness for the upright; The Lord is gracious, merciful and just.

v5 A good man has mercy and lends, and his affairs are in good and upright judgment, (knows how to govern your time and family, and finances) v6 Therefore he shall never be moved; and will be remembered forever.

v7 he will not be afraid of bad news;

(Job 5: 20-23)

["In famine he will save you from death, and from the power of the sword in battle...You will not fear destruction when it comes.

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(at *DESTRUCTION AND HUNGER* you will laugh), and not be afraid of the beasts of the field; For with the stones of the field you will have your covenant, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.) His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.]

v8 His heart is; not afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies. v9 he has dispersed, gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His power will be exalted in glory.

When we begin to study well what God is saying in this psalm we see God's direction for our life in the area of prosperity and in every area of our life. This promise that God gives us in this psalm is for those who delight greatly in His commandments. When you have an appreciation to the commandments, and your disposition is one of obedience to His written word, you will live to see and experience what God promised. Verse 2 opened my eyes one day and gave understanding of what God wants for my children.

V2 "Your descendants will be mighty on earth"
When I realized that my descendants are my children, I immediately received this promise with great joy.

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I understood that my children were carrying a promise that was for their entire lifetime. I began to declare this promise about my children since they were babies. In different times of my life, as they were sleeping, I would enter their bedroom (I still practice this), very silently and put my right hand on their head while declaring what God said: "My descendants are mighty on the earth." Then to see my children grow with the promise being fulfilled in their lives has been priceless to watch. This generation of my children is blessed. I still get happy like a dad who just won the best prize for his children. Then we move on to the next verse that says:

v3 "Goods and riches are in his house!" This verse shows us that God says that goods and riches are part of my life, and my children's life. All this is connected with the person who has the Fear of the Lord. I was glad when I first read this because I know that I delight in the things of God. Then I am automatically qualified to own property and have wealth in my house as God promised. And logically, I had to become diligent in my profession and all my undertakings. I began to declare this verse over my house. We have seen God's promise fulfilled year after year. These verses teach us

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to receive God's blessing on our children and the blessing of God upon material things which we need in order to live. Also, it is very clear that God delights in wealth and riches in our lives. As God releases wealth and riches to you, He also gives us the desire to have mercy with others and help the poor, and lend to others when necessary. God wants full prosperity for His people especially when others get bad news, God's people will help. The next verse, reads: v9 "Divided and given to the poor." When a person is prosperous and full of God's glory, their instinct is to give to the poor. God loves the poor. And so He wants to prosper His people to have more than enough to give and distribute to the poor. God's people should become the distribution center for the needy. God uses people on earth to do His works. We simply have to accept that God wants to put wealth in our hands and prosper us in every area of our lives so that we can become a conduit for the purpose of God's glory to be seen in the work that is done for orphans, for the poor, and for other people in need. I am convinced by the word of God that Jesus Christ at this moment wants to take you to another level of blessing and prosperity in every area of your life. It is God's desire for you

to know Him more and more, and for you to be an instrument in His hands in order to show the world His glory and that He truly loves them.

WHEN DOES GOD WANT TO PROSPER YOU?

Mark 10:29-30:

v29 Jesus answered and said, "Verily I say that there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my sake and the gospel, v30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time; houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life."

These declarations from Jesus Himself show us that now, at this time, while you are on earth, God wants to give you everything you need and more. But remember that some people will not understand and you will see persecution from them. They will call you money hungry, material man, false prophet, and many other insulting phrases. However, you must understand that they say these spiteful things because they have never read

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the Word of God for themselves, and many times they are just a sounding board of something they heard some else say. You must not get angry at these critics, but within yourself walk in the love and mercy of God towards them. Why? Because they do not know what they are doing. Maybe one day the Lord will open their eyes also. You have to be strong and courageous throughout your personal journey with Jesus. When we read the Bible we begin to think differently and react differently. The word of God changes our thinking step by step and precept upon precept.

I did not understand many things before reading the word of God. But the Holy Spirit gave me understanding of what is written in the scriptures. There is a part of the Bible that says "How hard it is to enter into the kingdom of God for those who have wealth," Jesus said to those who only trusted in their wealth. Some put all their faith in their wealth. When you put your faith and trust in wealth it becomes what is called idolatry which is against God. Our confidence is entirely on God. You can start with nothing and He begins to prosper you and teach you to keep your focus on Him and not in riches. As you continue keeping your focus on

Jesus, you will automatically see wealth and riches become part of your life. Of course I'm not saying they will drop from the sky into your lap. What I'm saying is as you continue to follow the principles of the Word of God, you inevitably will live in the increase.

JOSHUA 1:8-9:

v8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you'll have good success v9 "Have I not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

God gives an instruction to Joshua when his mentor and spiritual father Moses died. The word of God encourages Joshua to read the book of the law. God wants us to meditate on the Word day and night. It is important to understand that the word 'meditate' in Hebrew means "to say out-loud." God wants us to say the Word out-loud. The word has to be spoken. The Bible teaches us that death and life are in

the words we use (the power of the tongue). God is teaching us the same as He taught Joshua.

The word of God is saying that we can prosper in all things while keeping the word of God in our minds and in our mouths. It also reminds us that we have to try and be brave. Always remembering that the Lord is with us and give us victory. But we can not be cowardly, but be brave. Notice how this scripture clearly directs us in the steps to apply in order that we become prosperous and have good success.

2 Corinthians 8:9:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sakes He became poor, being rich, that you by His poverty might become rich."

Jesus for our sakes became poor in order that we might become rich. What a blessing! God's love was manifested by the actions of Jesus. Imagine, The King of Glory came to earth. He clothed Himself in a human body, and lived as a carpenter. The greatest riches of the earth can not be compared with what God has.

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Jesus left all His glory for us to be blessed!!!

Chapter IV

The Tragedy of Not Knowing the Truth

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One of the biblical principles that I have practiced for over twenty five years is tithing and giving offerings. God gives us a system to break every curse of poverty. It is called the tithing system.

Mark 4:24-25:

"Pay attention to what you hear because with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you, and even more will be added unto you which hear. v25 "For whoever has, to him more shall be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away."

We need to pay attention and hear in order to believe. When you are listening attentively you will receive from God further revelation about what Jesus says. When you pay attention to what Jesus says He increases knowledge to you about His will. Attentive listening is big in God's book.

Matthew 6:19-21, 24:

"Do not store up treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal; v20. but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where

neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not steal, For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

1) Where is your treasure (money, valuables)? Is your money supporting the work of God? You have to ask yourself that question.

2) Where your money is there is your heart also. To thrive in life as Jesus wants for us, part of our money has to be dedicated for use in the work of God.

3) It is impossible to serve two masters. You and I can not have two gods. It is impossible to serve God and mammon. God wants to give us everything including wealth, but our heart can not be divided. God wants to be first, 100% on your heart so that you get peace and blessing which is continuous during this lifetime. When God is first in your heart, the harvest will become generational.

Leviticus 27:30:

"And all the tithe of the land, makes the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; It is holy to the Lord. "

The tithe is sacred and it is separated for God. If the devil stops you from tithing it is an indication of who is controlling your life. The person who does not want to tithe is robbing himself, and his wife and kids of the blessings that Jesus came to give.

Jesus declared, "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:10

Let us continue believing Jesus. Do not be afraid to tithe. Often it frightens us because we have some bills to pay, but it is better and more profitable to put your faith in Jesus and apply this truth. God always knows what you need. Jesus has always, over and over again, in my life shown me that He does not fail me because I believe Him. I've been through times of financial tests, and sometimes I thought of maybe using the tithe money for something else, because I had to pay something. But I stayed in agreement with the word of God and

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not what I was thinking. My best thinking didn't give me the success I desired, but through Christ many dreams have already come true in my life.

When we obey the covenant of God and put it into practice, our life receives extraordinary blessings. The portal of prosperity is always opened and will stay opened as a continuous cycle of prosperity in your life.

When we do not tithe, we are stopping the hand of God. What is written is Holy and can not be changed. It is forever settled in the heavens.

Malachi 3: 8-10,11-12:

v8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me! But you say, in what have we robbed You?" In tithes and offerings.

V9 You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed me, even this whole nation."

----- A curse comes when we purposely make a decision that is contrary to God's written Word. It is a tragedy to know the truth and reject it-----

v10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in my house; prove Me now in this, Says the Lord of hosts, to see "If I will not open the windows (opportunities, jobs) of heaven and pour you out a blessing until it overflows."

When Jesus opens the windows of heaven He wants a purpose to be fulfilled in your life. Windows have a purpose. When a window is installed its purpose is to see to another dimension. If the window is not put on the wall, you can not see into another dimension. When you tithe, your mind thinks differently and your eyes see different. The devil can not mock you, because your eyes are opened with a spiritual capacity and ability. You are to see and think according to God's way of doing things.

v11 I will rebuke the devourer for you, and he will not destroy the fruit of your ground says the Lord of hosts.

We see that God Himself will rebuke the devil. The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy your life, peace and joy, and he tries to destroy your marriage and family. But God rises upon you

and highly favors you. For this reason God says prove me on this. Notice how this scripture mentions the fruit of the ground (earth)? You and I when we are buried return back to earth. Adam, the first man was made of earth. When this scripture says that the devourer will not destroy the fruits of the earth, the scripture is talking about the potential that we have available. The enemy wants to destroy your prophetic destiny. Inside you may have an idea, a business, a leader, a singer, an engineer etc. The enemy can not destroy what Jesus put within you. You will bear fruit and much fruit for the glory of God. Your children walk in the blessing. The enemy is helpless against a tither. The tithe frustrates the devil’s plans against you and your family.

v12 All nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Tithing is practiced where you go to church, not where you want. For example before you go on a vacation, the tithe is brought to your church or your pastor before leaving. Over the years, people come to my house with the tithe. They bring the whole tithe, not part only. The reason

they do is because they know and have experienced the blessing connected with the tithe. They don't want to be tempted in their vacation by spending the tithe which is holy unto the Lord.

Luke 16:10

Jesus said "He who is faithful in a very little, is also faithful with much; and he who unjust in very little is unjust also in much."

Jesus wants us to be faithful in little so we can have a lot. Tithing is really something that is little. If we can not be faithful in little, Jesus will not be able to give you much because you are unfaithful. This principle works in everything we do. If you can do well and excel with a little bit, you will be given more. At work you can be the front desk lady and only get paid minimum wage. However, if you are faithful and work in excellence in your little and humble position, management will notice, and before you know it they want to make you an offer of higher compensation with more responsibility because you're faithful in the little.

THE LAW OF THE FIRST

Romans 11:16:

**"If the FIRST-fruits are holy, so is the lump;
and if the root is holy, so are the branches.
"**

We read here how the first governs the rest. Adam was the first man and after Adam sinned the rest of humanity became sinners. I call this the law of the first.

Jesus, God's FIRSTborn took us from being sinners and made us to become children of God.

Genesis 22: 1-2,11-12,14-17:

v1. It happened after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said Abraham. And he said, Behold me. v2. And he said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you. v11 Then the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham.” And he said, Here I am v12 And he said, Lay not your hand upon the lad,

neither do anything to him; because I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only. (First and only son)

v14 And Abraham called the name of that place the-Lord-Will-Provide (Jehovah jireh.)

v16. and said, By myself I have sworn, saith the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son;

v17. surely I will bless you and multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gates of their enemies.

Abraham received an anointing of multiplication that can only come from God. This happened because he was obedient to God's instruction, and the multiplication portal opened in his life. Isaac was Abraham's dream come true. Isaac was the most precious thing that Abraham had. When you obey what God speaks to you, your life is positioned to radically prosper.

Jesus said. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" Matthew 6:33

Notice how Jesus said "seek FIRST".....all these other dreams, desires , and hopes will be fulfilled.

Hebrews 11:6:

"But without faith it is impossible to please God; it is necessary that whoever comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. "

God has a reward prepared. It has your name on it. Activate the law of the first in your life and you will laugh and cry about all the good things that continuously happen in your favor.

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Genesis 4:3-5:

v3. And it came to pass in the process of time, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. v4 Abel brought of the firstborn of his flock and of the fat thereof. v5. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering; but he did not look with favor on Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

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God does not receive just any offering, He likes to favor you when you put Him first. We must understand that we have the honor and privilege of being connected with a King, and more than a King, Jesus is King of Kings. We are not dealing with religion. We are connected to the creator of heaven and earth. We are grateful to have a part in what He does on earth. God always gives us the best, He always uses the law of the first. He sent His *FIRST BORN*. For this reason we are able to give first. God did it first for us in order for us to have eternal life and much more than that, but a life full of abundance of Jesus and Who Jesus is. Put God first in everything because He is worthy. God is love, blessing, joy, gracious and lovely in every way. He is our father, and He loves you very much.

For these reasons it is so important to tithe.

We see 10 Principles

1. Everything first belongs to God.
2. Everything that is first is consecrated.
3. How the first is used defines how the rest is used.
4. The first has redemptive power.

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5. The first is given with faith. Faith is required.
6. Abraham passed the test when he proposed to sacrifice Isaac. (you will read about it later)
7. Trust in the Lord.
8. Tithing is NOT 10%. Tithing is the first 10%.
9. Joy is required by God. God loves a cheerful giver.
10. Jesus is our exceeding reward.

Prayer

If you have never received Jesus Christ into your heart, why don't you make this decision now. The best gift that you can give to God is not money or things. The best gift that you can give to Jesus is to give Him all your heart. Right there where you are repeat this prayer. Say it with reverence to Jesus because He is with you now and loves you.

"Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that I am a sinner and I've made many mistakes. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and give me a second chance. I ask you to fill me with your Holy Spirit. I declare that in the same way that you forgive me all my sins, I also forgive everyone who did me wrong in my life. From this moment on I am yours and I am blessed. What you have blessed can not be cursed. Thank you Jesus, Amen "

My prayer for you:

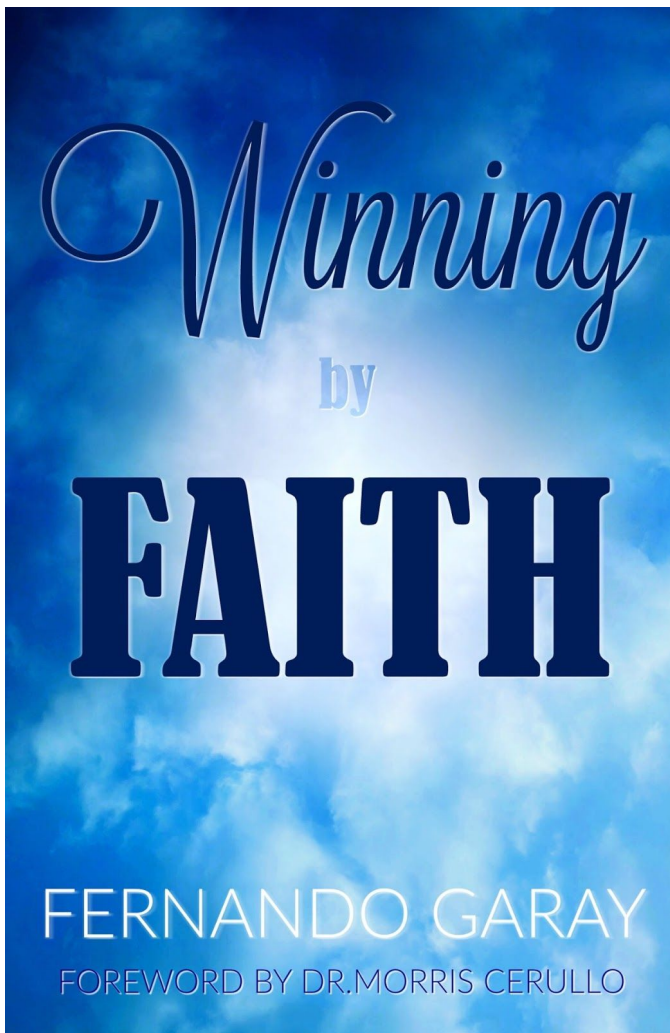
Father I ask you to increase your presence upon the house of this new believer. I ask for your angels of protection, and blessing around their home. Father I will also ask for good jobs, contracts, sales increase and prosperity for my brothers. Also if there is a sickness, in the name of Jesus I ask you to heal them. Thank you God for your love and tender mercy. All this in the name above every name, Jesus Christ.

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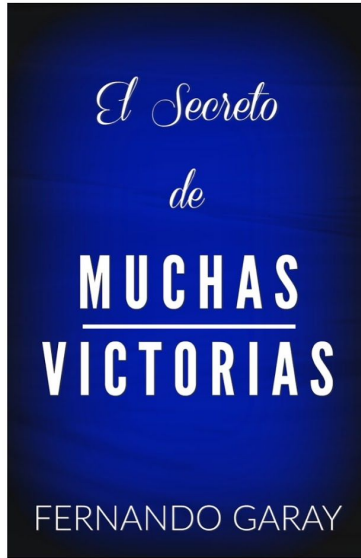
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“It is with great fatherly joy that I comment on “Winning by Faith,” by Apostle Fernando whom I love, along with his lovely wife Pastora Hazael Garay, as a son and daughter. Prepare your heart to receive a pure stream of revelation on the subject of faith, tested in the arena of human need, and manifested over and over again at my side in the nations of the world. Faith has been a key ingredient in Fernando’s life, enabling him to touch so many lives, not only in Charlottesville, Virginia, but also in nation after nation. Do not limit what God will now do in your life through the pages of this volume!!” ----

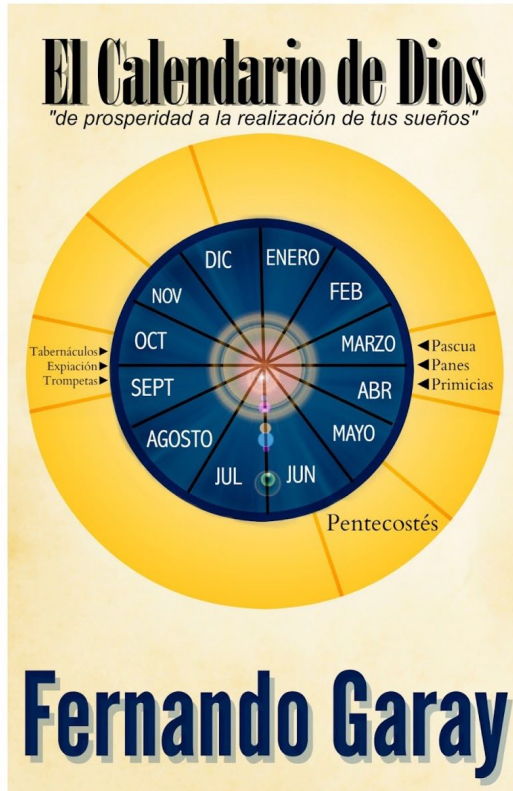
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- 1) Obtenga la base de cómo ganar hoy en toda área.
- 2) Cual era el secreto del ejército de Israel?
- 3) Como se rompe toda atadura contra sus finanzas, salud, y vida familiar?
- 4) Sus hijo si son bendecidos.



1. Conozca las temporadas de Dios.
2. Cual es el primer mes bíblico y su importancia en nuestras vidas hoy.
3. La semilla sembrada en la correcta temporada trae cosechas inusuales.

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Prefacio

"Es con gran alegría paternal que comento sobre "Ganando por Fe" por Apóstol Fernando a quien amo como un hijo, junto con su encantadora esposa Pastora Hazael Garay. Prepara tu corazón para recibir una corriente pura de revelación sobre el tema de la fe, probada en el ámbito de las necesidades humanas y la cual se manifiesta una y otra vez a mi lado en las naciones del mundo. La fe ha sido un ingrediente clave en la vida de Fernando, lo que lo permite tocar tantas vidas, no sólo en Charlottesville, Virginia, sino también en una nación tras otra. No limite lo que Dios quiere hacer en su vida a través de las páginas de este volumen!!" ----

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