

Sunday, August 21st, 2011



## MYTH BUSTERS

### Today's Study: Is it true that I can expect God to bless me physically and financially if I have enough faith?

**Going Deeper:** questions for discussion with family,  
friends, Life Group, or for personal reflection.

#### Sunday Review:

Reflecting on this week's message from the Word, what challenged you the most? Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before? Was there anything that you still do not understand? (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions.)

- How would you say the bible describes "blessing from God"? Can you support that with any scripture references?
- What is the relationship between material or physical gain and God's blessing?
- What is the purpose of Christian blessings?
- Read Proverbs 22:2, 28:6, Job 34:19 & Hebrews 11:26. According to these verses is it better to be rich or poor?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10. What ought to be our mindset regarding financial gain? Is it wrong for Christians to be wealthy?
- What are the negative implications of a distorted gospel that promotes our right to health and wealth?
- What do you think is meant by "healing" in Isaiah 53:5?
- Why is a health and wealth picture of the gospel so popular in our day and age?
- What can we expect from God? What scriptures support your answer?

#### Resources for further study:

(The following resources are offered to help you think through this issue. The provision of this list does not imply the full support of everything you may read on these sites or in these books.)

#### Books:

- Brauch, Manfred T, Abusing Scripture, (2009), pp. 69-80
- Fee, Gordon, The Disease of the Health and Wealth Gospels (2006), (In church library)
- Hanegraaff, Hank, Christianity in Crisis, 21st Century (2009), parts 5 & 6
- Smith, David L, Handbook of Contemporary Theology (1992), chapter 12 (In church library)

#### Website Articles:

- <http://www.albertmohler.com/2009/08/18/it-promises-far-too-little-the-false-gospel-of-prosperity-theology/>
- <http://www.gotquestions.org/prosperity-gospel.html>
- <http://bible.org/article/bankruptcy-prosperity-gospel-exercise-biblical-and-theological-ethics>
- [http://stanguthrie.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/cbs\\_ct\\_prosperity\\_gospel.pdf](http://stanguthrie.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/cbs_ct_prosperity_gospel.pdf)
- <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1533448,00.html>
- <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2009/decemberweb-only/gc-prosperitystatement.html?start=1>
- [http://www.watchman.org/rektop/health\\$.htm](http://www.watchman.org/rektop/health$.htm)

#### Prayer Items:

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