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LESSON I -- CHAPTERS 1 -- 2

I. WHY IS THE CREATION STORY A PROSPERITY STORY?
   A. It contains descriptions of lavish abundance.
   B. It relates man’s rich heritage from God.
   C. The substance of man’s body is God’s rich Substance:

II. HOW DID ADAM LOSE HIS PROSPERITY? HOW CAN WE AVOID MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES?
   A. Adam misused his mind powers through belief in lack and limitation.
   B. We must think and act prosperously.
   C. We can admit to ourselves that we deserve prosperity.

III. EXPLAIN THE PROSPERING MAGIC IN THE WORD SUBSTANCE.
   A. It is the basis of ALL wealth.
   B. It can be molded and shaped through thought, words, and actions.

IV. WHY MUST SUBSTANCE BE SHAPED?
   A. It is one way of recognizing its existence.
   B. It is passive and needs the activity of mind to make it usable.
   C. Using prosperous thoughts, words and actions is an act of claiming Substance for one’s self.
V. HOW DID ABRAHAM GAIN THE TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF PROSPERITY?

A. He was born in Babylon, a rich country.
   1. He absorbed a prosperity consciousness.
   2. He observed wise business practices.

B. Education
   1. He learned mental and spiritual laws.
   2. He practiced what he learned.

C. He was born into a wealthy family.

D. He maintained a prosperous consciousness.
   1. He knew faith moved and molded Substance.
   2. He kept his faith in spiritual Law strong.

VI. EXPLAIN THE FACTORS THAT ARE PART OF A PROSPERED CONSCIOUSNESS

A. Competitive and creative prosperity.
   1. We need not compete for wealth.
   2. We can create our wealth by activating invisible Substance.
      a. Have faith in its existence.
      b. Use prosperous thoughts, words and actions.

B. Forming a vacuum.
   1. Make room for new good.
2. Keep expanding your consciousness for increased capacity to receive.

C. FORGIVENESS

1. Removes mental and emotional blocks and makes more room for good.
2. Cleanses the consciousness.
3. Universal forgiveness blesses all mankind.

D. Picturing power of the mind.

1. Mentally picture the good desired.
2. Concentrate on abundant ideas.

E. Protect your prosperity.

1. Perform an act of thanksgiving to God.
2. Financial acts are important (TITHES).

LESSON II -- CHAPTERS 3 -- 4

I. GIVE THREE RULES FOR KEEPING YOUR PROSPERITY FLOWING.

A. Writing it down.
B. Picturing it.
C. Affirming it.
II. DISCUSS THE SYMBOLOGY OF THE NAME MELCHIZEDEK AND TELL WHAT AN UNDERSTANDING OF IT CAN MEAN TO YOU. MELCHIZEDEK MEANS:

A. “Jehovah,” “I AM.” OR “THE CHRIST MIND.”

B. Third level of the MIND (SUPERCONSCIOUS).
   1. Miracle level that can be activated for rich results.
   2. Home of INFINITE INTELLIGENCE.

C. Concentration on either of the three names can bring man victory over all negation.

III. WHAT IMPORTANCE DOES TITHING PLAY IN MAINTAINING A PROSPERITY CONSCIOUSNESS?

A. It is an act of faith.

B. It gives prosperity a permanent basis.

IV. EXPLAIN THE PROSPERING POWER IN BLESSING, JOY, PEACE, AND BEAUTY.

A. BLESSING – activates the law of increase.

B. JOY – OPENS UP and RELEASES deep powers within man.

C. PEACE – Contains every element of good and is the forerunner of all blessings.

D. BEAUTY – Feeds the inner nature with peace and satisfaction.

V. HOW DID ISAAC MANIFEST HIS WELL OF ABUNDANCE?

A. Through a peaceful, non-resistant attitude.

B. By industriousness.
C. Turning negative experiences into spiritual growth.

VI. WHAT LESSON CAN YOU LEARN FROM ISAAC’S WELLS OF ABUNDANCE?

   A. Break the seal of lack by looking inward to the FOUNTAIN OF GOOD.
   B. Persist in expanding your spiritual consciousness.
   C. Get definite about prosperity through your thoughts, words, and actions.

LESSON III -- CHAPTERS 5 -- 6

I. WHY SHOULD WE NEVER TRY TO FORCE OUR GOOD?

   A. It creates new problems for us.
   B. It slows our spiritual progress.
   C. The good is not permanent.

II. EXPLAIN THE PROSPERITY PRINCIPLES OF RELEASE AND FORGIVENESS.

   A. The consciousness is limited by holding on to mistakes.
   B. It opens the way for new good in new ways.

III. DISCUSS THESE OTHER PROSPERITY PRINCIPLES LEARNED BY JACOB.

   A. Getting Definite – Gives thought form to desire.
B. Dwelling upon Substance – Persistence in prosperous thoughts, words, and action brings results.

C. Karmic debts – Outworking of the law of cause and effect.

D. Picturing – Imaging can supersede reason or force.

IV. WHAT PROSPERITY PRINCIPLES WERE REVEALED BY THE REUNION OF JACOB AND ESAU?
   
   A. Willingness to make peace with an enemy is necessary for success.
   
   B. A balance or union between the mental and physical natures is necessary for success.

V. DEFINE A COVENANT. DESCRIBE JACOB’S SUCCESS COVENANT.
   
   A. Covenant – A solemn agreement between two people, to do specific things and to achieve specific results.
   
   B. Jacob’s Success Covenant.
      1. Part I – JACOB’S desires stated to God.
      2. Part II – Jacob states what he will do for God.

VI. WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE THAT WORKS IN A SUCCESS COVENANT? (Explain fully.)
   
   A. Makes needs and desires specific.
   
   B. Performance of an act of faith by doing something.
LESSON IV -- CHAPTERS 7 -- 8

I. WHAT ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS DID JOSEPH ACQUIRE THAT AIDED HIS PROSPERITY SUCCESS? NAME SOME SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES HE ALSO LEARNED.

A. He developed a pleasing personality.
   1. DRESS
   2. MANNERS

B. He developed a prosperity consciousness.
   1. His father was a “well-to-do” shepherd.
   2. He was given a luxurious coat that gave him further appreciation for prosperity.
   3. He had an opportunity in his early life to see the operation of prosperity laws.

II. WHAT LESSONS DID JOSEPH LEARN IN EGYPT THAT INCREASED HIS SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING OF PROSPERITY?

A. Injustice.
   1. Non-resistance.
   2. Realization of a prosperity consciousness that your good cannot be taken from you.

B. Discipline
   1. Time for inner growth.
   2. Mastery over past experiences.
3. Developing his imaging faculty.

C. FORGIVENESS
   1. Displaying a positive attitude toward past hardships.
   2. Actively practicing forgiveness.

D. Giving and Thanksgiving
   1. Constant recognition of God as the Source of Good.
   2. Faith offerings to seal the good received.

III. DISCUSS THE TWO WORKING ELEMENTS OF PICTURING.
   A. It brings Substance into visibility.
   B. Provides stability based on a peaceful attitude and confidence that gives results.

IV. WHAT DID JOSEPH DISCOVER AS THE GREATEST PROSPERITY SECRET? WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?
   A. Mental and emotional readiness is necessary for prosperity.
   B. The secret is based on a superior consciousness of UNIVERSAL SUBSTANCE.

V. GIVE THE SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF BETHLEHEM AND THE LAND OF MOAB AS THEY RELATE TO PROSPERITY.
   A. Bethlehem – Symbol of high state of prosperity consciousness.
   B. Land of Moab – A consciousness of hardship.
VI. WHY MUST WE GO BEYOND THE PHYSICAL PLANE TO ACHIEVE TRUE PROSPERITY? HOW DID NAOMI DO IT?

A. Problems must be solved through the power of spiritual thought.
B. God must be recognized as the only source of Good.
C. Naomi raised her consciousness to a prosperous state.

VII. GIVE THE METAPHYSICAL MEANING OF RUTH’S NAME. EXPLAIN THE SPIRITUAL STEPS SHE USED TO BECOME A MILLIONAIRE.

A. RUTH – One who holds fast to the power of prosperous thinking.
B. STEP-BY-STEP – Be willing to collect your good “bit-by-bit.”
C. BLESSINGS – Quickening substance (increase).
D. BEING SPECIFIC – “Pinpoint” the desired result.
E. SORROW – Can expand the consciousness to receive good.