

# Bible Study Weekend

## February 2025

Read:  
Joshua 1:7-8;  
III John 2;  
Luke 9:23

# Spiritual Prosperity:

## Session 1 - Employability

A nighttime photograph of the Liverpool city skyline. The Mersey River is in the foreground, reflecting the city lights. On the left, there are historic brick buildings and a church with a tall spire. On the right, there are modern glass-fronted skyscrapers. A bridge with many lights spans the river in the middle ground. The sky is a deep blue.

**WELCOME TO  
BETHANY GOSPEL HALL**

**“I pray that you may PROSPER in all things and be in health,  
just as your soul PROSPERS” (III John 2)**

# INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT

(Matthew 6:19-21)

- **Four Essentials for Spiritual Prosperity:**

- **Employability**

- “A set of skills, understandings and personal attributes that make someone more likely to gain employment and be successful in their chosen occupation”

- **Availability**

- “The state of being free for employment or a specific task, and being willing and able to be used”

- **Profitability**

- “Something of value which remains at the close of a fixed period of time”

- **Accountability**

- “A system by which an individual is evaluated on their performance or behaviour relating to something for which they are responsible”

# **“IN PRAISE OF PLODDERS”**

**(Warren Wiersbe)**

**□ P      Praying**

**□ L      Listening**

**□ O      Obeying**

**□ D      Deciding**

# WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

## (Luke 9:23)

- **DICTIONARY:**

- “A follower or pupil of a teacher, leader, or philosopher”
- “In Christian circles: a personal follower of Jesus Christ”

- **TO BE A FOLLOWER:**

- We must focus on the One we are following

- **THEREFORE:**

- “Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus ...” (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- “Let us ... go forth to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach ...” (Hebrews 13:13)

**“If anyone desires to come after  
Me, let him deny himself, and  
take up his cross daily, and  
follow Me”**

**(Luke 9:23)**

# INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

- FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE:

- “I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (John 13:15)

- LOVE:

- “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (John 13:34)
- “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35)



# INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

- OBEDIENCE:

- “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:13)

- ABIDING/FRUITBEARING

- “Abide in Me, and I in you ... I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5)
- “Abide in My love ...” (John 15:9)

# INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

- **WITNESSING:**

- “You also shall bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning” (John 15:27)
- “As My Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21)
- “You shall be witnesses unto Me ...” (Acts 1:8)

- **PERSECUTION:**

- “These things, I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33)
- “All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (II Timothy 3:12)



# INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

- **PRAYER:**

- “Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you”  
(John 16:23)
- “Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full” (John 16:24)

- **REMEMBRANCE:**

- “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19)
- “He also took the cup after supper saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you’ (Luke 22:20)

# **PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS OF A DISCIPLE** (Luke 9:23)

- **A DESIRE THAT IS ESSENTIAL:**
  - “If anyone desires to come after Me ...”
- **A DEATH THAT IS WILLING:**
  - “... take up his cross ...”
- **A DENIAL OF SELF:**
  - “... let him deny himself ...”
- **A DAILY COMMITMENT:**
  - “... take up his cross DAILY ...”
- **A DEVOTION TO CHRIST:**
  - “... and follow Me”

**FOLLOWING  
HIS EXAMPLE**

**LOVING**

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HIM**

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**THE BIG QUESTION:**

**Are YOU Employable?**

