

Bible Study Weekend

February 2025

Read:
Mark 8:36;
I Timothy 4:6-16

Spiritual Prosperity:

Session 3 - Profitability



**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)**

THINGS WHICH ARE NOT PROFITABLE

- **Wickedness:**
 - “The treasures of wickedness profiteth nothing” (Proverbs 10:2)
- **Riches:**
 - “Riches profiteth nothing in the day of wrath ...” (Proverbs 11:4)
- **Working for Self:**
 - “I looked on all the works of my hands ... there was no profit”
(Ecclesiastes 2:11)
- **False Gods:**
 - “They that make carved images ... shall not profit” (Isaiah 44:9)

THINGS WHICH ARE NOT PROFITABLE

- **Lying Words:**
 - “Ye trust in lying words which cannot profit” (Proverbs 10:2)
- **Vanity:**
 - “... lies, vanity and things which in which there is no profit”
(Jeremiah 16:19)
- **Tongues:**
 - “If, I came unto you speaking in tongues, what shall I profit you”
(I Corinthians 14:6)
- **Words of Strife:**
 - “Strive not about words to no profit” (II Timothy 2:14)

THINGS WHICH ARE NOT PROFITABLE

- Empty Profession:
 - “What does it profit though a man say he hath faith, and have not works” (James 2:14)
- Strange/False Doctrine:
 - “Strange doctrines which have not profited them” (Hebrews 13:9)
- The Flesh:
 - “The flesh profiteth nothing” (John 6:33)
- Good Works (Without Love):
 - “... profiteth me nothing” (I Corinthians 13:3)
- The Whole World:
 - “What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world, and lose his own soul” (Mark 8:36)

THINGS WHICH ARE PROFITABLE

- **Wisdom:**
 - “Wisdom is good ... by it there is profit” (Ecclesiastes 10:10)
- **Being Led by God:**
 - “The Lord thy God teacheth thee to profit, and leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go” (Isaiah 48:17)
- **Being Fully Focused on God:**
 - “This I speak for your profit ... that you may attend upon the Lord without distraction” (I Corinthians 7:35)
- **Spiritual Gifts:**
 - “The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit” (I Corinthians 14:6)

THINGS WHICH ARE PROFITABLE

- **Bodily Exercise:**
 - “Bodily exercise profiteth a little” (I Timothy 4:8)
- **Chastening from the Lord:**
 - “He (chastens us) for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness” (Hebrews 12:10)
- **Godliness:**
 - “Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come” (I Timothy 4:8)
- **Good Works of Believers:**
 - “Be careful to maintain good works – these things are good and profitable” (Titus 3:8)
- **The Holy Scriptures:**
 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable” (I Timothy 3:16)

TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- Can a Believer be Unprofitable to God?
 - “My people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit” (Jeremiah 2:11)
 - “They have walked after things which do not profit” (Jeremiah 2:8)
- Can a Man be Profitable to God?
 - “Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God who teacheth thee to profit, who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go” (Isaiah 48:17)

PRACTICING OUR CHRISTIANITY

(I Timothy 4:6-12)

- “Exercise thyself rather unto Godliness”
- “Godliness is profitable unto all things”
- “Be thou an example:
 - **In Conversation:**
 - “Be an example to the believers in word ...”
 - **In Conduct:**
 - “... in conduct ...”

PRACTICING OUR CHRISTIANITY

(I Timothy 4:6-12)

- **In Charity:**
 - “... in charity...”
- **In Commitment:**
 - “... in spirit ...”
- **In Confidence:**
 - “... in faith ...”
- **In Cleanliness:**
 - “... in purity”

PROFITING FROM COMMITMENT

(I Timothy 4:13-16)

- “that thy profiting may appear to all” (v 15)
- THINGS TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO IF WE ARE TO BE SPIRITUALLY PROFITABLE:
 - “Give attendance to reading ...”
 - “Study to show thyself approved” (II Timothy 2:15)
 - “Give attendance to ... exhortation”
 - “These things teach and exhort” (I Timothy 6:2)
 - “Exhort one another daily” (Hebrews 3:13)

PROFITING FROM COMMITMENT

(I Timothy 4:13-16)

- “Give attendance to ... doctrine”
 - “... that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man”
(Colossians 4:6)
 - “nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine”
(I Timothy 4:6)
- “Neglect not the gift that is in thee”
 - Spiritual gifts “given to every man to profit” (I Corinthians 14:7)
- “Meditate on these things”
- “Give thyself wholly that thy profiting may appear to all”

**Study the
Scriptures**

**Encourage
One
Another**

**Acquaint
Yourself with
Doctrine**

**Exercise Your
Spiritual Gifts**

**Give
Yourself
Wholly**

**Meditate on
Spiritual Things**

THE BIG QUESTIONS:

Are YOU Employable?

Are YOU Available?

Are YOU Profitable?

