



## The Potential Problem with Prosperity

Hosea 10:1-8

### Why Prosperity Should Come with a Warning Label

(Verses 1-2; Deuteronomy 8:6-14; Proverbs 30:8-9)

If you're not careful, \_\_\_\_\_ can lead you to \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Happens When the Warning Is Ignored

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ worship. (Verses 1-2)
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_. (Verses 3-4)
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. (Verses 5-8)

**THE POINT →** Don't be surprised if God \_\_\_\_\_ the things that cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

### Responding to Money and Possessions the Right Way

1. Be in the \_\_\_\_\_ of giving \_\_\_\_\_.

**REMEMBER →** The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the \_\_\_\_\_ your heart will be to God.

2. Have an "It's \_\_\_\_\_" attitude.

**REMEMBER →** At the end of the day, we're all just \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Seeing the Good News of Jesus in a Judgment Passage

"Fall on us!" in \_\_\_\_\_ reminds us of "Fall on us!" in \_\_\_\_\_.

**BE ENCOURAGED →** If you're \_\_\_\_\_, you have nothing to \_\_\_\_\_.



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If you're not careful, **PROSPERITY** can lead you to **FORGET GOD**.

#### What Happens When the Warning Is Ignored

1. An **INCREASE** in **FALSE** worship. (Verses 1-2)
2. A **LEADERSHIP** without **INTEGRITY**. (Verses 3-4)
3. A **FUTURE** with **LOSS**. (Verses 5-8)

**THE POINT** → Don't be surprised if God **TAKES AWAY** the things that cause us to **FORGET** him.

#### Responding to Money and Possessions the Right Way

1. Be in the **HABIT** of giving **THANKS**.

**REMEMBER** → The more **THANKFUL** you are, the **CLOSER** your heart will be to God.

2. Have an "It's **NOT MINE**" attitude.

**REMEMBER** → At the end of the day, we're all just **STEWARDS** of the **KING**.

#### Seeing the Good News of Jesus in a Judgment Passage

"Fall on us!" in **HOSEA** reminds us of "Fall on us!" in **REVELATION**.

**BE ENCOURAGED** → If you're **SEALED**, you have nothing to **FEAR**.

## For Further Study

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### Getting Started

1. If given the choice, most people would likely prefer a prosperous life over a life of adversity. Why do you think that is?

### Digging Deeper

2. Read Deuteronomy 8:6-19. What warning do you find here about prosperity? How does this warning play out in Sunday's passage?
3. Read the following passages in the Gospel of Luke. What further lessons about wealth and prosperity can you identify?
  - Luke 6:20, 24
  - Luke 12:15-21
  - Luke 16:13-14
  - Luke 18:24-25
4. Read Hosea 10:2, 8. How does God respond to Israel? What does this teach you about God?
5. The Bible gives us plenty of warnings about prosperity, but are there good things that can come from money and possessions? Explain?

### Driving It Home

6. Marttell mentioned two good ways we can respond to money and possessions in our own day. Pick one you want to grow in. What can you do to start growing in that area of your life this week?