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New Year Sermon - How to Have a Great Year (3 John 2)

A great year is a successful and prosperous one. Everyone desires to experience success and prosperity in this new year. Everyone should also realize that prosperity and success on the outside begin with prosperity on the inside.

The word *prosper* in the Greek means:

Strong's Greek dictionary: to grant a prosperous and expeditious journey, to lead by a direct and easy way, to grant a success, to cause to prosper, to prosper, be successful."

Vine's Greek Dictionary: "To lead in a good way, to prosper one's journey. Figuratively, to make prosperous, give success to."

Truth to take hold of: Happiness, success, and prosperity begin on the inside with the prospering of our soul.

1 Why should we prosper in our soul?

1.1 Because prospering in the soul leads to prosperity in all aspects of life - 3 John 2

1.2 The Lord will cause you to know which way you should walk - Psalm 143:8

1.3 When our thinking changes, our behavior will change - Romans 12:2

2 How does our soul prosper?

2.1 Jesus restores your soul – Psalm 23:3, Psalm 25:1, Psalm 86:4

2.2 Come to Jesus and learn of Him - Matthew 11:28-30, Proverbs 8:17-21

2.3 God's Word restores your soul – Psalm 19:7-8, James 1:21

Conclusion: External success and prosperity begins with the prospering of the soul. Focus on prospering your soul and walk in the promises of success and prosperity.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why should we prosper in our soul?

2. How does our soul prosper?

3. According to Proverbs 8:17-21, if we make seeking God a priority, what will we find?