

TEACH ME TO PROSPER Part Three: "Dealing with the Devourer" Pastor David Cannistraci | March 16, 2014

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just <u>as</u> your soul prospers." 3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

It is God's will for His people to

prosper in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"<u>The thief</u> approaches with malicious intent, looking to <u>steal</u>, <u>slaughter</u>, and <u>destroy</u>; I came to give <u>life with joy and abundance</u>." John 10:10 (TVT)

## THERE IS A REAL DEVOURER

"Bring all the <u>tithes</u> into the storehouse...and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not <u>open for you the windows of heaven</u> and pour out for you such <u>blessing</u> that there will not be room enough to receive it. <u>And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes</u>..." Malachi 3:10-11 (NKJV)

"The dragon stood in front of the woman who was <u>about to give birth</u>, so that it might <u>devour</u> her child the moment he was born." Rev. 12:4 (NIV)

Anything that diminishes

\_\_\_\_\_ is a devourer.

## HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DEVOURER

1. Carefully \_\_\_\_\_\_ your life.

"<u>Stay alert! Watch out</u> for <u>your great enemy</u>, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to <u>devour</u>." 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

Don't \_\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ to the devourer.

2. Become a Scriptural\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Half-hearted obedience will not bring \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Devourer (Cont'd)

The enemy will \_\_\_\_\_\_. until I \_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Let God \_\_\_\_\_\_ the devourer!

"That is why the Son of God came into our world: <u>to destroy the plague of</u> <u>destruction</u> inflicted on the world by <u>the diabolical one</u>." 1 John 3:8 (TVT)

"...When [a thief] is caught, <u>he has to repay it seven times</u>. He must give up all the possessions in his house." Proverbs 6:31 (GWT)

The Lord says, "<u>I will give you back what you lost to the [locusts]</u>...Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the Lord your God, who does these miracles for you. <u>Never again will my people be</u> <u>disgraced</u>." Joel 2:25-26 (NLT)

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ that the Lord cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

FATHER GOD, Thank you for loving me and teaching me to prosper. Today, I ask for your forgiveness for the times I've disobeyed you. Jesus, I know that through the cross, I can be whole and free. I receive your restoring love by faith, and I give my life to you. In Christ's Name, AMEN

## THIS WEEK IN SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: What was your birth position in your family? How was that?

**Scripture:** Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What are some ways that we can put God first in our lives?

**Prayer:** *Pray for the grace to do better in putting God first.* 

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