

**Series:** Generous Living  
**Message:** In The Midst Of Prosperity, Part One  
**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 6:17-19  
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"Believe" = 272x  
"Pray" = 371x  
"Love" = 714x  
"Give" = 2162x

Generous Living in the midst of prosperity is to recognize prosperity as a formidable threat to personal freedom and generosity as its greatest ally.

1 Timothy 6:7

*7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.*

## THE DANGERS OF PROSPERITY

Proverbs 30:7-9

*7 "Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die:*

*8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.*

*9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.*

### 1. Pride

1 Corinthians 10:12

*12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!*

## 2. Misplaced Confidence

1 Timothy 6:17

*17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

Leviticus 22:19-20

*19 you must present a male without defect from the cattle, sheep or goats in order that it may be accepted on your behalf.*

*20 Do not bring anything with a defect, because it will not be accepted on your behalf.*

Generosity – Showing a readiness to give more of something than is strictly necessary or expected.

Mark 12:43-44

*This poor widow has given more than all the others. They gave from their wealth but she, out of her poverty, put in everything she had to live on.*