

AUGUST 9, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

Greater  
Christ



*From Pastor Perkins*

## THE SECRET OF PROSPERITY



I think that what many people are actually talking about when they talk about prosperity may not be prosperity to which they are referring but fruitfulness. I think most people feel a sense of barrenness in their life to the point that the ideas of prosperity becomes exciting and tantalizing. In reality, I think most people would consider themselves prosperous if they could live a fruitful life. Fruit bearing leads to prosperity. The more I meditate on the meaning of discipleship, the more I seem to see a pattern: barrenness-fruitfulness-prosperity.

In John 15:5, Jesus says: “without me you can do nothing...”. In other words, He’s saying that apart from Him our lives will be barren. The key then to living a fruitful and prosperous life is staying connected to Christ. In the same chapter He says, “I am the vine. You are the branches...if you abide (stay connected) in me and my word abide in you, you will bear much fruit (prosper)” St. John 15.

Our desire as disciples should be to bear much fruit for Christ. When our lives are barren; unproductive; unfulfilled, we experience spiritual frustration. Spiritual frustration is the result of not being connected to Christ. In order to prosper spiritually, emotionally, materially, we must stay connected to the Vine. He is the source of our spiritual fulfillment. Pray to Him. Commune with Him. Let His words abide in you. It’s not a big secret. Prosperity is the result of being connected to Christ.

Be blessed

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# NEWS AND NOTES

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## Worship Services

We continue to stream our worship service each Sunday morning at 10 am on Facebook Live. If you do not have the Facebook app, simply go to the church's website: [greaterchristchurch.org](http://greaterchristchurch.org) and press the Facebook LIVE button and you will automatically be connected to the worship service.

Share this information with all your friends so they can share with us. Streaming our service gives us an opportunity to reach many more people with the Word of God.

You are also urged to join us for Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7 pm via Facebook Live.

## Dial in to Sunday Worship

The online worship service is now available to people who can not get on using Facebook Live. You can listen to the service by dialing in using the credentials below.

Dial: 415-762-9988

Meeting ID: 523 363 3657

Password: 036620

Church  
OFFICE  
HOURS

**MONDAY**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

**TUESDAY -  
THURSDAY**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**

**CLOSED FRIDAY**



## GIVING

During this crisis time, please do not fail to continue to pay God His tithes and give your offerings. The church has to be sustained. God has left the church in our hands.

### YOU CAN GIVE BY:

- going to our website; [www.greaterchristchurch.org](http://www.greaterchristchurch.org) and give through PayPal (select Online Giving)
- giving through the Givelify App
- mailing your contribution to the church
- calling the church office and requesting that a deacon picks it up
- bringing your offerings to the church office

**GOD WILL NOT FAIL US!**  
**LET US NOT FAIL GOD!**

## Stay Connected

Although we won't see each other on a weekly basis, we can still stay connected. Call or text each other just to say "Hey, hope you're okay. God bless!" You're especially encouraged to check on our older members and those who are sick and shut-in. Let them know that we love them and that we care.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

24/7   
PRAYER

313.924.9599

## GCBC Prayer Call

Wednesdays, 7:00 am - 7:10 am

Dial: (701) 801-1211

Access Code: 954-484-868

