

What Is 'Divine Increase?'

⁷ That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."⁸ Solomon answered God, "...¹⁰ Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people..."¹¹ God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honour, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king,¹² therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honour, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have." - 2 Chronicles 1:7-12

I would attempt to define what I mean by 'divine increase.' 'Divine increase' refers to the 'over-abundant' blessings of God in our lives. It recognizes the fact that God *"is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.."* – Ephesians 3:20.

'Divine increase' does not only refer to an abundance of riches, but can include immeasurable favour from God with respect to our health, our relationships with others, our own spiritual gifts, fruits of the spirit and so on.

Although the word 'prosperity' can be used to describe 'divine increase,' one must not 'equate prosperity' with only material wealth and possessions. The Bible wants us to be prosperous, as declared in 1 John 1:2:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers."

1 John 1:2 stresses that apart from a desire for wealth and good health, the spiritual prosperity of one's soul is of paramount importance.

Also, as seen with Solomon, one can also receive 'divine increase' with respect to wisdom and knowledge.

⁸ Solomon answered God, "...¹⁰ Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people..." - 2 Chronicles 1:8,10.

There is always potential for divine increase where there is lack in any area of our lives. God desires to bless us beyond measure. However, like Solomon, we should desire to use our supernatural blessings from God for the benefit of others. It should never be used to serve our own selfish ambitions, as exemplified in God's response:

¹¹ God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honour, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king.." - 2 Chronicles 1:11

So God increased Solomon with supernatural wisdom and knowledge, and great wealth and honour were also added:

¹² ...therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honour, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have." - 2 Chronicles 1:12

Heavenly Father,

“Thank You for what You are about to do in my life. As I meditate upon Your Word, I pray for insights into unlocking the power of divine increase for my life. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”

Memory Verses:

“Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.” - 1 John 1:2: