

THE PASTOR AND HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF HIS CHURCH

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health,
even as thy soul prospereth, 3 John 2*

NOTICE SEVERAL THINGS

- **THERE ARE THREE THINGS LISTED HERE**

Prosperity

This would be prospering in what we do

It has the illusion to financial prosperity

Health

A pastor has a natural concern for the physical well-being of the members of his church

He should not only pray for them, but teach principles of health

Soul Prosperity

This would include walking with God, getting your prayers answered, winning the lost, etc

These three things the pastor should be concerned about

- **IT SAYS ABOVE ALL THINGS**

Therefore, it is only natural that you would hear a sermon like this

The two things that should top the list of things a pastor should be concerned about is after spiritual health is

Financial health

Physical health

You become very limited in your usefulness to God if you are unhealthy financially, or physically

- **NOTICE IT SAYS, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH**

The next concern of a pastor after a person is well spiritually is that they be well physically and also financially

TRUTHS

- **HEALTH IS BASICALLY A CLEAN BODY**

And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean, Matthew 8:2.

It is a shame that we keep our own house cleaner than we do God's House

You don't clean your body by putting garbage in

- **OUR BODY IS A HOME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own, 1 Cor, 6:19?

How said, when we give the Holy Spirit a dirty home in which to live

- **HEALTH IS IN LARGE PART DETERMINED BY FIVE THINGS**

The food we eat

The liquids we drink

The exercise we get

The sunshine we get

And the air we breathe

- **ALL OF THESE HAVE A SPIRITUAL COUNTERPART**

The food we eat - the Bible - determines our spiritual health

The liquid we drink - Jesus spoke in a spiritual sense of drinking His blood

The exercise we get can be compared to trials

The sunshine we get can be compared to Jesus who is the Sun of Righteousness

The air we breathe can be compared to the Holy Spirit

- **A PERSON IN GOOD HEALTH CAN SERVE GOD MUCH BETTER**

Consider Daniel

What he ate and didn't eat made him ten times better than those whose diet was worldly

The more you desire to serve God, the more you will take care of yourself