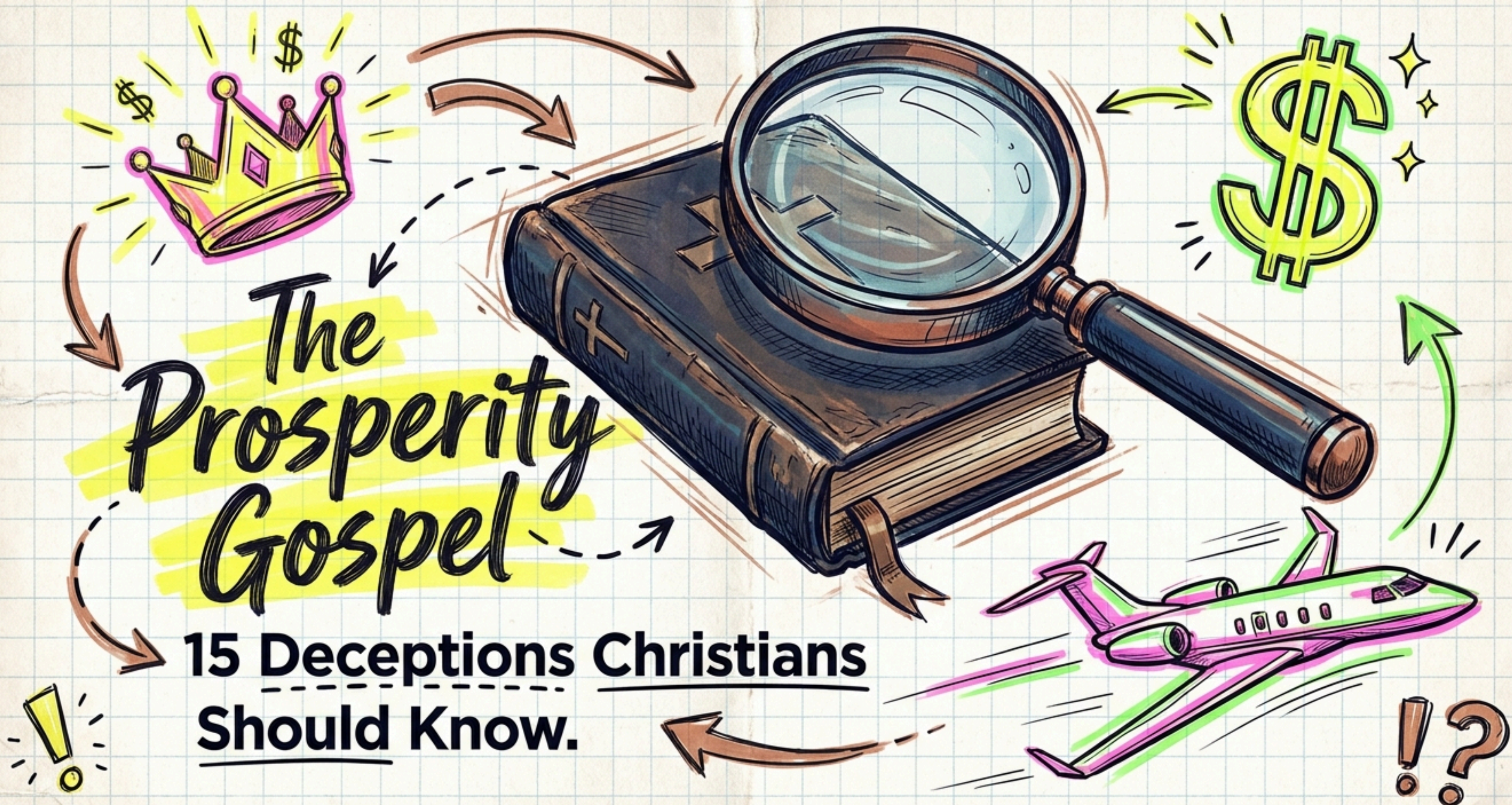
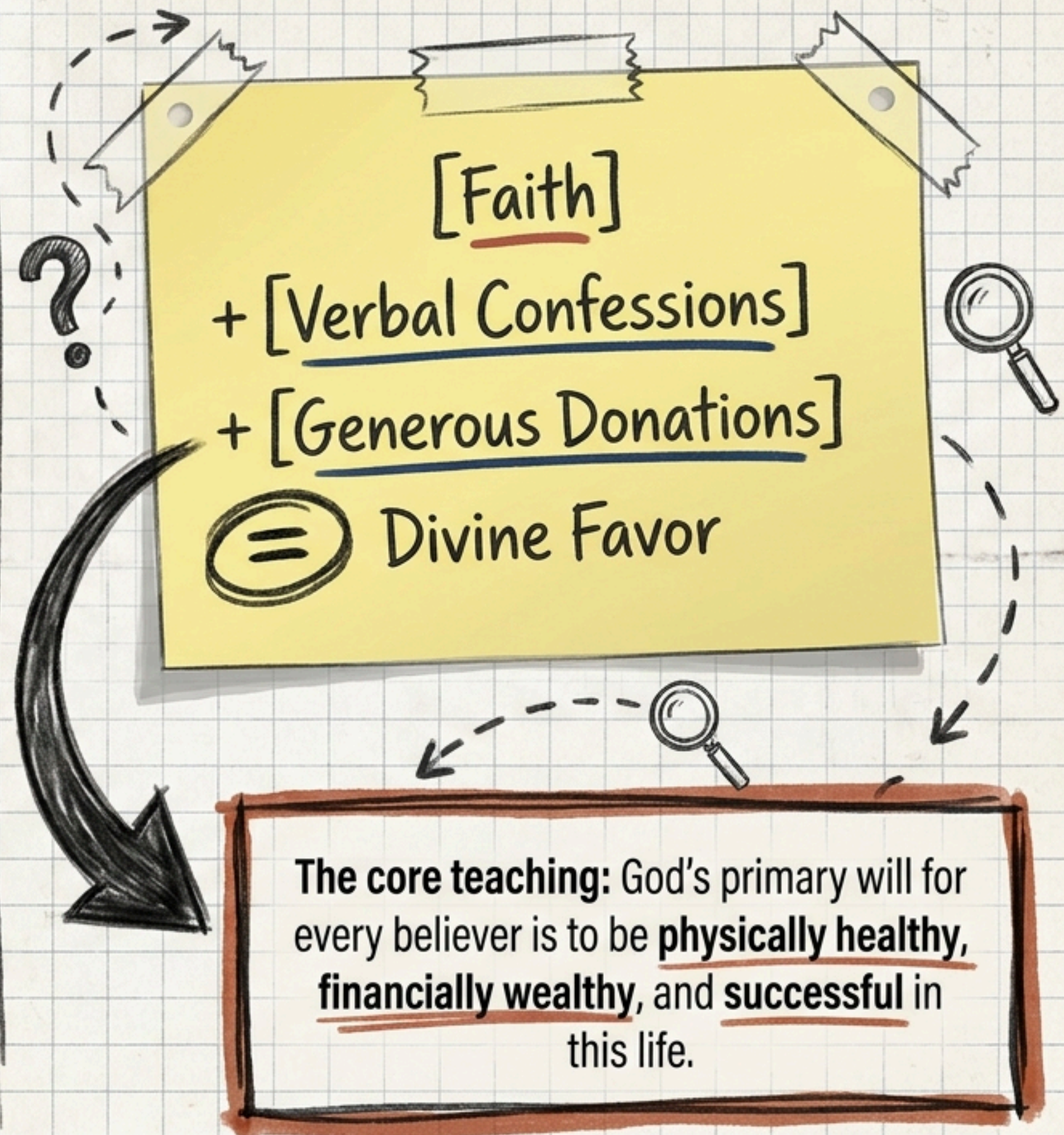
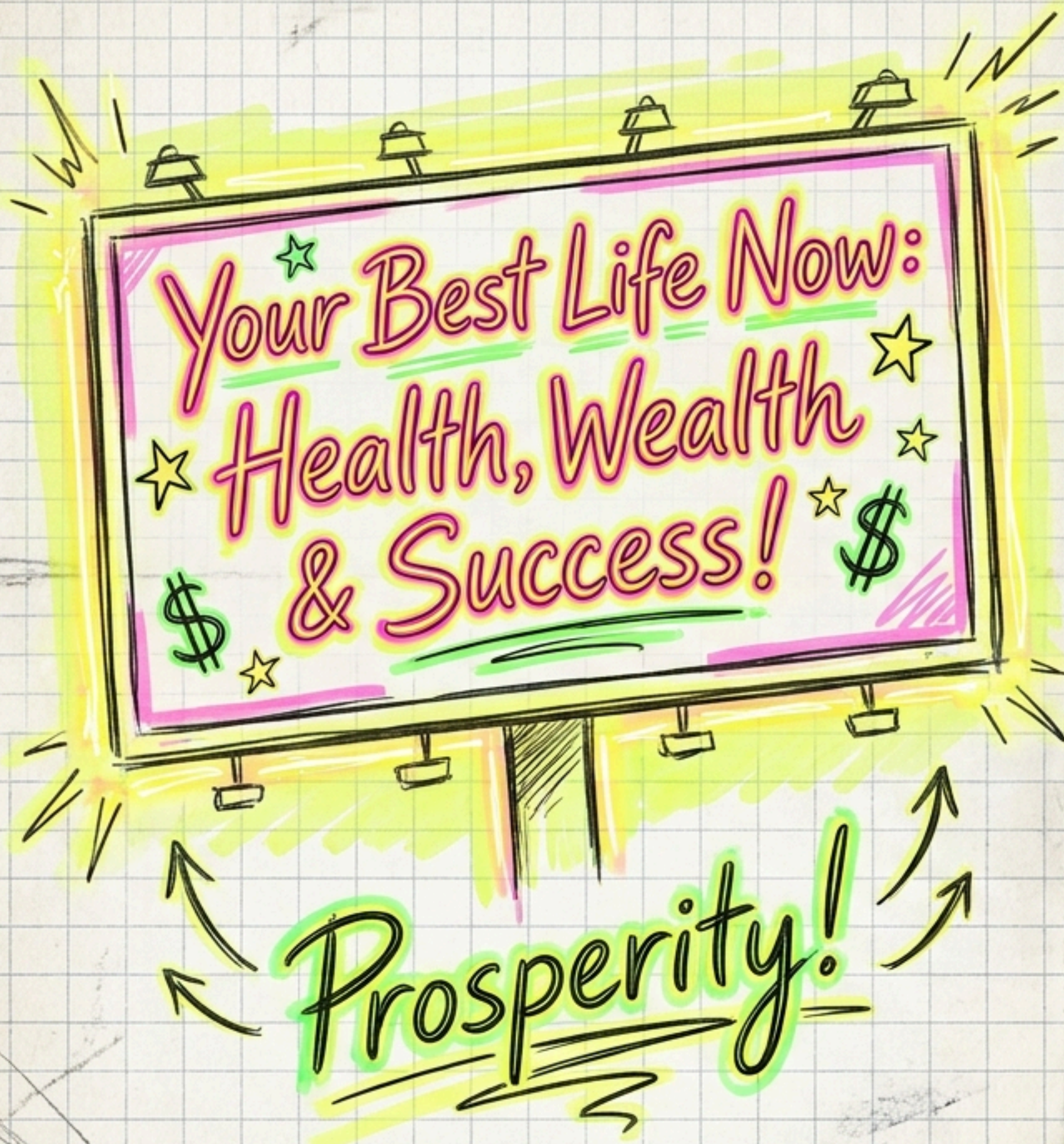




The Prosperity Gospel

15 Deceptions Christians Should Know.



COUNTERFEIT GOSPEL

Proclaims a different Jesus centered on self-glorification, not Christ crucified (Galatians 1:6-9).

COSMIC GENIE

Reduces God's purpose to granting material wishes.

TWISTED FAITH

Treats faith as a magical "force" to manipulate outcomes.

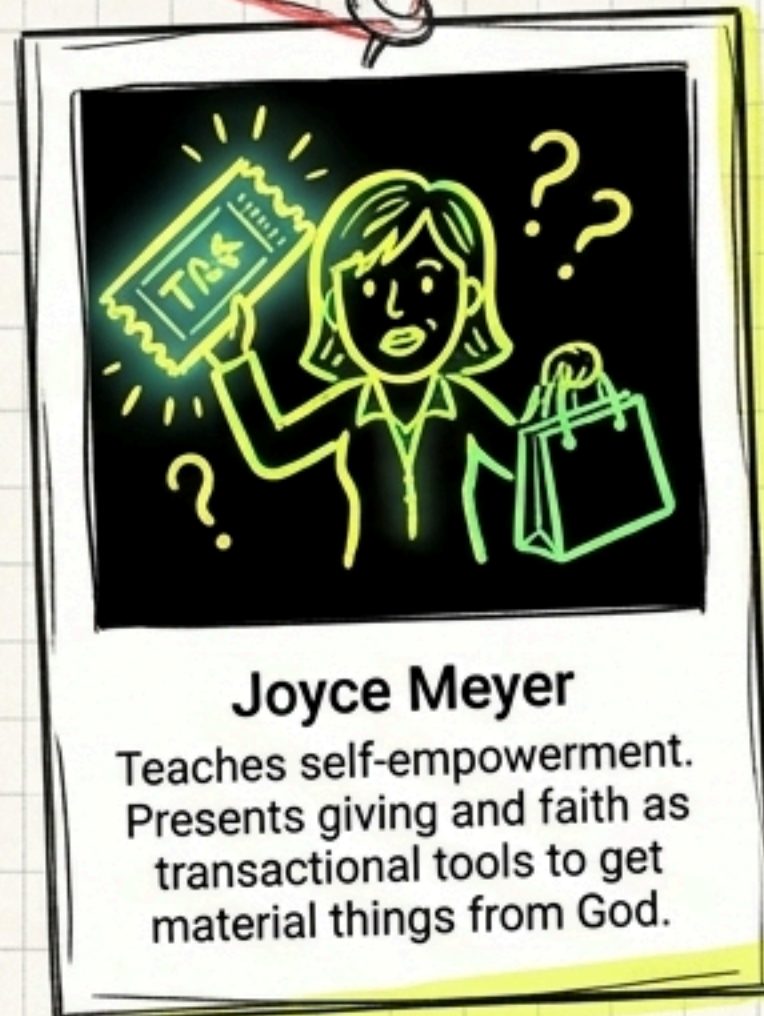
DENIES SUFFERING

Contradicts the biblical reality that believers will face trials and persecution.

VICTIM BLAMING

Claims sickness or poverty is the result of unconfessed sin or lack of faith.

The Faces of the Movement





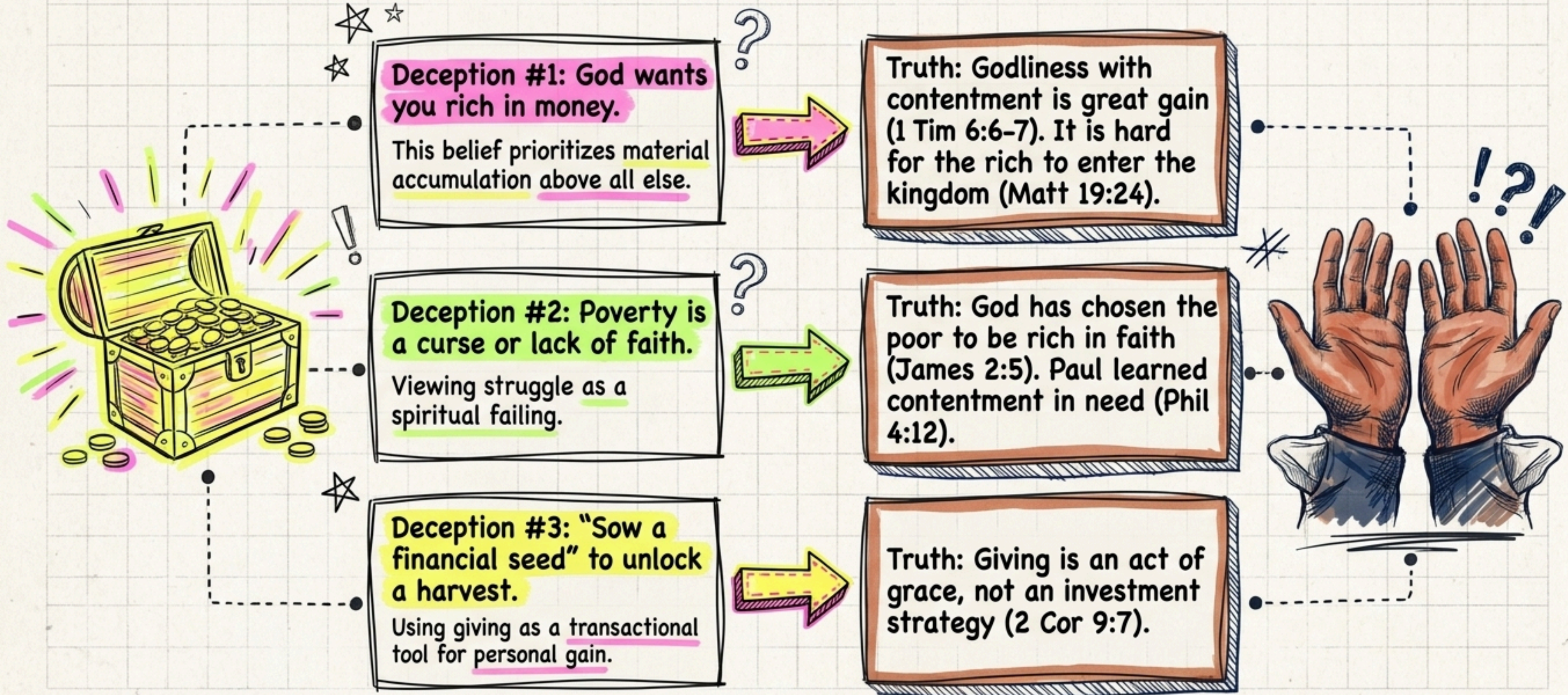
Insert Financial Seed Here

Enter Positive Confession

Collect Health & Wealth

God is not a Cosmic Vending Machine.
Faith is a trusting relationship
with a sovereign Lord, not a coin
to insert for personal gain.

Cluster 1: The Wealth Illusion



Cluster 2: The "Faith Formula"



Deception #4: "Name it and claim it."

Truth: Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but yours be done." Faith is submission, not a technique (Luke 22:42).

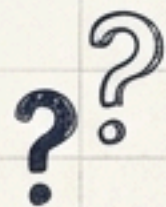


Deception #11: Give \$100, get \$1,000 back.

Truth: Luke 6:38 is about measuring out mercy and forgiveness, not financial returns.

Deception #14: Faith is a force to get things.

Truth: Faith is trust in God's character regardless of circumstances, not a tool to manipulate outcomes (Hebrews 11:1).



Cluster 3: The "Rich Jesus" Myth



Deception #5: Jesus was physically rich, so you can be too.

Truth: "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head" (Matt 8:20).



Deception #10: You are a child of the King, so live in luxury.

Truth: Jesus became poor so we might become rich (2 Cor 8:9)—"wealth" means grace, forgiveness, adoption, and eternal glory, not earthly mansions.

Cluster 4: The Health & Suffering Reality



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Deception #6: God always heals; if you're sick, it's your fault.

Truth: Paul's own "thorn" remained. God said: "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Cor 12:9).

Deception #7: Christians shouldn't experience tragedy.

Truth: Trials are guaranteed and produce perseverance, character, and hope (James 1:2-3).

Deception #8: The atonement guarantees physical healing now.

Truth: "By his wounds we are healed" (Isa 53:5) is primarily primarily spiritual. Complete physical healing comes at the resurrection, not in this fallen world.

Cluster 5: Redefining “Abundant Life”

Deception #9:
“Abundant life”
means an abundance
of things.

Truth: The abundant
life Jesus promises is
the eternal, joyful,
satisfying life of
knowing God through
Christ (John 17:3).



Deception #15:
God's main goal is
your earthly
prosperity.

Truth: The ultimate
goal is the glory of
God and our eternal
joy in Him. We are
called to store up
treasures in heaven,
not on earth.

Cluster 6: Status and the Supernatural



Deception #12: Command angels to bring you wealth.

Truth: Angels serve God's sovereign purposes, not our financial whims (Heb 1:14). Jesus Himself refused to command angels to avoid the cross.

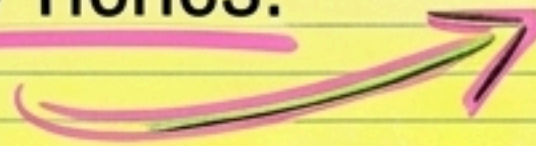


Deception #13: Avoid the poor to avoid a 'poverty spirit'.

Truth: Scripture commands us to speak up for the destitute (Prov 31:8). James harshly rebukes honoring the rich while despising the poor (James 2:1-6).

The Ultimate Comparison

The Ledger (Prosperity Gospel)

	Debit	Credits
  - Centered on <u>self-glorification</u>.  - Treats faith as a <u>formula</u>. - Views God as a <u>Vending Machine</u>. - Promises <u>avoidance of suffering</u>.  - Ultimate treasure: <u>Temporary earthly riches</u>.  		

The Cross (Authentic Gospel)

- Centered on Christ crucified.
- Treats faith as absolute trust.
- Views God as a Sovereign Lord.
- Promises perseverance through suffering.
- Ultimate treasure: Christ alone.



The True Cost

The prosperity gospel appeals to our natural, fleshly desires, but falls entirely short of the Gospel's transforming power.



Earthly Bank

The true call is not to claim our "best life now," but to lose our life for Christ's sake—and in doing so, truly find it (Matt 16:25).

It is not just a different interpretation; it is a different gospel entirely (Galatians 1).



Eternal Hope



An Insider's Warning

I didn't learn this from the outside looking in.
I actually left New Creation Church after sitting
under Joseph Prince's teaching for 15 years.
It took time to untangle the transactional
theology from the true grace of God.

Let me know in the
comments below if you'd like
me to share exactly why I
left, or if you are navigating
a similar experience.
You are not alone.

Guard Your Heart



Find your contentment not in what you can get from God, but in God Himself.