

# CREATING YOUR FUTURE BY DESIGNING A PRODUCTIVE, PURPOSEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS LIFE

**“THE FUTURE NEVER JUST HAPPENED. IT WAS CREATED.”** *Mae Jemison*  
Mae Carol Jemison the first African American female astronaut.

**Worksheet for the Spiritual Discipline: “Planning the Future”**  
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## Holistic View of Life Designing

Wealth, Health, and Abundance in the biblical view is comprehensive and holistic; For it includes the concepts of valuable material resources; a prosperous well-being; a plenteous life; financial prosperity, but also advances the concept of wealth to include *spiritual wealth*. Spiritual wealth means a sound, healthy, and prosperous inner soul and spirit - one that includes rich fellowship with the living God and generous service to others. This is true wealth, *Godly Wealth*.

## A New Creation

You are a new creation designed afresh by the Spirit of God.  
John 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10 (God’s Design)



## Paul’s “Prophetic Wealth Utterance”

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. You will be **enriched** [Greek – **made wealthy**] in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11(New Revised Standard Version)*

The Message translation (MSG) of 2 Corinthians 9:11 says, “**Wealthy in every way**, so that you can be **generous in every way**, producing with us great praise to God.” Paul declares wealth upon the members of this congregation in verse 11 as he did in verse 8. In verse 11, the Greek word translated, *being enriched* in the KJV, literally means “to make wealthy.” This phrase in the MSG, *Wealthy in every way (everything)* means wealthy, plenteous in “every dimension of life.”

Therefore, my declaration, “**God wants you to be wealthy**,” is biblically-based. It simply means: **God wants you to enjoy a prosperous life of spiritual and material well-being**. Make that declaration to yourself right now. You can confidently declare, “*God wants me to enjoy a prosperous life of spiritual and material well-being.*” Declare it; work it; enjoy it! Indeed, I believe God is saying to all humanity, every human upon this earth, “**I want all humankind, who was created in My image, to be wealthy in every dimension of life.**”

## Wealth “In Every Way”: In Every Dimension of Life

This illustration is from my book for Christian entrepreneurs, *God Wants You to be Wealthy (How to Release the Wealth Builder Within)*.

True wealth seeks success and prosperity in each of the ten dimensions of human life: spiritual, intellectual, emotional maturity, material, financial, physical, social, occupational focus and fulfillment, vocational, and the environmental. God has created us for this purpose. This multi-dimensional aspect of wealthy human existence is part of the great joy of being created in God’s image. We can and should apply wealth and abundance to *every* area of human existence; not just the material. To experience wealthy living, we need rich social relationships and occupational fulfillment as well as having our material needs met. See the illustration below.

<i>Ten Dimensions of Wealth</i> , Dr. Kenneth Hammonds		
➤ <b>SPIRITUAL</b> (Godliness)	➤ <b>INTELLECTUAL</b> (Mind)	➤ <b>EMOTIONAL</b> (Moods)
➤ <b>MATERIAL</b> (Things)	➤ <b>FINANCIAL</b> (Money)	➤ <b>PHYSICAL</b> (Healthy Body)
➤ <b>SOCIAL</b> (Relationships)	➤ <b>OCCUPATIONAL</b> (Work, Productive Activity & Your Vocational Calling)	➤ <b>TIME</b> (Time Management, Goal Setting, Dreams)
➤ <b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b> (The complex combination of social ( <i>the type of people around you</i> ), cultural, climatic, and living surroundings)		

## QUESTIONS for Designing Your Life by Learning from the Past and Designing Your Future

Let's now engage in writing a design for your life for full wealth and balance in every dimension of life. Honestly answer the questions. If you desire to regularly track your improvement at the end of each month, review and evaluate your progress in each dimension. This is not to be a boring exercise, but rather an exciting unfolding of your future before your very eyes. The "Past" line is mentioned so that the past might be a source for reflection and learning. The "Future" line is mentioned to let you know you can "Purposefully Strive" to create the future. By the way, my phrase, "in the next 12 months" is my hint that may wish to think about doing this sooner rather than later. But, you may adjust any Dimension's time frame as you desire.

- ❖ **Spiritual Dimension** ✎ Right Relationship with God, Humankind, and Our Earth  
Past: How successfully did you develop your spiritual life in the past 12 months?  
Future: How might you better design spiritual development to the MAX in the next 12 months?
- ❖ **Intellectual Dimension** ✎ Education and Discovery  
Past: How successful were you in developing your mind (education and discovery) in the past 12 months?  
Future: How might you design increasing further discovery and educational growth in your life in the next 12 months?
- ❖ **Emotional Dimension** ✎ Sanity, Sound Emotional Well-Being  
Past: How successful were you in managing your emotional health in the past 12 months?  
Future: How might you design a better way of managing your emotional well-being in the future?
- ❖ **Material Dimension** ✎ Having the things you need to make your life safe and comfortable  
Past: As you experienced the past 12 months, did you have the kinds of "things" you needed to do what you wanted to do and live the kind of life you wanted to live?  
Future: How might you better design your life in the next 12 months to pursue the things you need to live the quality of life you desire?
- ❖ **Financial Dimension** ✎ Having more than enough money for your Financial Independence, Freedom, and Stability  
**A Series of Questions**
  - Are you financially fit and able to purchase the kinds of things you need to live at the level of financial stability you desire?
  - Are you **MAXIMIZING** your financial potential?
  - Are you giving to the causes and programs you wish to support?
  - Are you providing for your financial future and the future of your loved ones?
- ❖ **Physical Dimension** ✎ Health and Strength in the Body  
Past: How successful were you in utilizing the care of your body and physical well-being in the past 12 months?  
Future: How might you design taking better care of your body and physical health in the future?
- ❖ **Social Dimension** ✎ Positive, Wholesome Relationships. It's loving and being loved.  
Past: How successful were you in managing your social relationships and people skills in the past 12 months?  
Future: How might you better design and enjoy your social life and further develop your people skills in the future?
- ❖ **Occupational Dimension** ✎ Productive, Wholesome Activity It's doing what you love.  
Past: How successful were you in managing your professional (career or work) life in the past 2 years?  
Future: How might you better design your professional (career or work) life in the future?
- ❖ **Time Dimension** ✎ Fulfilling your dreams and relationships by daily goal directed action  
Past: How successful were you managing your time in the past 12 months?  
Future: How might you design better use of your time neither wasting nor misusing any precious moment?
- ❖ **Environmental Dimension** ✎ Peaceful, Healthy Living Surroundings  
Past: How wholesome and uplifting were your living surroundings in the past 12 months?  
Future: How might you better design your relationship with your environment in the next 12 months?



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