

Meditation In God's Word builds a prosperous soul....

- 3 John 2
- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 1
- Isaiah 55:2



3 John 2: Stating the vision of a prosperous soul

Prosperous: The KJV translates Strong's G2137 in the following manner: prosper (3x), have a prosperous journey (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage:

to grant a prosperous and expeditious journey, to lead by a direct and easy way; to grant a successful issue, to cause to prosper; to prosper, be successful

Soul: The KJV translates Strong's G5590 in the following manner: soul (58x), life (40x), mind (3x), heart (1x), heartily (with G1537)

Outline of Biblical Usage:

the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions (our heart, soul etc.)

Versions:

.....Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and prosper and be in good health [physically], just as [I know] your soul prospers [spiritually].

.....you may prosper and be healthy, just as your soul is prospering.

.....I pray that your body is strong and well even as your soul is.

.....Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.

.....YLT Beloved, concerning all things I desire thee to prosper, and to be in health, even as thy soul doth prosper,

Meditation/meditate: definition

The KJV translates Strong's H1897 in the following manner: to moan, growl, utter, muse, mutter, meditate, devise, plot, speak

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate H1897 therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Versions:

..... Never stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day so that you will faithfully do everything written in them. Only then will you prosper and succeed.

.....then you will make your way successful, and you will be wise.

.....Let the words from the book of the law be always on your lips. Meditate on them day and night so that you may be careful to live by all that is written in it. If you do, as you make your way through this world, you will prosper and always find success.

.....YLT The book of this law doth not depart out of thy mouth, and thou hast meditated in it by day and by night, so that thou dost observe to do according to all that is written in it, for then thou dost cause thy way to prosper, and then thou dost act wisely.

Psalm 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate
H1897 day and night.

Versions:

.....on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] meditates day
and night.

.....they recite God's Instruction day and night

.....they delight in doing everything God wants them to, and day and night
are always meditating on his laws and thinking about ways to follow him
more closely.

.....you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a
tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, Never dropping a
leaf, always in blossom.

.....For you, the Eternal's Word is your happiness. It is your focus—from
dusk to dawn.

Psalm 63:6

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate H1897 on thee in the
night watches.

Versions:

.....I think about you, God, before I go to sleep, and my thoughts turn to you
during the night.

..... I remember you while I'm lying in bed; I think about [meditate on] you
through the watches of the night [C the night was divided into four watches
of three hours each].

.....YL If I have remembered Thee on my couch, In the watches -- I
meditate on Thee.

Psalm 77:12

I will meditate H1897 also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Versions:

.....thoughtfully consider

.....I will ponder

.....I will reflect on

.....I will muse on

.....I will recall

.....I will think about, consider

(To muse: to become absorbed in thought especially : to think about something carefully and thoroughly; to wonder, marvel; to think or say (something) in a thoughtful way "I could sell the house," she mused, "but where would I go?")

Proverbs 15:28

The heart of the righteous studieth H1897 to answer:

Versions:

.....The heart of the righteous thinks carefully about how to answer [in a wise and appropriate and timely way]

.....Good people [The heart/mind of the righteous] ·think [reflect; meditate] before they answer, but the wicked simply ·pour [blurt] out evil.

Isaiah 55:2b: your soul shall delight itself in FATNESS

.....hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

The KJV translates Strong's H1880 in the following manner: ashes (8x), fatness (7x).

Outline of Biblical Usage

Fatness: of fertility, of blessing (fig.), fat ashes (ashes of victims, mixed with the fat)

Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon

STRONGS H1880:

1. fatness, abundance, luxuriance, oil, Judges 9:9 (of olive tree); abundance, fertility Psalm 63:6; Psalm 65:12, of food and drink, Job 36:16; Jeremiah 31:14; passing over into figurative of spiritual blessing; Isaiah 55:2.

Versions:

.....let your soul delight in abundance

.....the profuseness of spiritual joy

.....the food that satisfies your soul.

.....Listen and I'll tell you where to get good food that fattens up the soul!

.....Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best, fill yourself with only the finest. Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words.

.....Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance.

.....YLT: Why do ye weigh money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which is not for satiety? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat good, And your soul doth delight itself in fatness.

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