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ABSTRACT

The impact of the doctrine of prosperity on the contemporary church in Nigeria is significant. This project has attempted to examine the unnecessary schism and arguments this teaching has generated. The study has tried to upgrade our awareness to the level of God's consciousness of His material prosperity plan for man, and also highlighting ministers' responsibility in teaching church members Godly principles, access and use of material prosperity.

Chapter one is made up of preliminary materials such as background to the study, statement of the problem, purpose of the study, methodology, delimitation and definition of key terms, Chapter two attempts an overview of prosperity - notions about prosperity, biblical principles of prosperity, characteristics of prosperity, purpose of prosperity and access to prosperity. Chapter three examines the foundations for financial prosperity which include recognizing God's ownership, obedience to God's principle, consecration of life, dedication and commitment to Kingdom business, financial integrity, faith and prayer.

Chapter four highlights the effects of the doctrine of prosperity on members of the contemporary church - their stewardship in giving, their attitude to prosperity and their welfare status. Chapter five draws the curtain on the study by way of summary, making recommendations on teaching of prosperity with concluding statement.