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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Deuteronomy 6:13-25

Cyprian, a pastor who became bishop of Carthage in North Africa in 249, did not become a Christian until he reached adulthood. His conversion surprised many of his friends, especially when he sold all of his worldly goods and distributed the money to the poor. Along with giving away his wealth, he took a vow of poverty.

Cyprian discovered that prosperity was not in his worldly possessions, but in his love and obedience to God in Christ. He penned these words to one of his friends: "It is a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and good people who have learned the great secret of life. They have found a joy and a wisdom which is a thousand times better than any of the pleasures of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are Christians . . . and I am one of them."\*

Encountering Christ helps us to discover our own prosperity in life?here on this earth and for all eternity!

\*Quoted in *Patches of Godlight* by Jan Karon (New York: Penguin Books, 2002).

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