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1. Although this book contains all 30 Lessons, it is best to study the Lessons in *consecutive* order, one-Lesson-a-week. Begin with Lesson #1 and work with that Lesson for about a week before moving on to the following Lesson, and so on.

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5. Results will be best when you make this a time of change in thinking, releasing ideas that no longer work and dedicating yourself to practicing the principles taught, each day.

6. When you speak the Prosperity Prayers be sure and do so with feeling.

7. The *Million Dollar Prosperity Plan* is a good one. Pay attention to it. It was compiled by a Millionaire.

8. Read Brad Jensen's Secrets of the Universe - Prosperity Step-by-Step. Brad made his millions practicing the principles and using the ideas he teaches. Read it several times.

I will appreciate hearing from you, learn how you are doing and of your progress. Kindly write to me. <u>RevJohn@GoldenKeyMinistry.com</u> Do not get the feeling that now that you have bought my Prosperity Made E-Z Course, you are on your own. If I may be of help to you in any way, let me know.

Thanks again. Lovingly, Rev. John W. Adams

Lesson 1

Foundation for Permanent Prosperity

Prosperity Principle: In every aspect of life, to have more you must give more.



Foundation for Permanent Prosperity

In the mid-sixties, my family and I purchased a house several miles north of Bremerton, Washington. It was situated on three very pretty acres with a view of the Olympic Mountains. One of the outstanding features of the house was that when the wind blew, even very hard, that house never shook or even creaked. That's because it was securely fastened to very large rocks, which were cemented together to form a solid foundation.

A good foundation is essential when constructing a building and just as important when creating permanent prosperity. Too many people tend to rush into establishing themselves in a prosperous condition, and then wonder what happened when they either fail to do so, or if they do, it is not as great as they would like, or doesn't last.

The basis for permanent prosperity is the universal law: *You cannot get something for nothing*. In other words, "Thou shall not steal." In truth, one who steals, steals from himself. The con artist first cons himself. (A lot of people have "conned" [thought and talked] themselves into lack and limitation.)

Under the law of compensation it is impossible to get something for nothing. Life, functioning under this law of mind, demands that we pay for what we get. By the same token, we get what we pay for. If you try to get something for nothing, nothing is what you eventually wind up with.

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In order to receive full measure, you are required to give full measure. You must pay eventually, so why not now? A balance must be maintained between giving and receiving.

Stuart Wilde wrote: "The way to ensure that you will always have enough is to forget about the money and concentrate instead on giving of yourself emotionally - that is, supporting people, putting out energy and being there for others." (*The Little Money Bible* - Hay House)

Wealth is the out-picturing of your state of mind. Those who strive hard for wealth yet remain poor, have a poverty consciousness. That is the main reason for their lack of achieving the prosperous results they desire. And, they do not know God as the Source of their supply.

Keep in mind that it is not hard work but the condition of your consciousness that determines how prosperous you are. Some people, who spend years trying to prosper and work very hard without success, may be laboring under karmic law.

Karmic law is the oriental name for results of cause and effect, and can be carried from one incarnation to another. However, the law of *grace transcends the law of karma, and it is God's free gift to you.

A businessman believed that it didn't matter what he did to achieve his prosperity goals. He thought it was okay to cheat people, to give them inferior goods while over-charging them. It wasn't long before his business was failing. Fortunately, he realized what was happening and was determined to change his thinking and behavior. He studied the universal laws of prosperity, especially the laws of grace, giving, receiving and attraction.

Invoking the law of grace set him free from past mistakes, and by diligently applying the laws of prosperity, especially tithing, he first established within himself a solid foundation of God as the source of his supply upon which he could build permanent prosperity for himself. He determined to give people greater value for their purchases than the price they paid. Soon, his business began to prosper, and he became very successful. He was grateful he learned to build a solid foundation of God as his source and the value of giving full measure instead of trying to get something for nothing.

Prosperity Affirmation: Secure in the Source of all wealth, my prosperity steadily grows. By the grace of God, I am free from past mistakes and I now go forward into my ever-increasing prosperity.

Action: Accept that God is the source of your supply. Take time for quiet meditation in which you establish yourself securely in the Presence of God. Decide what you want the Universe to give to you. Decide what you will give to the Universe then, begin giving it. i.e. - Love, service, helpfulness, be more generous, positive, optimistic.

Read more about the Law of Grace in my book, The Secret of Multiplied Money available in print and e-book in our bookstore. Click Now.

Barrier to Prosperity - 1: Judging by Appearances

Prosperity Principle: Appearances are limiting. God's abundance is unlimited.

Jesus Christ, the Great Prosperity Teacher, made a profound statement when He said, "Do not judge by the appearance, but be right in your judgment."

Unfortunately, not enough people have taken to heart what He taught. What He said is that when we look to appearances, we tend to believe they are real and make judgments accordingly. This is looking in the wrong direction and is very limiting. It causes us to make wrong decisions.

Look in your wallet, purse, checkbook, mattress, or wherever you keep your money. If there appears to be only a few dollars, it would be incorrect to decide that money was running out. Take a moment or two and think about the mega-trillions of dollars there are in the world. And behind those, is the eternal spiritual idea of money. Every moment, billions and billions of dollars are transferred electronically. Those financial waves pass through your body. So, you have billions and billions of dollars moving through you every moment. You may not feel them, but it is true.

Jim Rosemergy said in his great prosperity book, *Even Mystics Have Bill to Pay*, "The classic human error is judging by appearances. Lack of vision hides the Truth of Being from us in so many areas of human experience. This is especially true when it comes to prosperity. We falsely believe that people are our source."

Your job, business, and people are not your source. God is, and God is within you and everywhere present. The key to truly living prosperously is to get your consciousness so centered in the Source, there is no way that you can judge by appearances and believe there is anything less than total, unlimited provision for you.

Your Golden Key to removing barrier #1 is to look beyond any appearance of lack or limitation to the vast, limitless abundance of God. Practice doing this every day and you will know the Truth: *There is always plenty to spare and to share*. Give more time to positive prayer and meditation in which you focus only upon God and His vast provision for you.

Prosperity Affirmation: I do not judge by appearances. My focus is securely in God's rich abundance within and all around me. I now experience increasingly rich supply!

Action: Observe how you view everything. Watch for when you might begin to judge by appearances and immediately switch to God's unlimited rich abundance now available to you.

Barrier to Prosperity - 2: Thinking Lack

Prosperity Principle: Think prosperously to produce prosperous conditions.

If you believe something other than a consciousness of God is your supply, you believe in lack and limitation. This is closely akin to judging by appearances, which was discussed in the previous lesson.

When you look to channels as the source, then there is limitation in your thinking and the result is a lack of supply. Thinking that you do not have sufficient funds to pay bills is a lack-belief. It may appear that you do not have the funds, at the moment, but when you look beyond the appearance to the Source of all wealth, you know you have unlimited resources.

This is very important because, too often, people who want to prosper look at appearances and say, "my money is running low." They say that because of *lack-thinking*. When they look beyond the appearance and "see" with their imaginations and faith, the unlimited resources of God, and let those resources fill their thinking, they experience the spiritual substance of unlimited supply, and know it is theirs.

Jim Rosemergy wrote in, *Even Mystics Have Bills to Pay*, "The have-not consciousness can produce only one thing—loss. I once had a friend who experienced deprivation and lack with great regularity. Often I told him that he was looking at the hole in the donut. There were blessings in his life, but during the darkest times, his attention was upon what he did not have - what he lacked. This was his focus and what he manifested in his life - loss."

Jim Rosemergy goes on to say, "Thoughts are not the real shape formers of our lives; it is thoughtpatterns woven together that form our consciousness. These are builders of our life experiences. A consciousness of the Source must rise up from within us. Then we are free."

Check up on your thought-patterns. Listen to what you are telling yourself. When you write a check, visit your bank account, or spend money, what do you see? What are your most dominant thoughts concerning your supply? Are you looking to channels, or to God, the Source? What do you have most of in consciousness, belief in and acceptance of lack, or the rich abundance of God? If you catch yourself thinking lack, don't waste time or energy beating up on yourself, switch your thinking to the rich abundance of God. Affirm it and feel it!

Your Golden Key to abundant living is the awareness of God as your Source, and a consciousness of God as your supply. Then there can be no lack within you or in your life. Through your thinking, you are always working with the Law of Attraction. Thus, you are wise to think prosperously.

Prosperity Affirmation: There is no lack. I think prosperously, and I am richly prospered every day in every wonderful way.

Action: Look at the doughnut, not the hole. Every day for the next seven days, deliberately keep your thinking focused on the rich abundance of God. Look for and see the evidence of this every where. Go up on a high hill and take in the view. Gratefully claim and accept that it all belongs to you!

Barrier to Prosperity - 3: Holding on to Resentments

Prosperity Principle: Freedom from resentments is prospering power.

Resentment is an exceptionally strong obstacle to prosperity mastery. The reason for this is, when you hang on to resentments, you are not practicing the presence of God. You deny yourself access to the vast, unlimited resources of Divine Mind. It effectively separates you, in consciousness, from the source of your supply, and inhibits the flow of prospering ideas and energy.

If you are filled with resentment and anger, you cannot feel the love that is your real nature and perpetually enfolds you. Anger and resentment are of the ego. The ego judges by appearances and is usually wrong. Love and forgiveness are of Spirit and always right.

As long as you do not forgive and free yourself from resentment, you are unable to experience the Love that God is. Love is the highest and greatest prospering energy. Through a consciousness of love, you are cared for, your earthly needs are met, and your prosperity desires are fulfilled.

Not only does resentment restrict you from the love that God is, it creates a barrier to powerful, loving relationships including your relationship with money. You are not able to perform your work with joy and real efficiency if you hold resentments toward other people.

Emmet Fox wrote: "The vital importance of forgiveness may not be obvious at first sight, but you may be sure that it is not by chance that every great spiritual teacher has insisted strongly on this.

"You must forgive injuries, not just in words, or as a matter of form, but in your heart - and that is the long and the short of it. You do this, not for the other person's sake, but for your own sake. Resentment, condemnation, anger, desire to see someone punished are things that rot your soul. Such things fasten your troubles to you with rivets. They fetter you to many other problems that actually have nothing whatever to do with the original grievances themselves."

Forgiving and releasing resentments are essential to demonstrating the level of prosperity you desire. When you forgive and refuse to hold on to resentments, you experience peace of mind. It is through peace that you are truly prospered.

This was true for a young man who had started his own business. He had a good business plan and seemed to know the way to make it succeed. But his efforts failed and he didn't know why. When he sought my counsel, I listened to him for a while and learned that he was holding on to some old resentments related to his father and other people. Although the cause of his resentments had happened years before, he was still re-living them and experiencing the anger he had felt at that time. This securely blocks the flow of prospering love energy.

Fortunately, this young man was determined to succeed in his business so he was receptive to guidance. He was counseled to spend some time in bringing to mind anyone and anything that he felt

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resentment toward. Then he was to lovingly forgive and release them, and to continue this for as long

as necessary to be completely free. He was assured this would open the way for the un-restricted flow of prospering love-energy.

At first he didn't see how these things could keep him from prospering, and questioned the validity of my suggestions, but he reluctantly began to do as instructed. Very diligently he followed through, plus he gave time to consciously loving his father, other people, his business and his customers. When I saw him several months later, his face lighted up as he told me of the change that had come over him and how seemingly easy his business was prospering.

It is profitable to release all resentments and to forgive everyone and everything that needs to be forgiven by you. Remember to forgive yourself for past behaviors and mistakes. This is Love at work, and Love frees you to prosper.

The way to never needing to forgive is to refrain from condemnation.

Prosperity Affirmation: I freely forgive myself and everyone and everything that could possibly need forgiving by me. Love has set me free and I prosper.

Action: Spend some time in thinking about whom or what you may feel resentment toward. Then, forgive them as you release all anger and resentment. Watch your thoughts and feelings for resentments that might come up. Release them quickly and definitely, replacing them with love.

Lesson 5

How to Stabilize Your Finances

Prosperity Principle: God is the Source of your supply.

To have stability in your finances, and in every phase of your life, there is only one thing you can count on, which is the anchor and foundation of true prosperity. This stabilizing factor is accepting God as the Source of your supply. This may seem a bit different than you have been used to thinking. Many people still look outside themselves for their supply. But that is looking in the wrong direction, as explained in a previous lesson. All true prosperity begins with focusing your attention within, on the One Source of all your good. Understand that God is not a human-like Being in the sky someplace, and separate from you. God is spirit, infinite love, wisdom, substance, energy permeating everything including your mind and body. As such, God is the source your supply always where you are.

Catherine Ponder wrote in *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*, "The wonderful thing about recognizing God as the Source of all riches, and taking Him into your financial affairs and into every department of your life, is that the more you do so, *the more stabilizing every phase of your life becomes*. In due time, there are no stringent financial emergencies to be dramatically met with instant manna from heaven. Instead, things just get better and better financially so there is always substance on hand to meet your needs."

She tells of a saleswoman who had a lot of financial expenses, but her sales had declined. Fortunately, she decided to look to God as the Source of her supply. She affirmed over and over these words from the Lord's Prayer. "*Give me this day my daily bread*." (Bread in the Bible, means Substance - Energy.) An avalanche of financial abundance poured in upon her. Her sales picked up in an amazing way, her commission checks came in with greater regularity, and they got bigger and bigger! Neighbors gave her food, and she was given several items of fine clothing by a friend. Some of her customers gave her gifts of appreciation, plus she received a number of dinner invitations. Every day, her needs were supplied more abundantly than she could have imagined!

It is important for you to realize and accept this important Truth: *God is the Source of your supply*. Go to the Source, every day, in prayer and meditation, and invite this great indwelling prospering Presence to fill your mind, heart, and soul with its riches. By doing this, you become the channel or instrument through which all kinds of prosperity blessings flow in your life.

If you are in business for yourself, or work for a company, remember that these are not the Source. God is the one and only Source. God is always within and around you, therefore, your rich, abundant good is always where you are. This brings real stability to your finances.

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A very important action for creating stability in your finances is regular and consistent tithing. This is giving 10% of your whole income to God through where you are learning the spiritual laws and principles of prosperity. i.e. church, minister, spiritual counselor/teacher or spiritual organization. *Tithing is covered more in a future lesson.

Prosperity Affirmation: God is my Source. His rich supply constantly flows freely and abundantly through me into my life. I am relaxed. God is prospering me now.

Action: Whenever you begin to feel an apparent "lack attack" coming on, take three deep breaths and declare the above affirmation three times.

*Tithing is thoroughly explained in my books, *How to Have 'Unexpected' Income* and *The Secret of Multiplied Money*. Click for our bookstore.

The Prospering Power of Your Words

Prosperity Principle: Through the power of my spoken word, I can change my life.

A lady, who was divorced, unemployed, and with two small children to feed and clothe, was tired of struggling financially and came to me for help. It was evident, that she had spent many years of her life thinking and speaking in a negative, self-demeaning way. Her unhappiness was compounded as she went from one negative experience to another. Nothing seemed to go right for her. How could it?

After listening to this lady for awhile, I asked her to listen to herself; to really *hear* the words she spoke. I explained how, through her thoughts and words, she had created her undesirable financial condition. I then helped her to understand that she had the power to transform her life. A little disbelieving, at first, she was wise enough to know that she must do something so that she and her children's lives would be happier and she would have plenty of money to pay bills, for food, rent, and clothes. She was ready to do whatever was needed to cause a change for the better.

I instructed her to pay attention to her thoughts, listen to her words and to use prosperity affirmations such as: "Through the power of my thoughts and words, positive changes are happening in me and in my life now." And also to decree: "I am wise, loving and happy, and God is providing richly and abundantly for me and my children now"

The next day she called to say she had received some money quite unexpectedly, and a few days later, she reported she had found a job that was the answer to her prayers for prosperity. Continuing to make prosperity declarations, she later reported that the company liked her so much they had given her a new position with a substantial raise in pay.

Words can make your life miserable or marvelous, it is up to you. Just as what you think makes you what you are, words mold and shape your life because words are the expressions of thought, ideas held in mind. Negative words result in negative, unhappy experiences - positive words result in positive, happy, prospering experiences. It does pay to watch your words!

Prosperity Affirmation: Through the power of my thoughts and words, positive changes are taking place in me and in my life. I am wise, loving and happy, and I am richly prospered now!

Action: Every day for the next week, pay attention to your thoughts and listen carefully to the words you speak. Make sure they are loving, uplifting, positive and prospering.

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

Prosperity Principle: There is great prospering power in staying focused.

Not long after I moved to Arizona, Rio Salado (Salt River) flooded. There was one storm after another, which came in from California. (Sometimes I wished California would keep its storms!) Usually the river is dry because of dams up stream. At that time, however, unusually large amounts of rain fell, causing a 100-year flood.

Then, there were only a few bridged crossings over the river and all but one or two of the bridges soon washed out separating the east valley cities from Phoenix and Scottsdale. People had to drive miles to get to their destinations causing long lines of traffic with hours of delay.

The good thing that came out of that inconvenience was that it awakened everyone to the need for adequate bridging of the river, and they were happy to vote a tax-increase to pay for new bridges.

Sometimes you may run into inconveniences even with the best laid plans for achieving your prosperity goal. However, when you have your goal clearly in mind (clarity), you will reach it regardless of what may seem to block your way.

You always have a choice. You can choose to be anxious, worried, fearful, grumpy or resentful when things do not go your way. But these attitudes impede your progress. Anger seriously blocks prospering energy. It robs you of ideas, clouds your vision, diverts your focus, and causes you to go off in the wrong direction—*away* from your destination - Prosperity Station.

Or, you can choose to relax, be calm, hold your faith high, and keep your eyes on the prize. This kind of attitude positively moves you forward when challenges try to distract you.

A man began his own home-based business. He knew going in that his returns would be rather slow at first but assured that his business would be successful, he persisted. He did his home work and with faith in God and himself, he began with great expectations.

He made four important decisions:

- 1. Learn all he could about the business.
- 2. Make a commitment to go all the way.
- **3**. Gratefully tithe at least 10% of all he received back to God in exchange for all the spiritual help and guidance he needed.

4. Keep his attitudes positive, uplifting and prospering.

Before long, obstacles did appear, but by keeping his eyes on the prize, he did not let those inconveniences stop him. Persisting in faith, he went on to create a very prosperous business for himself that enriched numerous other people, too.

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An important key to prosperity is to keep your eyes on the prize and when inconveniences appear that may try to get you off course, accept them as opportunities to rise up higher, to stay positive and to move forward in faith knowing you will ultimate achieve your prosperity goal.

Prosperity Affirmation: With faith in God as my source, I keep my eyes on the prize. My way is clear and my prosperity is assured.

Action: Give some time to thinking about your prosperity goal. Do you have it clearly in mind? How determined are you to achieve that, or something better?

Prosperity on the Highest Level

Prosperity Principle: Asking for, expecting, and accepting the best, brings the best.

In the movie, Forest Gump likened life to a box of chocolates. There is quite a selection and you don't always know what you will get. That is true in the best of circumstances and thinking, but when you understand the thinking process and how circumstances of life come about, you know you have more options than might appear.

The secret is in getting still and tuning in to the Source within you. The Master Teacher said to, "Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened to you." In other words, open your mind to the Main Menu and make your selection. It is yours for the asking, seeking and knocking. In that way you open the way for God's infinite riches to flow more easily and manifest in your life in larger measure. God's desire for you to be abundantly prospered in every wonderful way; to have all the love, joy, peace, beauty, health and good that is possible. Believe and accept this as Truth.

"Your belief system makes you rich or poor, or somewhere in between. To raise your level of prosperity, there must be an appropriate adjustment in your belief system." (From my book, *How to Have 'Unexpected' Income*. Click for our bookstore)

In order to experience abundant prosperity on a higher, more permanent basis, it is necessary to create within yourself, the corresponding mental equivalent, and to think on a higher level. Lift your thinking into the kingdom of infinite riches within you, and invite it to prosper you.

Too often, people tend to believe in limitation. They think that God's supply is limited and they must work hard to eke out a living. This is not true. It is not true for you. Accept that you live in an opulent Universe chock full of infinite riches and you have a divine right to your share, which is probably more than you have accepted, so far. Believe and accept that you are always in the flow of vast of abundance.

Decide now to upgrade your interior and exterior wealth - to experience more of God's all-providing supply that is rightfully yours as His beloved and deserving child. His desire for you is to live life abundantly; to accept all of His riches. This means to live comfortably without strain or struggle, with peace of mind, good health, happiness, and plenty of money to spare and share. This is Prosperity on the highest level.

Prosperity Prayer: Thinking on the highest level, I am in tune with the infinite riches of God, and they are manifesting in ever-greater abundance in my life now!

Action: Each day for the next seven days, take time to exam your thinking. How much are you now claiming and accepting? Accept that the Universe wants to give you *more*. Upgrade your thinking, acceptance and expectations. Exam your thinking. How much are you now claiming and accepting? Accept that the Universe wants to give you *more*. Upgrade your thinking, acceptance and expectations.

Is Your Prosperity-Acceptance Large Enough?

Prosperity Principle: Expanded thinking produces expanded prosperity.

If you haven't done so lately, begin now to ponder the vastness of universal supply - it is yours for the asking, claiming and accepting when you do the right things. Deliberately stretch your thinking out of the circumscribed and habitual thought-patterns that have created your present financial condition. If your present financial condition is good, or, you are already a millionaire, that is great, however, **you can always do better!**

Stuart Wilde wrote: "We have been programmed by the system to believe that there are shortages and lack, and that uncertainty is normal. It is not. That idea is a psychological racket, designed to comfort people and keep them in line by making them fearful. Don't buy it. Most people, suffering from a limited mind-set, have no comprehension of just how much money there is actually available to anyone with the will to 'step up and collect.'" (*The Little Money Bible* - Hay House)

Determine right now that you will exercise your mind in such a way that will result in much larger images regarding the availability of universal substance which prospers you, and that is ready to manifest in your life now as plenty of money and all the other good things of life.

Decide to lift your faith and use your imagination to perceive that which you want. Visualize your desired increased good actually manifesting for you. Gratefully accept that it is doing so right now without delay.

One time, in a meeting with a couple of friends, I said that my prosperity was insufficient. There never seemed to be enough money. One friend asked me what my*acceptance level* was, explaining that God could only give me what I could accept. When I claimed and accepted more, I would have more. Examining my thinking, I discovered that although I desired abundant prosperity, I really didn't expect or accept it. I determined to change and move my acceptance level up much higher. This did the trick and my prosperity soon began to improve.

Since the only blocks to unlimited financial abundance are in individual thinking, by removing those self-imposed limits, you un-limit your financial supply as well as all the other wonderful blessings God has for you.

Your belief system makes you rich or makes you poor, or somewhere in between. To raise your level of prosperity, there must be an appropriate adjustment in your belief system.

As you make that adjustment, not only will you receive happy financial "surprises," you'll have more confidence and the struggle and striving for financial gain will fade away and you move into the divine flow of riches. You may become so excited about this efficient and pleasant way of increasing your financial income, you'll wish you had done it sooner!

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(This lesson is from my book, "How To Have 'Unexpected' Income", which contains the powerful Prayer-Treatment for 'Unexpected' Income. Click for our bookstore

Prosperity Affirmation: My mind is open to the vast riches of God. I now gratefully claim and accept the great abundance God has for me.

Action: Every day, for the next seven days, check up on your acceptance level. Are you claiming and accepting your fair share? As a deserving child of God, claim and accept more of God's riches for you.

Lesson 10

The True Prosperity Connection

Prosperity Principle: When you Tithe, You Thrive!

Tithing is one of the best ways to connect with the Source. It makes the divine connection between God and your finances through your consciousness. Tithing is proving that you really believe that God is more than sufficient to provide for you because it is working with the law of giving and receiving.

The secret to demonstrating prosperity in a spiritual way - and on no other basis can your prosperity be secure - is to understand and to know to the point of realization, that the one and only Source of your supply is God. Your employment, business, investments, clients, and customers are channels through which God's rich supply comes to you.

When you tithe with this understanding, which is spiritual, it is solid evidence that you have accepted this position. The result is financial plus every other good form of abundance.

Understand that tithing does not include charity or material giving. The tithe is given solely toward the spread of Truth around the world. This is done by financially supporting the activities, people, and institutions that are actually engaged in this important spiritual work. It is *never* used to pay bills, help friends or charities.

An important thing to know is that since you are an integral part of God, when you give God His ten percent, through His channels of spiritual instruction, you ultimately give to yourself. This is true because through the giving of the tenth of your whole income, you are helping those channels to provide you with your spiritual groceries.

Dr. John Murray wrote: "Those who tithe are always certain that they have God for a Partner." In other words, through tithing you create a divine partnership that knows for certain, how to prosper, and in a most satisfying way! It is a win-win situation in every sense of the word.

Tithing opens your mind to rich ideas. Many people have been exceedingly prospered through their tithing practice.

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Angie Cruz wrote: I believe in tithing because it is the best way to thank God for His benevolence in all areas of our lives. It is also a wonderful way to show God how much we love Him. Tithing is a method that has helped me in many wonderful ways like none other, for various reasons:

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1. Tithing has helped me to be open-minded to the goodness of God.

2. It has helped me to expand my consciousness in the opulence that God has for me.

3. It helps me to focus on abundance instead of scarcity.

4. It is a blessing to be an instrument of God's goodness and provision to bless places that from which I receive my spiritual nourishment.

5. The act of putting God first financially, has given me wisdom on how to use the 90% of substance left according to God's plan for my life.

6. When I give, the 90% goes further.

7. I also have found tithing beneficial because it gives me peace of mind by knowing that God is in charge of all my financial transactions and that He makes me prosper in all my endeavors.

8. Tithing is the best way for me to send a message to the Universe that I depend on God for my every need to be met.

9. Tithing helps me to raise my positive expectancy in the happy financial surprises God is sending my way.

Angie further wrote: I want to share with you another positive outcome that God has caused in my life related to tithing:

In 2006, God opened the way for me to go back to Columbia where to human sense it appeared impossible for me to go because I was in debt and I know He blessed me that way due to my faithfulness to and consistency in tithing. When I was in my country on vacation, God provided for my every need for the two weeks I was there, and I even had money to spare. God did a miracle because I owed about \$500 to my dad, but he forgave the debt, and now I owe him nothing.

I have noticed that my loved one, my belongings, and are protected by God when I put Him first financially. The best part is that giving makes me richer day by day because God is my Source and my supply.

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When you tithe, you prosper because it establishes a divine connection with the Source of all wealth and creates abundant consciousness which naturally out-pictures constantly increasing prosperity in your life. Also, it gives you peace of mind, joy and an inner assurance that all is well.

Prosperity Prayer: Through tithing I have a divine partnership with God, the source of all wealth. I thankfully tithe and thrive!

Action: If you have not been tithing, decide to do so faithfully for the next six months.

Look for more information on tithing in our bookstore and refer to these great prosperity books, How to Have 'Unexpected' Income and The Secret of Multiplied Money.

Why Worry?

Prosperity Principle: Faith in the power of Divine Love clears the way for prosperity.

Florence Scovell Shinn wrote in her book, *The Game of Life*, "Why worry, it is usually a sign that you are not praying in faith, believing."

One of my colleagues said that he stopped worrying when he realized that *God created the whole Universe without his help!*

Worrying is playing old, negative tapes. Erase those tapes and go free. Worry is caused by fear. It is giving power to what you *fear* may happen. Usually, worry is wasted energy because often what you worry about never happens.

Worry is giving attention to lack and limitation instead of focusing your mind on the infinite riches of God within you and everywhere present. It is denying God the opportunity to prosper you. When you allow negative thoughts to fill your thinking process, you stop the flow of divine ideas, energy and prosperity power. Also, it is focusing on dreaded possibilities instead of the abundance of God.

Renew your faith in God to provide for you. Believe that His infinite supply is within and all around you, and that it is prospering you now regardless of appearances. Move forward in the calm assurance that God is in charge and all is well, and that your success is assured.

Focus the great mental energy of your mind on God's rich abundance. He has plenty for you and He is ready when you are. Make it a daily habit to first thing in the morning direct your thinking upon the vastness of universal riches. Then whenever you begin to worry, *STOP*! Take three deep breaths and declare: *I am centered in God's vast unlimited abundance and I am mightily prospering now*!

Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity School of Practical Christianity, said, Worry is a thief and a robber, for it keeps your good from you. It breaks the drawing law of love, the law that says: "Perfect love casts out fear." Banish fear by quietly and confidently affirming the drawing power of divine love as the constantly active magnet that attracts your unfailing supply.

A man and woman began to experience financial difficulties in their business. Their income had taken a serious downturn for no apparent reason. They wondered why customers seemed to avoid their shop. However, instead of giving in to worry and fear, and wondering how they were to pay the rent and other expenses, they daily declared that divine love was working miracles in their financial affairs, and would provide all the money they needed. They kept their minds securely centered in universal riches as they moved forward in faith. After they had done this for a few days, business began to pick up, customers came and eagerly purchased merchandise, and their financial picture soon brightened.

Stuart Wilde wrote: "Do something for yourself every day, something compassionate and kind. I don't mean buying yourself breakfast. I mean doing something that is spiritually nurturing: a massage, a fast, a meditation, exercise, rest, play - that kind of thing. For it's in the quiet time that you'll see the

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great abundance of this life, and you'll move from the ego's disquiet to the spirit's wholeness, and you'll see that the things you worry about are often not worth the worry. In the quiet time, you'll see what has real worth for you and what is just fluff and hype." Instead of worrying, lift your vision, renew your faith and invoke the power of divine love in your financial affairs. And, you will experience financial miracles!

Prosperity Affirmation: Worry-free, I am light, happy, peaceful and prosperous now!

Action - Declare the above statement three times every morning this week before you get out of bed.

Believe You Receive!

Prosperity Principle: Believing you receive is your golden key to abundant living.

The Master Prosperity Teacher, said, "When you pray, believe you receive." He was stating a powerful prosperity principle and action of Mind. He knew that everything was done by faith. He also said to have the faith as of a grain of mustard seed, which is very tiny. What He was really telling us is this: we are to do as the mustard seed which doesn't question, doubt, or have qualms about what will happen. Nor does it bother with thoughts of unworthiness, past mistakes, or other such things that tend to keep humans (the higher species) bound to lack and limitation.

When you think about it, what the mustard seed does is amazing! There is infinite potential in all seeds. They do what they are designed to do. The same is true with thought seeds.

When F. W. Woolworth started his first five and dime store, it was very small and people said it would fail. He proved them wrong. He was the one with the seed-idea and the faith, and things multiplied because it is the nature of God to grow whatever you really believe. Believe in God's great prospering energy.

The nature of our wonderful universe is to give forth of its substance - pouring it into our goals and desires. which we formulate in our imaginations. Therefore, it is unwise, after you set prosperity goals and begin in faith, to allow doubts to enter your belief system.

When you doubt, which is fear, you sabotage yourself and your prosperity. The same thing is true when you engage in lack-thinking or talking.

Charles Fillmore, the co-founder of Unity, wrote: "If you would demonstrate true prosperity, you must turn from things and have faith in God. Do not have faith in anything less than God, in anything other than the one Mind, for when your faith is centered there, you are building for eternity. Mind and the ideas of Mind will never pass away. There will never be an end to God. There will never be an end to Truth, which God is. There will never be an end to substance, which God is. Build your prosperity on this perfect foundation and it will become large and permanent."

Believe the greater prosperity you desire is attainable. Actually, it is God-ensured as long as you believe and accept that it is your divine right to be as prosperous as you possibly can be. Believe there is no limit to the wealth you may enjoy.

As you work with each of these lessons, believe that with each one, your prosperity is growing. Believe that you are now in the flow of riches and they are now easily pouring abundantly into your life. With each lesson, your faith is growing and your prosperity is flowing.

Regardless of what is going on around you, or what you have done or not done, put your faith to work and prove that you really do believe that God is adequate to provide abundantly for you. Your desire for greater prosperity depends upon your faith. Believe you receive. Believe you are receiving now. Believe you are receiving abundantly now!

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Prosperity Prayer: I believe I receive. I am in the flow of abundance. I feel abundance. I gratefully enjoy abundance now.

Action: Each day this week, pay attention to what you really believe. Exercise your faith so that you know you are prospering more every day.

Watch Your Words

Ten Things to Remember about Demonstrating Prosperity

Prosperity Principle: Speaking only words of prosperity and abundance produces prosperity and abundance.

It pays to watch your words. There is a story of a college professor who was berating his students for something. Finally, he said, "If there is a moron in this room, would he or she please stand up?" Several minutes went by and then a student, in the back of the room, rose slowly to his feet. "Do you mean to tell me," said the professor, "that you are a moron?"

The student hesitated for a moment and then replied, "No, I just hated to see you standing there all by yourself."

Watch your words. To experience greater prosperity, do not speak words such as, "I can't afford it," "I am poor", or, "money is scarce."

Myrtle Fillmore, co-founder of Unity School of Practical Christianity, wrote: "When you talk and talk 'hard times,' you are sowing 'hard times' seeds. By the sure law of growth and yield, what kind of harvest will you reap?

"Discard words that have in them the idea of poverty and select carefully the words that hold the idea of plenty. Never make an assertion, no matter how true it may look on the surface, that you do not want continued or reproduced in your life. Do not say that money is scarce; the very statement of such a thought will send money fleeing from your fingers.

"Begin right now to talk plenty, think plenty, give thanks for plenty. Turn the great energy of your thought upon 'plenty ideas,' and you will have plenty, no matter what people about you are saying."

You grow into a wealth consciousness by building into your mentality the idea of wealth and abundance.

Dr. Joseph Murphy wrote: "Repeat for about five minutes daily, "Wealth - Success." These words have tremendous power. They represent the inner power of your subconscious mind. Anchor your mind on this substantial power within you; then conditions and circumstances corresponding to their nature and quality will manifest in your life. The feeling of wealth produces wealth; keep this in mind at all times. Your subconscious mind is like a bank, a sort of universal financial institution. It magnifies what you deposit or impress upon it."

Make sure your mental deposits (spoken words) are of rich quality and wealthy in nature and in keeping with the greater prosperity you want to experience. Spoken words are an integral part of the Law of Attraction. In speaking words, you move substance and make a difference some where in some way. Above all, you make a difference within yourself and upon the conditions of your life. When you speak positive, prospering words, you may expect your financial condition to change for the better. By putting feeling into your prosperity affirmations, it hastens your rich good to you.

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Prosperity Affirmation: I live, right now, in God's kingdom of infinite riches, and I am always abundantly prospered.

Action: Listen to what you are saying. Listen to what you are telling yourself. Change*every* negative thought and word to positive and prospering.

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Ten Things to Remember about Demonstrating Prosperity

1. The mental process necessary to a greater income is a matter of recognition, acceptance, and belief. This mental experience must precede any material manifestation.

2. Supply is fundamentally an invisible thing; it is the receiving into your consciousness the Spirit of God, which created all things from the beginning and out of which all things are formed.

3. The metaphysical method of demonstrating prosperity is to put prospering ideas to work.

4. Poverty is a state of mind. It is caused by negative beliefs, fear, and belief in limitation.

5. You overcome poverty by knowing that God is the source and your consciousness of God is your supply.

6. Look not to the world of things, persons, and places in solving a problem of supply, but look within your own consciousness.

7. You master the sense of want by building an inner sense of plenty; by focusing your attention on the vast, unlimited resources of God within and all around you.

8. You can have anything you desire if you believe that you already have it.

9. Prosperity is not a matter of education, training, working, saving, investing, struggling, or denying yourself. It is getting into harmony with the spiritual Laws of Prosperity and thinking and living in harmony with those Laws.

10. The permanent source of prosperity lies in your power to possess and to mold in your thought the Universal God Substance.

Unlimit Your Thinking

Prosperity Principle: Unlimited Thinking is essential for Unlimited Prosperity.

Prosperity has more to do with thinking than anything else. You think yourself poor or prosperous, or somewhere in-between. Therefore, it is most important in prosperity mastery, to un-limit your thinking. For one reason or another, many people fall into a rut of small thinking when it comes to receiving the abundance God has for everyone and then they wonder why they're not more prosperous.

This happened to Sally, a woman who, because of circumstances, believed that she was supposed to work hard, don't ask for much, and to not complain. She mistakenly believed that this was God's will for her. Although miserable, she stoically kept eking out a living, which was more mere existence than real abundance. Then one day, someone gave her a copy of my book, "Power Words for Prosperous Living". At first she wasn't sure she should read it and didn't until a little later when she realized that she was fed up with living as she had and began to hope that somehow there was more to life than hard work and going without the finer things of life.

Eventually picking up the book, Sally opened it and began to read, and what she read astounded her so much she put the book down and for at least a little while, sat in disbelief that what it said could possibly be true for her. What she had read was that she was a child of God and deserved to be happy and prosperous, and that it was wrong for her to just merely exist; to only work hard and not ask for or expect very much.

What she read stirred something in her, and after a day or two, picked up the book again and began to read, this time, continuing. In fact, she became so excited with what the book was saying to her, she did not put the book down again until she had read it completely. She knew then she was done with the past and truly ready to claim the richer life she was entitled to. She decided to ask me if I would be her personal prosperity coach.

I was happy to be of help to her and during our sessions together, one of the things I encouraged her to do was to stop thinking of herself as poor and deprived, and that doing without was God's will for her. I urged her to accept that God wanted her to prosper, that He was the source of her supply, and it was right for her to be just as rich as she possibly could be.

As my words began to sink into Sally's consciousness, she decided that she would put this teaching to the test. No longer would she allow herself to think in small, limiting terms about her life. She began to meditate on the vast abundance of God, accept God as her source and that she could un-limit her prosperity. And she did!

She made up her mind that she would never again work hard or put up with financial lack. She would ask God to help her, she would put her complete faith in God, and keep moving forward until she achieved the prosperous life she desired, however long it took.

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Sally affirmed over and over: I loose and let go of every limiting thought about my prosperity. All channels of God's rich supply are open and clear and I now move quickly and easily into my unlimited prosperity!

With the help of a few friends, Sally opened her own business, a lovely gift shop which she had always wanted to have. Making God her Partner through tithing, her shop prospered from day one. With each passing day, she became happier, healthier and more prosperous. She was amazed at the change that had come over her, and the wonderful new life she now enjoyed. Helping herself to unlimit her own prosperity, helped many others, too.

Yes, unlimited prosperity begins with, and is maintained, by thinking. *The basic principle underlying unlimited prosperity is unlimited thinking*. Release and let go every limiting thought and accept that God, within you and everywhere present, is the source of your unlimited prosperity. Act as though you believe this and follow through. When you do, miracles of abundance will happen to you!

Charles Fillmore wrote: "Do not hesitate to think that prosperity is for you. Do not feel unworthy. Banish all thoughts of being a martyr to poverty. No one enjoys financial lack, but some people seem to enjoy the sympathy and compassion they can excite because of it. Overcome any leaning in that direction and every idea that you were meant to be poor. Think prosperity, talk prosperity, not in general but in specific terms, not as something for the other person but as your very own right."

Prosperity Affirmation: I release and let go every limiting thought about my prosperity. All channels of God's rich supply are open and clear and I now move into my unlimited prosperity.

Action: Take a few minutes for the next three days and check up on your thinking. Determine to delete every limiting thought replacing them with thoughts of the overflowing abundance of God.

Lesson 15

Financial Independence

Prosperity Principle:

To be financially independent, share your inner wealth of rich ideas with humanity.

As with anything else you wish to demonstrate, financial independence begins in mind - with thinking. That is why Napoleon Hill titled his famous book, *Think* and Grow Rich. He didn't say to hope or to work hard, but to *think*. In the book, he reveals the secrets of the very wealthy of that era.

In each case, the wealthy people who Napoleon Hill wrote about used their minds. They knew the power of thought, and in their own way, connected with the Source. They allowed themselves to be the channels for rich ideas.

Not only is the Source of rich ideas within you, you ARE the source of all wealth because you are rich with creative ideas. Jesus Christ, the Great Prosperity Teacher, called this the Kingdom of Heaven, and He said it was within you and every person. Ideas make you rich or poor, or somewhere in between. The key is in what you entertain with your mind. It is simply not possible to become financial independent while focusing the great energy of your thinking upon un-prospering ideas and continuing to harbor feelings of being undeserving.

As was discussed in Lessons One and Fourteen, it is necessary to jettison small thinking and limiting ideas. To be financially free, it is imperative to first free your mind so there is room for the prospering substance of rich ideas, and for it to move out into your life. In other words, as Emmet Fox wrote, **you** *must have the mental equivalent of riches before you can have them in your life*. It is essential for you to have a clear picture in your imagination, of the financial independence you desire.

Ask yourself, "What does financial independence look like?" "What does it mean?" "What am I willing to let go of and to do to be financially independent?" "What am I willing to do in service to humanity to be financially independent?" Listen to your answers.

Financial independence does not mean the same to everyone. To some it is sufficient money to live fairly comfortably and to others it may mean millions or even billions. What it means to *you* is most important.

Here are some things to consider:

- Your mind abounds with new, original thoughts.
- What you have to offer the world is unique and the world desires it.
- Accept that your value is much greater than you might have thought.
- BE the channel through which the world is blessed, produce that, and give it to the world.
- What is that? Ask within and it will be revealed to you.

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There are no limits or restrictions to your inspired creativeness - unless, of course, you let there be. Obstacles are no match for the overflowing power of God in you. You are wise to remember: In the final analysis, the only one responsible for your financial freedom and independence is *you*.

What you radiate comes back to you. Decide right now to radiate blessings, creativity, prosperity, love, peace, harmony, joy, beauty, wisdom, and power.

All of humanity desires what you have to share, so share it. If Henry Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, and others had kept all their ideas to themselves, the auto industry would not have amounted to much. Directly and indirectly, what they thought and did had an effect upon all other industries. What you think and do works the same way. Do not discount your thoughts and actions. When you think positive, prospering thoughts and let them be expressed in like words and actions, your financial independence is assured, especially when you consciously connect with God, the Source of your wealth.

Clear your vision. You are authorized to do greater things than you have done before. The world needs and is waiting for your greater creativity, and will gladly pay for it. Your financial independence begins with your declaration of it as yours. God wants you to be financially free now and forever! Accept this as true for you now. It is!

It all started for Paul Allen on a snowy day in December 1974, when he was twenty-one years old. After buying the new issue of *Popular Electronics* in Harvard Square, Allen ran to show it to his best friend from Seattle, **Bill Gates**, a Harvard undergrad. The magazine's cover story featured the Altair 8800, the first true personal computer; Allen knew that he and Gates had the skills to code a programming language for it. When Gates agreed to collaborate on BASICS for the Altair, one of the most influential partnerships of the digital era was up and running. And, as it is said: The rest is history!

Prosperity Affirmation: God in me is my Source of rich ideas. God's intention for me is to use the great energy of my mind, be receptive to great ideas, and to be financially free and independent. I gratefully accept and move forward now.

Action: Sit quietly for a while and turn within to the Source of all wealth. Declare that you are open and receptive to rich, creative ideas. Then be still and *listen*. Repeat this exercise as needed. Do NOT say you have no ideas. Accept that Infinite Intelligence, in you, is alive with rich ideas and is now revealing them to you. Ask, seek, knock and they will be revealed to you.

Love - Your Great Prospering Energy!

Prosperity Principle: Love is essential for true prosperous living.

In your quest for wealth and success, love is the real essence of that which is sought, and should be first. Love springs from deep within each one of us, creating a stream of good that overflows into our lives and affairs as the prosperity we seek. If you are not as fulfilled as you would like be, become more intimately connected with the source of love within you.

Margaret R. Stortz wrote: "Each of us, I believe, has a 'fire' which lights our chosen path in life, but sometimes this blaze is negative in nature - such as when we are driven by anger, fear, insecurity, or greed. Eventually this negativity becomes evident in whatever we are doing, tainting our endeavor.

"What if, instead, we colored every dream, desire, and manifestation with love? What a shining light to the world we would be? We are made of God's love, and our natural motivation is love. That this becomes thwarted and skewed into negativity is due to our incorrect perceptions of ourselves. We can choose to immerse ourselves in love once more and enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the most fulfilling and powerful decision we'll ever make!"

Too often, it seems, people get the cart before the horse, so-to-speak, in trying to be prosperous. They will do just about everything except what is most important. Faith, and putting it to work, is necessary, but is not the most essential thing. Desire is for prosperity is required, but neither does that produce permanent prosperity. Creativity is essential, too, but is often unproductive without love. *Love is the most important thing*.

When love is present, wealth and success are present, too, for in love there is all the essence of what you desire: Faith, peace, joy, substance, wisdom, and power. The following beautiful story expresses this very well. I do not know the originator of it.

A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said, "I don't know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house at home?" they asked. "No," she said. "He's out." "Then we cannot come in," they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go and tell them I am home and invite them in." The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a house together," they replied. "Why is that?" she wanted to know.

One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said, pointing to one of his friends, and pointing to another one, said, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

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The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!" he said. Since that is the case, let us invite in Wealth!" His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite in Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Wouldn't it be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed her advice, said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest." The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Then Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other two men also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love, why are you coming in, too?"

The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, where he goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!"

Love is your golden key to unlimited prosperity, true wealth and success. Love is true creative energy. The more love flows through you, the easier for prospering ideas to appear in your mind and it helps, more than anything, for them to be fulfilled. Love is great magnetic energy. When you focus on love, you literally become a divinely irresistible magnet for loving people, wonderful experiences, and substance in the form of money. Love is the name of the Prosperity game.

Prosperity Affirmation: God in me is my source of Love. Love is the substance of my true wealth and success. Love unlimits me and my prosperity.

Action: Each of the next seven days, let your main focus be on Love. Consciously think, speak and act Love. Begin each day by meditating on Love as you seek a deeper meaning and realization of Love.

<u>Refer to the Author's books, The Secret of Multiplied Money and Rev. John's Divine Love</u> <u>Plan.</u> These inspiring books are available in print and e format, just click here.

Lesson 17

Lesson Seventeen - Acceptance

Prosperity Principle: The Universe can only give you as much as you can accept.

Acceptance was discussed in a previous lesson, however, it is important enough to be worthy of further enlightenment.

One time, while listening to Rev. Richard Rogers, who was the senior minister of Unity Church of Phoenix at that time, he asked a very interesting question of the congregation. *"Are you willing for God's very best to show up in your life?"*

This is another way of asking, "Do you expect God's best or are you willing to settle for something less?" And, "When you pray, asking God to prosper you, are you going to accept God's abundance, or accept a limited concept of what you deserve and is possible for you?"

Often, people are too willing to allow the wounds of the past to interfere with what they could otherwise have. When someone is hurt in some way, a lot of energy is given to feeding those old emotions that could be better used for creating a new life of love, joy, and financial abundance. They expend a lot of energy in trying to justify why it is impossible for them to accept God's very best, and plenty of it.

This is not just about accepting more of God's best in your life. It is about actually accepting yourself as worthy of living abundantly and allowing more of God's riches to manifest in the form of everincreasing joy, peace, love, health, harmony, and plenty of money. Further, it is about creating such an inner and outer activity that it cannot help but to increasingly bless you richly and abundantly for the rest of your tenure on mother earth. It is extremely important for you to create as much inner and outer prosperity as possible.

Accept yourself as a wonderful, deserving child of God, and that you are an integral part of the Universe. Expand your acceptance of God's ability to provide for you. Some people have allowed themselves to get into a pattern of feeling poor or deprived. They say, "I can't give much because I don't have much." Then they do not do much to change that pattern, because they are somehow strangely "comfortable" in that. And so they go on that way day after day, which stretches into years.

Wallace D. Wattles wrote, "As a first step toward getting rich, you must believe three fundamental principles: 1. There is a thinking stuff from which all things are made, and which, in its fundamental state, permeates, penetrates, and fills the interspaces of the Universe. 2. A thought, in this Substance, produces the thing that is imagined by the thought. 3. Man can form things in his thought, and by impressing his thought upon formless Substance, can cause can cause the thing he thinks about, and *accepts*, to be created.

"You must lay aside all other concepts of the Universe than this monistic one; and you must dwell upon this until it is fixed in your mind, and it has become your habitual thought." (From: *The Science of Getting Rich*)

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You are wise to read the above statements over and over until they have become fixed in your memory and you accept them as your belief system. This will surely help bring about the quantum shift in your thinking that may be needed.

If what you have been doing has not brought about significant change, or produced the prosperity you desire, shouldn't it be obvious that a quantum shift in thinking is in order and you should set about causing that to happen?

That is exactly what one man did. After years of putting up with "not enough," he decided that he was going to change his mode of operation which meant that he was going to really change his thinking, and keep it changed.

He set about learning the Truth about himself and God. To his delight, he learned that God was a very loving, all-providing presence and the source of his prosperity. God would prosper him when he worked in harmony with the laws and principles of prosperity. He also learned that he needed to upgrade his level of acceptance if he was going to enjoy the wealth he wanted. He realized that he had been too willing to accept far less than what God had in Mind for him. He made a determined effort to change that belief, too.

Having gotten rid of the old hang-ups and blocks, he went on to demonstrate an ever-increasing flow of financial abundance. He said that it seemed it would take dynamite to blast him out of his old poverty-thinking but he kept on and everything changed.

Acceptance is essential. Understanding this, this man not only affirmed that God was his source, but accepting himself as a child of God, he realized that he deserved to be greatly prospered. He declared that he would accept all of God's good available to him. He confidently and passionately affirmed: "God is my Source and my consciousness of God is my supply. As a deserving child of God I gratefully accept and receive all the good God has for me, and I am mightily prospered now."

Expand your acceptance of God's ability to provide for you. Accept that ALL of God's good is yours and claim it for yourself now. Sometimes it may seem too good to be true when God's wealth begins to pour freely into your life, but it IS true, and it IS yours. Gratefully allow God's riches to manifest in your life, and accept that it is yours by divine right. It is! Go for it with all your heart!

Prosperity Affirmation: God is my Source, and my consciousness of God is my supply. I gratefully accept and receive all the good God has for me and I am mightily prospered now.

Action: Take a look at the level of your acceptance. This means to realize what your prosperity level is now. Your present level of prosperity reveals your acceptance level. Whatever level it may be, determine to raise it.

Lesson 18

Need and Supply Are One

Prosperity Principle: Focus upon God, the Source, not on needs.

A number of years ago, a young husband went to an older husband and asked for advice. Said Mr. Young to Mr. Older:

"My wife is going to have a baby and I've got to raise money. I don't know where it's coming from."

"That's fine," Older remarked. "Congratulations."

"Yes, it's fine, only I can't afford it. I don't see where the money is to come from to pay the bills."

"Was your father a wealthy man when you were born?" Older inquired. "Was he making as much money as you are making?"

"No, but . . . "

"But here you are." Then the man went on to state the premise that need has an affinity for supply and the two are bound to meet if not kept apart by too many doubters.

"I am the father of four children," he stated. "In no case when I heard the first faint, far flapping of the stork's wings did I know where I could get money enough to buy him a landing strip - but the money came. Need attracts supply. Only fear and doubt can keep them apart. Faith hastens their meeting. It's a principle, I tell you. Live as if it were true and you'll prove that it is true."

The young man tried the method, and it worked. His employer simply came along one day and said: "A big new contract just came in. I'm going to have to ask you to do some overtime. It'll run into weeks - yes, months. Sorry, but that's the only way I can see out of the situation. You'll be paid time and a half, of course."

The young man answered, trying not to grin, "That's all right; I can do it." The overtime paid for the birthday party and a nice nest egg was left over.

This is not fiction. It happened, and not very long ago. Need and Supply are old friends; they will have a reunion when anybody offers them a hall.

Remember this story when you have pressing bills to pay, or begin to worry about where the money might come from to pay them, to take care of other financial obligations, or your desire is to add another \$100,000 to your annual income. Always, right where you are, *God is your Source, and your consciousness of God is your supply*.

There is no need that God cannot fill with His prospering substance. The only deterrent would be you getting in His way with doubts and fears, and by focusing on the need rather than on God. It is true: God opens ways where to human sense there may seem to be no way. Your apparent need is a

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call for you to clear your mind, refocus your thinking upon the vast substance of God, and invite it to flow more freely into your life.

Needs Are Not the Real Issue

Do you focus on your needs believing that by doing so, they will be fulfilled. If you do, you are looking in the wrong direction. To increase your abundance, it is essential for you to give your attention to the Source of all Wealth that is within you. This can only be done by changing your focus from outside yourself, to inside.

There is an excellent prosperity book written by Jim Rosemergy, entitled, *Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay*. In this book, he states: "The cry of nearly every human being is, 'I've got needs.' Understandably, our focus has been on filling these needs. The perceived needs our survival, but they affect our quality of life and the way we see ourselves - successful or unsuccessful.

"We think we begin the journey to prosperous living when we answer the world's call to get a good job - with benefits. This, we are told, requires an education or specialized training, so schooling comes next. Finally, we get employed, so we can receive society's current medium of exchange money. With enough currency, the ends meet.

"What a tragic story. It is more fable than Truth. Many of us are exhausted and disillusioned because we try to bring the fable to life. When we become the characters in this story, we do not get ahead: we fall behind. This is natural when our focus and life's direction are on trying to get what we do not have.

"Needs are not the real issue. When we focus upon what we lack, we experience anxiety and a sense of inadequacy. At times there is hope, but it quickly dissipates in the face of another call from the creditor, an unexpected bill, a canceled order, or failed job interview. A life of quality does not begin with what is seemingly lacking. It begins as we turn our attention to what is present. Jesus was aware of the great gift lovingly extended to humanity."

Jesus said, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." And, it is like a pearl of great value. What could be so valuable? The answer is *an awareness of God*. When we seek the kingdom of God and open ourselves to a consciousness of the Presence, our earthly needs will be met. Then, we do not have to give them great attention. In other words, the more attention we give to the Presence (the kingdom of God), the easier our needs are met. A most important thing is to change from "I need consciousness" to a "*I have* consciousness." When you do this, there are no needs, because you are thinking and living in conscious oneness with abundance.

Prosperity Prayer: Need and supply are one. God's all-providing substance enfolds me and flows through me, and I am living abundantly now.

Action: For the next several days, sit quietly and meditate on the riches of God within and around you. Replace every "I need" thought with an "I have" thought. Be still and feel the abundance of God enfolding and flowing through you.

Money and Prosperity

Prosperity Principle: Money is good. Money is God in action.

It is interesting to note that some people say they want to be prosperous but they don't include money - plenty of it - in their plans. They often work hard to be prosperous but fail to change attitudes, habits, and actions regarding financial prosperity.

Your attitude toward money is important. Money is not a "dead object of greed," as some people want you to believe. It is living energy. Money is God's idea of circulation. It is a thought-form that represents the things you enjoy in life such as your home, car, food, and travel. Money is God's good green energy!

Money, as a thought-form, may not be seen. Yet, it is powerfully at work throughout the world. When you think of money as God's idea of circulation, think of it as God moving throughout the world providing for humanity. But it moves through your life according to your thoughts and feelings about it. Make them positive and loving especially in regard to money.

Catherine Ponder wrote: "One lady told me that since she had released the vague notion that she was supposed to think of money as evil, she had more of it to enjoy."

Charles Fillmore wrote: "Watch your thoughts when you are handling money, because money is attached through your mind to the one Source of all substance and all money."

Of course, you may not see actual money changing hands because more and more is being transferred electronically. At any given moment trillions and trillions of dollars are moving throughout the world, yet no one sees it happening. This means those trillions are moving through YOU! This should give you a greater feeling of abundance.

Regardless of what some people may think or say about money, or what they do for it or with it, do not let that affect your thinking about money. Money is good and it's better to have plenty of it than not enough. Dr. James E. Melton said, "I've been rich and I've been poor, and rich is better!

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Money, lots of it, makes the Internet possible and helps all of us to keep in touch by e-mail, texting, and other electronic modalities. Money is neutral in that it doesn't matter to it who uses it or how it is used.

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That is why it is important to use money only for good and peaceful purposes. It is never good to use money for war, which is wasteful and never achieves anything of real value, or to create peaceful conditions.

Because money is neutral and alive energy and is for our free use, we have the responsibility to use it responsibly, which means wisely and lovingly.

Remind yourself often that money is abundantly available, that it is God-Substance/Energy constantly flowing through you and throughout the Universe. This great prospering energy is always where you are. Never allow yourself to think or feel fear in regard to money. Think and feel love and money will flow in your life more abundantly.

Money is your friend. Make a friend of money and you will have many friendly get-togethers!

As good and wonderful as money is, it doesn't really make you secure. The only thing that can make you feel secure is your conscious connection with God, the source of your wealth. God is love and when you are consciously connected with God you are not only connected with love, you know that you *are* love.

Money is God in action or circulation. The best policy is to have a healthy attitude toward money without making a god of it. Accept that you deserve to have plenty of money so as to live happy, healthy, peaceful and free without financial stress.

When you think about it, money really is wonderful and when you have plenty of it flowing through your life, it is even more wonderful!

Prosperity Affirmation: Money is good. It is God's idea of circulation. I like money, and money likes me. Thank You, God, for plenty of money circulating freely in my life now.

Action: Each day this week, think about your attitude toward money. Make sure it is healthy, happy, and loving. Gratefully bless all the money you receive, and the money you use for paying bills, buying gas, food, and other things.

Lesson 20

Are You a Prosperity-Type Person?

Prosperity Principle: Thinking prosperously = living prosperously.

Some people have a distinct feeling that they are naturally meant to be prosperous while others have that losing feeling that they never will be. Many are somewhere in the middle. It's all related to how you see yourself and what you can accept. In this lesson we will discuss the Prosperity-Type person, using the word 'Prosperity' to describe what the Prosperity-Type person is.

Qualities of The Prosperity-Type Person:

Positive Real Optimistic Spiritually enlightened Prosperous thinking Enthusiastic Reliable Imaginative Tithes Youthful

The qualities of a Prosperity-Type Person explained

Positive - The Prosperity-Type person is positive. He has an inner feeling of confidence; of knowing where he is going. He wastes no time in negative conversation, but keeps his thoughts and words upward in a prosperity-producing attitude. The Prosperity-Type person knows what he is about and wastes no time with things that do not add to his success.

Real - There is nothing fictitious or put-on about the real Prosperity-Type person. He never thinks of himself as better than anyone else. Neither does he think of himself lesser than others. He knows that he and everyone are God's creations deserving of the very best. He has a deep connectedness with God and is the very nature of God in expression. He has real integrity that comes from his deep spiritual foundation.

Optimistic - The Prosperity-Type person is optimistic regardless of what others think, say or do. He looks on the bright side. He knows that God is his always present Source and everything is all right. His optimism is based on sound spiritual principles. He never indulges in "hard times" talk. He is quick to inject an optimistic word wherever needed. He knows he lives, moves and has his being in God's fabulous abundance. He knows his prosperity is inevitable.

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Spiritually Enlightened - The true Prosperity-Type person accepts himself as a spiritual being, living in a spiritual universe, governed by spiritual laws. He knows his oneness with God and that being spiritual is not just being "religious." He studies and applies the spiritual laws and principles of success and prosperity. He practices the presence of God as Life, Love, Peace, Intelligence and Substance within and all around him. He is keenly aware that God is his source and the substance of his prosperity.

Prosperous Thinking - The Prosperity-Type person disciplines his thinking and speaking to make sure they are upward and prospering. He knows the power of his thoughts to shape universal substance into the prosperous results he desires. He is aware that his mind is the vehicle through which God's infinite riches flow. He keeps his mind open to, and his thinking on life, love, peace and rich ideas.

Enthusiastic - The Prosperity-Type person is "on fire" with the idea of prosperity! He is excited about it! Being enthusiastic, however, doesn't mean to be in a hurry, but to be alive with rich ideas. His enthusiasm is well-grounded in spiritual principles. He loves the good life, desires and gratefully accepts it for himself, and enthusiastically helps others to prosper, too. He is alive with true prosperity consciousness which magnetizes prospering experiences to him.

Reliable - Just as the Prosperity-Type person is real, he is reliable. He can be counted on and is always dependable. His word is as good as gold. When he says he will do something, you can depend on him to do it. This comes from his deep inner connection with God. His prosperity is constantly growing from the foundation of his consciousness of oneness with God within him. He knows that he cannot prosper himself without helping to prosper others.

Imaginative - The Prosperity-Type person is creative in that he makes positive use of his imagination. He uses this magnificent power to create his prosperity mentally first through picturing. Instead of hard outer work, he uses his imagination to create his prosperity within so that it is automatically produced in his life. He lets his mind work on IDEAS because he knows his prosperity comes in that form. Using his imagination, he is spiritually creative.

Tithes - The Prosperity-Type person tithes. Tithing voluntarily, at least one-tenth of his gross income to God's work where he is learning the Prospering Truth, is essential and natural to the Prosperity-Type person. He knows this is the most important of all prosperity laws and principles because tithing is the law of giving and receiving at its best. Through tithing, he knows that God is his Partner and through this partnership, his prosperity is real, lasting and certain. He gratefully, lovingly, and faithfully tithes knowing that God is adequate to provide for him.

Youthful - The Prosperity-Type person, no matter his age, is young in heart. Thinking prosperously brings forth young, fertile ideas that keep him alive and in love with life. He is excited about attracting more and more of God's infinite riches; being the channel of greater life-activity; and being God's instrument for loving service to others. He is grateful for being alive, and is always open to new ideas and looking forward to new days and greater achievement.

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How do you see yourself? If work needs to be done, do it! Make no excuse for not accepting the rich abundance God has for you.

Prosperity Affirmation: I am a Prosperity-Type person. All that I think, feel, say and do is prospering. I see and accept myself as prosperous, and I am!

Action: Take a little test. Ask yourself how you measure up to each of the qualities of a Prosperity-Type person.

Lesson 21

Self-Discovery and Prosperity

Prosperity Principle:

Knowing where you are going draws to you everything you need for getting there.

Not long after I started the Golden Key Ministry, a colleague, with whom I was talking by phone, but had never met, personally, asked me, "Do you enjoy your work?" After hesitating for a moment or two, I replied, "Yes". He had caught me a little off-guard since we had been talking about other things and I had not expected such a question from him. It caused me to reflect upon my personal convictions.

Of course, I couldn't have answered with anything but, "Yes" because I do enjoy my work. I am richly blessed to be doing what I really like to do. It doesn't mean that it has always been easy. Beginning my ministry from "scratch" without funds, stepping out in faith and persevering may not be the easiest way to accomplish something. However, when a person does decide to go for it, whatever the cost, he eventually becomes the victor and there is a certain amount of joy running through it all.

Drawing upon one's innate spiritual potential, and putting it to work for others, must reward him. Most of all, there is the inner satisfaction, which cannot be realized in any other way.

Are you doing what you really enjoy?

Are you doing what you really are here to do?

If not, why not? Have you asked yourself, "Why am I here?" Have you ever asked yourself what your real purpose in life is? Unfortunately, too few people do. Then they wonder why their life is not happier and more productive for them.

A large number of people arrive here on Mother Earth, and then get into a rut of plodding along, ignorant of their personal Creative Intention. They do not ask nor do they set the goal of achieving what they are here to achieve. Or, even if they do ask and get answers, they neglect to follow through. Thus they live out their lives more or less frustrated and unfulfilled. They have missed the real joy of living, being and doing!

It is a fact that people with goals, moreover with a deep dedication to a real purpose in life, those who know where they are going, have an inner confidence that propels them along to more satisfying accomplishments. The point I want to make is this: FIND OUT WHAT IT IS YOU ARE HERE TO DO, SET THIS AS YOUR GOAL, AND GET BUSY WORKING TOWARD THAT, NEVER LETTING IT REST UNTIL YOU ACHIEVE IT.

It may require time and deep digging within to discover your real self, your real purpose, but whatever time it takes, allow it because it is worth it.

DIG and keep digging! Make no excuse. Persist. The Universe never withholds its secrets from those who demand to know.

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When you set your initial goal of realizing what it is you really want to do, **write it down on paper.** A 3 X 5 card works very well. Or, put it in your i-phone or i-pad. Think about it as you go to sleep at night. While you sleep, your wonderful servant, your subconscious mind will work on it and respond in due time. It will not only provide you with definite answers, but draw to you everything you need to fulfill yourself and your goals.

When you discover what you want to do, **write it down.** That is what I did when the idea of the Golden Key Ministry came to me during a time of quiet seeking in meditation. It took almost a year to begin my ministry, but I kept it before me and thought about it a lot as I made plans in accord with what I wanted to accomplish. That happened over forty years ago.

Goals that are not written down are just wishes. You are not really serious until you write your goal.

Professor Frank L. Tibolt wrote: "The starting point of all achievement is a vision, a dream. That dream continued, changes to a desire. And if it's definite, it leads to a plan, which in turn leads to action. But it must be definite, and WRITTEN DOWN as a goal. Until you write down your goal, you are merely toying. You haven't gotten serious. I'd like to print in letters 12 inches high this Million Dollar message:

"Only by writing down your goal can you harness your subconscious mind to go to work to realize your goal."

If you have been using this proven method, then you know its power. If you have not, then get busy right now and find out what you want to do, be, have; to discover yourself, your real life-purpose. What is it that will truly make you happy and your life complete?

"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks, receives; and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Matt. 7:7 & 8)

You must ask and listen, perhaps many times, but keep on. Write and keep writing. Get definite. Be alert. Do what is expected of you. You will discover your real self and purpose and you will thrill at the joy of not only accomplishing your heart's desires, but the blessed journey along the way.

If you are already doing what you are divinely here to do, that is great. However, are you doing it the very best that is possible for you? Are you keeping open to new ideas and new ways of doing things? The principles of the Lesson apply equally well for those who are already doing what they are here to do.

Someone once said, "Success is doing what you really enjoy doing and getting paid for it!" Life gives you what you ask for and really want. Ask for the best and you will get it.

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Life Always Pays

I bargained with Life for a penny And Life would pay no more, However I begged at evening When I counted my scanty store. For Life is a just employer, It gives you what you ask, But once you have set the wages, Why, you must bear the task. I worked for a menial's hire, Only to learn, dismayed, That any wage I had asked of Life Life would have paid. Jesse B. Rittenhouse

Prosperity Affirmation: Seeking within, my true purpose in life is revealed to me. Divinely guided, I do my part in fulfilling my life purpose.

Action: Ask yourself: "Am I really doing what I am here to do? How may I better express and fulfill my spiritual potential?" Pay attention to your answer.

Lesson 22

Your Prosperity Mental Equivalent

Prosperity Principle: Your Prosperity Mental Equivalent determines your manifest prosperity.

In Prosperity, as in all areas of life, you must first have the corresponding Mental Equivalent of what you desire to achieve. Presented in this lesson are some important guidelines for creating and expanding your *Prosperity Mental Equivalent*.

Emmet Fox wrote: "The secret of successful living is to build the mental equivalent that you want and to rid yourself of the mental equivalent that you do not want.

"You build the mental equivalent by thinking quietly, constantly, and persistently of the kind of thing you want. Thinking has two qualities: *Clarity* or definiteness, and *Interest*. Whatever you want to build in your life, form a mental equivalent of the thing you want by thinking about it a great deal and by thinking clearly and with interest. Remember: *Clarity* and *Interest*, these are two poles."

How to create your Prosperity Mental Equivalent:

- 1. Get clearly in mind, and a keen interest in, the object of your desire.
- 2. Use Prosperity Prayers (affirmations), such as are included in these lessons, to better connect your mind with the Source, and to strengthen your conviction and confidence.
- 3. Daily pray (declare) the Prosperity Prayer audibly with feeling as part of your prayer and meditation times. Never just parrot the words of affirmations. The more feeling that accompanies an affirmation, the better the impression on your subconscious mind.
- 4. Totally identify with your desire, and with the Source of all wealth. Feel your oneness with it. Act as though you really believe this.
- 5. Keep quiet. Do not talk to just anyone about what you want to achieve. Silence and deep faith have great prospering power.

Ten ways to expand your Prosperity Mental Equivalent:

- 1. Mentally accept more than you now have. Upgrade your vision and self-worth.
- 2. Visualize money flowing into your hands. See and accept it as your money.
- 3. Develop unlimited prosperity ideas. Give more time to seeking from within.
- 4. Eliminate all limited, lack thoughts. Delete everything that could inhibit your
- 5. Instead of "not enough", think "plenty".
- 6. Feel rich inside. Give thanks often that you are truly rich in mind now.
- 7. Praise the power within you and feel it expand.
- 8. Believe and act as if you already have your new high-level income.
- 9. Establish harmony in your world. Practice the Law of Love in all you do.
- 10. Believe in and live by the spiritual law, "God is the Source of my supply."

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Prosperity Affirmation: Through my expanded *Prosperity Mental Equivalent*, my prosperity is steadily growing in wonderful ways now.

Action: Take a few minutes and think about what your present Mental Equivalent might be. Whatever is presently happening in your life is the out-picturing of your present Mental Equivalent. Use the law of substitution. Substitute what you want for what you don't want. Be very clear about what you want and make sure you have great interest in it.

Lesson 23

Accept Your Abundance Now!

Prosperity Principle: Acceptance is a Golden Key to Prosperity.

God's Spirit in you is one of success and prosperity, not failure or lack. God wants you to prosper in all you do. He would not have given you the opportunity to achieve something worthwhile had it been otherwise.

Dr. Emmet Fox said, "Change your mind and keep it changed." He meant that it does little good to change your mind and a few moments, hours, or days later change it back again, to slide back into the old error thinking that has kept you down. Decide that you*will prosper* and that is all there is to it. Determine to move forward, divinely guided, into your rich new life of joy, happiness and prosperity.

It is God's will for you to be fed - not only with physical food, but with spiritual, emotional, and financial food as well. His intent for you is overflowing abundance of all that is good, not just a little or just enough to get by on.

One time, many years ago, while talking with a couple of spiritual friends, I asked why it was that I didn't prosper like I wanted to. One of them said, "God prospers you according to what you can *accept*." I took this to heart and began to seriously upgrade my acceptance level. In the process, I discovered that I had a greater belief in lack and limitation than in God's ability to provide richly for me. I also realized that I had quite an inadequate self image. I didn't believe I was good enough or worthy of what God could give me.

Taking steps to change this, I gave serous thought to the vastness and availability of God's supply. Also, I began a program of upgrading my concept of myself-worth in the eyes of God. Learning that I was a child of God, I was entitled to a vastly rich inheritance. The way for me to collect my inheritance was through meditating on it and by affirming it as mine and gratefully accepting it as mine by divine right, which I did. As I persisted in this quest, things began to change for me. God's supply began to manifest in greater abundance in my life, and much more easily, too.

It is not the intention of Infinite Intelligence for you to resign yourself to suffering needlessly (and all suffering is needless). Realize that the vast abundance of the Infinite's riches are available for you, and that you deserve much more than you have claimed so far. Then hold a positive attitude in relation to them. Thankfully and joyfully claim your share of the unlimited riches God has for you and all of His children! There is plenty for all.

Prosperity Affirmation: I deserve the riches of God and gratefully accept the abundance that is rightfully mine.

Action: Every day, for the next several days, affirm the above affirmation. Deliberately listen to your self-talk and make sure you are accepting yourself as the deserving child of God that you are. Delete every demeaning thought. Affirm that you deserve the riches of the Universe.

Lesson 24

You Can Have What You Want

Prosperity Principle: Pray and Act as though you already have your desires.

You can have your heart's desires. God wants you to have them and does not want you to wait a long time, even though some things seem to take longer than others to manifest. Some desires apparently require more time, thought, work and substance to be fulfilled.

Regardless of appearances and the way that things seem to be today, we do not live in an instant world. Prayers are not always answered immediately, nor are desires fulfilled instantly every time. However, prayers **are** answered and desires **are** fulfilled when you pray in the right way, that is, in the consciousness of answered prayer. This means to pray **as though you already have** the desires of your heart. In other words, pray affirmatively, which is scientific prayer.

You must, of course, know exactly what it is you want to have or to achieve. You must be able to form a clear picture of that object in your imagination and to "experience" it with your faith.

Remember to relax and let God do the work. Relax from all worry, doubt, and impatience. Too often, someone prays, and if their prosperity demonstration doesn't happen as quickly as they want, they tend to negate their prayers by sinking back into old mental patterns of doubt, guilt, unworthiness, lack, and limitation-thinking.

Emmet Fox wrote in, *The Mental Equivalent*, "Change your mind and keep it changed." This means to exclude the negatives, keep quiet, and stay focused. Keep your faith in God; believe and give thanks that your prosperity increase is a done deal. This mind action *will* attract charming, helpful people, materials and money to fulfill your desires. It happened to the person, on the east coast, who wrote the following letter:

"Thank you for your prayer support. You are a very special part of my life and I give thanks for your ministry. Last week, I was offered a job as an account executive with a prestigious company, which is only two blocks from my home. The owners are wonderful people, and offered me more money than I had in mind. I begin work next Monday. It's amazing how this works! Thank you again, for your guidance and support. Here is my grateful tithe."

A good rule is: Act as though it is already so. This means to no longer think or act as though your desired greater prosperity is off in the future some time. Think and act as though it is present now. Think rich because you are rich!

Prosperity Affirmation: With God as my Source, I have what I want. I am thankfully enjoying my greater prosperity now!

Action: Sit quietly for a few minutes and consciously immerse yourself in the peaceful Presence of God within you. Allow yourself to feel the unlimited abundance surrounding you. Then proceed into your day in calm assurance and certainty.

Lesson 25

The Prospering Power of Thanksgiving

Prosperity Principle: Gratitude is prospering power.

Wallace D. Wattles wrote: "There is a Law of Gratitude, and it is absolutely that you should observe the law, if you are to get the results you seek.

"The Law of gratitude is the natural principle that action and reaction are always equal, and in opposite directions.

"The grateful outreaching of your mind in thankful praise of the Supreme is a liberation or expenditure of force; it cannot fail to reach that to which it addressed, and the reaction is an instantaneous movement toward you." (*The Science of Getting Rich*)

Prosperity is closely linked to thanksgiving, praise and gratitude. It is through the truly grateful heart that God's infinite riches flow. There is no doubt about it thanksgiving opens the way for ever-increasing prosperity in your life.

The Gratitude Attitude clears the way for the greater prosperity you desire. If your prosperity has seemed to be blocked somehow, check up on how grateful you have been and what your general attitude toward life is. If you have been critical about other people or events in your life, release those lack-producing thoughts and feelings replacing them with gratitude and appreciation. Try praising and appreciating instead of grumbling and you will be amazed at how much better you feel and how much easier and prosperous your life is.

One of the best ways to increase your prosperity is to truly be thankful for all the blessings you have received in the past, have now, and for those you expect to receive.

It may seem a little strange to give thanks for what you expect to receive, but it works wonders to speed your good on its way to you. Instead of complaining that God may seem to take too long, or that you may not be worthy, accept that you are worthy and gratefully claim your richer good as yours now. Image it clearly in your imagination and confidently act as though you really believe it. Especially be genuinely thankful in prayer. The more thankfulness you add to your prayers, the quicker and more easily they are answered.

Another good prosperity practice is to give thanks for challenges. If you have difficulties, do not blame God for them. God did not give them to you. They came because of something in your consciousness. Bless them until they clear out of your thoughts and your life. If there are people, things, or situations you need to forgive, do so now. Continue doing so until you have cleared away all anger and **LESSON**

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resentment, permanently. God, in you, is your forgiving power. Forgiveness frees you to prosper! Give thanks for this.

*Refer to Lesson #4 on Resentment (page 7)

It is wise to take a few moments, daily, to quietly give thanks for, and bless, everyone and everything around you, for which you are grateful. Be grateful for everything! This action is powerful to quicken spiritual substance so that it flows more freely through you and into your life. When you are truly grateful for what you have, then you are ready for more.

Take your purse, wallet, or checkbook in your hands and lovingly bless them and the good they represent. No matter how much or how little seems to be there, give thanks for God's rich supply that is now moving into your life in the form of financial plenty.

A good daily practice is to bless your wonderful mind and your ability to think clearly and wisely; for being able to make wise decisions quickly and easily. Give thanks that God has given you an infinite capacity to think yourself into overflowing prosperity and rich abundance.

With the same thought-power, bless your body. Give thanks for the Life of God present in every cell of your body and that you are alive and healthy. If you have a healing need, thankfully claim and accept that healing is happening now.

A lady in North Dakota wrote to me that until she learned to be genuinely grateful, her level of prosperity was very low. She said that when she expressed gratitude, it was rather shallow without much feeling. Being truly grateful was difficult for her at first, but as she persisted, things began to change and improve, mostly within her. Then, one day quite unexpectedly, she was informed that she was receiving a substantial raise in pay at her company. As it turned out, her boss was very happy with her improved attitude and the pleasant way she interacted with other employees. As this lady continued to raise her level of being genuinely grateful, her prosperity level rose in delightful ways, too.

Give thanks for your growing ability to express love and harmony in all your human relationships; that you are a peacemaker; that you are always guided to say that which is loving, kind, uplifting and prospering. And give thanks for your growing ability to give genuine praise and appreciation more easily and frequently.

One of the best ways to express thanksgiving and heartfelt gratitude is through tithing; the giving of ten percent of your whole income back to God. This is one of the most powerful prosperity practices and always prospers those who voluntarily, faithfully, and lovingly give their tenth to God in gratitude for His abundant supply. It works!

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Charles Fillmore wrote: "Gratitude even on the mental plane is a great magnet. When gratitude is expressed from a spiritual standpoint it is powerfully augmented."

Yes, thanksgiving and gratitude are prospering power. Give thanks for everything and everybody. Keep your heart filled with gratitude and it will always be connected with God. Then your prosperity will grow and grow in magnificent ways.

Prosperity Affirmation: Thank You, God, for the Abundance that is Mine today!

Action: Deliberately give thanks for everything today. Whatever happens, quietly say, "Thank You, God!" Make a list of everything you have to be grateful for. Rewrite the list every day for the next week and add to it. You'll be amazed at how long it gets, and what happens!

Lesson 26

The Foundation of Prosperity

Prosperity Principle:

Get intimately acquainted with substance, the foundation and essence of your prosperity.

Your prosperity depends upon Substance, which is the very foundation of your prosperity. Therefore, you are wise to get intimately acquainted with substance.

All that appears is made from the one universal substance. Substance is intelligent. It thinks and is alive with Life Itself. Faith or thought activity activates substance. By impressing your thought upon substance, the form of your thought is manifested in your life. Substance is always, everywhere present. Your mind, body, everything in and around you, and all that is, is permeated with, and *is* substance.

You live in a friendly universe of all-providing substance of which you may have all you can use, with plenty left over. There is no limit to how much you may partake of substance.

Substance is the foundation of your prosperity. Therefore you are required to look to universal substance and not to channels. By living and thinking in all-providing substance, you receive the overflowing abundance of God. Substance is another name for God, or Universal Life Energy.

Of great importance is your recognition of substance as the source of all you need and desire, and to make your demands known to it. Otherwise, what you desire will not manifest in your life. The universe responds best when you believe you *have already received* your desires, just as though you own them now.

Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, taught: "Spiritual substance from which comes all visible wealth is never depleted. It is right with you all the time and responds to your faith in it and your demands upon it. It is not affected by ignorant talk of hard times, though you are affected because your thoughts and words govern the level of your prosperity.

"The unfailing resource is always ready to give. It has no choice in the matter; it must give, for that is its nature. Pour your living words of faith into the omnipresent substance, and you will be prospered even though all the banks in the world close their doors. Turn the great energy of your thinking upon "plenty" ideas, and you will have plenty regardless of what others may be saying or doing."

Substance is first given form in your mind, and as it becomes manifest it goes through a three-fold process. In laying hold of substance in your mind and bringing it into manifestation you play a most important part. You do this according to your decree.

You are always decreeing, sometimes consciously, often unconsciously, and with every thought and word you increase or diminish the threefold activity of substance. The resulting manifestation conforms to your thought. "As he thinks within himself, so is he."

LESSON TWENTY-SIX CONTINUED

There is no scarcity of the air you breathe. There is an all-sufficiency of all things, just as there is an all-sufficiency of air. The only lack there is, is your own lack of appropriation.

Substance exists in a realm of ideas and is powerful when handled by one who is familiar with its characteristics. The ignorant open the valves of their minds and let ideas flow out where they are dissipated.

It is not wise to seek the kingdom of substance for the sake of what you may get out of it. Make a definite covenant with God, the source of all wealth, in which you release all personal desires and agree to use all your substance in the highest and best way for the good of all. You will be delighted with the results of this action.

The substance, which has in the past manifested in your affairs, is still here. It is the same substance and it cannot go away. Even though there seems to be material lack, there is plenty of substance for all. You live in the very midst of it.

As you lay hold of substance with your mind, make it permanent and enduring. Realize your oneness with it. You are unified with living substance, which is God, your all-sufficiency. From this substance you were created, in it you live and move and have your being.

Spiritual substance is steadfast and enduring. It never fluctuates with market reports. It does not decrease in "hard times" nor increase in "good times." It cannot be hoarded away to cause a deficiency in supply and a higher price. It cannot be exhausted. It is ever the same, constant, abundant, freely circulating and available.

Meditate on substance. Sit quietly and invite it to come alive in your mind and your whole being. With practice this will become easier. I have experienced substance as light and love. When this happens to you, you will know that you are touching the presence of substance, pure divine energy.

The more you become intimately acquainted with substance, the happier, healthier, more prosperous and peaceful you will be.

You do not need to pray for more substance because all substance is available to you right where you are now. Pray for an expanded consciousness of substance and for the ability to receive more. Remember: Giving is the first part of receiving. Give what you expect to receive!

The only time is now. The Present is the only time for you to act in. <u>(Refer to my book, NOW</u> <u>Power!)</u>

Be absolutely clear about what you desire. Have a clearly defined mental picture of your desires in your imagination. In other words, have a definite Mental Equivalent of what you want. You cannot afford to be nebulous or hazy concerning this. Substance responds best and most easily to clear mental images.

Rather than focusing upon visible supply, always let your vision be upon limitless spiritual substance. Although you do not actually see spiritual substance with your physical eyes, you do "see"

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it with your faith and imagination. Accept that riches are manifesting for you according to your ability to appropriate them.

Spiritual substance is plastic. You mold and shape it with your mind and imagination and it manifests in your life accordingly. Look to, and depend entirely upon substance and you will be unaffected by recessions, hard times, or negative conditions.

Focus your great thought energy on, and totally cooperate with substance. Never think or talk failure, limitation, or loss. Be totally honest with your fellow human beings. Through your own spiritual power, you create your own prosperity, and help them create theirs.

Substance always responds positively to your creative thought and action and not to competiveness. You need never compete for more substance. There is always plenty for you and everyone.

Money is substance in handy form. It comes to you not by competing for it, but by your creative thought and action. To have more money-substance flowing in and through your life, be more creative. In short, to have more, give more. Give more value than you receive. The universe will bless you over and over when you do.

Whatever you desire, the universe wants you to have it. It is substance pressing itself upon your consciousness urging you to open your mind to the vast riches of God. A true way to get acquainted with substance is through meditation in which you quiet your mind and invite substance to fill it and your whole being with its magnificence.

Prosperity Affirmation: Thinking in Universal Substance, I am now prospered in amazing ways!

Action: Each day for the next week, sit quietly and meditate upon Substance. Invite it to come fully into your consciousness. During the day, remind yourself that you live, move and have your being in Substance.

Read more about substance in Rev. John's book, <u>*The Secret of Multiplied Money.*</u> In print and digital formats:

Lesson 27

The Gold Mine within You

Prosperity Principle: The good you seek is already within you.

Many years ago when Arizona was still a territory, there was a fellow who discovered gold quite by accident.

As the story goes, he was hired by a rancher to dig fence post holes and while working, he allowed his horse to graze freely. Periodically he would find his horse and ride it up to where he had left off digging. Then he would let the horse loose to graze where it wanted to.

One time, the horse strayed further than usual and went off the land owned by this fellow's employer. When he went to retrieve his horse, he saw something rather shiny on the ground. At first he thought it might just be quartz or fool's gold, but digging around, he found several small nuggets of what he believed to be gold. He could hardly believe his eyes!

Taking some samples with him he got a couple of days off and went into town, saying nothing to anyone of what he had found. At the assayer's office it was confirmed that he had truly discovered gold!

Quietly, he took several more days off and hired a fellow to help him develop the new claim he had made in the land which he determined belonged to no one. It proved to be quite a valuable discovery. Soon another fellow came along and bought the claim from him for \$10,000 which was quite a sum of money in those days.

This story is an example of how easy it is for you to "strike it rich." There is a "gold mine in them thar hills", is true. Now, you may not discover an actual gold mine in the mountains, but you can discover, or rather, uncover some rich, prospering ideas that have gone unnoticed within yourself. Often, a rich treasure lies within reach while you go right on by.

Even though the fellow who discovered gold was doing something else - digging post holes - but not for gold, he must have had his mind attuned to the idea of riches and was receptive to ways of improving his life and enjoying greater prosperity. Otherwise he would have not seen the gold even though it was right there before his eyes.

You may be busy with every day work and other activities, but while you are, keep your mind open and receptive to discovering prospering ideas that lie within your reach - always within you.

There is a "gold mine" within you, just waiting, as-it-were, to be mined by you. Because you are seeking ways in which to experience more prosperity, go where the prosperity is - within yourself. Ask for prospering ideas and then listen for them to be given to you. If they are not revealed immediately, keep asking and being receptive. They will come although most likely when you least expect them - often when you are busy with something else - they may wake you out of a sound sleep or they may come when you are just relaxing.

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A shopkeeper, who was experiencing a drop in sales, wondered what he could do to get things turned around. Being a student of metaphysics, he knew to go within himself for new ideas. That was the way he had gotten started in his business in the beginning. So, seeking within, he asked for ideas for attracting new customers to his store and bringing the old ones back. It was not long before he was given an idea that, when put to work - it did! Soon his business was prospering again.

The idea was simply to re-arrange his store and make it easier for customers to shop and to buy. Another thing he discovered was that he had neglected to keep up with his tithes. Quickly correcting that, he vowed to never again allow himself to get behind with his tithes. Soon, his shop was filled with customers and his prosperity continued to increase daily.

There is a "gold mine" of rich, prospering ideas just waiting for your discovery. Go ahead and dig - search within - ask Infinite Intelligence to reveal to you what you should be doing and to give you the prospering ideas you need.

If you've been searching outside yourself for a way or ways to prosper, seek within first and you will be guided and given rich ideas. Like the slogan of a well-known department store: "It's all inside."

Bring ideas in and entertain them royally, for one of them may be the king! - Mark Van Doren

When money is circulating freely in your life, you are economically healthy, in the same manner as when your blood is circulating freely, you are free from congestion. Begin now to see money in its true significance and role in life as a symbol of exchange. Money to you should mean freedom from within; it should mean beauty, luxury, abundance, a sense of security and refinement. - Dr. Joseph Murphy

Prosperity affirmation: There is a gold mine within me. Seeking within, rich ideas are now revealed to my mind and I put them to work.

Action: For the next seven days, get comfortable where you won't be disturbed. Close your eyes and be very still for a few moments. Quietly ask Divine Intelligence for rich ideas to be revealed to you. Listen!

Lesson 28

What Prosperity Really Is

Prosperity Principle: Give what you want to have. To enjoy abundance, give abundantly.

A great many people are interested in Prosperity and that is why I provide these lessons. My desire is to help everyone to live "the more abundant life." It is interesting to note that with so many people placing so much attention on prosperity, a much smaller number of people know what prosperity really is.

Most people believe that prosperity is receiving or having a lot of money and other things that go to making a person affluent. I have heard people exclaim to me, "I made a great prosperity demonstration," meaning that they received a big influx of cash, or some financial situation worked out so that their money supply was substantially increased. Good for them. That is great, but it is not really what prosperity truly is.

Prosperity is giving. Jim Rosemergy points this out in his book, *Even Mystics Have Bills to Pay.* "We mistakenly believe that prosperity is demonstrated when we receive - when money comes to us or we get a new job. This is not true. **Prosperity's demonstration is giving.** Giving depends upon our understanding of our spiritual nature."

He goes on to tell of a circuit-riding preacher who spoke one evening at a small rural church, and took his ten-year-old son with him. Near the door as they entered, was an offering box and the preacher placed a ten-dollar bill in it. After the service, he was told that his honorarium was the money in the box. When he looked in the box there was just one ten-dollar bill. As he and his son left the church, the son said to his father, "I guess if you had put more in you would have gotten more out."

That is a good point. So often people want to receive more but they do not understand that if they would *give* more, they would *have* more. There is something magical about giving, especially when it comes from the heart.

I know people who have tried long and hard to prosper, but they keep judging by appearances, wrongly believing they just don't have much money and so they don't give much. If they could only see that by opening their minds and hearts to having a greater consciousness of God as their source, and being larger and freer *channels of giving*, they would *have* more. They would be amazed at how prosperity doors would open for them, and windows, too!

Tithing is an excellent way to practice the art of giving because it involves the prosperity law of giving and receiving. Consistent tithing to the channel or channels of your spiritual food creates consistency in your receiving. Tithing establishes a foundation under your prosperity and makes it permanent.

Through tithing a definite connection is made between your finances and the Source of your supply. Tithing keeps your financial and all your affairs in constant contact with the Source. Thus you have constant access to universal substance and power. The results are consistent with your faithful compliance with this great law of giving and receiving, the Law of Attraction in prospering action.

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Again, prosperity is giving. Jim Rosemergy said further in, *Even Mystics Have Bills to Pay,* "The Truth is, when we give, the one who receives is blessed, but the giver receives the greater blessing. The one who receives has something tangible to point to—the gift. The giver gains an expanded awareness of the way God's universe works and a consciousness that provides for every need, and fulfills every good desire.

"Spiritual understanding calls us to put aside our need to determine how to receive what we consider to be the blessings of life. Instead, it asks us to begin to investigate *how to give*, for *giving* is prosperity's demonstration."

In my extensive study, research, and observations, I have realized that there are still a large number of people who struggle, financially. Many of these people ask me to help them, saying that they really want to prosper. Some of them pay attention and do what is required and reap the rewards. But others seem to prefer to go on struggling.

I have sometimes asked myself why they do that. It seems that they have developed such a "friendship" with financial lack and limitation, they aren't sure they want to end it. They may be miserable in their financial struggles, but are apparently not willing to do what is necessary to really change things. Also, they still believe they will be prosperous when they *receive* more money.

This works as a paradox because they are thinking one thing while expecting a different result. Little do they realize, it seems, that they must do an about face and start believing that prosperity is not *receiving*, but *giving*.

To put this simply, it is like planting flower seeds while expecting beautiful flowers. First you give the seeds to the ground, then you give them water and fertilizer. You give them your loving attention as they are sprouting and growing. Then, in due time, they give you their beauty and fragrance, and you cut them and give to friends. In so doing, you are prosperous because you are giving.

In regard to your personal prosperity, what do you have to give? Give your open mind and heart to the Source. Give your imagination freedom to soar. Give your faith to ideas received. Give your best thought, word and action to whatever you undertake. Give of whatever money you have not so much in expectation of receiving more, but in the realization that by giving you are truly prosperous. Give thanks from a grateful heart that is securely imbedded in the Source.

Would you like to be a millionaire? If your answer is "yes" as it usually is to this question, what are you willing to give in order to achieve this? Is your intention to give at least a million dollars worth of loving service to humanity? Decide on what you have to give and start giving it. Make the world richer, more beautiful, peaceful and harmonious and your rightful share of God's riches will more easily flow to you.

Prosperity Prayer: I give freely and fearlessly into Life and Life gives back to me with fabulous increase. My giving makes me rich!

Action: Ask yourself, "What do I have to give?" "What can I give to bless others?" "What can I do to add to the happiness, peace and prosperity of humanity?" Keep asking and listening. Act upon what is revealed to you.

Lesson 29

Why People Don't Prosper

Prosperity Principle: God is the one and only source of your supply.

One of the main reasons people do not prosper is because they look only to one or two channels instead of to God, the source, for their supply. They mistakenly believe that their job, husband, wife, investment, government, or other channel is their source. This kind of thinking is very limiting because those are channels or avenues, *not* the source.

Establishing in your belief system the reality of God as your source, you are able to think beyond what you receive from a job, business or other channels. When a person works for a company, there is usually agreement on salary and other compensation, and it is easy for that person to believe that the company is the source of his financial supply. But again, it must be stressed that the company is only a channel, not the source. Therefore, when a person is employed by a company, he is free to look beyond what he may receive as salary. When he does, often the way opens for him to receive additional money through other channels.

I wrote in my book, *How To Have 'Unexpected' Income*, about a man who thought he was set for life with his company. He liked the company and the work he was doing. He had no reason for doubting that he could not count on this for many years.

However, there came a time when the company began cutting back and he became worried that he might be laid off. Sure enough, his fears proved to be true and he found himself unemployed. For a while he was bitter, blaming the company for his situation. But fortunately, he was given a copy of my book, *Power Words for Prosperous Living!* Upon reading this book, he soon realized the real reason for being laid off. It was not because the company no longer needed him, but that he needed to learn that the company was not his source of supply, but that God within him, was his all-providing source.

As he continued to study this book, he learned to go directly to God, through prayer and meditation, and that God is a very loving, all-providing Presence. He also learned the power of his words and of affirmative prayer. He often declared:

God is my source, therefore, my supply is where I am and I am always abundantly provided for.

With each succeeding day his faith grew. Learning that tithing was a vital and practical way to put God first, he began to tithe from all the money he received. He felt empowered as never before and was soon offered a job with another company at a substantially increased salary over what he had been earning, plus some very interesting "perks" and bonuses. He later received guidance for investing his money, which brought him millions in added income.

Another reason why people don't prosper is an inadequate self-image. It is amazing how many people have concepts of themselves as being unworthy. This is caused by early religious training, from parents, or other well-meaning but unenlightened people. Thus they have created belief systems of not deserving to really prosper.

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Mistakenly, they see themselves as having to work hard for so many years and while they may think they'd like to prosper in a big way, they are not able to. This is caused by a dis-empowering image they carry in their minds.

Failure to work in harmony with the spiritual laws of prosperity is another reason why people don't prosper.

The solution is to create in your imagination, a clear image of yourself as worthy of all of the riches of God and to see yourself actually enjoying those riches as rightfully yours as the child of God that you are.

As mentioned in a previous Lesson, anger, resentment and unforgiveness are big inhibiters of prosperity. You really cannot afford them. You wouldn't think of dragging around a large container of garbage, but that is exactly what is done when anger, resentment and unforgiveness are held on to. If you sincerely desire to prosper in a big way, release those poverty-producing emotions. Focus on Love.

Divine Love is the ultimate prospering power. Divine Love makes prosperity easier.

Prosperity Prayer: God is the source of all my good. I bless all channels of my prosperity and give thanks that I am now prospered in all my ways.

Action - Think about your job or other avenues of receiving income. Ask yourself, "Do I believe these to be the source of my supply?" "Do I really believe God is my one and only Source?" Pay attention to your answers.

Lesson 30

The Way of Abundance

Prosperity Principle: Thinking, speaking and living prosperously is the way of abundance.

The way of abundance is a one-way street. If you have been striving to demonstrate abundance in your life; to get on financial easy street, you must go in the direction that financial easy street goes in. There are no two ways about it. Either you are going in the direction of lack or in the direction of abundance. Go with the flow of abundance and you will have abundance.

It is all a matter of consciousness. The person with a rich consciousness and the person with a poor consciousness are not traveling on the same mental street. One is going with the flow of success, the other is going the wrong way.

Eric Butterworth wrote: "Success is not just "getting there". It is earning the right to *be there*. It is being in the flow of the creative process." (*In The Flow of Life*)

It is true there is lavish supply for everyone. The person with a rich consciousness taps into that supply through his or her thinking. If you are not tapping in to the rich supply that is yours by divine right, then, why aren't you?

It is not okay to put up with lack and limitation, at least on a permanent basis. If you do, there is something wrong in your thinking that needs to be corrected. Do not allow old beliefs to interfere with the demonstration of unlimited financial supply. *Do not allow other people to determine what you will have, either.*

It is important to watch your thoughts and words. You cannot demonstrate abundance through thinking or speaking words of lack and limitation. Words return to you in like-kind experiences and conditions.

There was a woman who had limited ideas of prosperity. She continually was making her old clothes "do" instead of buying new ones. She was very careful with what money she had, stretching it out as far as it would go, and counseling (a nice word for nagging) her husband not to overspend. She said over and over, "I don't want anything I cannot afford."

She couldn't afford much, so she didn't have much, even with all her scrimping and saving, there was never enough to go around or to really enjoy living. Eventually things began to fall apart. Her world turned upside down when her husband, who was tired of her nagging, limited thinking and behavior, left her.

Fortunately, in the midst of her despair, she came across a copy of my book, *Power Words for Prosperous Living!* in a library, which she swore that it "fell" off the shelf into her hands. From this book she learned of the power of her thoughts and words. She was amazed at what she read, but fortunately, she was ready and opened her mind to the ideas presented to her. Eventually, she realized that she had produced every one of her unhappy experiences and miserable conditions through

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her wrong thinking, which she described as disgusting. Laughing heartily at her mistakes, she decided to profit by them and was determined to prove the law of abundance for herself.

Placing her faith securely in the Source, she fearlessly used the little money she had to prove her faith in the invisible supply. Immediately she began to tithe, giving 10% of what she had, back to God by sending it to me as the author of the book that had taught her how to change her thinking. She stopped thinking and talking lack and limitation and kept herself feeling and looking prosperous.

Old friends hardly recognized her, thinking that she may have flipped out of her mind. She had flipped out, all right, but not in the way they thought. She had given the heave-ho to the old lack-thoughts and her miserly way of living. She had swung into the way of abundance and was determined to stay there. Soon money began to come to her, more than she ever had before. Old financial doors that had remained closed, opened for her, and new ones, too. She got a job with a company that hired her although she had no training for the work. But, she loved and thrived in it. Management loved her, too, and gave her one raise after another, and eventually she was offered a leadership position with a substantial salary and valuable shares in the company.

What happened? This woman had changed the *quality* of her thoughts and words and had consciously stepped into the way of abundance. She had placed her faith securely in God, the source of her supply, and confidently moved forward, claiming and accepting the riches God had been trying to give her all along.

Do not put up with financial lack as a permanent thing. God's will for you is financial abundance along with all the other good things of life. Gratefully and lovingly claim and accept all the good God has for you. That is the way of abundance.

Prosperity Prayer: God is the Source of my supply. Thinking and speaking prosperously, I walk the way of abundance. Everything prospers me now!

Action - Keep on keeping on. Review these lessons often and let them be your guide to keep you on track and to enjoy your ever-increasing abundance.

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Your Millionaire Personal Prosperity Plan

- 1. *Crystallize your thinking.* Decide what you specifically want to achieve. Then dedicate yourself to its attainment with undeviating singleness of purpose, the vigorous zeal of a crusader.
- 2. **Develop a Plan for Achieving your goal,** and a deadline for its accomplishment. Plan your progress hourly, daily, monthly. Organized activity and maintained enthusiasm are the well-springs of your power.
- 3. *Image Your Goal Clearly.* Picture what you want, not what you don't want. Always use your imaging faculty to picture definitely, completely, actively, the true END RESULT you desire, with *you* in the picture.
- 4. **Develop a Sincere Desire** for the things you want in life. A burning desire is the greatest motivator for action. The desire for success implants "success consciousness" which, in turn, creates a trenchant and ever-increasing "habit of success."
- 5. **Develop Supreme Confidence** in yourself and your God-given abilities. Enter every activity without giving any thought to the possibility of failure. Concentrate on your strengths, instead of your weaknesses . . . on your powers, instead of problems.
- 6. **Develop the Gratitude Attitude.** It is your "open-sesame" to vast unlimited wealth and success. Declare often: *Thank You, God, I am grateful!*
- 7. *Give yourself Permission to be a Millionaire.* No one can give you that but yourself. Accept, right now, that you are already a Millionaire, and you are doing everything within yourself and in the world to prove that to be true.
- 8. Determine that you will give millions of dollars worth of service to humanity. Ask yourself often, "what can I do today that will be of benefit to other people?"
- 9. *Tithe at least 10% of your whole income*, regularly, when you receive it, to God's work through the persons or organizations from which you receive spiritual know-how for prosperity and success.
- 10. **Share your wealth.** It did not come to stop with you. True prosperity is giving. Do all the good you can for everyone you can, and your millions will benefit not only you but all humankind.

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The Secrets of the Universe

Prosperity Step-by-Step By Brad Jensen

The best advice in the world won't work unless we put it work and carry it through. Its one thing to SAY it works, but is another to DO it and have results to prove it. (Wallace D. Wattles says that too.) Are there any millionaires reading this?

Thankfully, I am a millionaire. I created a company that is worth at least seven million dollars, and I earn an income of over half a million a year. I started many years ago with a degree in Philosophy/Religion and a borrowed pencil. I have been diligently exploring prosperity ideas, learning and teaching them for over 35 years.

Here are the secrets of the Universe:

Our world is a dream world, and it works just like dreaming, but generally slower. As you acknowledge the dreaminess of it, and begin to work with it from that perspective, the apparent speed of action increases.

The way to direct the world is through your imagination and will. Exercising your will strengthens it. You can exercise it by doing something unpleasant until it becomes pleasant.

You receive through the same doorway you give through. The way to receive freely is to give freely. Quality is more important than quantity, since the Universe amplifies thought into circumstance. Begin giving and let God perfect your giving.

Forgive God. Loving your neighbor is loving God. Forgiving your neighbor is forgiving God. When you see a lack of God's love or grace in any condition – look again. Look deeper. Jesus, on the cross, said in effect, "How could you do this to me, God?" and then, "I trust You. I accept your purpose as my own."

No matter how you stumble and fall, are unable to meditate, turn your attention from your real self for years, hurt and are indifferent to the love of those around you, get back up and expect forgiveness from God, and accept his grace wherever you find it. Whether your friend or your enemy gives you something, it is a gift from your own true self.

Do not waste energy on the impossible. Do not try to convince anyone or change anyone's mind. Do not ask others to make choices for you; do not make choices for others. Both of these are illusions and a denial of the love of God. The best thing you can do for anyone else is to help them make a conscious choice, so that they can learn from it. The best way to teach is by example.

You are wealthy now with an abundance of what you are thinking about. The world is a creative engine, and will create whatever you are really thinking. Every thought in your mind is a prayer about you, no matter who the subject seems to be. The only way to manifest lack is to hold something against someone else. Give up all thoughts of offense, revenge, of being injured, of self-justification, of needing to defend yourself against others' expectations, of the unfairness of life, of others getting some unearned advantage. Joy breeds joy and sorrow breeds sorrow. When you hear of someone's good fortune, think "Good for them! God is blessing and prospering them, and I bless them also!"

Charles Fillmore says, "The inexhaustible resource of Spirit is equal to every demand. There is no reality in lack. Abundance is here and now manifests!"

He is absolutely right!

Trust yourself consciously. You really do anyway! The key to mastery is to acknowledge reality. Reality is a simulation. The future pours into the past through the funnel of your thinking. Change what you are thinking now, and the future will take care of itself.

Your life is in a dynamic balance, based on your present thinking. What happens when you take 2% of the amount in one pan of a balance and put it on the other side? Of course that side goes down and the other goes up, and the change is complete. 2% of your waking life is ten minutes a day. Ten minutes a day of concentrated thought will change your life completely. As a starting point, read these lessons daily for one full month. When things start to change, don't get excited and distracted, but stick with it. Don't talk it away to others. Let the energy concentrate and build.

The only thing God knows how to make is a miracle.

You don't earn it, you *learn* it. "When you understand karma, it goes away." In any challenging situation, ask yourself, "What am I trying to learn here?" Then begin to act on that principle. Experiment with your life. Invest in your relationships by taking risks in your communication.

When you are stuck, find someone with a similar situation, and teach them what you have learned so far. (Often they will come and find you!) Until you give it away, you don't own it. This goes for wisdom above all things.

Understand that you will never create a situation that you can't learn from. What would be the point? God is with you every moment—it's His job. "I can handle this with God's help" is the beginning and the ending of faith.

The only limitations are self-limitations. Let abundance begin right now. Watch out for the tendency to "Name it and blame it." Responsibility is the opposite of blame. When you blame yourself and others, you temporarily deny your power to change (which is wasting energy on the impossible again). Sooner or later everyone in your

life that you think is preventing you from being or having whatever you want, will either die or move away, and you will find out that the condition is made in your own mind. Why not act on this awareness now?

If you are alive, you deserve to be rich. God wants you to be rich. He is more willing to give than we are willing to receive – no matter how willing we are to receive.

We are infinite beings pretending to be finite. We have created forms and conditions to escape the limitations of formlessness. But let's not forget who we really are, and let's not pretend too hard.

The Seven Steps to Abundant Living

- Step 1 Relax, release and let go
- Step 2 Focus attention
- Step 3 Concentrate
- Step 4 Joy
- Step 5 All Manifestation
- Step 6 Give freely
- Step 7 Gratitude to the True Source

Let go of what you aren't using. If you are holding on to something (person, place or thing – or even an idea) because you think you might need it later, you are really telling yourself that you do not own that thing, you do not deserve it, and you do not believe you can recreate it in the future. These are all poverty thoughts. Clean out your closets, have a garage sale or give to Goodwill, but *let go of all that spiritual cholesterol that is clogging your arteries of good.*

Tithing is regularly giving ten percent of your whole income to those groups or individuals that you see using spiritual principles in a way that you would like to experience in your life. The secret to tithing is just taking control of a process that is already occurring. Regular, conscious tithing builds your conscious power to accept God's abundance in your life.

For most people, a good place to start is tithing to your church, your support group, someone who is teaching you, someone who is a good spiritual example to you. (See Prosperity Made E-Z Lesson Ten.)

Give where you feel good about giving – where you can give in joy and peace without doubt or restriction. Give with no strings attached, and receive the same way.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express on this subject. I have been enormously blessed as a result. - \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{P} enser