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The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity

Chapter 1

“You are prosperous to the degree that you are experiencing peace, health, and plenty in your world.”

Catherine Ponder

As we begin a new year we have the awesome opportunity to make a fresh start. We're doing it with a study of Catherine Ponder's *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*.

You might have made some new year's resolutions about changes you want in your life. If you've been considering changing your thinking around prosperity, Catherine Ponder tells us: “While prosperous thinking means many things to people, basically it gives you the power to make your dreams come true, whether those dreams are concerned with better health, increased financial success, a happier personal life, more education and travel, or a deeper spiritual life.”

Yes, as a truth student you must acknowledge to yourself that you have all the power. Power that no one can take from you. You, and only you, can give it away. This is often what we do. We give the news the power to create our finances, someone else's bad mood to create our day or someone's opinion to define us. In reality, it is up to us.

In Chapter One, Catherine points out the surprising truth that poverty is a sin. Sin, in Unity's terms, is defined as falling short of the mark. We can also change our “shortfall” by changing our thinking and thus, our actions. It is our divine heritage to be prosperous and successful in all that we do.

The Bible is a prosperity textbook, with story after story about prosperity. It clearly points out that God's intention is not for us to live in lack and limitation. Catherine tells us, “Most of the great men of the Bible were either born prosperous, became prosperous or had access to riches whenever the need arose.”

Jesus' life teachings were all about a generous Heavenly Father who wishes to give us not only physical needs but His very kingdom. This message became skewed as society assured wealth only for the privileged few. The masses were told that the only way to salvation was through poverty and penance—a method of control by the “haves” that

held poverty as a virtue. This thinking and teaching forestalled revolution among the masses.

Even today there is a gap between the “haves” and “have-nots,” even beyond financial means. What does this mean in terms of prosperity? Those who do “have” have it because of their thinking. No matter what their process was for getting it, the reason is they held prosperity as their in consciousness. Thoughts in mind do produce their own kind. Those who “have not” often cling to the thought of what they do not have, thus producing even more lack. Catherine’s book shows us that we all deserve prosperity—it is our natural state in the way we are created—but sometimes we begin to believe otherwise. With the new year starting, now is the time to erase the slate and start thinking prosperously.

The Bible says:

“The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you.” Deut 28:11

“They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.” Ps 25:13

“All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children.” Is 54:13

“I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security.” Jer 33:6

Unity says:

“All of us must hitch our faith to the divine ideas that make for abundance of manifest good. Then we have a foundation upon which to build our castle of health, happiness, and prosperity.” Myrtle Fillmore, *How to Let God Help You*

“A prosperous idea in your mind persistently held will bring prosperity into your affairs. First decide upon a prosperity idea and then fill your consciousness with it.” Lowell Fillmore, *New Ways to Solve Old Problems*

“When we understand and adjust our mind to the realm or kingdom where the rich ideas and their electrical thought forms exist we shall experience in our temporal affairs what is called ‘prosperity.’” Charles Fillmore, *Prosperity*

Practices

- In meditation, ponder prosperity. What does it mean to you? What do you see? What would it feel like if you were totally prosperous? Take time to soak in the feeling. Now, come back to the present, bringing that feeling with you.

- Take out your journal after your meditation and ask yourself these questions:
 1. What does prosperity mean to me?
 2. Am I willing to be prosperous? What would I have to let go of for that to be true?
 3. Am I willing to let go of old beliefs about poverty being a virtue?
 4. How can I hold a prosperous thought through to manifestation?
 5. How can I express and feel gratitude before I see prosperity in the physical?

- We are reminded that where two or more are gathered, the Christ is present. As a triad talk about what form prosperity has taken for you. Share an experience of prosperity that is not necessarily about money.