

# Power of Prosperity x 12

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## Chapter 7—How to Reverse Financial Adversity *Spiritual Economics* by Eric Butterworth

“The great discovery of the new insight in Truth is that consciousness is the key to all things that happen to us, certainly the key to personal prosperity.” Eric Butterworth

This is a wonderful quote but what happens when in spite of all that we do, things happen? Maybe we lose a job or lose a source of income? Or maybe we have just gone through an illness that has tapped our resources?

Eric Butterworth also says “failure is a vital part of achieving success.” It is not whether we have some failure in our life but what we do with it that is really important.

We can sit in self-pity or we can use the situation as an opportunity for growth, to stretch and discover new spiritual muscles. We can understand that life is a journey and things are always changing. When we see the changes as opportunities we can make “lemonade from lemons.”

As Butterworth tells us we are “a whole person in a whole Universe.” Whatever is going on in our lives, if we choose to see it not as a problem but a process, we will develop the consciousness to learn and grow from whatever life presents us.

The choice is ours.

### What the Bible says:

“And God saw that it was good.” Gen 1:25

“So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous.” Matt 5:45

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jer 29:11

### What Unity says:

"Every time you say, 'I am a little short of funds,' 'I haven't as much money as I need,' you are putting a limit on the substance in your own consciousness. Is this wisdom?" *Prosperity*, Charles Fillmore

"If you are fearful that you will not be provided with the necessities of life for tomorrow, next week, or next year, or for your old age, or that your children will be left in want, deny the thought." *Prosperity*, Charles Fillmore

"Do not hold yourself in poverty by the fear of lack and by practicing a pinching economy." *Prosperity*, Charles Fillmore

"Keep your thoughts free from worry. Keep them on matters close at hand, on God's presence and power." *How to Let God Help You*, Myrtle Fillmore

"The beliefs that you and your ancestors have held in mind have become thought currents so strong that their course in you can be changed only by resolute decision to entertain them no longer... This is done by denial and affirmations; denial always comes first." *The Twelve Powers of Man*, Charles Fillmore

"Let go of all anxiety and every fear, for God will see you through. Regardless of any test facing you, God will see you through wonderfully. God will see you through safely. God will see you through wisely. God will see you through successfully." *God Will See You Through*, Mary L. Kupferle

### Practices

- Eric clearly tells us in this chapter that it is time to take our own personal responsibility for financial adversity. Answer the questions below in your journal along with an affirmation to correct the error thinking. Do I truly believe and embrace that God is my source?
  - How much TV news am I letting mold my thinking about the economy?
  - Am I adding to the negative frenzy about the economy by involving myself in conversations around it? How do I want to handle this now?
  - Am I willing to change the world consciousness by changing my own consciousness around prosperity? What am I willing to do?

Place your affirmations where you will see them: In your wallet, in your check book, above where you place your bills when they come in and at your desk at work.

- In your personal prayer pick out something difficult you are facing right now and pray: "I know that this is the best thing that could happen to me, for I know that in the happening there is revealed a new lesson to learn and some new growth to experience." There is more to this prayer experience and it can

be found as the last paragraph of this chapter. Go there, read, and then use all or any part in your personal prayer time.

- After doing the above gather with your prayer triad to discuss what came up for each of you. Support each other in walking through this work to reverse financial adversity.