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The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity

Chapters 7-8

“The time has come to relax and enjoy what you have already learned in previous chapters.”
Catherine Ponder

You might think by this statement that your work is done. Well, that depends on how prosperous you want to be. Do you just want money? Is your objective to have more things? Do you truly believe that prosperity can be yours? These next two chapters are all about conscious thinking and attitude.

Catherine tells us in Chapter 7 that we are always using either the Law of Increase or the Law of Decrease. It is always one or the other. Being conscious of our thoughts which become our actions speaks volumes about whether we are working the increase side or the decrease side. Remember if you are not happy with the prosperity you are experiencing, you are the only one able to change that by changing your thoughts.

When prosperity seems elusive, check your thoughts, not only about your own prosperity but of those around you. Catherine tells us, “When people criticize, condemn, or belittle others, they do not realize that through the law of mind action, they are asking for the same things to happen to them.” Because, we are all one with each other these negative actions will come back to us in one form or another. Jesus told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Are you holding thoughts of increased good for your neighbor, for the one who just cut you off in traffic, or even for the one you feel has wronged you in some way? Now is the time to create good prosperity attitudes towards yourself and the world. Don't begrudge others who seem to be getting the prosperity you desire.

In this day, it is easy to get into what Catherine calls “hard-times” talk. When you do the steps from last month, then engage in hard-time thoughts, talk, or action you create cross currents which neutralize your efforts of prosperity. It is an ongoing work to monitor our thoughts and actions to keep prosperity flowing.

In chapter 8 we learn our attitudes really do have great effect on our prosperity. Attitude is driven by thoughts and beliefs you hold. What is your attitude around money? Catherine tells us, “Just as you should not turn your noses up at money neither should you make a god of it.” Money is just a tool to acquire wants and needs. It is a physical expression of God's good for you. Remembering that money and how you get it is not the source of your good to meet these wants and needs. Money and the avenues in which it came are just channels of God. Remembering that God is Source and creating an attitude of gratitude are crucial in continued prosperity. Plus

keeping that prosperity in the divine flow by giving back allows the cycle to continue to flow to you.

The Bible says:

- “And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.” 1 Thess 3:12
- “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.” 1 Tim 6:10
- “Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’” Heb 13:5
- “But Peter said to him, ‘May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God’s gift with money!’” Acts 8:20
- “But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.” Matt 5:22
- “How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?” 1 Jn 3:17
- “Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” Matt 9:29

Unity says:

“There is a universal law of increase. It is not confined to bank accounts but operates on every plane. The conscious co-operation of man is necessary to the fullest results in the working of this law.” Charles Fillmore, *Prosperity*

“There is little likelihood that your life can become fully functioning with prosperity unless you have a positive and creative attitude toward money.” Eric Butterworth, *Spiritual Economics*

“Even though money may seem to come to us as the result of hard work, we should see back of it the spiritual source of all good.” Lowell Fillmore, *New Ways to Solve Old Problems*

Practices

- Take time with your journal to list what you want to increase, and what talents you have that, with faith, will bring that increase. Write what that increase will look like and how you will feel when it is made manifest.

- In a time of quiet reflection ask yourself, "Am I using the law of decrease?" Be honest with yourself about hard-time talking and thinking. Ask yourself "How willing am I to let go of being influenced by the negative news on TV? And how can I do that?"
- Consider why the love of money is a problem. Draw on your own experience or that of others. How do you understand the difference between making money a god, and holding prosperous thoughts? How can you create prosperity in your life without making money the object of your life?
- Now with your prayer partners share with them your goals of staying in principle by practicing the law of increase. Ask for their support in holding the high watch and gently call your attention to times when you are practicing the law of decrease. Then together hold friends, families and the world in a space of increase.