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Chapter 9—The Money Enigma

“It is simply that when we place the emphasis on outer things, we miss the whole meaning of life. Life is for expressing, for growth and expansion,” says Eric Butterworth.

The Webster’s Dictionary tells us that an enigma is something that is hard to understand or explain. This is very true when it comes to truly understanding or explaining our relationship with money.

The University of Michigan conducted a study about how money affected people’s lives. Three findings below stood out above all the rest:

1. What do people worry about most? Money
2. What makes people most happy? Money
3. What makes people the unhappiest? Money

You may think these results don’t include you, for your mind is stayed on God as your source, but you still have bills to pay and that takes money.

Our thinking, feeling, and actions around money have a direct effect on our prosperity. Money represents different things to different people and is clouded with “not enough” thinking. Money is nothing more than a piece of paper that allows us to trade it for the things in life that we think we want or need. As a monetary exchange, it is indispensable, but when we allow it to become our obsession, it drains us mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. As long as you have impressed on your money the thought of insufficiency, it will continue to misrepresent you in your time of need. But if you contently infuse your money with the idea of abundance, it will begin to work for you in positive ways.

Charles Fillmore tells us, “Watch your thoughts when you are handling your money, because your money is attached through your mind to the one source of all substance and all money. When you think of money, which is visible, as something attached to an invisible source that is giving or withholding to your thought, you have the key to all riches and all lack.”

Money is a symbol of the currency or flow of universal substance. How we think, feel and interact around money can become the object of life’s search for meaning.

Determine for yourself that money will always be a symbol of abundance, not limitation, not the goal of your life. Doing this will firmly establish balance in your spiritual well-being and will allow you to experience life more abundantly.

#### **The Bible says:**

"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

"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income." Ecc 5:10

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Mt 6:24

#### **Unity says:**

"Money is a means to an end, not the end itself. You cannot eat money, and it cannot keep you warm or cuddle you at night. Simply having money is not the goal. The goal is to use it to do whatever your heart leads you to do and to do that which fulfills your divine purpose." *The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity*, Edwene Gaines

"Money is good to the man of sense perception: but when he allows himself to become enamored of it and hoards it, he makes it his god." *Christian Healing*, Charles Fillmore

"Money is divine, because money is God's good in expression." *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*, Catherine Ponder

"When money is relegated to its rightful place in life it becomes an outer symbol of God's abundance...it is God's defense against lack and limitation. Like all good it must be kept in circulation." *Prosperity's Ten Commandments*, Georgiana Tree West

#### **Practices**

- Take time with your journal and write about your story of "If Money Were No Object to Me Having My Dreams." Make a list of what you would do. Then choose one and do it as if money were no object.
- In your meditation time, consider, "Is money a tool I use for my highest and best, or is it my hard task master?" Ask God to show you how to use it or how to eliminate this task master.

- With your prayer triad talk about how money has shown up in your lives. Together bless your money. Send it forth with joyful positive energy. Take time to support each other when times of lack show up.