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Prosperity's Ten Commandments

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Seventh Commandment

"Thou shalt not abase thy wealth to idle or evil uses."

The seventh of the original commandments says, "Thou shall not commit adultery." When teaching the Ten Commandments, Moses had to reach the people at their on level of consciousness and understanding. It is still true today, people are at different stages of development, and so it can be easier to understand "rules of right action" than "laws of right living."

Adultery comes from the same root word as the word adulterate which Webster's dictionary defines as "to corrupt, or make impure by ay an admixture of a foreign or baser substance." For example, mixing less valuable base metals such as copper, nickel, zinc, or tin, with gold, devalues the gold. This also applies to the mental and spiritual actions in life. Negative thinking can corrupt the mental ability to process and it can deter the spiritual growth progress.

Georgiana tells us, "Our Supply is of God; it is an outer symbol of His omnipresent good. If it is to be a lasting blessing, with happiness in its wake, it must be handled in a way becoming to the nature of the source from which it comes." In other words, money is an outer form of spiritual substance and we are responsible to use it intelligently in such a way that it honors God, its source.

When we associate our wealth with thoughts of greed or actions of selfishness we are adulterating our mental thinking but also our spiritual progress. Any use of wealth that hinders the soul's progress is an idle or evil use. This is not to say that wealth is evil but where you place it in your life priorities can make it such. The Bible is often misquoted as saying that money is the root of all evil. The actual quote says that the "love" of money is the root of all evil. When money becomes more important than your spiritual growth or your connection to God, it has become evil.

Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find condemnation of wealth, only condemnation of the wrong use of wealth and of its evil effects on people. We must not become slaves to that wealth but a master of it by using it in service to God. Keeping wealth in circulation to serve God and man is the guaranteed way to continue its flow.

Tithing and charitable giving are prime ways to appropriately use wealth. But do not confuse the two. Charitable giving is not tithing, nor does it replace tithing. Tithing is specifically giving to the community & work of God, acknowledging that God is our source. Charitable giving is for the purpose of helping where there is need.

The Bible says:

“But Peter said to him, ‘Your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!’” Ac 8:20

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never fail you nor forsake you.’” Heb 13:5

“For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.” 1Ti 6:10

“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money; nor he who loves wealth, with gain: this also is vanity.” Ec 5:10

Unity says:

“Money is being hoarded and is lying idle in banks all over the land that ought to be used to educate and spiritually enlighten the human family. If you have a surplus over and above your needs, you are not fulfilling the righteous law by letting it lay idle. Set it into circulation by giving it to some good cause—lending it to the Lord—and it will return to you again in due season multiplied. No one ever regretted money that was given to help the good. Yet, had that same money been lost in speculation, it would have been mourned. If you want your money to bring you lasting happiness and real satisfaction, give it to the Lord.” Charles Fillmore *Unity Magazine*, June, 1905

“We, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, husband and wife, hereby dedicate ourselves, our time, our money, all we have and all we expect to have to the Sprit of Truth, and through it, to the Society of Silent Unity. It being understood and agreed that said Spirit of Truth shall render unto us and equivalent for this dedication, in peace of mind, health of body, wisdom, understanding, love, life and an abundant supply of all things necessary to meet every want without our making any of these things the object of our existence. In the presence of the Conscious Mind of Christ Jesus, this 7th day of December 1892.” Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, *Dedication and Covenant*

For practice:

- Write your own covenant with God. Make clear what you want from God and what you are willing to do. Clearly state that you will not let wealth become more important than God. Place it where you can see it daily. Use it in your meditation. Make it a part of who you are.

- If uncomfortable feelings arise as you draft your personal covenant, go quietly into the silence and ask God for help.
- Take a long hard look at your attitude around your wealth. Are you abasing your good? Take time with your journal. Look at your financial records to see where you are spending. Is it in keeping with your highest and best idea about how God sees your wealth? Think about how and where you spread your wealth. Is it really serving you, your fellow man and God? If not, note what changes you are willing to make and then add them to your covenant, and your budget.
- Integrating this process can take some time and you may need support. This is a time when your triad of prayer partners can be of great support. Discuss this with them. See what other giving ideas come up, and share your covenants.