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Prosperity's Ten Commandments

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Eighth Commandment

"Thou shalt not seek something for nothing."

The eighth of the original commandments says, "Thou shalt not steal."

To steal according to Webster's dictionary is "to take...without right or leave and with intent to keep...wrongfully." This is often called the law of compensation and under this law there is no such thing as getting something for nothing. We must give full measure for all that we receive at some time.

One of the most difficult things to understand in life is the apparently unjust distribution of riches. Self-respecting, upright people, with keen minds, who are trying to live constructive, creative lives, are often poor as the proverbial church mouse. Such people frequently become confused and angry wondering why people who are unethical, unkind, uncaring, and sometimes downright vicious are literally rolling in money.

The answer is that wealth is the out-picturing of the state of mind. The person whose efforts are not richly compensated may not have a prosperity consciousness. This is the main cause for inadequate returns for conscious endeavor. The mind that is filled with lack, fear, or resistance to the situation will definitely fail to receive just compensation in the form of manifestation in the outer world.

Georgiana tells us, "If we do not like what we are getting out of life we must consider carefully what are we giving to life. If we feel that we cannot afford to be charitable and hate to pay debts, we are withholding our generosity, and life will not be generous to us." In other words when we think we can get something for nothing we are fooling ourselves because somewhere, sometime, somehow we pay for everything we receive.

We may claim as much as we are capable of accepting of God's bountiful supply but we must also remember that balanced compensation is a necessary part of the foundation of prosperity.

The Bible says:

"For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." Mt 7:2

"And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you." Mr 4:24

"Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him. Mr 12:17

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Lu 6:38

Unity says:

"It is the ignorance of the law of compensation that leads people on the endless round of trying to get something for nothing, Hoping for the lucky break, or finding the shortcut to advancement. It is this limited view that motivates the thief, the gambler and the compulsive speculator." Eric Butterworth, *Metamorality*

"Most people today still have to learn that they cannot get something for nothing, but must sow before reaping. When they do not give or sow in terms of prosperity they make no contact with God's lavish abundance and so there is no channel formed through which the rich, unlimited substance of the universe can pour forth its riches to them." Catherine Ponder, *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*

"Those who have a living faith in God's all-sufficiency do not beg or accept things without recompense but give value received for everything." Charles Fillmore, *Mysteries of Genesis*

For practice:

- Take time to think about this: "Have I ever gotten something for nothing?" Then really look to see what you wound up giving for it.
- Take time to forgive yourself or others for unjust compensations whether real or imagined. Journal about this experience.
- When paying your bills pay attention to what you are thinking and feeling. Remember that you have already been blessed by the utility, house, or car so it is your time to give unbegrudgingly.
- 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 these exercises with them.