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### DAY 16 – Tithing & Magnetic Wealth

#### Key Topics:

- To give and receive are one in truth
- I give the miracles I have received
- Giving without expectations
- I bless the world because I bless myself
- I receive whatever I request

#### To give and receive are one in truth

Every time you give to another person, you are actually giving to yourself because there is only one of us here. In truth, God has only one Son (one Holy Child) including you, me, and everyone else. It appears that there are over 7 billion of us, yet the separation between us is an illusion. We are not our bodies. We are eternal spirit. Your eyes are reporting to you what you have accepted to be true, in the place of truth.

In our world, it is often seen as more noble to give than to receive. In certain parts of the world, you are considered “less than successful or poor” if you are the receiver and not the giver. It is as if the word “receiving” has taken on a negative meaning. This is one of many plots by your ego to try to hold you in a drained or desperate state, and keep you from receiving what you need, and then making you feel bad about it if you do.

I am very committed to tithing and extending my money into the world, out of love for my One Self. Over the years, it has been interesting how many people have actually turned the money down, even when they obviously needed it. The ego is screaming in the background saying, “Suffering is noble, or even required, and this is the way to get in the good graces of God.” This may seem far-fetched, but if you listen in on any Sunday morning programming, you will hear this message loud and clear from most of the television ministries.

I’d like to share a few quotes that I wrote down, and you can weigh them in your own heart. I have no judgment of any of these people. They are my brothers; whole and perfect, exactly as God created them. We are simply looking at the messages being taught. You might ask yourself, **“Does this lead me towards peace, or away from it?”** This is a useful question to yourself, whenever you need a quick assessment of anything.

#### Charles Stanley

“There is nothing that comes in your life that God couldn’t stop if he wanted to... There are some things we won’t understand until we are in heaven... Jesus suffered with the eternal payment of His blood... There is a purpose for pain according to God:

1. He allows pain to surface for those things that we need to deal with that are damaging to ourselves and others.
2. Pain gets your attention. He allows it because there is pressure in pain and then you can walk away from it.
3. God takes you through painful things, so you learn they should not be in your life.
4. If you are living in sin, you should expect pain because God is going to treat you differently.
5. God is trying to get your attention to clean you.
6. If you disobey God, you should expect to be chastised.
7. Untried faith is unreliable.
8. God is trying to help you grow through more suffering. He lovingly increases the weight and demands more of you, but He will not test you with more than you can handle.”

### **Joel Osteen**

“Darkness is a prerequisite for God to show you what you are meant to be.”

This is a light sample of some of the messages being taught to the larger population on Sunday mornings. The underlying message is that God is judgmental, and you must earn His favor through darkness and suffering or you are in trouble, and things are not likely to go well for you. It is no wonder that people are reluctant to receive, and that giving is seen as a safer and more noble option.

A Course in Miracles teaches that God is pure Love, with no opposite. There is only light, and in the presence of light, there is no darkness. Darkness is the absence of light. The absence of anything – is nothing at all. The Course also teaches that you can learn through joy or pain. The option is up to you. I am very committed to learning through joy, now that I know it is an option. (smile)

In ACIM Lesson 108, it says, “To learn that giving and receiving are the same has special usefulness, because it can be tried so easily and seen as true.” So many times, I have given something away, only to see it come right back to me, multiplied. When I give my love to others, it always comes back to me multiplied. When I offer peace during a conflict, peace is always returned to me, with the added bonus that the conflict is diffused. When I give furniture away, furniture comes back to me in the form of gifts and new furnishings. When I give my time away, time comes back to me through people volunteering to help, and when I give my cash away, it is cash that is returned to me through gifts, new sales, and other income streams.

I have learned that receiving is just as important as giving. I remember the first time that someone gave me a larger sum of money, when I desperately needed it, and I couldn’t stop crying. There was something in me that felt completely unworthy of receiving it. My reaction was so strong, that I committed myself to “being a better receiver”. Today, I am happy to report that I love receiving! It is a fun, playful, surprising, helpful, and loving experience, and every time it happens, I feel like I just got a loving wink from God. How can you give anything, if you do not first receive what is needed for yourself? The Course says, “No one can give what he has not received. To give a thing requires first you have it in your own possession... To give is how to recognize you have received. It is the proof that what you have is yours.”

ACIM Lesson 159.1.1-2, 7-8

### **I give the miracles I have received**

For every decision to be made, it is always wise to turn to your Teacher of Peace to ask for direction, and this applies to giving your gifts and tithes as well. In ACIM Lesson 159, it says, “There is no miracle you cannot give, for all are given you. Receive them now by opening the storehouse of your mind where they are laid, and giving them away.”

### **Giving without Expectations**

Holy Spirit knows that one of my favorite things to do is to create miracles for other people through my gifts and tithes, and as a result, I am offered plenty of opportunities to do this. All of my gifts and tithes are unconditional, meaning they are given without any expectations placed on the receiver.

In the Course, it says, “It is not the function of God's teachers to evaluate the outcome of their gifts. It is merely their function to give them. Once they have done that they have also given the outcome, for that is part of the gift. No one can give if he is concerned with the result of giving. That is a limitation on the giving itself, and neither the giver nor the receiver would have the gift. Trust is an essential part of giving; in fact, it is the part that makes sharing possible, the part that guarantees the giver will not lose, but only gain. Who gives a gift and then remains with it, to be sure it is used as the giver deems appropriate? Such is not giving but imprisoning.”

ACIM TM.6.3. I have found that giving without any expectations placed on my gift, allows the greatest opportunity for miracles to occur.

### **I bless the world because I bless myself**

The Course teaches that when you give anything, you are always giving to yourself. As a result, your gifts will always increase what you have. In ACIM Lesson 187, it says, “No one can give unless he has. In fact, giving is proof of having... No one can doubt that you must first possess what you would give. It is the second phase on which the world and true perception differ. Having had and given, then the world asserts that you have lost what you possessed. The truth maintains that giving will increase what you possess.” ACIM Lesson 187.1.1-2, 5-8

Here are a few more excerpts from ACIM Lesson 187, a powerful lesson on the importance of giving: “Give gladly. You can only gain thereby... Protect all things you value by the act of giving them away, and you are sure that you will never lose them. What you thought you did not have is thereby proven to be yours... Never forget you give but to yourself... Never believe that you can sacrifice. There is no place for sacrifice in what has any value... Now are we blessed, and now we bless the world. What we have looked upon we would extend, for we would see it everywhere. We would behold it shining with the grace of god in everyone. We would not have it be withheld from anything we look upon.”

### **I receive what I request**

In ACIM Lesson 339, on “I will receive whatever I request” it says, “Let us resolve today to ask for what we really want, and only this, that we may spend this day in fearlessness, without confusing pain with joy, or fear with love. *Father, this is Your day. It is a day in which I would do nothing by myself, but hear Your Voice in everything I do; requesting only what You offer me, accepting only Thoughts You share with me.*” ACIM Lesson 339.1.9, 2

After years of studying the Course, I have found that the quickest way to having everything you want, need, or desire, with amplified happiness and magnetic wealth, is to accept only God's Plan for your happiness. This means that you make no decisions by yourself, and you have no other plan for yourself. You live each day in a constant state of listening to your Inner Guide and Teacher of Peace, and you follow the guidance that you hear, without resistance. You give selflessly, and you receive with great joy and gratitude. You no longer allow external circumstances to define you, your peace of mind, your mood, attitude, or behavior. Everything is now drawn from the Peace of God within you, where the answers are and have always been.

“What concern, then, can a teacher of God have about what becomes of his gifts? Given by God to God, who in this holy exchange can receive less than everything?” ACIM TM 6.4.11-12