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DAY 16 – Tithing & Magnetic Wealth

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Generosity out of Self interest

By accepting God’s Plan for your happiness, and choosing to follow your Teacher of Peace in every decision on what to do, you also become a Teacher of Peace over time. With your commitment to walk in love without fear, and to experience peace without pain, you are a living example of peace to everyone around you. Others will learn from you naturally, until they learn to engage with their Teacher of Peace within. You can already think of yourself as a “teacher of God”. You can also substitute these words with, “teacher of Love” for that is what you are.

In the Teachers’ Manual in A Course in Miracles, it says, “The term generosity has special meaning to the teacher of God... To the world, generosity means ‘giving away’ in the sense of ‘giving up.’ To the teachers of God, it means giving away in order to keep... In the clearest way possible, and at the simplest of levels, the word means the exact opposite to the teachers of God and to the world.” ACIM TM.4.VII.1.1, 4-5, 8

It says further, “The teacher of God is generous out of Self interest. This does not refer, however, to the self of which the world speaks. The teacher of God does not want anything he cannot give away, because he realizes it would be valueless to him by definition...Therefore he does not seek what only he could keep, because that is a guarantee of loss. He does not want to suffer. Why should he ensure himself pain? But he does want to keep for himself all things that are of God, and therefore for His Son. These are the things that belong to him. These he can give away in true generosity, protecting them forever for himself.” ACIM TM.4.VII.2.1-3,8-12

We learn from these quotes that giving something is the one sure way to have something forever. You cannot give what you do not have, therefore, by giving it away, you prove that you have it to give. From then on, it is yours forever.

What if my gifts are not coming back to me?

I have had many people ask me this question. Your gifts will always come back to you because you are always giving to yourself. You can delay this process, but you cannot alter it, because

this process follows the natural laws of cause and effect. If you give something to yourself, and it is truly given, then it is yours to have and enjoy. When the receiving end of this process is delayed, it is usually because you are feeling separated from the other part of yourself, or you are or were a reluctant giver.

The Course says, “To give reluctantly is not to gain the gift, because you are reluctant to accept it. It is saved for you until reluctance to receive it disappears, and you are willing it be given you. God's justice warrants gratitude, not fear. Nothing you give is lost to you or anyone, but cherished and preserved in Heaven, where all of the treasures given to God's Son are kept for him, and offered anyone who but holds out his hand in willingness they be received.”

ACIM Ch.25.IX.2.1-4

I underlined the part above about your gifts being saved for you, because this is very important. Even if you are not fully seeing the effects of your tithes and gifts yet, you will see them once the clogs in your receiving funnel have been cleared away, and they will be. The Course says further, “Each gift but adds to the supply. For God is fair. He does not fight against His Son's reluctance to perceive salvation as a gift from Him. Yet would His justice not be satisfied until it is received by everyone.” ACIM Ch.25.IX.2.6-9

Do not judge your gifts or those who receive them

There are times when you will give a gift or a tithe to another person, and they may seem unhappy, disappointed, nervous, sad, or they might break out in tears like I did. It might be the exact opposite response than what you expected. The Course says, “Healing (your gift) will always stand aside when it would be seen as threat. The instant it is welcome it is there. Where healing (your gift) has been given it will be received. And what is time before the gifts of God? We have referred many times in the text to the storehouse of treasures laid up equally for the giver and the receiver of God's gifts. Not one is lost, for they can but increase. No teacher of God should feel disappointed if he has offered healing (your gift) and it does not appear to have been received.” ACIM TM.6.2.1-7

The bottom line here is that any gift you give with love and without expectation, is truly given. It is not up to you as to how it is received. Your part is to deliver your gift, as guided by your Teacher of Peace. The Holy Spirit says all gifts are received because it is He Who receives them on behalf of the receiver. Your gift will be fully received by the receiver at a time when it can be received with love. It says further, “It is not up to him (you) to judge when his (your) gift should be accepted... be certain it has been received, and trust that it will be accepted when it is recognized as a blessing and not a curse.” ACIM TM.6.2.8-9

Key Point

“It is the relinquishing of all concern about the gift that makes it truly given... And it is the Holy Spirit in the mind of the giver Who gives the gift to him.” ACIM TM.6.4.1,4

Tithing Tips

Now that you have a better understanding about giving, why it is important, and Who is actually receiving your gifts, I have added some practical tips on tithing to help you out along the way. Refer to your “More Tools & Resources” section for “Tithing Tips”.

10/10/10 Guaranteed Wealth Plan

If you are not familiar with tithing, or giving your money away, the first time you practice may bring up feelings of worry, anxiety, or fear. If you don't have a lot of money right now, it can feel scary to give some of it away, however, the Course says that giving it away is what will bring it back to you.

You do not want to be a "reluctant giver" as mentioned above, and this will happen if you give fearfully, or reluctantly. If you give reluctantly, then it says that your gift must be saved for you until your reluctance (i.e., your fear in this case) disappears. To help alleviate your fear of giving, I included a "10/10/10 Guaranteed Wealth Plan" in your "More Tools & Resources" section. The 10/10/10 Guaranteed Wealth Plan is a simple way to give without fear, and also an easy way to do the math in your head.

Here's an example:

Let's say you make a \$1,000 per month, and you are in a position to give 10% of your income away, without fear. This is an excellent choice to make because giving 10% of your income away will ensure that you have income in the future. You cannot give what you do not have. By giving something away, you prove that you have it to give, therefore, this assures that you will have it.

I like to use the formula 10/10/10. This means, give 10% as a tithe, 10% to yourself to play and have guilt-less fun, and 10% to savings and investments, and the rest goes to household expenses. If your budget can work with this, without fear, then this is an excellent format to ensure your future wealth. Another bonus, is that the math is easy. If you receive \$1,325.42 in one month, you can just move the decimal one place to the left, and tithe \$132.54 to others, give \$132.54 to yourself, and save or invest \$132.54 in another account, and the balance goes towards your household expenses.

If your expenses are currently greater than your income, then you can start out by tithing much less than 10% and work up to it. You can start with any amount. There are no rules. The goal is to work up to larger and larger amounts of giving because it results in larger and larger amounts of receiving.

Here's an example:

Let's say you have \$0 to \$1,000 in income, and \$1,200 in expenses, and it has been this way for several months or years. Somehow you are scraping by, but it has been very challenging. It is critical that you start giving, so you can prove to yourself you have it to give. Start with a low figure, perhaps a dollar or less. Be very deliberate in your giving. You can add a prayer like this:

Dear God,

I want to learn Your lesson of how giving and receiving are the same, and that by giving I will receive. Please show me how this works. I would like to give this \$1 away, and I would like guidance on who or what to give it to, for the highest and greatest experience of joy. Thank You, in advance, for guiding me and teaching me about my natural and easy flow of abundance, as given by You. Thy will be done.

Amen

Next, listen and watch for opportunities about where to give your \$1. Remember to give with great joy (no reluctant givers here), and with zero expectations of what the receiver should do with your gift. If you are guided to give it to a homeless person, and he/she walks into a liquor store and comes out with a bottle, it is not your concern. Your part is to give the gift, as instructed (with joy and trust), and then let it be. Expect to see your gift returned to you multiplied, and be sure to watch for it with eager anticipation (not desperate need). It usually comes back in surprising and miraculous ways. Try not to miss the beauty of this rainbow as it appears before you.

Refer to materials in your “More Tools & Resources” section for added information on the above.