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Dear Friends,

I just love it when opportunities present themselves for a metaphysical teaching moment. Such a moment happened a few weeks ago while I was driving my neighbor, Kahlan and her friend, Ashley around town to look at prom dresses.

As we were pulling into the 4<sup>th</sup> shopping plaza parking lot they were talking about how expensive the dresses were and that how hard it was for teens to earn enough money for the things they want to do. I was thinking that much hasn't changed since I was in high school. I recalled the memories of working on Saturdays around town to earn money for this and that. As my dad would say, "Chuck, if you want it bad enough you'll find a way to earn money for it." And sure enough I did.

While we were getting out of the truck I was thinking of a way to turn their concern about money into a metaphysical lesson. Just then something caught my eye down by my door in the bushes. It was a five dollar bill!

"Man, you are the luckiest person I know. You're always finding money. You even pick up the pennies that aren't worth anything," said Kahlan!

To which I replied, "Oh, but they do have worth! You see, Kahlan, everything has value, even those pennies people just throw away. Every time I find money I say a silent, 'Thank you, God.' and put it in my pocket. I learned how to attract money to me a long time ago. It's a gift I have and share with others."

"That's a great gift to have. I wish I had it," said Ashley.

"You, Kahlan, and everyone else has that gift within them, Ashley. You just need to discover it and then use it," I said.

Thousands of books and articles have been written on the subject of money. And yet the

power to attract it into peoples lives reminds a "secret" to the majority who wish to learn it. And you know what? The secret is no secret at all.

The power to be prosperous is within us. The power to attract prosperity into our lives is within us. The power to feel financially secure is within us. That power is our attitude of mind, the beliefs, the thoughts and feelings we hold about what it means to be prosperous.

When I see a penny on the ground I take the time to bend over and pick it up because I "see" it as God's gift to me and I send out a "Thank you, God." Holding an attitude of gratitude for everything in your life is the key to developing a prosperity mind-set. If see value in that penny how much more will I attract into my life?

Giving thanks for all kinds of gifts Spirit sends my way is another key. Lunches, dinners, movies, books, gift cards, or just an email or note from someone is a gift worth honoring and giving thanks for.

Creating opportunities to give back is another key. Giving of you time, talents, and your treasures (money) will always bring you more. It must be done freely with an open heart and mind without thought of return, first to where you are spiritually fed (God), then to the world as directed by Spirit.

These are just three keys to being a "money magnet." Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity once said, "It's a sin to be poor." When I first read that I had mixed feelings about it until I realized that being poor and being broke are two very different activities. Being poor is an attitude of mind while being broke is just a temporary situation. Understanding this simple idea changed my life.

In the months ahead I will be holding Saturday workshops on how you can increase your prosperity consciousness. Dates and times will be posted on the website and bulletin boards at the church.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Chuck*