



Center for Spiritual Living
Capistrano Valley

Adventure in Faith 2011

Our annual program of commitment:
spiritual & financial

Week One

The Law of Tithing

September 18

Dear Ones,

All of us have areas in our lives that we are so convinced of the accuracy and truth of the idea that when someone challenges that point of view, we look at them as if they just said that the world is flat and being held up by giant beings!

The spiritual practice of tithing is one of those ideas for me. This has not always been the case. In my younger years, when I mistakenly thought that all religion was an opiate of the people, I thought tithing was a way the institution could get a hold of MY money. Of course, I thought I was much smarter than any institution, so I only gave under duress and then stingily. Just as you would expect, my life was filled with evidence of lack. I had barely enough to pay my own bills what's more GIVE AWAY some of my hard-earned money.

The first time I attempted tithing was in my first New Thought center in Edmonton, Canada. We had a guest speaker that morning from Santa Anita, CA, who spoke eloquently about abundance and the basic prosperity principles including tithing. I pledged to tithe 10% of my income from all sources during a certain length of time. I did it because I was testing the principle. For those six weeks I was happy, healthy, and

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my money seemed to stretch beyond where it had been. Not only was I tithing but I was practicing other spiritual

principles too, including praying every day for my abundance and for the abundance of about 20 other people in my group, forgiving the people who had harmed me, setting goals for the year, etc.

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Dr. Heather's Message

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"Things were working so well that I quit doing them," to paraphrase one of our practitioner's fathers. Of course, when I stopped doing the mental work, I constricted the flow of abundance. I played that same tithing and stopping game for a couple of years. Then finally I really did some deep forgiveness work AND practiced tithing, AND my life got better and better. I remember tithing \$100 a week which was slightly more than ten percent of my weekly income. The next spring, I received a tax refund for \$5,200. My practitioner was also my financial advisor; his comment was "God gave it all back to you! Every cent you gave came back!" I was convinced! I will never quit!

If you have not experienced the benefits of tithing your treasure, time and talents, I encourage you to set it up like an experiment. Give yourself at least 10 weeks. Prove the principle. You will be glad you did.

With Love, Heather

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The Dream Machine with Eli Herrera & John Stippick
Sunday, September 25

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Weekly Themes

Week One

The Law of Tithing

Week Two

The Law of Goal Setting

Week Three

The Law of Forgiveness

Week Four

The Law of Divine Purpose

Tithing

Look for your Good

—By Lynn Arsenault

In the past, I have had a confused relationship with prosperity. I mistakenly believed that prosperity had a number, like that million dollars we all dream about. I also had the misguided notion that prosperity was only about money. What I have learned is that, just like everything else in life, it is all about the consciousness, in this case, of prosperity.

At last year's Pledge Appreciation Party I made the conscious choice to take the leap of faith and tithe 10%. But this was much more than me signing a card and putting it in a box, it was a giant leap in consciousness. This is because at the same time I chose to release all fear or doubt about money, especially that I could always house, feed and clothe my children. You see, I had to start right from where I was; which was in constant abject fear that I could not. Now, if those fears start to creep up again, I visualize having released them into the "treasure box" and only know the Truth, that my good is assured.

The results in my life have been amazing. I don't have that million yet, but I have a wonderful, fulfilling life doing what I want to do. Prosperity shows up everywhere in my life. For example, I get clothes given to me all of the time. I dress very well and I haven't been to the mall in years. I don't have a car right now, yet I have a wonderful friend who drives me the 80 miles so that I can work. I have supported not only my family of four, but my brother's family of four, as well on income that would appear to be very low. Spirit only knows Good.



Week One Affirmation

Rev. Bruce Fredenburg

Today I take Joy in recognizing that I live in a Universe of Omni Prosperity where there is no lack of my Good. This awareness elicits a deep sense of peace and security. I rejoice knowing I am always immersed in the infinite flow of receiving and giving. An endless prosperity of lavish abundance is my Divine right and heritage. As an affirmation of my confidence in these perfect Spiritual Laws that guarantee my prosperous supply, I happily place my tithe into this infinite flow with love and gratitude. And so it is!

Tithing

A Demonstration

By Shelly Rachanow

Most people who tithe will tell you that tithing has made a major impact in their lives. I am no exception.

When I first started tithing seven years ago, I had just lost my job and I didn't have any income...at least not in the steady paycheck sense. I also felt like I had nothing to lose by giving tithing a shot so I tithed 10% of everything I received, be it a \$3.00 cup of coffee or a \$30.00 meal. During this time, I realized that my income has always been far greater than my paycheck and that my job was not the source of my income, but instead one channel for my income from the one Source, God.

Not long after I started tithing, I received a book contract from my publisher. I also started a 6 month contract position with a former company. Seven years later, that "six-month" position has never ended and has actually become my full-time job. I've also had not one, but two books published, and have just finished writing my third book and first novel. As I continue to expand my vision of success, and look for an agent to represent me on the fiction side, I remember the most important thing I've learned through it all: That I truly am always supported and that when I praise, recognize and give thanks for my good, my life expands in remarkable ways.



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Sacred Practices

Harvest Gold

Dr. Pat Campbell shares her wisdom on tithing.
7 p.m. September 21

Directing Our Faith: The

Wisdom Keepers
Many of Southern California's most wisdom-filled ministers answer questions - live!
7 p.m. September 28

The Bahai View

An exploration of unity, diversity and family.
7 p.m. October 5

A Taizé Service

A mindful meditation, a connection to our spiritual essence.
7 p.m. October 12

Wednesday Sacred Practice

Tithing Harvest Gold

By Rick Dale

What is tithing? Why, it's essentially getting to keep ninety percent of what you make! Then what about the other ten percent? As a gift of gratitude to God, it goes initially to that entity or person that spiritually feeds you; from there it goes out into the universe, where it is multiplied and is then returned to the giver in manifold ways. This is the original win-win proposition!

This Wednesday, September 21 at 7 p.m., our beloved Center for Spiritual Living Capistrano Valley commences its Adventure in Faith services for Wednesday's Wisdom on the practice of tithing, and we are blessed on that holy evening by the wisdom of none other than the incomparable Dr. Pat Campbell. Her message on tithing is titled *Harvest Gold*.

Dr. Pat is the senior minister of the Center for Spiritual Living Temecula Valley, and has been in the ministry since 1998, receiving her honorary doctorate in 2009. Her center has grown from a core group of about 15 people to a current membership of well over 300. Dr. Pat is well-known for her wisdom, humor, straightforward messages and singing. She has published a book, *Giving God a Good Time*, which is now available. She is indeed a Divine conduit, and her talk shouldn't be missed.

After a warm welcome by Joan Evans Fay, our own Rev. Judee Chapman will share her experience with tithing and will give you a gift of colorful money, which was created by Catherine Singer. The musical artist for the evening is the golden-throated Eli Herrera, and the recently ordained Rev. Dave Lewis will provide powerful affirmative prayer as the designated practitioner for the service.

Give a gift to yourself this Wednesday, September 21, you deserve it. Come home, and prepare to be inspired!



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Affirmative Prayer of the Week

First Law is Tithing

By Dr. Heather Clark

This is what I know is true. I know that there is only One Power, One Life. This One is God, the Source of all supply, the Creator of all there is, visible and invisible. This One operates through Its Own perfect Law. Through that Law, It is forever creating, bringing forth newness and aliveness. This One is the essence of all Life.

Being everywhere present, this One Power, The Thing Itself is right where I am now. It is who I am in essence and in form. I remind myself that the same power that creates and sustains the entire Universe has Its home in me. That perfect creative Law is operating through me and as me now.

Therefore, I speak my word about God's natural state of prosperity. I remind myself that the prospering power of the Universe, is my consciousness here and now. I remind myself that by cooperating with the Principles of Prosperity, I prove the presence of God in my life. Therefore, I know that whatever I give in God's name (or nature) returns to me blessed, pressed down and spilling over. I give God back ten percent of all that I have, and the Universe lets me live really well on the remaining ninety percent. I practice the prosperity principle of tithing with ease and grace, knowing that no matter how much I give, I can't out-give God, the Source of all supply!

I am so grateful for knowing and practicing the principle of tithing. I am so grateful for the ever-increasing prosperity in my life.

I relax and let God be God in me and everywhere. It is already done. And so it is.

Prayer Treatment

Step 1 — God Is

I know there is only One Power, One Life. This One is God, the Source of all supply...

Step 2 — I am

I remind myself that the same power that creates and sustains the entire Universe has Its home in me.

Step 3 — I recognize

Therefore, I know that whatever I give in God's name (or nature) returns to me blessed, pressed down and multiplied.

Step 4 — I am grateful

I am so grateful for the ever-increasing prosperity in my life

Step 5 — I release

I relax and let God be God in me and everywhere. It is already done. And so it is.

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Ask a Practitioner

Kim Guisness is an Intern Practitioner at the Center for Spiritual Living Capistrano Valley. Kim is an active member of our spiritual community. Kim is an artist and works in several media, including fiber. She created four knitted prayer shawls for our 2008 Adventure in Faith Art Auction.



Kim Guisness

Q I am new to this teaching and so far, I like most of what I hear. But, that part about, “I am God”, I don’t agree with. I don’t think that I am God, or you are God. It just doesn’t sound reasonable to me. Is this what Science of Mind really teaches?

A The Science of Mind textbook, page 87, paragraph 2 says, “...We state our 1st principle as an absolute Intelligence...” An absolute Intelligence that has created All. What Science of Mind teaches is that there is only One. One Absolute Intelligence, Infinite energy (cannot be created or destroyed), One power, One Consciousness, One God. This power is intelligent and creative. It is First Cause of all creation. Since the All (God) has created out of Itself, all creation is God.

The text book also says, “God is in us as we are in God- The same essence, the degree apparently different. The one finite and the other Infinite and since the Infinite cannot come from the finite, it follows that the finite must come from the Infinite- a little circle within the big circle”.

In order for God (the Formless) to express Itself it must have form (man) to express as. Since all of life is Conscious Intelligence, (remember First Cause- God is back of all things), there must be that within each creation that is conscious of Itself. Ernest Holmes says, “...man is an individualized center of God-Consciousness. The Spirit of Man is the Spirit of God, for God is One.” That center of your being, where Spirit resides, is God and since no one can express as you, this is where you individualize the expression of God.

So in conclusion, God is whole, and man is one of Its parts but as the drop of water from the ocean is every part the ocean so are you ALL the qualities of God- whole, perfect and complete. And so it is!

Prosperity Plus with Rev. Edwene Gaines

Well-known author, teacher, speaker and Unity minister Rev. Edwene Gaines will present an interactive workshop based on her timeless book, *The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity*.

Sunday October 2
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Cost: Love Offering
Child Care Available -
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Teen Salad Bar after
second service
Cost: Love Offering



Daniel Nahmod in Concert

Sunday, October 9

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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Sample music
from Daniel's
newest CD at [www.
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Workshops

Exploring Other Ways To Tithe with Dr. Heather Clark & Doris Palardy

You are your greatest gift to the world! Mahatma Gandhi said, "You must be the change you want to see in the world". During this interactive workshop, you will uncover talents you may not know you possess, discover how your skill, passion and knowledge can contribute to a better world for all.

Sunday, September 18, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

The Dream Machine with Eli Herrera & John Stippick

Set a goal and go for it, what could be simpler, right? Getting from where you are now to where you want to be isn't always easy.

My Dream Machine experts Eli Herrera and John Stippick talk about setting and attaining goals — and everything in between.

Sunday, September 25, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Child Care Provided for both workshops — contact [Pattie Mercado](#)

Art Auction

Sunday, October 9, 2011

**(bidding closes at 1:00 p.m. on
Sunday, October 9)**

Fine Art and Evenings of Entertainment

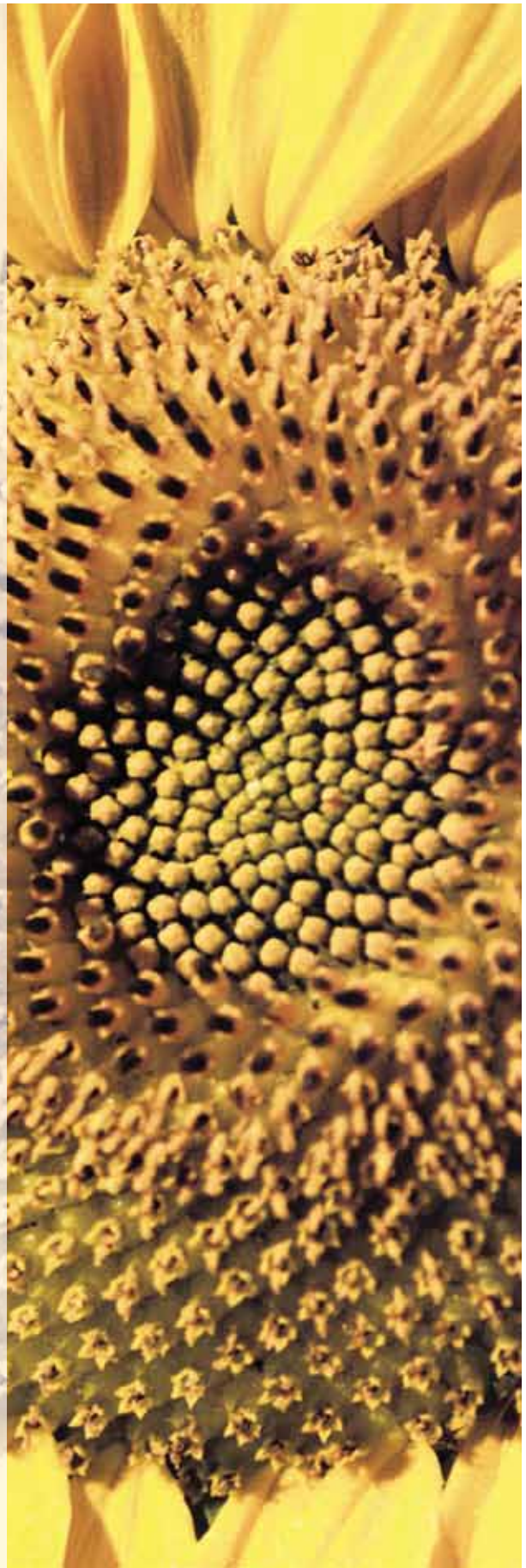
Original art is revealed each week during Adventure in Faith. One special piece will be featured each Sunday, with additional pieces displayed in the center's lobby.

This year we have added Evenings of Entertainment to our auction including: fine dining, musical entertainment and a fabulous getaway

Place your bid and check back often.

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Celebration Picnic

Wholly Holy Hoedown

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