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We are in the middle of a 3-part series titled, “Co-Creating with God,” and today’s topic is co-creating a life of prosperity. Now last week we talked about co-creating a life of health and wholeness or healing. Just as we play a role in contributing to the creation of our health and healing—or its opposite—so do we contribute to the creation of our experience of prosperity or scarcity, either one. I have to tell you about this relative that we have back in the Milwaukee area. He is in his 80s, and he’s a really good old fella. He has this infatuation with baseball—ever since he was young. In fact, he played, I think, for the Cubs for about a week. (laughs) But he’s active, follows the Brewers and all of this. He has a lot of jokes, and one of his jokes is that the Bible talks about baseball—makes it really important. Oh, is that right? Really? Tell me about it. And he says, “Yeah, you go to the first chapter of the first book of the Bible the first words it says, ‘In the Big-Inning.’” (laughter) [dictation inaudible] Well that isn’t how I read it, but what I do want you to do is look at those first five words of the Bible as we begin, and it states, “In the beginning, God created.” In the beginning, God created. Then it goes on to deliver a creation story—the seven days of creation and what have you—and you’re familiar with it.

But let’s focus on those first three words, “In the beginning.” The beginning of anything has to do with creation. When you begin something it’s like creating anew. There is something that wasn’t becoming something now that is—something that wasn’t in existence has now moved into existence; it has a beginning. Also it states, “In the beginning, God created.” God created, therefore, God is a creator. The nature of God is to create. And then we recognize that you and I as children of God, as offspring of God, as made in the image and likeness of God therefore are also creative. It is our nature, therefore, to be creative beings. So in a way, just as God created the world as it’s depicted in that first chapter, we too create our own world. We, too, create our own world. We, too, create the experience of the world that we have. We create how we’re showing up in it, how we experience it, and, basically, our reality. So in a sense, we are always creating a world that we enter into every day by how we show up and the creative dynamics that are going on within us—creating all the time, individually as well as collectively. People come together and lend their energies together to create. All of you are here creating an experience that we all get to have. But you are lending yourself individually to something that is collective.

So if we stay with that first line in the Bible where it says, “In the beginning, God created,” what? “God created the heavens and the earth.” And you have to understand that the heavens and earth—basically, that statement—it has two levels of meaning. There is the literal—when you look at heavens and earth, there is the literal heavens and earth, the external if you will. The heavens, which are the stars and the planets and the skies and all of that, and then the literal external earth which is the mountains and the oceans and all that entails the earth. We can say that that’s what is called the exoteric, the external. But then there’s also the esoteric meaning of the heavens and the earth. The esoteric really has to do with the metaphysical meaning, beyond the literal—beyond the obvious. That’s esoteric. So the heavens and the earth actually refer to two different realms having to do with the creative process. It is the inner realm and the outer realm both. The word *heavens* has to do with an inner realm—the unseen, the intangible, the

realm of the formless. And then the word *earth* is really referring to the realm which has to do with the outer—the external; the realm of the five senses that you can feel and touch and see. It's the tangible, the world of form. We ask ourselves, how does the creation process work? The creation process works by moving from heaven to earth. It's a heaven-to-earth process. It's the formless, the intangible, moving on into the realm of form. It moves on into form through thoughts and ideas and images that when held onto and, having a continuum, it gathers information, it gathers energy, and it eventually takes on form, and it begins to show up in various ways as part of our experience in the world of form, in the world of the earth. But things are always moving from heaven to earth, from unseen to seen. That is a natural creative process. You can even think of it in terms of the progress that you and I are meant to be about as part of evolution—our spiritual evolution—even much of the progress that we make on the earth plane—inventions. All inventions came from the heavens on into the earth, from the formless into the form, from an idea into expression. It could be an airplane or the telephone or the steam engine or the light bulb, whatever it was that came to assist man, make life easier, whatever. It was an idea that formed and was given possibility. It was held onto by either an individual or a group, and then finally it was perfected and moved along into form. That is the power, basically, even of prosperity. That is a form of prosperity, this idea of moving from the realm of ideas into expression. Whether you consider the first automobile was a form of prosperity and creation—your first automobile that you drew into your life, that you drove—that was a creative process. It was the same process that was going on. It was something that wasn't that came into being and something that suddenly was and is in your life. So we can say we co-created that with God through the universal creative processes, and whether we know it or not we may have. But it's much better and much more powerful to know that you actually are co-creating with God. Where you consciously know that everything that comes into my life that is of good that I have actually done it through a recognition of engaging with the divine in some way—in its principles, its laws, its vast way of bringing forth from the formless into the formed. It's a wonderful way to be able to connect with the divine on an unseen level and bring it into form for good, to recognize that it may be initiated with prayer, and it may complete itself with a sense of absolute heartfelt gratitude, but a connection with the divine.

So one form of prosperity has to do with things in the realm of form, manmade things like our home, our residence, our means of transportation, luxuries, and things like that. The Bible calls these treasures on earth, and they are usually temporal. And then there's another form of prosperity which is referred to as heavenly treasures. They are the qualities of the soul. They are various dimensions of more and deeper love and joy and peace and compassion. Those are the treasures of heaven. That's where Jesus says, "Lay not up for yourself only the treasures on earth which moth and dust doth consume, but lay up for yourself treasures in heaven." That's what you will always take with you as a dimension of your soul. It's important to maintain that kind of a balance in terms of the whole realm of prosperity. There are people in the world who appear to be prosperous or appear to prosper. They appear to have a lot of things in their life, but they maybe didn't co-create it with God. There wasn't a sense of all that was coming into their

world and all of it having its beginnings with a connectedness with the divine—having that purity of creation from its infancy. They may have sold out their soul in getting to where they got. They may have compromised honesty or integrity. They might have got what they got at the expense of others or at the expense of relationships. It might have been ego-driven as opposed to spirit-driven. We're not saying that all people who have prospered or been successful are that—not at all. We're simply saying that if it was not truly initiated under a sense of co-creation with the divine, that some of those energies may have been in there and involved in there. We need to realize that the best that we can do for ourselves is to move into that state of consciousness where we know that we are co-creators with God.

We are all creating because we're all creative beings. We said that. We all have thoughts and ideas and attitudes and beliefs, and they can be of the high variety—they can be of the higher vibration, if you will—because they're aligned with the truth of God. They're aligned with the sense that we're doing this in partnership and cooperation in alignment with universal spiritual principles. Or we can be creating of the lower variety—the lower vibration—separate from a sense of alignment with the divine, the universal laws and principles that are there to support us. We are either creating, essentially with God or without God, you could say it in a simple way. You are either attuned to and co-creating with God, or we're going it alone, we're driven by ego, separate and apart. We'll do it our way. It all hinges on me, that kind of thing. Or there's something in between where we maybe slip back and forth in between those two during the course of our journey in this life. But prosperity doesn't magically happen. We have to take action. We have to take action within ourselves on the inside and also in the outside plane of life as well, both areas. You have to do your work in the heaven and the earth—both in the inner and the outer—and then the whole universe will simply come to your aid. If you apply the principles, it's a law and the laws work. One of my favorite verses, actually, is taken from Matthew. This verse was given to me when I was confirmed in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in my Lutheran church back in Wisconsin, and I consider it very, very powerful. I look to that verse; it's really been close to my heart. It's always been very powerful, and it should be for you or anyone who really embraces it. But I was so happy to get that verse and what it says is, "Ask and it shall be given to you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door will be opened unto you." That is powerful. I resonate with that; I feel that vibrating through me just in saying it because it's God telling me, "Ask, seek, knock; I'm there for you." Just understand there's a connection here. It's about us—a partnership. And it goes on to say, "For everyone who asks will receive and he that seeks will find and to him that knocks it will be opened." And then it goes on to say, "For what man is there amongst you who if his son asks for bread, you give him a stone, or he asks for a fish and you give him a snake? If you then, despite being evil, being of error and ignorance at times, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your father which is in heaven give good things to those that ask him?" That's a great confirmation. It's just a statement that says how can you imagine that God would be there in any other way but to give you the nature that he is, which is good? If a father of the earth is inclined to do good to their children, how much more is the nature of the divine? So the statement, "Seek and ye shall find,"

actually means, to some extent, you've got to also help yourself, and the heavens will open to you. You have to have a sense of intention to move toward good. You have to be doing something within yourself. If God had exempted, or if he had intended man to be exempt from bodily work, our limbs would have probably withered. If God had exempted him from intellectual work, then one's mind would probably have remained the same as in infancy, or we would be no more than simply instinct like an animal. But God placed in man this incessant desire to progress—to progress and to better himself/herself. We have that something inside of us that wants to move forward. Sometimes we think it's about accumulating things externally; we want to progress and move forward more. But the more needs to also be a deepening from within. If everyone was handed all forms of good, external, without any effort, without any action on their part, without any required learning or application or even inconvenience whatsoever—not even having to think about it—then the laziest of a person would automatically enrich and better themselves and the most ignorant would become wise. It doesn't make sense. We would realize attributes without actually putting forth any kind of intention or direction, and that is required of us; that's part of the law of progress is to ask, to seek, and to knock. You won't become exempt of the work involved, but you will be shown the goal to be reaching toward and you'll be shown the path that leads there for you. You have to walk the walk. In prayer we can ask for the light to be shown the way. We can ask for the strength to assist us. We can ask for the internal and external assistance, for guidance. But we must ask. We must engage with humility and sincerity and authenticity and with faith and with fervor.

There is something called the law of attraction, and the law of attraction in its simplistic form says whatever we think about we bring about. But there is so much more than that. There is a greater depth to it. It's not just about the law of attracting externally alone, it's internally as well. It's understanding that we live in a sea of moving energy, and it's just waiting to be given direction and to receive our creative impulses. If we have a low vibration, we're going to attract and manifest situations that reflect the low vibration and limitation of some kind. If we generate positive and truth-filled thoughts and emotions, our vibrations are raised in alignment with the nature of the divine and it changes our whole experience of life for the better. Even Einstein discovered that energy never disappears. He said it only converts into another form. Energy is always converting; it never disappears. Energy lives on. So you can see that light energy—like the sun—it becomes chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is the food for plants, and the plants feed animals. Those plants and animals feed humans, and humans have thoughts and feelings, which is yet another form of energy it was converted to. These thoughts and feelings and emotions then are all information in the form of light energy that is eventually then transformed into solid form, into manifesting things—from the realm of ideas into the realm of form. On the quantum level, the very smallest particles that we can't see—they flip back and forth between being matter and being a wave of light energy. And it's our interaction with those quantum particles, and our expectation of them as well, that basically, influences how that will manifest and make up our reality, what's going to come to us, what we're going to experience. I love Deepak Chopra in something that he said about that in a capsule. I read it before, I think, and I want to share it

again because it says it well. What he says is, “Behind the invisible garment of the universe, beyond the mirage of molecules, the illusion of physicality, lies an inherent, invisible, seamless matrix made up of nothingness. This invisible nothingness silently orchestrates, instructs, guides, governs, and compels nature to express itself with infinite creativity, infinite abundance, and unfaltering exactitude in a myriad of designs and patterns and forms. Life experiences are the continuum in this seamless matrix of nothingness, in this continuum of both body and environment. They are our experiences of joy and sorrow, success and failure, wealth and poverty. All these events seemingly happen to us, but at varied primordial levels, we are making them happen.” That’s a mouthful, I know. But it’s basically saying behind everything physical, there is this invisible, seamless matrix that is seemingly made up of nothingness. But it’s not nothingness, and this invisible matrix—it is silently orchestrating, it’s governing, it’s creating, it’s moving on the basis of our consciousness, and it’s taking us toward the creation of experiences that are success or failure, wealth or poverty, and everything in between. It may seem like things are happening to us in the world, but on another level, we are making them happen because we are creative beings—and we are making them happen either individually or collectively in the people that we gather around and what we’re about, family units, working units, what have you. So it all comes down to, again, whether you are co-creating with God, consciously engaged with the Divine, or you are blind and asleep to the fact that you are engaging with something that you could be consciously awake and aware, that could be moving you into higher vibrations in the co-creative process.

Now everything is energy. Money is a form of energy. Various kinds of negativity and pessimism, of course, will block your experience of money or various forms of abundance. Actually, not everyone is meant to be wealthy in terms of money and possessions. It’s no guaranty that one will be happy. There are a lot of people that have a lot of money and stuff, but they’re more miserable than people who have far less. Yet everyone is meant to have their needs met. It’s within their universe and laws to be able to be applied where that can happen in consciousness. True abundance is actually a feeling. It’s a feeling. It feels expansive. It feels you’re one with something that is infinite and endless. It is in no way restrictive. You can feel restrictiveness, the energy of it, inside you when you go into fear, when you cling to whatever it is that you’re afraid you might lose or not have enough of. The expansiveness and the feeling of—it opens you up to deeper levels of creativity and inspiration, and God feeds you inspiration and ideas and faith and strength as a result of opening up to that. Many people are out of alignment, really, with God’s principle of abundance. They often fall into fear or greed or hoarding or miserliness; it’s restrictive. When we’re in fear, we shut it down, we block it; we push abundance in all its forms away from us. True abundance is really a state of feeling—expansiveness—and it includes the expansiveness of joy and of love and compassion and that divine goodness. Those are feelings and energies that are to be there no matter what the facts are, no matter what the conditions, no matter what the circumstances. That’s what we’re meant to get to, where we’re way beyond form—that the formless is the realm that supersedes and is so much more powerful than what the conditions and the facts may be. That’s where we’re meant

to go and to grow. True abundance is, actually then, this state of feeling. A person may not have outer wealth, but they can have and bring a sense of joy and a sense of love and that energy to bear. There are many stories of people who were born poor, and they grew up and found out, “Oh, I was poor when I was little.” But they look back and see how complicated their life has become, and they look back and see how it was where there was such love and there was such closeness and there was such simplicity and a different kind of an energy.

Again, you have to understand that prosperity doesn't simply mean a lot of money. Wealth doesn't mean only a lot of money. Money isn't bad; we're not saying that by any means. Energetically, I would not want to push that away. (laughter) But not everyone needs or wants a lot of money to create a happy life or to have a lot of possessions. Not every soul feels that they came to this earth and has a great need to have fine wines and a big house and exotic cars and all kinds of jewelry—not everyone has that need, it's just not there. We all have a different journey that we're on, and there's no way to determine what the right amount of wealth is for any person, particularly those who have the most, more is expected because they're in a position to help more. That is a very important aspect of those who are blessed with more; more is expected. The key, really, in terms of the right amount is balance. It's the balance of the law of love with the law of abundance and they are intertwined. True abundance wants to give out of that expansiveness. They want to give more love. They are not coming into relationships just to get love; they come because prosperity is about “I want to give love.” Out of giving, they know it all comes back because that's the law. You have to begin by giving. If you hold onto the seeds from your garden or your fields that you harvest from and don't put back into circulation, eventually you run dry. It is a principle of the universe that if you hold and cling and aren't inclined to give—so giving is a very important thing, and you have to begin there and not come from fear.

Now if any person here is into difficulty or challenge or lack in extremes or whatever, here are some things that could be helpful for you and for anyone, really, to better and further yourself in prosperity and abundance. First, whatever you have, no matter how much you have or how little, take time to feel grateful, to explore and think of all the things you have. Create a gratitude journal. It opens your heart. It gets you into the vibration of seeing that there isn't lack, there's lots that has happened in your life. Think about all the ways that you have been brought to this moment in life, all the ways that something happened or occurred and helped. You may have gone from prosperity to limitation to prosperity to limitation—it comes. The earth changes and our experience changes as well. Each day, get up and give thanks, and ask God and yourself what it is that you can give to someone or some group or somebody always coming from the give in alignment with what it is that you need to do that day to further yourself, to realize prosperity for your family or yourself, whatever. But start from that giving.

Take time to meditate and deepen your awareness of the source, and affirm that you are getting allowance from the universe, from God. The idea that you got an allowance when you were a

child for your chores or whatever it is, that basically here is an allowance that comes to you. And the allowance means that you allow—you allow in the universe the same way that you allowed to open your pocket and let your dad put some coins in there for your allowance. You allow. Allow is to receive. I am going to allow myself to receive and anything that blocks that receptivity I'm going to wash away. I'm going to allow the inspiration of the Almighty to fill me. I'm going to allow the ideas of possibility to flood me. I'm going to allow the energies of faith and of God and the love of God and peace and harmony and the trust of God to fill me. I'm going to allow the divine to be felt in me—an awareness of God's grace moving through me. I'm going to allow the feeling of partnership to take over in me, a sense that I am co-creating with God in my life. I'm going to allow the divine intelligence to reveal to me that which are my issues that I must become aware of, that I must heal, that I must move beyond, that block my sense of abundance, my unworthiness, not deserving, whatever. I am going to allow myself to feel good about myself even if I have no money, no job, nothing, if my circumstances and situation is such. But I'm also going to be propelled forward out of my partnership and the co-creative process. I am not going to allow anything to drain my self-esteem or to cause self-condemnation. I'm going to affirm that opportunities exist, doors are opening, ideas are flowing; God is helping me now. I'm going to ask. I'm going to seek. I'm going to knock. And if the door doesn't open I'm going to knock on another door. I'm going to know that I am a child of God, and as a child of God I'm going to move past all my limitations. I'm going to have patience, and I'm going to realize that there's a balance between sitting back and waiting for God to do it all and myself being moved into action. God can only do for us what He can do through us. God is good, and alignment with the Divine is fine. Co-create now, with God, a life of abundance. God bless you all.