

Charles Fillmore

Prosperity

Book Overview

Metaphysical Approach to Prosperity

Charles Fillmore's metaphysical teachings on prosperity offer a unique perspective on wealth and abundance. This presentation explores Fillmore's core principles, practical applications, and the spiritual foundation of true prosperity. We'll delve into the power of mind, the omnipresent spiritual substance, and how to cultivate a prosperity consciousness.

This document explores Charles Fillmore's spiritual perspective on prosperity, as presented in his work "Prosperity." Fillmore argues that true wealth originates from a spiritual understanding of God as an abundant, omnipresent substance, rather than material accumulation. He details methods for cultivating a "prosperity consciousness" through prayer, affirmation, and the proper handling of mental ideas, emphasizing the importance of faith and a positive mindset. The text uses biblical parables and examples to illustrate key points, suggesting that prosperity is a natural outcome of aligning oneself with divine principles.



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The Omnipresent Spiritual Substance

At the core of Fillmore's teachings is the concept of an omnipresent, inexhaustible spiritual substance that forms the basis of all material wealth. This substance is described as eternally present, limitless, and responsive to our thoughts and faith. Fillmore asserts, "The spiritual substance is never depleted. It is right with you all the time and responds to your faith in it and your demands on it."

This spiritual substance is likened to the scientific concept of ether, a vast energetic realm heavily charged with energies like electricity, magnetism, and cosmic rays. Physicists recognize the tremendous potential energy within this space, suggesting a connection to the concept of spiritual substance. Fillmore describes this substance as an emanation of mind, not physical matter, but a realm governed and sustained by ideas.

The creation process is described as a trinity: the original creative idea, the cosmic rays (ether), and the visible manifestation. The creative idea originates in the Divine Mind, interacts with the cosmic rays in the ether (which acts as a pattern or mold), and finally crystallizes into the visible, tangible expression of the original idea.

Source of All Abundance

Fillmore teaches that true wealth originates from a spiritual understanding of God as an abundant, omnipresent substance.

Inexhaustible Supply

This spiritual substance is never depleted and responds to our faith and demands on it.

Scientific Support

Modern science points to the existence of a vast, energetic realm (ether) charged with potential energy, aligning with the concept of spiritual substance.



The Power of Mind in Shaping Reality

Fillmore emphasizes the crucial role of the mind in shaping spiritual substance into tangible reality. Thoughts and words are presented as powerful tools, molding this substance to create experiences of abundance or lack. He states, "Everything that appears in the universe had its origin in mind. Mind evolves ideas, and ideas express themselves through thoughts and words."

The text acknowledges the power of the subconscious mind in manifesting desires, suggesting that persistent, positive thinking can permeate the subconscious and lead to tangible results. Fillmore encourages the use of affirmations and declarations to shift consciousness and cultivate beliefs in abundance.

The concept of dominion is introduced as the inherent power given to humanity to rule over our thoughts and shape our reality. By choosing positive, abundant thoughts, we exercise our dominion to create a prosperous life. This aligns with the biblical idea of humans being created in God's image, with the ability to co-create their reality through the power of thought and word.

Harnessing Mental Power

Use affirmations and positive declarations daily to shape your prosperity consciousness.

Subconscious Reprogramming

Consistently feed your subconscious mind with thoughts of abundance and success.

Exercising Dominion

Consciously choose thoughts that align with prosperity and abundance.



Our minds play a crucial role in accessing and shaping spiritual substance. Positive, faith-filled thoughts attract abundance, while negative thoughts create limitations.



The Role of Faith and Love in Prosperity

Faith plays a pivotal role in Fillmore's prosperity teachings. He asserts that faith acts as the bridge between the realm of ideas and the realm of manifestation. By having unwavering faith in the abundance and availability of spiritual substance, we align our minds with the creative power of the universe and allow prosperity to flow into our lives.

Fillmore emphasizes the importance of love, both for God and humanity, in unlocking prosperity. He teaches that forgiveness, generosity, and gratitude play vital roles in aligning ourselves with the flow of abundance. The act of giving is presented as a crucial step in demonstrating prosperity, seen as a way to release old beliefs in lack and create space for abundance to flow.

The text encourages readers to bless their possessions, money, and even food, recognizing the spiritual substance within them and expressing gratitude for the blessings received. This practice of gratitude and blessing is believed to amplify the flow of prosperity in one's life.

"Whosoever ... shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass, he shall have it."

Faith as a Bridge

Faith connects us to the spiritual substance, activating the law of prosperity. It's the unwavering belief in the abundance and availability of divine provision.

Power of Prayer

Prayer aligns our consciousness with divine abundance. Fillmore encourages using affirmations and declarations to shift consciousness and cultivate beliefs in abundance.



Overcoming Limiting Beliefs and Fear

A significant portion of Fillmore's teachings focuses on identifying and eliminating negative beliefs and fear, particularly those related to lack and limitation. He asserts that these mental obstacles prevent the free flow of spiritual substance into one's life. Fillmore states, "We do not need to overcome any lack, but we must overcome the fear of lack."

The text uses the biblical story of David and Goliath to illustrate the need to overcome the fear of money and the belief in its power over us. This "money giant" represents the collective consciousness of lack and limitation that must be confronted and defeated with faith and positive affirmations.

Fillmore encourages readers to replace thoughts of lack with affirmations of plenty. He advises, "Deny that lack has any place or reality in your thought or your affairs and affirm plenty as the only appearance." This practice of denial and affirmation is presented as a powerful tool for reshaping one's prosperity consciousness.

- 1 Identify Limiting Beliefs**
Recognize thoughts and beliefs that perpetuate a sense of lack or scarcity.
- 2 Challenge and Deny Lack**
Actively refute the reality of lack in your thoughts and experiences.
- 3 Affirm Abundance**
Replace limiting beliefs with positive affirmations of plenty and prosperity.
- 4 Cultivate Faith**
Develop unwavering faith in the abundance of the universe and your right to prosper.



The Kingdom of Heaven Within

Fillmore's teachings echo the biblical concept of the "kingdom of heaven" being within, aligning it with the realm of spiritual substance accessible through the mind. He states, "The kingdom of the heavens or the kingdom of God is within man. It is a kingdom of substance and of Mind."

This inner realm is described as the source of true abundance and the wellspring of all prosperity. Fillmore encourages readers to seek this kingdom first, as advised by Jesus, as the key to unlocking prosperity in all areas of life. He interprets Jesus' teaching, "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," as a directive to align with the inner spiritual substance before seeking external manifestations of prosperity.

The text introduces the concept of the Superconscious Mind, described as the realm of infinite potential within each individual, connected to Divine Mind. Through practices like silence and meditation, one can access this level of consciousness for guidance, inspiration, and creative power. This connection to the Superconscious is presented as a crucial step in manifesting prosperity, as it allows individuals to tap into the infinite wisdom and abundance of the Divine.

The Importance of Giving and Forgiveness

Generosity

Giving demonstrates faith in abundance and creates a positive flow of energy. It releases limiting beliefs about lack and opens the way for greater abundance.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness clears mental and emotional blockages to abundance. It creates space for positive energy and allows the spiritual substance to flow freely.



Practical Applications of Prosperity Principles

Practical Steps



Meditation

Stills the conscious mind, allowing access to the superconscious where ideas flow freely



Affirmations

Impress the mind with thoughts of abundance, drawing prosperity into manifestation



Gratitude

Express thankfulness for blessings, recognizing the spiritual substance within all things

Fillmore's teachings offer several practical applications for cultivating prosperity consciousness and manifesting abundance:

1 Daily Meditation and Affirmations

Engage in regular meditation to connect with the Superconscious Mind and use positive affirmations to impress the subconscious with thoughts of abundance.

2 Blessing and Gratitude

Practice blessing your possessions, money, and food, recognizing the spiritual substance within them and expressing gratitude for all blessings received.

3 Generous Giving

Cultivate a spirit of generosity, giving freely and joyfully to demonstrate faith in the abundance of the universe and to create a positive flow of energy.

4 Forgiveness

Practice forgiveness of both yourself and others to clear mental and emotional blockages to abundance.

Fillmore also emphasizes the importance of taking inspired action alongside these spiritual practices. While focusing on inner transformation is crucial, readers are encouraged to seize opportunities that align with their goals and to act on the guidance received through their connection with the Divine.



Conclusion: Embracing True Prosperity

Charles Fillmore's teachings on prosperity offer a comprehensive approach to abundance that goes beyond mere material wealth. By understanding prosperity as a spiritual principle rooted in an omnipresent, divine substance, individuals can transform their relationship with abundance and manifest it in all areas of life.

The key elements of this approach include:

- Recognizing the omnipresent spiritual substance as the source of all abundance
- Harnessing the power of mind to shape this substance into tangible reality
- Cultivating unwavering faith and love as conduits for prosperity
- Overcoming limiting beliefs and fears that block the flow of abundance
- Accessing the "kingdom of heaven within" through meditation and spiritual practices
- Applying practical techniques like affirmations, gratitude, and generous giving

By integrating these principles into daily life, individuals can align themselves with the divine flow of abundance and experience true and lasting prosperity. As Fillmore states, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof," reminding us that abundance is our divine birthright, waiting to be claimed through spiritual understanding and aligned action.

