

The 90-Day Prosperity Experiment

Day 12: Blessing and Cursing *by Kate Nowak*

Hello from my heart to yours!

In his book, *The Law and The Promise*, author Neville Goddard recounts the story of a young man who experienced first hand what a powerful tool for blessing others the imagination can be.

The young man was approached by a beggar who asked for money to buy a meal. Because he'd been brought up to do so, the young man gave all he had in his pocket, even though, at the time, his finances were insufficient to meet his own needs. A few hours later, however, he was again approached by the same beggar who, by now, was staggering drunk.

"I was so outraged," the man reported to Neville, "to think that the money I could ill afford had been put to such use, I made myself a solemn pledge that I would never again listen to the plea of a street beggar. Through the years I kept my pledge, but every time I refused anyone, my conscience needled me. I felt guilty even to the point of developing a sharp pain in my stomach, but I couldn't bring myself to unbend.

"The early part of this year, a man stopped me as I was walking my dog and asked for money so he could eat. True to the old pledge I refused him. His manner was gracious as he accepted my refusal. He even admired my dog and spoke of a family in New York state he knew that raised cocker spaniels. This time my conscience was really pricking me! As he went on his way, I determined to remake the scene as I wished it had been, so I stopped right there on the street, closed my eyes for only a few moments and enacted the scene differently.

"In my imagination, I had the same man approach me, only this time he opened the conversation by admiring my dog. After we had talked a moment, I had him say, 'I don't like to ask you this, but I really need something to eat. I have a job that begins tomorrow morning, but I've been out of work and tonight I'm hungry.' I then reached into my imaginary pocket, pulled out an imaginary five-dollar bill and gladly gave it to him. This imaginal act immediately dissolved the guilty feeling and the pain.

"Four months later while I was again walking my dog, the same man approached me and opened the conversation by admiring my dog. 'Here's a beautiful dog,' he said. 'Young man, I don't suppose you remember me, but awhile back I asked you for some money and you very kindly said no. I say kindly because if you had given it to me, I would still be asking for money. Instead, I got a job the very next morning and now, I'm on my feet and have some self-respect again.'

"I knew his job was a fact," the first man told Neville, "when I imagined it that night some four months before, but I won't deny there was immense satisfaction in having him appear in the flesh to confirm it!"

Though the man in the story did not realize it, what he did with his imagination was to send forth a blessing, wrapping the beggar in an image of what he knew he could be. All a blessing really is our willingness to see good, to visualize the highest and the best outcome, to see prosperity instead of poverty and gladness instead of sorrow. When you bless anyone or anything, you are invoking divine

favor, seeing good coming forth even in those instances where good prevailing seems utterly impossible.

A blessing is an act of faith, an affirmation of good said in the face of adversity, a willingness to hold on to the unseen while still standing in the shadow of what appears to be. Like the man in the story, we have to be willing to see everything as we would have it be and let that be the image we embrace.

Each of us has this power within us and we are using it constantly, whether we realize or not. We are either using it to call forth good and blessing that which is before us, or we are accepting only what our eyes tell us is in front of us, and in our acceptance, literally cursing that into continuance.

And countless times a day we get to choose how this power will be used.

Today's Action Step:

1. Re-read your Prosperity Business Plan.
2. Place today's allotment of money in your container and read the affirmation on the container three times.
3. Bless those around you, including your fellow participants in this experiment. See those you bless prospering and surrounded by good. Then bless yourself and see the same. You may also want to continue blessing those on the blessing request list.
4. Return to the blessings requests and read the responses being posted by those who have been blessed. (you'll find a link at the bottom of this email, or simply go to bettertobless.com and click on "Request a Blessing") Your blessings are making a difference. Reading the responses will give you an opportunity to see for yourself.

Today's Quote:

"There is a wide difference between the will to resist and activity and the decision to change it. He who changes and activity, acts; whereas he who resists and activity, reacts. One creates, the other perpetuates."

--Neville Goddard

Today's Affirmation:

"I choose to be a blessing to the world around me."



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