

The 90-Day Prosperity Experiment

Day 14: Prosperity Comes Knocking *by Kate Nowak*

Hello from my heart to yours!

Once there was a young widower who loved his five-year-old son very, very much. One day while the father was away from his village on important business, bandits rode through, kidnapping the son, and burning the entire village to the ground. When the father returned, he saw the burned village, spotted the charred body of a child, and in his panic, assumed the child was his own. Filled with grief, the father immediately ordered that the child's body be cremated and the ashes placed in beautiful velvet bag that he could keep close to his heart.

Months went by and in that time the father's grief only intensified. Wherever he went he carried his son's ashes with him, keeping the memory of his loss forever in his sight. Then one day, the youngster escaped his bandit captors and found his way home. Arriving at his father's new cottage in the middle of the night the boy stood outside knocking on the door while the father sat in his familiar misery inside the house, holding tight to the velvet bag of ashes, crying over the memory of the child he had lost.

"Who is it?" he asked when he heard the gentle rapping at the door.

"It is me, Papa," the boy called out. "Your son. Please let me in."

Angered that anyone would play such a cruel joke, the father shouted back for the intruder to go away so he might continue with his mourning. Several times more the child tried to get his father to open the door and each time the father refused. Finally the child gave up and went away and from that time on, the father and child never saw one another.

Sometimes, like the father, we hold so tight to what we think is the only way that when prosperity comes knocking, we ignore it completely. We are so busy hanging on to old beliefs, old ways of understanding, old truths and teachings, that even when what we want most stands at the door knocking and calling out its name, we refuse to let it in.

Prosperity is not something we work for. It is something we allow in. It stands just outside the door of our awareness and knocks gently. It will not come in uninvited, however, so our task is to not only recognize the knock, but to loose the ashes of lack and limitation we have been bound to for so long, and invite prosperity in.

And the first question we must ask is are we willing to invite it in?

Well, are you? Before you answer, you need to think long and hard about how wealth and abundance will impact your life if you let them come in. A more prosperous life doesn't arrive by itself. It comes accompanied by all kinds of changes, a caravan of new responsibilities, and a entire new set of beliefs, most of which are not compatible with the old set. Oh, yes, it also arrives with a steamer trunk full of it's own peculiar challenges.

And on some level, we already know that. That's why, that even though we are rarely aware of it, fear is the primary reason we don't open the door to a more

prosperous life. We are fearful that in letting go of what we have come to know and expect, we will run the risk of losing everything else. Unwilling to take that risk, we choose to mourn its loss rather than let wealth and abundance in.

That's why today, I'd like for you to think — really think — about all the reasons why, up until now, you may have been afraid to let prosperity into your life. Ask yourself why you're most afraid to let prosperity come in, and then write the answers down as they come. Keep the list handy, adding to it as more answers come. Tomorrow, we'll learn how to dispell all of those fears once and for all.

Today's Action Step:

1. Write down answers to today's question as they come and 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:

""You have to take risks. We will only understand the miracle of life fully when we allow the unexpected to happen."

--Paul Coehl

Today's Affirmation:

" It is safe for me to let prosperity in."



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