

# The 90-Day Prosperity Experiment

Day 20: Love, Wealth and Success *by Kate Nowak*

Hello from my heart to yours!

It's been circulating on the Internet for years so chances are good you've read the story of Wealth, Success and Love before, but like all stories that carry a nugget of truth, it bears repeating. So here it is again. Something for you to ponder as you venture down the path to prosperity:

A woman stepped out her door one day and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. Not recognizing them but feeling compelled to be hospitable, she said, "I don't believe I know any of you, but you must be here for a reason. Please come in where it is far more comfortable and I'll fix you something to eat."

"Is the man of the house at home?" one of the men asked.

"No," she replied. "He's at work."

"Then we cannot come in," the speaker replied.

That evening when her husband arrived home, he could not help but notice the men still seated on the front lawn and as soon as he stepped in the house asked his wife who they were and what they were doing on his lawn.

When she relayed what they had told her, the husband, now filled with curiosity, peeked out the window for one quick look and then said, "How strange. Go tell them I'm home now and invite them in. I want to see what they're up to."

The wife stepped outside to invite the three men in. "We don't go into any house together," the speaker of the three replied.

Totally shocked by this newest revelation, she asked, "Well, why forever not?"

The spokesman for the three explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and then pointing to other added, "he is Success, and I am Love."

Then he added, "Please go back in and discuss with your husband which of the three of us you would most like to have in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. "How wonderful!" he exclaimed. "Since that's the case, let's invite Wealth. I can hardly wait for him to come in and fill our home with wealth!"

His wife disagreed. "But honey, wouldn't it be better for us to invite Success? You know you've always said you want to be successful in everything you do."

Before he could answer, the couple's young daughter who had been listening from another room then stepped in to offer her thoughts on the matter. "I think you should invite in Love. Just imagine living in a house that is always filled with love!"

"She's right, of course," the husband said. "We really must ask Love to be our guest."

And so the woman stepped outside and once more greeted the three men.

"We've decided we most want Love to be our guest," she said.

Love rose at once and started toward the house. The other two immediately got up to follow him. Surprised, the lady stopped Wealth and Success: "I'm so sorry, but you must have misunderstood," she said politely. "We invited Love to come into our home."

Love stepped back to explain: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, because those who invite either one tend to serve only that one and nothing more. But wherever Love is invited in first, the other two know they, too, will be respected and treated well, and so have no qualms about joining me."

And so it was that Love, Wealth and Success were welcomed in the family's home and there they chose to stay.

Like a leavening agent, unconditional love is necessary to make our dreams of wealth and success rise to their fullest potential, thereby creating lasting prosperity in our lives. Without love, no matter how much wealth we might amass, no matter what level of success we might attain, our efforts will always fall flat. We find ourselves continually striving for more in an endless struggle to fill the empty spot left by Love's absence.

There is always an abundance of love available. We need only to be willing to invite it in. Today, read over your Prosperity Business Plan and make certain you have included unconditional love. If not, then make whatever adjustments are necessary, rewriting any segments as needed so that love is included as a primary aspect of the plan. Once done, take a deep and satisfying breath. Now that love has been invited in, wealth and success will be happy to follow.

### **Today's Action Step:**

1. Re-read your Prosperity Business Plan, this time paying particular attention to the loving aspects of the 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.

### Today's Quote:

"Love, like truth and beauty, is concrete. Love is not fundamentally a sweet feeling; not, at heart, a matter of sentiment, attachment, or being "drawn toward." Love is active, effective, a matter of making reciprocal and mutually beneficial relation with one's friends and enemies.

"For this reason loving involves commitment. We are not automatic lovers of self, others, world, or God. Love does not just happen. We are not love machines, puppets on the strings of a deity called "love." Love is a choice — not simply, or necessarily, a rational choice, but rather a willingness to be present to others without pretense or guile. Love is a conversion to humanity — a willingness to participate with others in the healing of a broken world and broken lives. Love is the choice to experience life as a member of the human family, a partner in the dance of life, rather than as an alien in the world or as a deity above the world, aloof and apart from human flesh."

— Carter Heyward

### Today's Affirmation:

"I am willing to love unconditionally and be loved unconditionally in return."

