

## Ideas For Building Our Ministries'

# Prosperity Consciousness

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We all teach that *as we give, we receive*. We profess to believe this and we often offer it forth as an incentive for givers as we prepare to receive the offering for Sunday worship services.

So, doesn't it seem logical then to conduct a *fearless and searching inventory* of our consciousness when the church income goes down or fails to meet the necessary requirements for handling the financial responsibilities of the church?

It would seem reasonable to ask for our ministry: *How can we give more?* rather than: *How can we get more?*

Because, of course, we do receive as we give. And this, then, puts us in absolute charge of our receiving. Obviously, if we are not receiving enough, then we are not giving enough.

Often, I've heard newcomers to Boards suggest that if everyone just gave a certain amount, then the church would be prosperous. While this may be true, it goes against one of our fundamental beliefs, that ***God is our Source***...not the congregation.

So, in our inventory, as we are asking ourselves how we can give more, serve more, love more, perhaps, we need to turn to Source for ideas.

We can ask in prayer:

***Father-Mother God, show us the way to give, serve, and love at the highest levels all that is appropriate in this community. We know we are divinely guided. We know that our prosperity is assured. We affirm that rich, divine ideas are now ours. We know what to do and we do it. Because we give greatly, we receive abundantly. In the name of Jesus Christ, we let this word be so.***

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