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The Keys to Success

by Rev. Leo Booth

At a pivotal moment in my life, I realized the powerful shift that occurs when we set an intention and co-create the outcome. I came to realize my own role in divine grace and my creative relationship with God. This awareness eventually led to my move from being an Episcopal priest to becoming a Unity minister.

Unity's teaching that we have been given the divine power to determine health and abundance in our lives was crucial for me. I realized that the wonderful things that God wanted for me in my life required my cooperation and personal effort.

The popular saying, "pray, but remember to move your feet" suddenly came alive: I am involved in creating my success and happiness! With the awareness of choice, I bring blessings into my life. I am no longer a puppet dangling from a divine string, but rather a player, nay, a divine player, in my life. I like to call this divine intention.

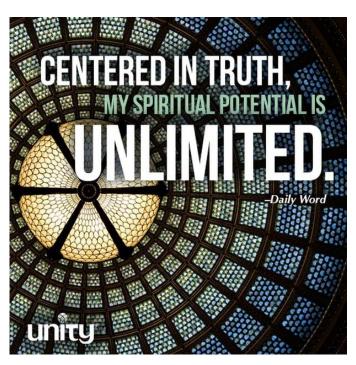
We begin to understand that the power of God does not only exist in the universe, but also exists in us. We were created to create, and the possibilities for creating abundance are limitless.

Addiction and Recovery

In my life, I've been personally connected and involved with the devastation caused by addiction. Before I entered recovery, I would say, and I still hear this statement today, "I can't stop drinking." What does this statement really

mean? Well, it reflects that we've forgotten we were given at birth the divine power to change our lives. God's power is within us. We really can do what we set our minds to achieve. The real truth is that if I set the intention and follow up with co-creative attitudes and behaviors, then I will not only stop drinking, but stay stopped. This is the message that people need to hear.

It is a transformational shift when a person moves from waiting for something to happen to them to proactively creating that moment in life where change occurs. It is a move from victim thinking, or "poor me," to empowerment. This understanding challenges all addictive thinking issuing from



co-dependency, drugs, sex, food and gambling, and makes an essential contribution to the recovery community.

Affirming Prosperity

Much has been written over the years about how to affirm prosperity in life, and yet I know from those who are successful that intention and co-creative behaviors also play an essential role.

A friend of mine, who initially introduced me to Unity, was Rev. Jack Boland. He believed that in order to create prosperity, a plan was required, followed by daily

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Sunday Worthship Speakers

Unity of Topeka is a guest-speaker ministry that features compelling speakers who are either Unity ministers, licensed Unity teachers, or otherwise well-versed in Unity principles. The speaking schedule fills months in advance, so don't miss an opportunity to join us at 11 a.m. for Sunday worthship. You will be glad you did.

September 30 through November 4—Matthew Starcher: Six-Part Series on Prosperity

Through this series we will get clear about what prosperity means to you as an individual and as a community. After we learn what prosperity means to each of us, we will take a deeper look at the law of circulation and how we can make this universal law—that is always at work—work for us. Once we do the work, and we grow into the miracle state of consciousness always available to us, we need to harness all of the good that is available to us in this—abundant consciousness. We do that through setting goals.

When growing ones' prosperity consciousness, one of the toughest lessons can be letting go of what is not working to make room for what is waiting to manifest through you. This can involve growing pains and making decisions. Are we willing to release what does not work to allow room for what does work? Both cannot exist in the same space, so letting go can be painful. As a spiritual community, we must support each other as we move through these growing pains.

We will also learn and talk about the single most important key to unlock unlimited prosperity. What could it be? Are you really willing to live the truth and walk the talk in faith?

You won't want to miss a single Sunday in this series. In fact, bring your friends. We will support each other as we grow our prosperity consciousness.

The two books that are the foundation for this series are:

<u>The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity</u> by Rev. Edwene Gaines <u>Prosperity</u> by Charles Fillmore

September 30—What is prosperity and how do we cultivate it? (1/6)

Prosperity looks different to everyone, as it should. As unique expressions of God we all have a different idea of what prosperity means and looks like to us. In Unity we believe, teach and demonstrate prosperity as a way

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of life. We believe that we always have all we need to sustain us in this present moment with an abundance to share with others. However, in order to live in this manner, we must become clear on what prosperity means to each one of us as individuals. This Sunday we will work together to learn what prosperity means to you. After we become clear on what prosperity means to us as individuals, we can move into living the Truth that we know.

October 7—A deeper dive into exploring the law of circulation (2/6)

Tithing, The Law of Circulation, and The Law of Giving and Receiving all refer to the same Universal Truth. This is the ebb and flow of life. Whatever you long to experience more of in your life, then give more of that away—in right consciousness—and it indeed will be multiplied, magnified and reflected back to you. This week we will focus on working with this Universal Law.

October 14—Using goal setting to harness your good fortune (3/6)

Today we will discuss how important goals are; especially in spiritual work. Goals are indeed how we harness the powerful energy we will cultivate through activating the law of circulation. In scripture we are told to prepare the fields. Goals are how we prepare our fields for the bountiful blessings that are our hearts desire and the Universe has ready and waiting for us.

October 21—Growing into prosperity can be painful (4/6)

Our immediate surroundings and our environment are vibrationally a perfect match for our current level of consciousness and expression of life. As we grow into a greater and more expanded expression of life our environment and surroundings must change. Today we will discuss the ideas of why growing our consciousness may be painful and ask ourselves if we are prepared to grow our prosperity consciousness.

October 28—Commitment: The key to unlocking your unlimited good (5/6)

Learning to harness and release the power of the universe is all part of expanding prosperity consciousness. As spiritual beings—in this human experience—we are capable of extremely powerful acts. We harness indescribable amounts of power when we make commitments, and we release that power when we follow through with those commitments. This week we will discuss how making and following through with our commitments actually opens us to abundant blessings of prosperity.

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Tithing demonstrates prosperity

Unity of Topeka is financially supported through love offerings, tithes and gifts. Remember to tithe even when you are unable to attend Sunday service in person.

Divine love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I have, all that I give, and all that I receive.

Need a moment of inspiration?

Call 785-478-1777

New recordings every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mortgage report

The monthly payment on the \$282,000 borrowed in November 2001 for our construction loan, plus \$45,000 we borrowed in December 2012 to refurbish our roof and make ceiling repairs, is consistently made thanks to thoughtful donors like you. The most recent payment of \$1,523 (9-11-18) took \$912.25 off the principal and eliminated \$610.75 of interest, leaving the amount left to pay at \$134,185.31 on our \$400,000 building.

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November 4—Faith without work is dead. You must live the Truth you know (6/6)

Fear stops most people from demonstrating abundant prosperity in, through and as their lives. We must be willing to exercise our faculty of faith and overcome any fear of the conscious or subconscious mind. Once we do, we really can "Live the Truth" we know—with integrity—and the world becomes our oyster!

Matthew Starcher is a graduate of the Spiritual Education and Enrichment program of Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute and he is a candidate in the Licensed Unity Teacher program. He has studied New Thought philosophy and Unity principle for more than 15 years. Matthew is a pioneer and was the founder and spiritual leader of Unity of Southeastern Ohio. Currently, he serves in the Silent Unity Prayer ministry in Unity Village.



Ben Katzara will provide the music program. He is originally from Tampa, FL, and has been studying Unity for over 12 years. He loves to write original New Thought music that is inspired by Spirit! Today, Ben works at Silent Unity as a prayer associate and is blessed always.



Order: The ability to organize, balance, sequence, adjust.

Affirmation: My life is in balance and in order, and all is well.

Charles Fillmore, Unity's co-founder, called our spiritual abilities the "Twelve Powers." We invite you to discover how to put these Powers to work and create the life of your dreams.

In memory: Sandra (Hatten) Mills

Unity member Sandra Mills, 76, of Topeka, KS, went to be with the Lord the morning of August 21,



2018, where she has joined family and friends in a joyous reunion.

Sandra was born on July 4, 1942 in Oak Grove, LA, the daughter of Audis W. and Jeanette Hatten. She graduated from Oak Grove High School in 1960. After high school she attended Northeast Louisiana State College. She graduated from Kaw Valley Vocational Technical School with a degree in Licensed Practical Nursing. She worked as a nurse at Saint Francis Hospital, at The Menninger Clinic, and at Valeo Behavioral Healthcare.

In life she was crowned a queen, gifted as an artist, a musician, an intuitive and a healer, yet Sandra claimed her proudest title was that of "mother," and God's greatest gifts shared with her were "five of the greatest children:" Kevin, Karla, Kyle, James, and Julie. She enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family and friends.

Cremation is planned. No services are scheduled at this time. A celebration of life will be planned in the future.

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visioning and actions that supported the initial intention. Following his reasoning, we take an idea, for example, a new house, an investment or a job. We then make a financial plan to obtain the house, make a prudent investment or obtain the experience or educational requirements to secure the job. In this way we move from an idea to a reality. If we have positive intentions and take co-creative action on those intentions, we can overcome many of the challenges in our lives. Dreams really do come true.

Living Someone Else's Story

Recently a woman shared with me that as a child, she was consistently given the message that she was ugly and stupid. For years these cruel messages kept her isolated and ashamed. Then she discovered a church that was offering a study course on The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz. She joined the study group, and her thinking began to change. She realized that for too many years she had been living somebody else's story. She had become attached to the negative messages she had heard as a young girl. But these messages were not true; they did not reflect who she is.

Soon she began to live her story as a beautiful and powerful woman. Today she has organized monthly dinner meetings for singles, and she has many significant friendships. Her intention is to be happy and she is co-creating that outcome.

We Have the Power

The power of intention has a dynamic impact on the way we think and behave in our society. Metaphysically speaking, we know we have the power to cease behaviors that create unmanageable lives, but we also have feelings of powerlessness, which are derived from forgetting who we essentially are. We are divine creations living a human life. Intention releases the divine power of what it is to be truly human.

As human beings we reflect the divine essence that creates an abundant, peaceful and loving world. For me, as a recovering person, this awareness created an important shift in my thinking. I began affirming a divine intention to embrace sobriety. So today I take responsibility for my life, polishing on a daily basis the gifts I've been given. Today I remember to respect myself, thereby reflecting God's grace that undeniably moves throughout this universe.

Rev. Leo Booth, also known as Father Leo, is a Unity minister and an internationally acclaimed author, lecturer and trainer on all aspects of spirituality and recovery.

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October Unity Statement

Unity is an independent association of life-long learners intent on becoming all that they can be.

Unity Church of Christianity, Topeka, is a center for study where people of all religions, races, and backgrounds assemble to examine and apply principles of abundant living taught by Jesus Christ.

In this gathering together of caring friends, we find mutual support and loving encouragement as we seek to live fuller, happier, and ever-improving lives.

Mission

Unity Church of Christianity, Topeka, provides a nurturing atmosphere of acceptance and caring for anyone seeking spiritual growth. Our purpose is to encourage self-esteem, unconditional love, peace of mind, and prosperous, healthy living. We accomplish this mission by teaching practical applications of the Jesus Christ ministry and by beholding the Christ within all people.

Vision Statement

Unity Church of Christianity enhances the Topeka community by serving as a holistic center for personal spiritual development. We remain open and receptive to the guidance of Spirit as we share principles that generate peace and promote soul-satisfaction.

Time to drop off donations for Secondhand Rose Sale



The 4 Bs of the Secondhand Rose Sale:

Bags Beads Boxes Bangles

If you've got them, we want them!

It's time to drop off your donations for the 2018 Secondhand Rose Sale scheduled 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 13. This annual fundraiser benefits Unity of Topeka and you. You get to donate items you once treasured but you no longer want or need.

Survey and collect

Inventory your belongings to identify what you want to part with. Make sure items you plan to donate to the sale are clean and ready to display. Bag or box them for delivery to Unity of Topeka. *Remember, no clothing or shoes!*

Drop off or arrange pick-up

Bring your items with you to church on Sundays, when the church is open. If an item is too large for you to transport, leave a message at 785-478-1333 to arrange for pick up.

Cook and Bake

If you are able to, plan to prepare chili, cornbread and baked goods we can sell to customers to consume onsite or take home. It's a great way to show our hospitality. Sign up at church, or notify Jean Reed.

Work the sale

We need volunteers to work the day of the sale. Sign up at church or notify Jean Reed.

Doorstep: I-mile walk/5K run October 6

Join our Neighbor Helping Neighbor one-mile walk and 5K run Saturday, October 6, at Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 and 2 on West Edge Road.

Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and the walk and run begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Topeka High School drum line will entertain the crowd before the walk/run begins, and Chris Fisher of WIBW-TV is the local celebrity who will start the race.

At the end of the walk/run, participants will be treated to a continental breakfast of bagels, granola bars, fruit, juice and water.

Registration is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum). Runners/walkers will get a T-shirt if the \$30 registration fee, or on total pledges of \$100, is paid before September 10. One registered child aged 10 or under can walk for FREE with a paid adult, but a child's T-shirt costs extra.

Walkers/runners may register online at www.DoorstepTopeka.org.



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Then, share our posts to help us spread the word of all Unity of Topeka has to offer our community.





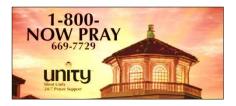
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Every Sunday	1	2	3	4	5	6	
9:35 a.m. Bible Study							
11 a.m. Worthship; Youth	Denise Mosher BR	Benjamin Jamison BR	Chris Zuiener		Nancy Johnson BR		
Education; Nursery 12:45 p.m. Music team rehearsal	Alan, Sonja Winslow BL / 271- 6947	Courtney Tilley BR Juanita Winter BL	Chris Zwiener, Hannah, Cordie, Paige, Elsa BL / 816-214-2823	Marzi Adams BL / 861-0589	Paula Adkins, Thomas Bogardus BL / 749-1125	Heather Ashton BL	
7 11 a.m. worthship with Matthew Starcher	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Erik Tilley BR	Glinda Leach BR		Marzi Adams BR				
Ginger Barr, Ed	Mike Snyder BR	Lies Deche DL /		Caral Braum DL /		Michaela	
Carpenter BL / 256-2788	Gail Beale BL	Lisa Beebe BL / 220-3343	Larry Brickhouse BL / 267-4547	Carol Brown BL / 317-0448	Annie Burnett BL	Butterworth BL / 310-947-1082	
14 Church Potluck 11 a.m. worthship with Matthew Starcher	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Tracey						Chris Zwiener BR	
Christensen BR						Alisa Mezger- Crawford, Chris,	
Glenda Cafer BL / 271-7157	Mitzi Cafer BL / 408-5835	Ellen Caster BL / 256-2280	Tracey Christensen BL	Rebekah Clark BL / 479-244-5631	OJ Coller BL / 431- 6276	Valencia BL / 230- 2169	
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Starcher			Duke Windsor BR				
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28 11 a.m. worthship with Matthew Starcher Ed, Roberta Fischer BL / 249-9568	Michele Flanagan BL / 438-7635	30 Vinci Flanagan BL / 273-4915	31 BR = birthday BL = blessing day Patty, Joe Flower BL / 220-9332	Blessing Days Unity Church of Christianity is blessing these dear ones this month. Each day, send blessings to the person listed, and maybe give them a call to let them know you are thinking of them on their special day. This uplifting activity blesses you and others. Consider it your special ministry of love. All telephone numbers are in the 785 area code, unless otherwise shown.			

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