

THE PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL FREEDOM



Duplicating the Nature of Spirit in Your Financial Affairs

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Materials Preview

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The Principles of Financial Freedom

"Money is coined liberty. Therefore,
it is most precious to those who lack freedom."

...Fyodor Dostoevsky

But rather seek ye the kingdom of God (Attitude of Freedom);
and all these things (including money) shall be added unto you.

...Luke 12:31

Purpose:

Freedom

Vision:

Duplicating the Nature of Spirit in My Financial Affairs

My intentions for being here are:

1. To develop a greater awareness of God as the source of my Financial Freedom.
2. To develop a greater understanding of the Principles of Financial Freedom.
3. To develop a greater awareness of my current attitudes and beliefs about money.
4. To develop new attitudes and beliefs about money that are in alignment with the Principles of Truth.
5. To develop a form of spiritual practice that will duplicate the nature of Spirit in my financial affairs.
6. To identify the forms of Self-Expression that are in alignment with my Financial Freedom.

7. To

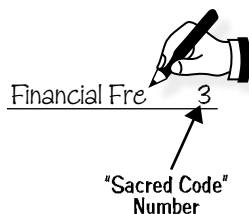
8. To

Signed

Date

This section of the workbook was developed to serve as the syllabus for a course of instruction entitled: **"The Principles of Financial Freedom."** It contains a brief overview of the underlying Principles that are incorporated into the overall program. In combination with the coursework and class experience, it is designed to serve as an interactive *"whole-brain"* learning experience. Following is a description of each of the unique elements of this section:

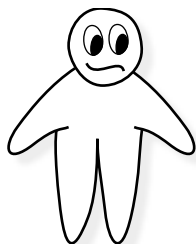
"Filling In" the Blanks



Throughout this first section of the course materials, you will frequently encounter *"blank lines"* at the beginning of most paragraphs or sections of text. These headings are intended to be *"filled in"* by you in either of the following ways:

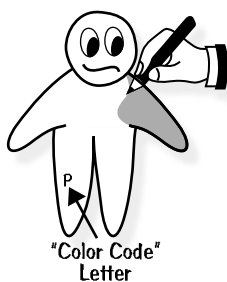
1. Fill them in as you are instructed during the class.
2. Complete them by using the little *"code numbers"* on the right-hand side of the blanks and then referring to the **"Sacred Code"** (Pages I-51, 52).

Symbols, Icons and Illustrations



Each section of text is accompanied by an icon, symbol or illustration that will help convey the information contained in the written dialogue. Generally, these images are placed on the left-hand side of the page in order to be more accessible to the *"right brain."* The text is on the right-hand side in order to be accessed by the *"left brain."* Together these the two segments combine to provide a **"whole-brain information package"**.

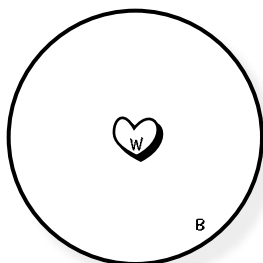
Coloring the Booklet



The third important element of this workbook is the coloring of the symbols, icons and diagrams. **It is highly recommended that the coloring be done within 48 to 72 hours after each class.** This will cause the information that has been received to be powerfully reinforced and retained. Or, if you are using this document on your own, you may wish to do the coloring as you read through the material. Detailed instructions about the coloring process are given on the next page entitled **"The Spectrum of Life."**

Order

- 1 - **A condition of coherent arrangement of elements in a group, such that proper functioning is achieved.***

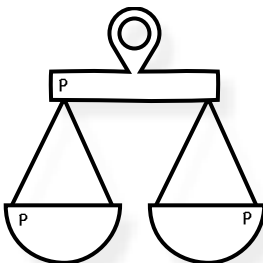


"Order is the first law of heaven"

When the affairs of our lives are in Order, we will always experience a heavenly sense of peacefulness and freedom. Our financial affairs are no exception to this rule. The key to developing Order within any activity is the right use of our *attention*, or mental concentration. Until we are willing to give our financial affairs the attention they require, they will always be in a state of disorder, or chaos. In order to achieve financial freedom, it is essential that we take responsibility for keeping our financial affairs in Order. It should also be remembered that Order does not *look* any particular way, it only *feels* a certain way, and what it feels like is *freedom*.

Balance

- 2 - **A state of equilibrium or equipoise.***

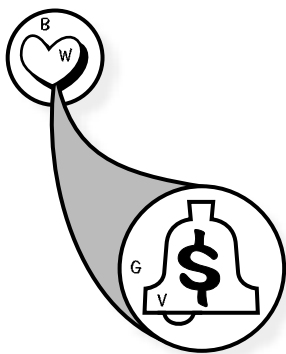


"Life is a great balancing act"

The entire universe is always in the process of keeping itself in perfect Balance. This activity includes our financial affairs as well. Consequently, if we try to spend more money than we have, the universe will keep things in Balance by extracting energy from us in whatever form it is available. This is why "*being in debt*" is so depressing. It tends to sap our life energy and corrupts the vitality of our soul. The flip side of this experience is when we get out of Balance by *hoarding*. Both tendencies are based on the same belief that "*there is not enough.*" When our finances are in Balance, we experience *peace* within our Souls.

Abundance

- 3 - **A plentiful amount; full to overflowing.***



"Abundance is manifest here and now, awaiting our awareness of it"

Many people feel that having more money will solve their financial difficulties. However, if our financial affairs are in chaos, more money will only bring more chaos and fear into our lives. Yet, in a mysterious way, bringing Order and Balance into our financial affairs not only brings more money, but will also bring peace of mind and freedom as well. This is because Order and Balance tend to *reveal* the spiritual principle of Abundance, which is eternally present in our lives, hidden behind our fears. The very process of creating Order and Balance tends to dispel our fears and thereby allows the natural Abundance that is already within us to flow into expression in our lives. This form of Abundance always provides us with whatever we need in order to fully express ourselves from the highest level of our being, which is Spirit.

* Definitions from Webster's Dictionary

Tithing is not a secret formula that involves strict adherence to certain esoteric rules. It is simply a tool we can use to dispel our fears, build our faith, and come into a greater awareness of God as our source. Yet, it is not uncommon for people to have questions about tithing when they first begin the practice. Following are a number of these "frequently asked questions" (FAQ's).

Who should I tithe to?

Tithe to any individual or institution that provides you with spiritual inspiration. A good test is to simply ask: "*Do they make me feel grateful for the Presence of God in my life?*" Remember, tithing is a form of "*Gracious Giving*." (Page I-45)

When should I tithe?

The best time to tithe is whenever you receive any income. However, it is preferable to tithe in a systematic way that will not be excessively burdensome. Otherwise, you will find reasons for putting it off or not doing it. Try to develop a simple and workable system that keeps the experience of receiving and the act of giving as closely linked as possible.

Can I only tithe to one place?

You can tithe to as many places as you like. However, it is generally easier to manage this spiritual practice if you have one primary place that you tithe to. Smaller portions of your tithe or additional gifts can then be sent to other places that provide you with an awareness of God.

Do I tithe on my net or gross income?

This is an area that creates a bit of confusion for businesses and the self-employed. A simple guideline is to tithe on all taxable income and non-taxable gifts and subsidies. Remember, God knows nothing of your net or gross income, only you do. So don't become too obsessed with rules about tithing.

Is giving to charity the same as tithing?

Whether or not you are tithing is determined by the attitude of your giving, not by whom you are giving to. The only question to ask is if you are giving in a mood of gratitude, without an expectation of a return or an attachment to a specific effect to be produced by your giving.

Can I become prosperous without tithing?

It is possible to accumulate a lot of money without tithing. However, those who live happy, free and prosperous lives always practice some form of "*Gracious Giving*," whether they call it *tithing*, or not. We do not practice tithing to become prosperous. The purpose of tithing is to "*act as if*" we already are prosperous.

What happens if I tithe for a while then stop?

If the practice of tithing works for you and then you stop, it will simply stop working for you. If it works, why would you want to stop? Of course, the only way to find out if it works is to do it.

Can I tithe my time instead of money?

Don't try to suppress the fear of giving away your money with the rationalization that you are going to give your time instead. Ideally, you should give freely of your time in the form of *service* and your money in the form of *tithing*. You can expect to see returned to you whatever it is that you give. (Page I-44) A farmer who spends all of his time tending his fields but never plants his seed will not receive a crop.

Should I track the return on my tithing?

No! Tithing is about giving, not getting. If you are truly practicing tithing as a form of "*Gracious Giving*," then you should be giving on the basis of what you have already received in the form of an "*awareness of God in your life*."

What's the most important aspect of tithing?

The most important aspect of tithing is to simply "**Do It!**" Additionally, it must always be practiced in an ongoing and consistent manner, in a mood of real *gratitude*.

The Declaration of Principles I-50

Following is a list of the major Principles upon which *Financial Freedom* is based. Each Principle is followed by a declaration, which can also serve as a meditation. Additionally, by skipping the headings, you can read these declarations out loud as a form of prayer. In reading these declarations out loud to yourself, pay special attention to the way they make you feel. Do they evoke a felt sense of truth and a feeling of hope?

Abundance of God

I believe *there is only One God, and the nature of God is infinite Abundance.*

Oneness with God

I believe *that I am One with the Life that is God. Therefore, I live and move and breathe and have my being in God.*

Individuality

I believe *that I am an individualized center of expression for the Life that is God. Therefore, I am a center of expression for its infinitely Abundant nature.*

Awareness

I believe *that my awareness of my oneness with God is the source of my Abundance. Therefore, this awareness is my Abundance.*

Circulation

I believe *that money is God's idea of circulation in the "body of my affairs." Therefore, I am a center for the circulation of God's Abundance in the form of money.*

Abundance is Now

I believe *that there is no reality in lack. Therefore, Abundance is manifest here and now in my financial affairs, awaiting my awareness of it.*

Abundant Support

I believe *that Spirit always supports its own expression. Therefore, it must abundantly support its highest expression through me.*

Always Enough To Do Good

I believe *the infinite resource of Spirit is equal to every demand placed upon it. Therefore, there is always enough money for me to do good in the world.*

Universal Law

I believe *that money operates in accordance with Universal Laws. Therefore, I know that I am prospered by my understanding and right use of these Laws.*

Willingness is Worthiness

I believe *that whoever is willing to bring the qualities of God into expression is worthy of experiencing them. Therefore, because I am willing to prosper others, I am worthy of being prospered in return.*

Order

I believe *that Order is the first Law of Heaven. Therefore, I am a center of expression for Order in my financial affairs.*

Balance

I believe *the activity of Spirit is always harmonious and balanced. Therefore, I am a center for the expression of Balance in my financial affairs.*

Expansion

I believe *that Spirit is forever creating, forever changing, and forever becoming more of Itself, through that which I am. Therefore, I know that this creative, expansive and self-giving nature is working through my financial affairs.*

Acceptance

I am willing *to open up my mind and heart to accept the Truth that has been stated here. I am grateful God is Gracious. Amen!*

Welcome to the Assignments 2-1

This "Assignment" section contains all of the assignments to be completed as part of this course. Unless otherwise directed by the Instructor, the assignments are to be completed after each class session as identified in the "Class Schedule" below.

Class Schedule

Following is a schedule for the course. It includes the pages of the manual covered in each class session, as well as the assignments to be completed between classes. It is suggested that you enter the dates of each of the class sessions as directed by the Instructor.

Date of Class	Theme of Class	Section 1 'Syllabus' Pages	Section 2 'Assignments' Numbers	Section 3 'Workbook' Pages*
_____	1. Getting to Know God	1 thru 9	1 thru 4	1 thru 5
_____	2. Living the Creative Process	10 thru 19	5 thru 7	6 thru 10
_____	3. The Power of Spiritual Practice	20 thru 31	8 thru 12	11 thru 13
_____	4. The Fundamentals of Freedom	32 thru 37	13 thru 17	14 thru 19
_____	5. The Meaning of Money	38 thru 42	18 thru 23	20 thru 22
_____	6. The Presence and Practical Means	43, 50	25	23 thru 35
_____	7. Sacred Circulation	44 thru 48	26 to 31	36, 37
_____	8. Letting Go of Lack	49, 50	• • •	37, 38

* The worksheets designated include those that are actually used in the particular class, as well as those that are used as part of the assignments made during the class.