

The InnerFaith Light



A NEW THOUGHT COMMUNITY
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A Message from Dr. Sharron



Universal abundance is unlimited and you tap into it any time, simply by opening up your mind to the POSSIBILITY that more good exists for you. At my Prosperity Workshops, I begin by holding up a glass of water, where the water level is equidistant from the top of the

glass as it is from the bottom. And I ask the age-old question: how would you describe this glass of water?

Some people say it's half-full. Others say it's half-empty. I say: the glass is full to the point of overflowing. Because the glass is half full of water and half full of air, and this air spills out, up, over, and into the flow of the Universe.

You are already full to the point of overflowing. Think outside the box. Look at everything that exists in your life already and embrace it wholeheartedly. See the good in every situation and know that even greater good is about to manifest in your life. Then do your homework. Take action on your goals and make it a priority to begin a systematic giving program. I'm a strong believer that it's more important to get in the habit of giving a set percentage (even 1%) than it is to give a full tithe, if that feels too uncomfortable.

Ten percent is a lot of money, isn't it? I'll be the first to admit that there were days when the bills were coming in and due date was looming and the check-book balance looked a little slim...days when I thought, "I don't know if we can afford to tithe this week." When I began to have faith in the process of tithing, I saw the same opening that I gave through was the same opening that I was receiving through!

But it wasn't always that way. And we didn't start out tithing 10 percent of all our income. We first started out tithing very slowly. I think it's far more important to start the habit of giving regularly than it is to give specifically 10 percent. The Apostle Paul addressed giving very eloquently in his second letter to the Corinthians: "If you are eager to give, God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don't have."

I've always interpreted this to mean the following; Give what you can cheerfully give, but give systematically. When you give systematically to the Universe, the Universe will see even more clearly that you are ready to reap a larger harvest.

Where do you want 'more' in your life? If you're serious about wanting to increase your level of prosperity, the first place to create "more" in your life needs to be "more clarity," "more knowledge" – about yourself and how you think and feel about money.

The Apostle Paul also said: "I wish dear friend that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul doth prosper." First if we want to truly prosper we must clear ourselves of old resentments and grudges that no longer serve us. We must take the *gift* from the experience and MOVE ON! Secondly, after our forgiveness process we fill the space with compassion for all concerned and wish those people who may have moved on from our lives only the best that life has to offer. Thirdly, we open our hearts to gratitude. Emerson once said that the most perfect prayer was *thank you!*

With Love and Inner-Light, Dr. Sharron Stroud

PROSPERITY DECREES

Money flows to me easily and effortlessly.
Every dollar I circulate comes back to me multiplied.
I give my money freely and generously
for the good of others.
I have faith in God and believe in myself.
I love what I do and do what I love.
I am happy, healthy, prosperous and free.
I am in love with life and at peace.
I Live in the present, remember the past, and have
faith in the future.

Thoughts from Rev Rich on Sacred Service



"...It is our collective and individual responsibility to protect and nurture the global family, to support its weaker members, and to preserve and tend to the environment in which we all live." Quoted by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

An interesting and different way to start an article titled, "Sacred Service". As you who know me realize, I'm very much about the different.

Here we stand in a way of life that states, "We get back what we give out". That is one of the beliefs we read every Sunday Morning. Well, I believe it's not only getting back what we want for ourselves, but also the greater good of humanity and our precious planet. Speaking my word in limitation, only regarding my microcosmic life and thinking of *me, and my*, isn't good enough any more. Consider, Sacred Contracts and Sacred Service. Consider the pandemic of AIDS sweeping the African Nations, the infected babies, the orphans and the need to find a cure. Consider world hunger, famine. Consider wars and the untold suffering of the innocent. And at last, consider this! A Sacred Contract, a commitment to pray each day with the needs of others in mind, even before you begin on your own personal requests or treatment. You now come to believe, when you pray for the good of others, for health, prosperity and peace; you begin to receive those reflections back in your own life. There is a distinct possibility that after a week or two of being conscious to the needs of others you find you, yourself in far less need. And, I believe with these actions in place there will come an epiphany. In a flash, in a Divine moment you'll see a change in yourself, to such a degree, that your understanding of what Sacred

Service means takes on a new, and indeed invigorating world changing status in your current experience. Remember, that you do make all the difference in this world. The Power of your Word is the greater and truest part of your Sacred Service to our Global community and to all humanity.

Blessings and Love Rev. Rich Cress

Twenty-Third Psalm Revised

By Charles Fillmore

"The lord is my banker my credit is good. He maketh me to lie down in the consciousness of omnipotent abundance. He giveth me the key to his strongbox. He restoreth my faith in his riches. He guideth me in the paths of prosperity for His name's sake. Yes, though I walk through the very shadow of debt, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy silver and gold, they secure me. Thou preparest a way for me in the presence of the collector; thou fillest my wallet with plenty; my measure runneth over. Surely goodness and plenty will follow me all the days of my life; and I shall do business in the name of the lord forever."

Sharing With Others

by Galo Kostka

Most people in our country are among the ten percent most affluent people in the world. It doesn't necessarily mean you have to be a billionaire or a millionaire. We are blessed with far more than we could possibly ever need for ourselves; and to me it is perfectly clear that what we are given is intended to be shared. We go to bed at night in a warm and dry building. There is always food and drink in the refrigerator and in the cupboards. We have opportunities for education, and choice of how we might earn a living. There are an abundant number of choices for all of us; and you can see that at any grocery store. In some parts of the world, there isn't a grocery store where one can go to purchase whatever they need. It isn't easy or convenient or even possible, in some cases, for needs to be met. People do without; and unfortunately some starve to death. Some people have no hope for a better future.

I have great admiration and respect for Chaplain Lloyd Brushett, for the work he does in collecting food for Well in the Desert. When I learned of his work, I made a personal decision that I would provide something toward his project each Sunday that I drive out to Palm Springs. What I learned was that when I would buy 10-12 additional items to share with those who are less fortunate, I was spending about the same amount of money at the grocery store as when I

bought only for myself. One weekend, when I was in a hurry, I decided I would only select things I needed for myself in order to save time. When I got to the checkout stand, I was amused to find the total was \$15 more than I normally spent when I was shopping for others as well as myself. The Universe has a way of teaching us Principles on how life is supposed to work. What I learned is that when I share with others, I always have everything I need and more than I need.

JOIN THE UNEXPECTED INCOME PROGRAM

What to expect: The unexpected income program is the first step toward becoming prosperous. It is a wonderful experience to learn how to increase your income, and after having learned how to use the Law of Increase for money, you can use this law for all areas of your life and become truly prosperous. We will teach you how to increase your income through unexpected sources. This means receiving money from sources other than your regular earnings. Dr. Sharron has gathered the prosperity secrets of the ages for your use and understanding. Many thousands have experienced the thrill of receiving money in surprising and wonderful ways.

You will receive support: The Ministry of Prayer will assist you in this new adventure. They will treat daily for 30 days.

What to do: Your part is to spend at least ten minutes each day focusing on the Daily Treatment, which you will receive when you sign up the first Sunday in November.

What to Learn: You can learn to experience the abundance of the Universe. Recent scientific studies support the age-old law, ***"It is done unto you as you believe."***

About the One Mind: Mind is potential energy, while thought is the dynamic force, which produces the activity for manifestation. The One Mind is all of Truth. Our mind, that point in God-Consciousness, which we call our mind, is as much of Truth as we allow to flow through and bless us. God allows us to experience our *belief* whether it is limited or unlimited. The Daily Treatment you receive will help assist you in realizing your unlimited use of the One Mind and the unfailing lavish abundance of God. What is true of God is true of each one of us. Come, join and experience the Unexpected Income Program and release the hidden splendor from within.

A Seed Came to Life

"I of myself can do nothing, it is the Father within that doeth the work." Jesus, the Master Teacher gave us this Wisdom to ponder on, breathe in and embody in our daily lives. Our ideas are seeds planted. Plant your idea...God will do the rest. This poem demonstrates true prosperity of God's unfailing abundance... and on this we can rely.

A Seed

*A seed came to life
Through the earth and the rain
Stretching its roots into the soil
With no stress or strain.*

*A seed came to life
Not knowing why it grew
Reaching through the soil
To the sunlight's hue.*

*A seed came to life
To bless and to live
As God's beautiful idea
Of fruits and gifts*

*A seed came to life
As a never ending supply
Of God's unfailing abundance
On this we can rely.
Rev Ellen of Joy*



Poetry Achievement Award

Dr. Sharron received the Poetry Achievement Award for her poem *Easter Reflection* featured on the first page of a book called *Colors of Life*, published by the International Society of Poets. Congratulations to you Dr. Sharron.

The Talking Stick

Featuring Dr. Sharron Stroud



The Talking Stick is the only Indian TV Program hosted by Mark Nichols and the Cabazon Indian Tribe. They feature many diverse topics and philosophies. It is not unusual to have a political discussion on one program and another on Spirituality. Mark stated that his time with Dr. Sharron was truly remarkable.



Shaman Woman Mari Mendoza leading the Fall Solstice Celebration



Fall Solstice Celebration



The event was held at the Paul Newman Center with a potluck held afterwards in the Center's Community Hall.

Positive Feedback on Dr. Sharron's Book

My Dear Sharron: My over 4 decades of merchandising and publishing success are at your disposal, (*I am being told that*). You presently are capable of succeeding beyond anything you have previously dreamed of. I suggest we meet this next week for a little while and discuss what *Divine Mind* is now painting in my mind for you. Frank Callaghan

INNERFAITH THIRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 14, 2004

Come and join in this gala event held at the home of David Lawson and Richard Manary, 1110 E Cactus Drive in Palm Springs. It begins right after church service with a scrumptious brunch for your dining pleasure. A silent auction will be held featuring a week getaway in Manzanillo, Mexico, a weekend in Big Bear, a camera phone, \$100 in dry cleaning, free services for weddings, memorials and much more. A sumptuous repast and beautiful music to mark the pinnacle of a spiritual milestone. The donation is \$25 per person. Please feel free to invite guests. Call Lou Brushett (760) 770-9263 for reservations and where to send the donation.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Rev Arline Hoover 760-360-8919
Rev. Ellen Chambers 909-841-6962
Rev. Valjean McGinty 760-341-2511
Rev. Roberta Temple 760-323-9746
Rev. Roger Bambenek 760-318-9977
Rev. Lou & Lloyd Brushett 760-770-9263
Rev. Sam Satkin 760-327-9610
Rev. Rich Cress 760-320-4453



Happy Thanksgiving!

*Merry
Christmas!*

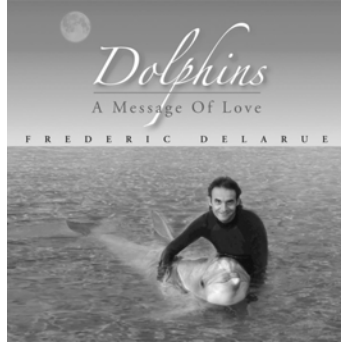
**November/December Schedule 2004
Special Events for November:**

7th Gay Pride Parade with Dr. Sharron Stroud and the Ministerial Team Blessing our wonderful and diverse community in Joy and Celebration. Immediately following the Sunday Service. **We are One.**

14th Third Anniversary Celebration Brunch: Immediately following the Service. Hosted at the Beautiful Home of David Lawson and Richard Manary 1110 E Cactus Drive in Palm Springs. A sumptuous repast and beautiful music to mark the pinnacle of a spiritual milestone. The Donation is \$25. A silent auction will grace the festivities. Immediately following the Sunday Service.

24th Wednesday Nite at 7:00 PM: Thanksgiving Eve Service with a wonderful message from Dr. Sharron Stroud, The Ancient Secret of Blessing. Pumpkin Pie and Hot Cider will be served to bring in the Spirit of Thanksgiving!

Wednesday Nite Live for November held at the Paul Newman Theater – 2800 Alejo, Palm Springs – 7pm



3rd Frederic Delarue in Concert! "DOLPHINS... A MESSAGE OF LOVE" *Over an hour of Music!* The process of this album has been very inspiring, powerful, and full of lessons. The dolphins came very strongly to me to spread out Consciousness of Pure Unlimited Love to the Human Kind. The album lasts over an hour and is 100% instrumental. I thank you for your great support, your kind words regarding my music. You allow me to keep on composing new music, for the pleasure of your ears, your soul, your mind, that relaxes and soothes the body with harmonious melodies.

10th – Rev. Rich Cress – The Wheel of Fortune – Rev. Rich will illuminate your consciousness with an actual Wheel of Fortune that you can create for yourself. Everything on his Wheel of Fortune has come true and he will share the dynamic laws of the universe that made this happen for him!

17th – Frank Haggard, Jr. – The Prosperity Equation – Frank will take us on a journey of actualizing our deepest passion and Highest Vision in relating to the Prosperity Question, where is the Center of Balance in the Prosperity Equation?

24th – Thanksgiving Eve Service with a wonderful message from Dr. Sharron Stroud, The Ancient Secret of Blessing, beautiful music by the revered Donna Brown and Pumpkin Pie and Hot Cider to bring in the Spirit of Thanksgiving!

Special Event for December

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service Dec. 24th 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service at Paul Newman Theater at the Stroke Center. Dr. Sharron Stroud Presenting: The Wise Men, The Gifts, and Your Soul's Purpose. Special Music by Frank Haggard Jr. and Rainbow Casey - A Wonderful Evening of Beautiful Christmas Music, Traditional Carols – A Sacred Candle for Each Of You To Make A Wish Upon the Star in the East

Peace Prayer Event: Paul Newman Theater: December 31, 2004, 4:00 AM (Noon Greenwich time). People all over the World will be praying simultaneously For World Peace. You can make a Difference for Peace! Your Energy creates a critical mass that can change the balance of our world consciousness. Experience the Peace Ceremony and Light a Candle for Peace

Christmas Toy Project: We have joined hands with the Interfaith Community of Palm Springs to collect *unwrapped Toys* for the Children of the Coachella Valley. Dr. Wayne McKinney is coordinating this event through *THE WELL IN THE DESERT PROJECT*. They will pick up our gifts after our Sunday Celebration on Dec. 5, 12 and 19.

December Wednesday Nite Live held at the Paul Newman Theater at 2800 Alejo, PS, 7pm

1st - Frederic Delarue, Master of music, composer of the sacred, illuminating work that will lift you to the heights of Angelic Realms. Begin the Christmas Season with the Music of the Angels on High.

8th – Karen Vizer – Life Coach and Human Soft Ware Engineer, will teach you to **Ride the Wave Home** to your true essential Nature! Eliminate the Core Dynamic of conditioning and achieve Inner Peace for the Holidays!

15th - Rev. Rich Cress – Find Out How To Birth A New You! Rev. Rich will guide you from the symbolic journey of Bethlehem to your Soul's Sacred mission.

22nd – Claudia Thompson – See the Star in the East Guiding Your Path. Emmy Award winner Claudia Thompson will share the Sacred Knowledge the Magi mastered on the Quest for the Christ Consciousness.

29th – Rev. Ellen Chambers – Peace is Possible. Rev. Ellen will share her Core Values and how each of us can arrive at Inner Peace. Let there be

Peace on earth and let it begin with each one of us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Sunday Brunch: After church, the first Sunday of each month. Dr. Sharron and the Ministerial Innerfaith Team. The Hilton Hotel (across from the Spa Casino on Tahquitz) brunch. Special price \$7.95 to InnerFaith members and guests! Please join us. All are welcome.

Healing Service: 9:30 each Sunday morning facilitated by the Ministerial Team. Experience healing energy and the joy of deepening spirituality.

Centering Meditation: 9:50 each Sunday morning with Donna Brown.

Children's Ministry: 10:00 each Sunday morning with Rev. Ellen Chambers.

Prayer Ministry: The prayer table in the foyer. Rev. Arline Hoover and Rev. Ellen Chambers will assist you with your prayer request and pray with you personally if you desire.

Founder's Circle: Become a member of the Founder's Circle. Join today by tithing \$100 or more a month over your regular contribution. To join, write Founder's Circle on your check.

Flower Power: Bring flowers to honor a special occasion for the service. Take them with you when you leave to brighten your day!

Men's Group – led by Rev. Rich Cress: 6:30 PM, the fourth Friday of the month. Potluck hosted at 1220 Del Paso, Palm Springs.

Women's Empowerment – led by Dr. Sharron Stroud: 6:30 PM, the fourth Friday of the month at Dr. Sharron's, 1380 Caleta Way. Veggie potluck.

Food Drive: Chaplain Lloyd Brushett is collecting canned goods for *The Well in the Desert*, with whom we have partnered, for those who at the moment do not have enough to eat. Please leave your canned food donations at the designated place in the foyer.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

(left to right) David Moffat, Rev Rich Cress, Bern Ripp, Paul Crippan, Rev Roger Bambenek and Rev Ellen Chambers

A big thank you to all the VIPS who make this ministry happen. You are a gift and you are loved and greatly appreciated. Call Volunteer Coordinator, Asst. Minister Rev. Rich Cress at 320-4453 or, Asst. Sunday Coordinator Paul Crippan at 416-0992 to share in the wonderful experience of giving.



Make Sure You Sign Up For the New Directory! Please see Rev. Ellen or Rev. Roger to sign up for the new Directory. If you would like to advertise you may make a donation and your business card will be put in for all to see

Celebrate With Us

Camelot Theater

760-318-3196

Baristo & Farrell in Palm Springs

Every Sunday Morning at 10:00 Am

Guided Meditation at 9:30 AM

Paul Newman Theater

2800 Alejo Avenue

Palm Springs, CA

Wednesday – 7 PM

November Theme Blessings Are Upon You

7th Prosperity is Your Divine Heritage

14th The Prosperity Law of Increase

21st The Vacuum Law of Prosperity

28th The Imaging Law of Prosperity

December Theme: The Mystical Christ

5th Discover the Christ Path Within You

12th Find Out How To Birth A New You

19th See the Star in the East Guiding Your Path

26th The Esoteric Energy Of The Christ Principle

Merry Christmas

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