

# JOHNNIE COLEMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## OPEN YOUR MIND TO RECEIVE

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- I. HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME UNIFIED WITH UNIVERSAL SUBSTANCE?
  - A. You must understand that true prosperity has a spiritual basis.
  - B. You change your thinking from limitation to abundance.
- II. HOW CAN YOU OPEN YOUR MIND TO RECEIVE?
  - A. Realize that you can have anything that you can mentally accept.
  - B. Know that unlimited good is your heritage (nothing is too good to be true).
  - C. Never feel guilty about receiving abundance.
  - D. Identify yourself only with the things that you desire.
  - E. Recognize God as the Source of your supply. Talk to Him.
- III. WHAT ARE THE THREE TYPES OF GIVING?
  - A. Give to God. Put Him first financially.
  - B. Give to yourself. All progress begins with self-improvement.
  - C. Give to others. Bless whatever you give.
- IV. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN PREPARE TO RECEIVE YOUR GOOD?
  - A. Do not resent receiving. Giving without receiving is an unbalancing of the Law of Increase.
  - B. Speak the word of receiving.
  - C. Release your inner work and relax.
- V. DISCUSS THE GIFT OF RELEASE
  - A. It can be used effectively on the mental, emotional and physical planes.
  - B. It frees you from tightness, tension or grasping.
  - C. It helps you to become an open and receptive channel of intelligence.
  - D. The function of release is two-fold.

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1. It eliminates error from your life.
  2. It expands your good.
- E. Never be afraid to let go. The Christ Mind knows what to release.
- F. When you speak the words of release you start the action of forgiveness.
- G. Along with speaking words of release, you can also write out what you wish to eliminate from your life.
- H. The elimination of something from your life is always an indication that something better is on the way.
- VI. WHAT IS YOUR “GIFT OF PROPHECY”? HOW DOES IT FUNCTION?
- A. Prophecy means an oral utterance or a prediction of the future under divine guidance.
- B. You use your gift through oral predictions, declarations, words and decrees.
- C. You in invoke your gift of prophecy through your words in two ways:
1. Your casual words.
  2. Your deliberate predictions or affirmations.
- D. Spoken words describing the good you want help you claim it and quickly releases it into your own life.
- VII. HOW CAN YOU “PROPHECY THROUGH PICTURES”?
- A. Through the imagination you can deliberately picture your good.
1. Divine guidance will show you what to picture.
  2. Clear-cut pictures of the good you want activate people, places and events.
- B. Picture your good and bring it through rather than forcing it through or even reasoning it through.

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- VIII. WHY HAVE PEOPLE BEEN CONDITIONED TO EXPECT LESS THAN THE BEST?
- A. They have accepted erroneous beliefs about the nature of God.
  - B. They believe that man is a sinner and thereby limited in every way.
- IX. WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF LEARNING THE UNLIMITED TRUTH ABOUT GOD’S GOODNESS?
- A. It frees us from the limited results of false beliefs.
  - B. It frees us from feeling guilty about expecting the best in life.
  - C. It helps us build a “first class consciousness.”
- X. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT CAN HELP US OBTAIN THE BEST?
- A. Always maintain a positive attitude.
  - B. Meditate upon the best.
- XI. WHAT IS YOUR GIFT OF “PEOPLE CONSCIOUSNESS?” HOW DOES IT FUNCTION?
- A. Your “people consciousness” is your attitude about people.
  - B. Instead of trying to change other people – change your thoughts and feelings about those people.
  - C. All people in your world are there through the Law of Attraction.
  - D. God is the Source of your supply; people are the channels.
    - 1. Appreciate the people in your life.
    - 2. Open your mind to the possibility of new people entering your life.
- XII. WHY ARE PROBLEM PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE?
- A. They are there for you to bless them.
  - B. They are there so that you may learn from them.
  - C. Realize that problem people are in your life by divine appointment.

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### XIII. HOW CAN A PERSON FREE HIMSELF FROM PROBLEM PEOPLE?

- A. Bless them. Never criticize them.
- B. Speak the word of release.
- C. Loose other people's opinions of what you should do or not do.
  - 1. If a thing is good for you, in the long run it is good for everyone involved.
  - 2. Whatever gives you a sense of struggle and strife is false. Whatever gives you a sense of peace is right.

### XIV. WHAT CAN A PERSON DO TO BE HAPPY?

- A. Stop complaining.
- B. Look for the good points in people.
- C. Stop discussing what you don't want.
- D. Start doing new and different things.
- E. Activate your social life.
- F. Expand your circle of friends.

### XV. WHAT IS YOUR GIFT OF GROWTH AND EXPANSION?

- A. Everyone is growing toward maturity.
- B. Using your power of thought can accelerate your growth.
- C. There are three phases through which you grow into your expanded good.
  - 1. Phase 1 – planting the seed.
    - a. Plant the idea of good in your thoughts and feelings.
    - b. Prepare for its manifestation in your life.
  - 2. Phase 2 – Waiting for the crop of new good to grow.
  - 3. Phase 3 – Harvesting: growth is the harvest.
- D. Of the three phases mentioned which is the most difficult? How do you handle it?

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1. The waiting period is often the most frustrating.
2. The process of growth cannot be crowded into an instant. Inner growth is first, then comes the outer growth into your affairs.
3. There is a prospering power in patience.
  - a. If you strive too aggressively you can scare away your good.
  - b. If you want something enough, you can get it – in time – if you work for it, then wait for it.
4. Make sure that your roots are deep enough in the invisible.
5. Everything moves in cycles of both time and space. There are no straight lines in your growth.
6. Never fight the darkness. They are the periods of initiation into your expanded good.

### XVI. WHAT IS THE SECRET OF PROSPEROUS INCREASE?

- A. Systematic giving is the beginning of systematic increase.
  1. Tithing is a systematic way of giving.
  2. Your tithes should be given first and impersonally.
- B. Tithing releases a mystical power to prosper you.
  1. Ask the Father to reveal to you where to share your tithes.
  2. Scattered tithes tend to bring ineffectual results.
  3. Your giving should be kept a secret.