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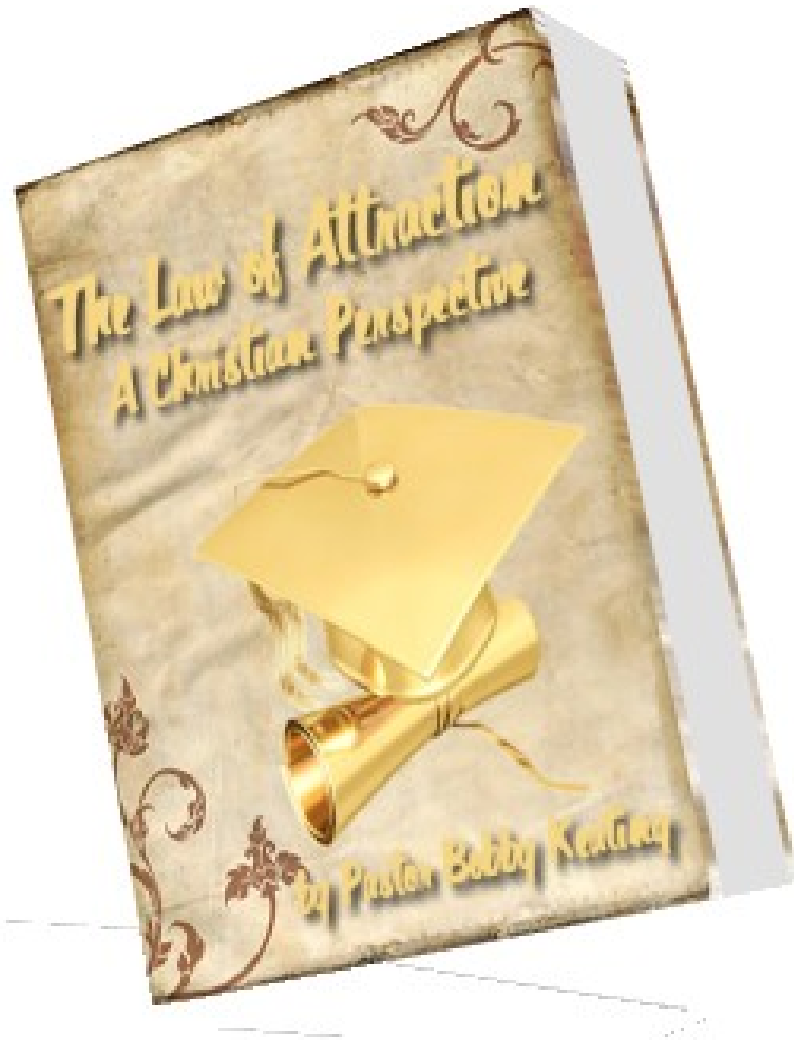
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# A Christian Perspective

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An analysis of the Law of Attraction using Biblical Standards and concepts



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Putting this all together

### **A Warning**

When you begin this study, prepare yourself to be attached by your enemy. You are about to enter a world with a new and fresh look at yourself and your relationship with the Universe – the Creator of the Universe. You will be learning principles that the world does not want you to learn. You will be developing concepts that are opposed to the world view. You will be recreating the way you think and your pattern of actions.

The enemy of mankind, in often very subtle ways, will try his best to discourage you. He will come against you with the aid of many who are close to you and many for whom you have a deep respect. He will try everything to plant negative thoughts and ideas into your path. He does not want you to learn that he is powerless and that he can only affect your life in the areas in which you give him permission.

Do not be surprised when he tries to confuse you with ideas that may, on the surface, seem to be valid. You are about to change your perception of the world into which you were born. You are going to break the bondage that the devil has placed on you over many years. You are taking the first steps to renewing your mind and your perception of this physical world and your spiritual life as well.

## An Introduction to the Law of Attraction – A Christian Perspective

Quite some time ago I was introduced to the Law of Attraction, a wealth building program that promotes the idea that we can attract whatever we want in this universe and repel those things that we do not want in our lives. The Movie “The Secret” is credited with propelling this idea or system of thought into the mainstream of human experience.

The actual beginning of this modern day concept of the Law of Attraction is attributed to a gentleman who lived in the 1800. His name was Wallace D. Wattles. He wrote a book called ‘The Science of Getting Rich – The Proven Mental Program to a Life of Wealth.’ His primary motivation for his book and his system is ‘to get rich.’ If you were to read this book you would see that Mr. Wallace was under the same impression that most secular humanist are, still today. He was familiar with the myth that you must be poor to be pious. He was taught and was familiar with the teachings of the ‘church authorities’ that wealth breeds sin. He summarily rejects this idea but, instead of researching the truth, he dismisses all of the truth and attributes good things to an ‘Intelligent Substances’ which is ALL. He attributes this as a ‘Living Substance’ that not only is ALL but lives in All of us.

I wonder, if Mr. Wallace had taken the time to understand the true nature of ALL (God), would he have come to the same conclusion. This is my greatest contention with the majority of Christian teaching, then and now. We are taught that God wants us to be poor and not to be tempted with material things. I do not know where this is substantiated in Scripture. The Holy Bible I read tells me the exact opposite. God wants us to prosper as our souls prosper. He wants us to seek Him first. He wants us to diligently study His Holy Word in order that we might be good stewards of all that He gives us.

Often people say that Jesus said ‘It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.’ This is true. Jesus said that. We must however realize that He was referring to the rich young man who was in love with his wealth.

Refer to Matthew 19:17-25 (New American Standard Bible)

17And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

18Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS;

19HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"

21Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

22But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

23And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

24"Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

25When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

The rich young man was more in love with his wealth than he was with God. He had asked Jesus how he could have eternal life. Jesus told him to sell all of his possessions and give it all to the poor. The rich young man did not realize that Scripture tells us that everything we give will be returned to us and multiplied. The rich young man did not realize that by obeying Christ he would have actually become even wealthier.

When we look only for wealth, we actually lose more than we could ever gain. When we seek first the Kingdom of Heaven (God), we gain more than we could ever want. The rich young man in this account was not familiar with the Law of God or the Law of Attraction. Unfortunately neither was Mr. Wallace. In his book, he attributes all of the truly godly qualities of our Creator to a less intrusive metaphysical concept. He was working under the same misconception that most Christians work under. That is the misconception that God does not want us to prosper.

Ask yourself a question. How can poor Christians do the work of spreading the Gospel and helping others? It is a clear fact that, in this world in which we live, you must have money and resources to be able to reach others. God could very easily cause a loaf of bread to miraculously appear in front of a hungry child. According to what I have learned in His Holy Word, He wants you and me to put the bread in front of the hungry child to bring Him the honor and the glory. If you do not have the money to pay for the bread, where will it come from?

Mr. Wallace has taken what the Bible says and has secularized it to appeal to those whose opinion of Christianity has been jaded by those who want to control Christians. He has presented a viable and workable theory. He simply, as have many, left out the most important element of the theory. He left out God.

After having done a great deal of research, I have determined that this does work to some degree as it stands. The good news is that it takes on an entirely different level of success when the fundamentals of this process are given the correct perspective.

This is information that everyone, Christian or non-Christian, needs to explore. I want to shed some very relevant light on this process that will enable thousands of people to reach the level of success that God intends for His beloved creation, mankind.

It is my desire and intention to introduce this analysis and application to both Christian believers and those who are not Christians. Many of you have seen the numerous offerings of this system

(simply do a search for ‘The Law of Attraction’ on Google or Yahoo or any of the search engines and directories) and have dismissed it as hoodoo or neo-pagan claptrap. I want to dispel those ideas and demonstrate that this ‘concept’ is neither paganistic in its origin nor spiritual hoodoo in its derivation. Every segment of this system is biblically based and, without trepidation, I submit that it works on a level that most people could not even imagine.

There have been literally thousands who have realized a great deal of success by applying what is being offered. As it is, though, most Christians have a discernable problem adhering to the principles that are promoted by the mainstream. I want to show everyone the absolutes involved and the truth that makes this system work. This will not only produce amazing results in your position in life but it will also deepen your faith to a level that most Christians have not even considered.

In order to truly understand the biblical principles that come into play, we must realize that, although inadvertently, most Christians (I would even say, the majority of Christians) have been taught near truths, not necessarily wrong but purposefully misleading. Much of this is through innocently believing ideas that have been passed down from the early formation of the organized ‘church.’

There are some basic biblical concepts that have been taught with a slant that does not necessarily make them false in every instance but they lead people, believers and non-believers, to wrong conclusions. Of course, there are also some damaging misconceptions being perpetuated by otherwise well meaning Christians.

I have discovered that Christians can often be their own worst enemy. Too many who were called to believe have been summarily dismissed and discouraged by those who are supposed to be sharing the Gospel. (More on this later.)

Before we get into the ‘meat and potatoes’ of this analysis, we need to look closely at who we are, where we are and why we are. We must understand God’s purpose for creating this physical universe. I believe in the omniscience of God. I believe that He is all powerful. I believe that He, with simple spoken words, created everything that is. If you do not believe this, don’t worry. Bear with me and continue reading.

First of all we need to think about God’s purpose for creating a physical universe. Jesus told us in John 4:24 (NKJV) that “God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” This clearly means that God is a spiritual being, living in a spiritual kingdom. This also tells us that we have the capability to commune with Him through our spiritual being. This also tells us that He has absolutely one purpose for creating a physical world, a world filled with everything that we know to be beautiful and useful, all of the bounty and resources that any physical creation would or could need or want. The Genesis account of creation notes that everything that was created was ‘good’ in God’s eyes. When a perfect God expresses His pleasure in His creation, it must be pretty close to perfect. The important thing that relates to us, human beings, is that He created this entire world before He created mankind. He created this physical world as a habitat for His physical creation, mankind.

When we are able to grasp the concept that God created this physical world and everything in it for us, we can then understand that He wanted (and wants) us to enjoy all of it. He created all of the land, sea, sky, animals, gold, silver, diamonds, etc. for me and for you. It is mankind's disobedience that caused us to relinquish 'dominion' over everything that exists in this physical world. But, He had a plan for that as well. He caused His Holy Word to become physical flesh in order to give us a way back to Him and to restore, to those who love Him, 'dominion' over every good thing that exists.

We will begin the analysis of The Law of Attraction in a Christian perspective by looking at the major premises that drive this system. To substantiate the validity of this system for Christians, I will use scripture from the Holy Bible (Old and New Testaments) to clarify the concepts in terms that are sound Christian principles. Once you understand how this works for a Christian, I will delve into the practical application of these biblical principles.



## **The Reality of The Law of Attraction**

Whether we choose to believe it or not, the Law of Attraction is at work in your life at this very moment. This is the nature of a law, natural or manmade. If you have ever been stopped by a policeman and were told that you broke a law, you may understand this. You may not have been aware of that particular law that you are accused of breaking. In the eyes of the law enforcement officer it makes no difference whether you were aware that the law existed or not. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Ignorance of the law of attraction is no excuse either.

We may not want to accept the fact that every good thing and every bad thing that happens in our life happens with our permission. Christians have been taught to blame the devil for every bad thing that happens to them. This is a great cop out! By blaming every misfortune that befalls you on an outside force, beyond your control, you do not have to assume responsibility for the results. This, even though a pitiful situation, is a common and everyday experience.

The devil made me do it! I was a victim of circumstance. These are merely excuses that people like to give for their failures and misfortunes. This is also very untrue. Humans love to find someone or something to blame for the circumstances in their lives. It is unfortunate that these excuses are often validated by 'good' ministers who reinforce the victim mindset. These circumstances are in direct relationship to our 'mindset.'

Is it not true that Jesus defeated the devil? Is it not true that Jesus not only forgave our sins but also gave us dominion over the devil and the world? Are we not told in the Bible that all we have to do is resist the devil and tell him to leave? Satan is a defeated foe. He no longer has dominion over Christian believers. He only has permission to do the things that you allow him to do in your life. His advantage is that most Christians do not 'want' to believe this because believing this will take away their excuses for failure. Believing that the devil can only do to you what you allow him to do places full responsibility for your circumstances on you. For most, that's a bitter pill to swallow.

Whether you accept it or not, you attract everything that is in your life and you repel those things that are not in your life. Face the facts. Accept responsibility for your own actions (voluntary and involuntary.) If you read closely the section on 'Words', you will see that every word you speak, think, write, read and hear is a powerful force in forging your life. When you read the section on 'Mindset' you will see that the strongholds that you have built are a result of your developed mental attitudes toward yourself and the world (your reality) in which you live. This is a good place to interject a warning to parents. The words that you speak over and to your children not only affect the circumstances in their lives but they also affect their perception of themselves, their 'mindset.' If you tell a child often enough that he is stupid, he will believe you and act stupidly. Tell him that he is worthless and that is the way he will perceive himself to be. Tell a child that he is a good person, show him the example in your actions and he will develop that attitude. Children need, crave, the approval of their parents in order to develop a healthy attitude toward themselves. Often when we pass along the negative treatment that we received as a child, we perpetuate these generational curses.

What is important here is that we realize that what we say, what we think, and the manner in which we act and react determines what we attract to our lives.

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