

## EVERYDAY FENG SHUI

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### Prosperity Comes in Many Forms – Count Your Blessings

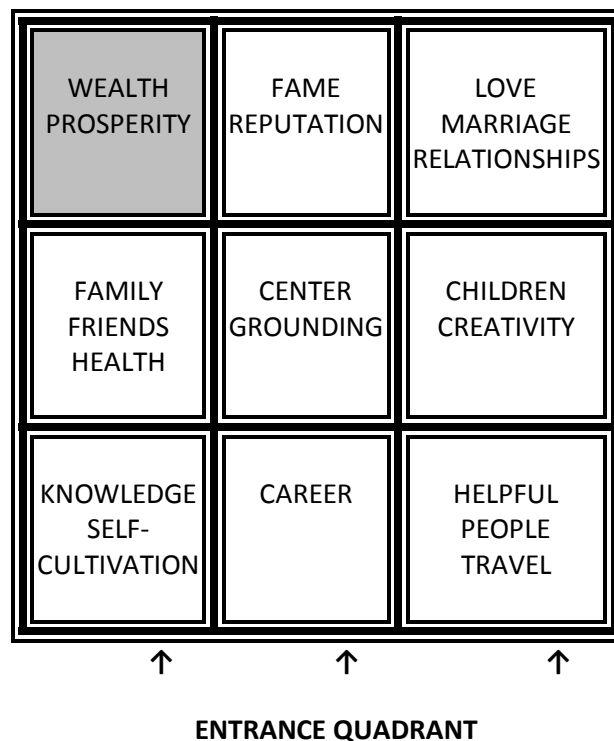
“Invent your world. Surround yourself with people, colors, sounds and work that nourish you.” Sark

Prosperity does not refer solely to financial wealth; rather the “richness” of your life. Are you rich in friends, family, love, community, health, talent, career, self-fulfillment, and inner peace? How prosperous are you?

Feng Shui, utilizes your positive connection with your environment to help clear the way for blessings to enter your life. In Feng Shui the Wealth and Prosperity area reminds us that happiness comes in many forms. There is great value to having close friends, family, good health and a fulfilling creative expression in the world. The ideal way to build and maintain these forms of prosperity is to nurture them with gentleness. When we take time to nurture the people, places and things that bring an experience of abundance into our lives we are taking positive steps toward living in prosperity.

Soon many of you will be experiencing the blessings of Thanksgiving, which is a time when people gather with friends and families to share love and feelings of gratitude. As you continue to move through the holiday season remember that your home is a vessel for all these good feelings, therefore the more harmonious, and welcoming you make it the more you let the blessings in. As we begin to plan for entertaining it’s important to also to prepare your home’s Feng Shui energy. Clearing clutter and cleaning is always the first Feng Shui step to prosperity, ensuring your home has healthy, fresh energy.

In the Feng Shui Bagua (Ba-gua) Map, represented as a grid of nine sectors, the Wealth and Prosperity area is located in the left back corner of your home/office/business. The Bagua comes from the Chinese philosophy, “The I Ching,” and literally means “eight trigrams”, with the center for grounding. The Wealth and Prosperity area of your home or business is called “Persistent Wind” because shaping your prosperity takes steady persistence, patience, trust and self control. These help you build a solid foundation.



The second Feng Shui step is adding enhancements to the Wealth and Prosperity area. Enhancements in this area are particularly helpful if: You want to generate more cash flow in your life, you are raising money for a special purpose, or if you would like to increase abundance and prosperity through your life in general.

The element for this area is Fire, represented by the hearth, and the colors are purple, red and deep blue. When in balance in your home fire enhances excitement, enthusiasm and leadership.

Representations of this element can be used inside and outside of your home or business. Begin your prosperity work by culling and organizing the old to make way for the flow of abundance. Take time to look at your home's Wealth and Prosperity area and ask yourself, "Is the area enhancing or draining my prosperity?" "How can I increase the flow of prosperity and share my gratitude?"

#### Enhancements for enhancing the Wealth and Prosperity area inside your home or business:

- \* Healthy plants with soft rounded leaves, healthy looking silk flowers in purples, red, and blues or artificial trees
- \* Water features (fountains, waterfalls or aquariums)
- \* Art, photos or figures depicting moving water, wealth or your desired possessions (homes, cars, boats, jewelry etc.)
- \* Valuable possessions and collections, such as antiques, art, sculptures, coins and crystal
- \* Items in the colors of purple, blue or red that help create a feeling of richness and opulence
- \* Quotes, affirmations and sayings pertaining to Wealth and Prosperity

#### Enhancements for enhancing the Wealth and Prosperity area outside your home or business:

- \* Items that "call the Chi" such as flags, wind chimes, whirligigs, wind socks
- \* Items, flowers, plants in the purple color spectrum
- \* Fountains that either bubble up 360 degrees or where the water flows toward your home
- \* Waterfalls flowing toward your home

Note: You may have noted that I included water features in the list of enhancements above. In most cases you would not want to add a representation of water to an area represented by the Fire Element because Fire is extinguished by Water. In the case of Wealth and Prosperity, moving water symbolizes the abundant flow of prosperity so this is the only area of the fire sectors that water acts as an enhancement.

#### Feng Shui at work:

A single female client had her wealth area in her bedroom closet. She fortunately was a very neat person and the closet was very orderly, which would have been my first recommendation. I recommended that she remove even more items of clothing to symbolically indicate she was ready for change, hang a purple 30 mm round faceted crystal in the closet to keep the energy moving, and hang pictures inside and outside representing prosperity. Since she was searching for a job in family law, she hung pictures of families and law offices in a shade of purple matting, and wrote out her affirmations. Soon after her enhancements she received a check for \$1,500 that she had been waiting for quite a while. She now has a rewarding job as an attorney in a family law office, and is in a new, loving new relationship.

Friends of mine have a lovely L shaped home with a large lawn area where the missing Wealth and Prosperity Area was. They chose to enhance and anchor the area by planting a beautiful walking garden on the exact corner; including a mound where a large angel statue sits, purple flowers, gazing balls, and cozy bench for sitting and reflecting on all the riches in their life. Their family prosperity has been greatly enhanced with a beautiful new grandchild and various opportunities to travel and reconnect with family and old friends. A true blessing!

One of the greatest transformations was with a client who had her dining room in the Wealth Area. At the time of our initial consultation she had a very large mirror overlooking the table. I told her this was too active of a feature for restful dining. After our consultation she sent me a picture of the room; she chose to paint the walls a shade of light purple and added purple and gold accents creating an opulent table setting, replaced the mirror with a stunning painting of gold and purple flowers, and placed a small bubbling fountain on the sideboard. She later reported that her life had indeed become more prosperous in many ways. She reunited with family members she had not seen in a very long time, and was thrilled.

#### Affirmations:

Remember that In Feng Shui, intent plays a significant role in enhancing any area of your home or business. That's why all enhancements need to be made with intentionality; written or stated affirmations are very important. It is also important for them to be expressed as if they are already happening. Examples of affirmations for the Wealth and Prosperity area: *"I am rich and prosperous in every way", "I have an abundance of blessings through my family and friends."*

#### Feng Shui on a Shoestring:

Feng Shui enhancements do not have to cost a great deal. "Shopping in your own home" is when you move art and items to a more auspicious location in your home. Find art with purple tones and place it in the wealth and prosperity area.

Remember that prosperity is a mindset; it is your expectation. It takes very little to create a prosperous life. Focus on positivity, family, friends and love, and enjoy the bounty that prosperity has to offer. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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Until then...Blessings!

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