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## Late Spring's Focus on Wealth and Abundance

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Place purple silk or real flowers in the wealth area of your home office. Photos provided

Late spring in the I Ching, which also influences the Feng Shui Bagua map area of wealth and abundance or prosperity, is governed by wind and sun. It makes sense, since windy and sunny days are the hallmarks of the season.

In feng shui, the wealth and abundance or prosperity area is found in the far or back left portion of your home from the front entrance (see map on page D12). The wealth area of your master bedroom is also in the far left area from the bedroom door. This area is ruled by the wood element and by the number four. Wealth and abundance is all about identifying what in your life helps to make you feel prosperous. It is not just about "big money" - although this is the area associated with having money to go on a dream holiday - but it's also about connecting with what helps to make us feel prosperous. It can be the source of all our good, and can relate to our work, marriage, spiritual practice, friends or family. This area governs finding inner peace and true happiness with what you have in life and learning to be philanthropic. It is often associated with the generosity and gratitude area as well.

Since this area is ruled by wood, placing feng shui plants that are associated with great wealth like bamboo, money trees or lucky jade are all sound symbolic choices. If you are considering painting your master bedroom, and it happens to be in the far left area of your home, a soft pale agave or jade green hue is perfect to activate the wood element that rules prosperity. The wealth area also rules desired life events like stable and increased income, receiving unexpected money or a raise, and making more money from your business.

Water features in the far left area of your garden or yard are ideal, and planting things that protect wealth, like orange trees, is auspicious.

Recently, a client in Lafayette had an issue with the wealth area in their master bedroom that had views of a neighbor's home (what surrounds us influences our energy, too). The view was causing negative feelings in the client, so we planted a wall of privacy trees to block the unsightly home and activate the wood element for the yard area. We then turned our attention to the master bedroom wealth area. We painted the entire room in a soft green hue and placed a purple orchid in the far left area on one of the nightstands. My client began to experience a notable increase in the quality and number of work-related opportunities in his life.

Remember to minimize the metal element in the wealth area, unless you want to chop your ability to prosper. Avoid the colors white, grey and silver, metal picture frames (use wood ones instead), metal sculptures or furniture.

The wealth and abundance area is a fantastic spot for a dream board, placing the images of what specific type of abundance you would like to manifest in your life. Remember to use a wooden frame. Fill the area with an abundance of fresh new round (coin shaped) leafy plants like jade. As you tend to your plants, try to set your intention to inviting new growth into this area of your life.

Make sure to go to this far left area of your home and analyze what is there: a cluttered storage room or closet, a bathroom, or some other representation of lacking can drain energy. One

of my local clients has a leaking roof and unfinished bathroom in this area and says they have constant "financial leakages" as well. Sometimes, the feng shui is quite literal. Needless to say, fixing this problem is at the top of this homeowner's list. Remember, nothing should be "broken" in this area or you are energetically and quite literally broke.

Endless supply is the first rule of abundance and aligning yourself with this important distinction of true prosperity is essential for success. Clear the clutter and hide the bathroom with a mirrored outer door. Try balancing this area by placing a purple amethyst to activate wealth and abundance since purple is symbolic of nobility and the nobles were always wealthy.

Remember, prosperity is a state of mind and feeling equally abundant about all areas of your life puts you in harmony with the universe and aligned to receive what you dream for yourself. Dream big!





A money tree symbolically activates the Wood area of this Lafayette home.

<p><b>WEALTH &amp; PROSPERITY</b> "Gratitude"</p> <p>REAR LEFT</p> <p><u>Wood</u> Blues, purple &amp; reds</p>	<p><b>FAME &amp; REPUTATION</b> "Integrity"</p> <p>REAR MIDDLE</p> <p><u>Fire</u> Reds</p>	<p><b>LOVE &amp; MARRIAGE</b> "Receptivity"</p> <p>REAR RIGHT</p> <p><u>Earth</u> Reds, pinks, &amp; whites</p>
<p><b>HEALTH &amp; FAMILY</b> "Strength"</p> <p>MIDDLE LEFT</p> <p><u>Wood</u> Blues &amp; Greens</p>	<p><b>CENTER</b> "Earth"</p> <p>Yellow &amp; earth tones</p>	<p><b>CREATIVITY &amp; CHILDREN</b> "Joy"</p> <p>MIDDLE RIGHT</p> <p><u>Metal</u> White &amp; Pastels</p>
<p><b>KNOWLEDGE &amp; SELF CULTIVATION</b> "Stillness"</p> <p>FRONT LEFT</p> <p><u>Earth</u> Black, blues &amp; greens</p>	<p><b>CAREER</b> "Depth"</p> <p>FRONT MIDDLE</p> <p><u>Water</u> Black &amp; dark tones</p>	<p><b>HELPFUL PEOPLE &amp; TRAVEL</b> "Synchronicity"</p> <p>FRONT RIGHT</p> <p><u>Metal</u> White, grey &amp; black</p>

"Front Door"



What is Feng Shui? Feng shui (or Wind and Water) is the practice of arranging your environment so that energy or "Qi" flows gently and smoothly through your home or business. The principles of feng shui are founded on traditional Chinese medicine, which is based on the dynamic opposites of yin and yang, together with the five elements (water, wood, fire, earth and metal) as well as form, landscape, space orientation and time. Feng shui is about creating a natural equilibrium that promotes health, harmony, stability and prosperity. Feng shui is based on the concept that everything is connected and you and your environment has a life force or energy called "Qi." Just as Qi flows through your body, Qi also flows your through living environment. When the energy flow is stagnant, stuck, obstructed or moves too quickly unbalanced Qi may lead to ill health, domestic strife or financial concerns. Professional feng shui advice, adjustments and blessings help create nurturing energy in the spaces and places we spend the most time in, our homes and offices. The goal is sustainable good luck, good health, harmonious relationships and prosperity.



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