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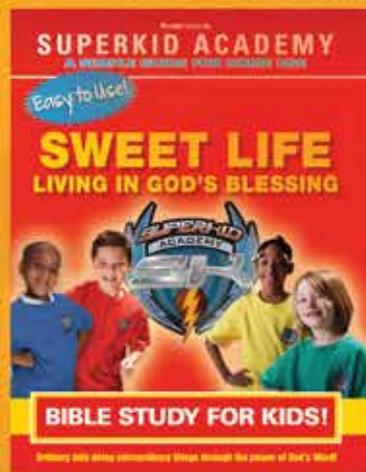
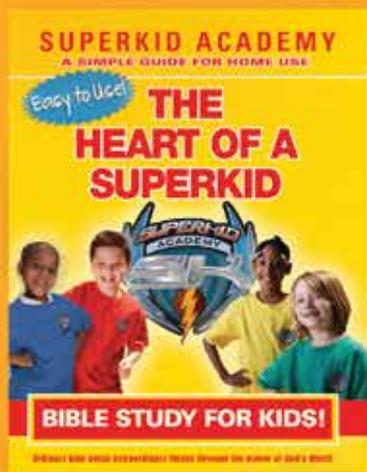
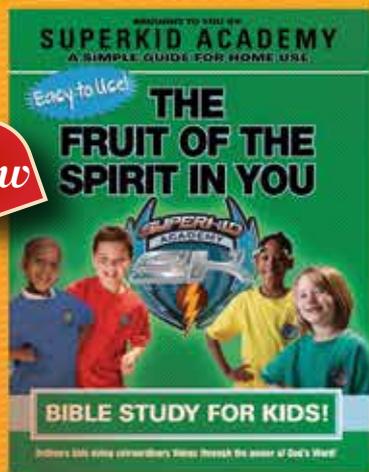
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# Developing the Force of faith

Years ago, I made a mistake

I will never make again. I agreed to let a news reporter interview me. I should have had more sense, and afterward The LORD made sure I did. But at the time I just didn't know any better. Years later, I violated His command to never do that. The results were no better, even worse.

**D**uring the first interview, things seemed to go well. The reporter asked me questions about healing and I answered her from the Scriptures. I laid it out for her as simply as I could: Here's what we believe, here's why we believe it and here's what we do.

The reporter listened intently and was very cordial in her responses. But when the article came out, I could hardly believe my eyes. It was as if she hadn't heard anything I'd said. Confused, I went to The LORD about it. "What is she trying to do?" I asked.

*She's trying to help you, He answered. What you said sounded foolish to her and, because she liked you, she changed it to keep from embarrassing you.*

The LORD told me not to do that again, and after that experience I could see why. Someone who doesn't know The LORD has no capacity to understand those of us who do. They don't understand who we are, and they can't grasp how we operate.

As 1 Corinthians 2:14 says, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

As believers, we're not supposed to be thinking, talking and acting like the world does about healing...or the economy...or anything else.

by Kenneth Copeland



This is something all of us, as born-again believers, need to remember. We are not “natural” people and we’re not from this world. We’re spiritual people and we’re from eternity. We’re citizens of heaven, ambassadors of God on a mission to bring His BLESSING everywhere we go—and there’s only one way for us to do it: We must live and operate by faith in God’s WORD.

People who don’t have a revelation of The WORD are going to think our lifestyle is peculiar. But that’s OK. In fact, that’s how it should be. As believers, we’re not supposed to be thinking, talking and acting like the world does about healing...or the economy...or anything else.

We’re not supposed to be worrying and fussing like unbelievers about all the bad news that’s being broadcast on the radio, TV and the Internet. We shouldn’t be saying things like, “Have you heard the latest reports? Times are really getting tough!”

No. Our conversations ought to sound entirely different. We ought to be saying things like, “The conditions in this world don’t worry me at all. I’m connected to God, and He’s doing just fine.” We ought to be like Isaac who, right in the middle of a nationwide drought, kept living by faith in His covenant of BLESSING and ended up digging so many water-producing wells that he turned out to be a BLESSING not only to his own family, but to the entire nation.

Instead of letting our joy go up and down with the stock market, you and I ought to be as unchangeable as the righteous man described in the Bible who delights in The WORD of God. Psalm 112:6-8 says this about him: “Surely he shall not be moved for ever.... He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.”





## The Essential Core of Your Identity

“Brother Copeland, I’d like to operate in that kind of unchanging faith,” you might say, “but for some reason it’s very difficult for me.”

Maybe that’s because you’ve forgotten who you really are. Maybe, like the world around you, you’re thinking of yourself in natural terms and focusing on your outer man instead of who you are on the inside. When it comes to living by faith that can cause big problems, because faith is a spiritual force. It’s not mental or physical; it comes from your spirit.

Your spirit is the real you. It’s the central, essential core of your identity. It’s what 1 Peter 3:4 refers to as “the hidden man of the heart,” and it’s the most important part of your being. Jesus made this clear in John 6:63 when He said, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing.”

Have you ever broken a fingernail down to the quick? What happened? You found the part that was alive, didn’t you? That’s how the word *quickeneth* is used in that verse. Jesus was saying, “It’s the spirit, not the flesh, that makes you alive.”

Proverbs 4:23 puts it this way: “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” The *issues of life* are the spiritual forces that flow out of the core of your being. They are forces that, because you can’t live without them, must be protected at all costs.

One of those forces is faith.

“But Brother Copeland, like I already told you, I don’t have any faith.”

Yes, you do. If you’re a born-again believer, your spirit has the very DNA of God in it. Your inner man is exactly like Jesus Christ of Nazareth. You’re not just a little like Him, you’re exactly like Him, which means you have the same faith He has.

The New Testament book of Romans confirms this. There, the

Bible says, not to unbelievers but to the Church:

“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:17)

“God hath dealt to every man [or every born-again child of God] the measure of faith.” (Romans 12:3)

Think about that. According to those verses, God Himself has deposited in your spirit His own life-producing faith. In Luke 17, Jesus referred to it as your servant. God gave it to you and now you are in command of it. You can use that faith just like God does, to create where creation is needed and to move mountains that stand in your way.

## Keep On Growing

Of course, none of us automatically know how to do this. Although we have the spiritual equipment we need because we’re born again, we have to grow and develop in our ability to use that equipment.

When we first start out, we’re a lot like my son, John, when he got his first shotgun. At 8 years old he was as good a shot as I was, but he still had a lot to learn. He proved this one day when he and I were out bird hunting on Gloria’s grandfather’s place. We were walking past a little shed Pop had built for his cattle and John spotted a big black tarantula clinging to the side of it. Without thinking twice about it, John lifted his 20-gauge and aimed it at the spider.

“Boy, don’t do that!” I said.

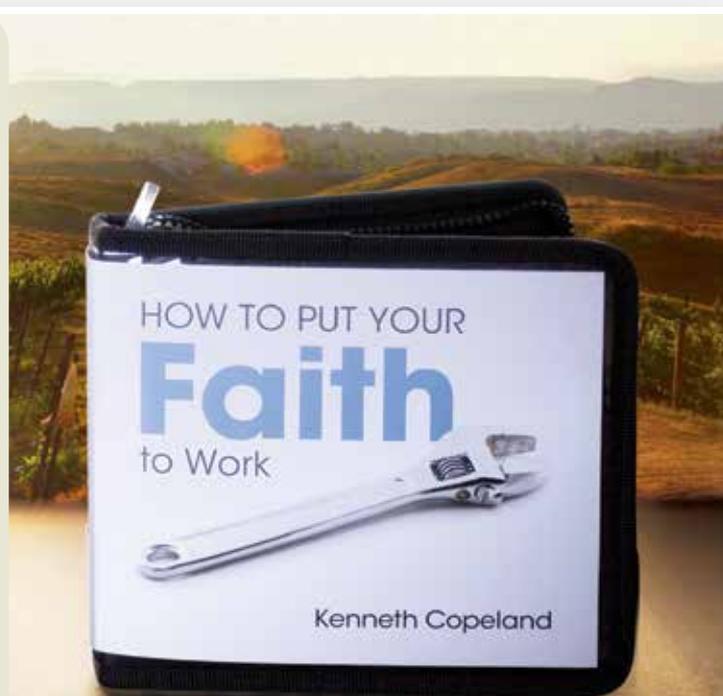
“Why not, Daddy?” he asked.

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“Because you’ll blow a hole in Pop’s shed!”

I could tell by the look on his face, the thought hadn’t even occurred to him. He was too busy looking at the spider to notice the shed behind it. “Oh...” he said.

Sometimes we, as believers, do the same kind of thing where faith is concerned. Instead of being like the spiritually mature man in Psalm 112, whose heart is fixed on God and on His WORD, we act like spiritual

children and fix our attention on the spidery-looking circumstances around us. We start thinking and talking like the world does instead of by faith.

How can we outgrow this immature tendency?

By developing our spirits like we develop our bodies.

First, we must give our spirits plenty of good food. Not beans and cornbread—that’s physical food—but The WORD of God! His WORD is spiritual food. When we feed on it, it

nourishes our inner man and produces the spiritual force of faith.

That’s what happened when we got saved. We heard The WORD about Jesus and faith was born inside us to receive Him as our Savior and LORD. But God didn’t intend for us to stop there. He didn’t mean for us to live on that first measure of faith for the rest of our lives. That’s not practical.

Think about it in physical terms and you’ll see what I mean.

Imagine you ate a good meal and then picked up a set of dumbbells and started lifting them. If you stayed with it long enough, you’d eventually expend all the strength the meal had supplied. You’d get to the point where you couldn’t lift the weights anymore, not because they were too heavy, but because your muscles needed more nourishment and your strength needed to be replenished.

The same is true in the realm of the spirit. We can’t live our entire life on just one meal. We have to keep eating and replenishing our strength. That’s one reason God gave us words.

Words are spiritual containers. They’re not just a natural collection of letters to be used for the purpose of communication. The primary purpose of words is the releasing of spiritual power and force. Words can be filled with fear or they can be filled with faith. They can carry love or meanness. They can be filled with THE BLESSING or full of the curse. Words are containers or carriers!

Although human words can carry a mixture of these things, God’s words are always full of faith! That’s why, again and again, the Bible says things like:

“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”  
(Romans 10:17)

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”  
(John 6:63)

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Because faith can be used up, it needs to be fed a regular diet of The WORD. The problem is, most Christians don't realize that. So while they're feeding their outer man three meals a day, their inner man is starving.

Don't do that! Don't feed your physical body full of food and put your spirit on a fast. If you're going to fast one or the other, fast the flesh and feed the spirit!

#### Build Some Spiritual Muscle

Of course, there's more to spiritual development than just eating. You also need to get plenty of exercise. If you're not sure how to do that, you can start by following the instructions in Jude 1:20-21: “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

According to those verses, praying in the spirit, or in other tongues, gives your inner man a workout. It strengthens your spiritual muscles. It builds you up on your “most holy faith.”

Why is it “*most holy* faith”? Because when you pray in an unknown tongue, your natural mind doesn't get involved and foul things up. You're speaking directly from your spirit so the Holy Spirit can give you words to pray according to the perfect will of

God. (See Romans 8:26-27.)

“Well, I tried that and it didn't help me any,” someone might say.

That's because you didn't do it by faith. Jesus said, “Whatsoever thing you desire when you pray, believe you receive it, and you shall have it.” He didn't just tell us to do that only when we pray with our understanding. He said, believe you receive when you pray—whether it's in the spirit in other tongues or in a known language.

Both those kinds of prayer are valid. The Apostle Paul settled that in 1 Corinthians 14:15 when he said, “I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also.” He also instructed us in that chapter to pray to interpret when we pray in other tongues so that our mind can bear fruit.

But even if you don't get the interpretation right away, you can still believe you receive when you pray. The words you said might be a mystery to you, but you can release your faith anyway and say, “I believe what I prayed came from the Spirit of God, and I believe I receive it, while it's still a mystery!”

Another kind of spiritual exercise mentioned in Jude 1:21 is this: Keep yourselves in the love of God. Love is absolutely vital to the development of your faith because “faith...worketh by love” (Galatians 5:6). Where there's no love, there's no faith.

So stir up the love of God on the inside of you. Feed your spirit on what The WORD says about it and get lots of spiritual exercise by walking in it every single day.

Even if the world around you doesn't understand what you're doing, keep living like someone from another world, because the reality is...you are. 

## points to get you there

### developing faith

God has deposited in your spirit His own life-producing faith. It's yours to use just like He does, to create where creation is needed and to move mountains that stand in your way. To use your faith effectively, however, you can't just focus on externals, thinking and talking like unbelievers do. You must develop your spirit and learn to live like someone from another world. Here are some points to get you there:

- 1 Your reborn spirit is the real you, the central core of your identity.**  
Romans 8:9: “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.”
- 2 Your spirit is what makes you alive.**  
John 6:63: “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”
- 3 Keep your spirit strong and your faith well-nourished by feeding on The WORD.**  
Proverbs 4:20, 22: “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. For they are life unto those that find them, and health [medicine] to all their flesh.”
- 4 Exercise your spirit by praying in other tongues and walking in love.**  
Jude 1:20-21: “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God....”
- 5 Don't expect the world to understand your lifestyle of faith.**  
1 Corinthians 2:14: “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”



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*Bryan &  
Cindy Lee*

“When I was praying for the ministry, giving financially, getting a steady diet of faith through the daily broadcasts and going to conventions, my finances rose in an almost vertical line.”



# Family

## OF FAITH

The summer sun glinted off the mountains on the horizon outside of Westminster, Colo., as **Bryan Lee** gunned his big diesel pickup around a curve. He drove past a large landscaping job his employees had just completed and admired their work. His landscaping business had become so prosperous that he and his wife, Cindy, were living the American dream. They'd bought a stunning new home. *More like a castle*, Bryan thought. They owned two rent houses and had invested in various other business opportunities.



**H**ow far he'd come. Slowing his truck, Bryan allowed his mind to drift back to his life 19 years earlier. Although underemployed as a truck driver for the sanitation department, he'd been happy and content with a wife and two daughters. Then things had fallen apart. His wife decided she didn't want to be married any longer.



She'd hired a pit bull of an attorney who went after him financially, leeching every dime and leaving him almost nothing to live on.

Bryan shook his head at the memory of his naiveté. He'd paid his child support in cash, only to have his ex-wife take him to court saying he hadn't paid it at all. The judge had thrown

him in jail. He'd lost his wife, his children, his home, his finances and then he lost his job.

How his fortunes had changed.

So why did he feel like he was back in jail?

Pulling his truck to a stop on the side of the road, Bryan leaned his head against the window with a sigh. It was time to



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face the truth. He’d built his life like a house of cards and the whole thing was threatening to collapse. He wasn’t in jail. He was imprisoned inside a mountain of debt, obligated to over \$1 million in loans. He was overextended in his business, and his marriage and family were strained.

Putting his face in his hands, Bryan prayed, “God, please help me out of this mess!”

### Small Steps of Faith

“The one good thing that came out of those difficult years following my divorce was that I was born again in July 1988,” Bryan recalls. “I wanted my marriage to work so much that I wore my wedding ring for a couple of years. I was driving a trash truck and living paycheck to paycheck. I thought the way to show my love to my ex-wife was to walk the extra mile, so I paid my child support in cash. I looked like a maniac to the judge and the interest on the money she said I hadn’t paid was compounding daily. She took me to court about 30 times and had me thrown in jail several times. But that first time was the worst.

“The judge allowed me to be on work release while I was in jail. I lived and slept there, but was allowed to leave during the

day to work. As a new believer, I was so upbeat—even while I was living in jail—that my boss thought I was losing my mind. That’s why he fired me. So I started mowing lawns to earn a living.

“That same year, a friend suggested that I tune in to the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast. I did, and it changed my life. I bought an old van for \$70, and in August 1989, my friend and I drove it to Fort Worth to attend the Southwest Believers’ Convention. We parked the van on Houston Street and lived in it, eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

“I’d already been watching the daily broadcast, but going to the convention was a fast track for learning how to live by faith. While I was there, I made the decision to become a Partner. I committed to praying for Kenneth Copeland Ministries, giving to them, watching the broadcasts and attending conventions. While I was there, the Lord told me to go back home and ‘teach children faith.’”

Home from the convention, Bryan volunteered to teach Sunday school at his church. For the next 10 years, he taught children, including his own, how to live by faith. He ministered in cell groups and started a men’s ministry and a prison ministry.

During those years, he continued praying for KCM, giving to them, watching the broadcasts and attending conventions. Grace and favor rested on Bryan and on his business. He’d started his lawn-mowing business with five yards, then 20, and soon he was mowing 100 lawns a month. In the winter when there was no mowing, he delivered propane in the mountains. In time, he started his own landscaping business and prospered beyond his wildest dreams.

### A New Covenant

July 31, 1999, Bryan married Cindy, a woman he met at church. By then, Bryan’s daughters were teenagers and Cindy had two preteen boys. After a few years their family grew, their business grew and their ministry obligations grew. Little by little, other things began to slip. He

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didn't have time to watch the broadcast on a regular basis. They were too busy to attend conventions—one of the kids always had something going on. In the hustle and bustle of daily life, he let his partnership with KCM slide, including his giving.

Internalizing the stress, Cindy began to develop symptoms of fibromyalgia. Knowing that they needed an infusion of faith, Bryan suggested they attend the 2006 Branson Victory Campaign.

"I didn't want to go," Cindy explains. "I'd heard of Brother Copeland but I'd never listened to his teachings. I knew I needed help, but I didn't know where to turn. However, God told me to go. The Branson Victory Campaign was unforgettable. I'd been born again since I was 18 but had never experienced anything like it. That week changed my life, and I began to believe that I had received my healing. I was certain that we needed to live by faith."

Having been taught well through KCM, Bryan had learned the importance of not going into debt. That's another thing he'd let slide. Little by little, he'd gone from being financially free to being buried in debt. Then the economy had dipped and building had stopped. When that happened, landscaping screeched to a halt. Instead of 100 lawns to mow, he had five or six. If that weren't bad enough, key employees who'd been in charge of the landscaping had made some bad decisions. Now he was stuck with broken machinery and only a trickle of income.

"I had to repent," Bryan admits. "I'd learned about the danger of debt through Brother Copeland. I didn't stumble into debt by accident! I *knew* better! I drove home one day and found Cindy in the laundry room. I repented to her and admitted that I'd led our family down the wrong path. I asked for her forgiveness and promised that with God's help, I would get us out of debt and that we would never borrow again."

### Seed to Sow

In March 2008, Bryan and Cindy received a tax return in the amount of \$8,397. Although it would have helped stave off their creditors, Bryan knew it was just a drop in the bucket compared to what they needed. They didn't

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"I want you to commit to God that every 30 days, for the rest of your life, you will pray in the Holy Ghost until you have something anointed to write to your Partners, just the way Paul wrote to his."

"From that time until now," says Kenneth, "I've written a letter every month to my friends who are in partnership with me. They aren't money-raising letters. I don't write them for that reason. God is my source, and *He* meets all my needs. I write the letters because I want to bless my Partners. Since they are partakers of my grace (Philippians 1:7), I want to share with them the revelations God has given me.

"I agonize over those letters. I pray, and pray, and pray and pray. Then I go back to prayer until I hear what's on God's heart.

"Sometimes it comes to me in the middle of the night. But one thing's for sure—I wait until I hear from heaven. I don't just sit down and put something on paper. As a result, those letters have changed lives—my Partners' and mine. Thanks to God, and to the Holy Spirit working through the Apostle Paul and Brother Roberts, we have all been blessed!"

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# Receive His Mercy



God's mercy endures forever! His willingness to act on man's behalf is still operating in the earth. His mercy never runs out. Neither has it abated or weakened.

“Praise the Lord! His mercy endureth forever!” Mighty and powerful things happened when Israel said these words. They are words of praise and adoration to God.

When Solomon finished building the house of the Lord, the trumpeters and singers lifted their voices as one, and with trumpets, cymbals and instruments of music, they praised the Lord saying, “For he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”

Jehoshaphat appointed singers unto the Lord to go before



**“O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”  
Psalm 136:1**

the army and say, “Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.”

It has been thousands of years since the Lord said His mercy extended to a thousand generations, and His mercy continues to reach you day after day. He is still plenteous in mercy unto them that call upon Him. With your spirit, dare to stretch your faith to take in the boundless mercy of God. And say with your mouth, “The Lord, He is good and His mercy endureth forever. His mercy surrounds me even today!”

**Scripture Reading:  
2 Chronicles 5:1-14**

need a finger in the dike; they needed a financial miracle. So they planted the entire amount as seed into KCM.

Cindy sat in Starbucks sipping a cup of steaming coffee, wondering how in the world they could climb out of a mountain of debt. She didn't even know where to start. Overwhelmed, she whispered, “Lord, what do You want us to do?”

*See a realtor on Monday and put your house on the market.*

Had that been the voice of the Lord? If so, hadn't He noticed that the house next door to them had been on the market for *five years*? And others nearby had been on the market for at least two?

“What do You want us to do?”

*Go home.*

As soon as she got home the person renting one of their houses called. “I'm breaking my lease and moving out. I can't continue to make the payments.” Cindy blinked back tears as she hung up the phone. Could things get *any worse*?

“The Lord insisted that we meet with a realtor on Monday,” Cindy recalls. “Not Tuesday. Not Wednesday. It had to be Monday. We obeyed, and eight days later our house sold for our full asking price!”

## Defeating Debt

“The very next day another house in our subdivision went on the market. The house was almost identical to ours, but better and with more amenities. If we'd waited one extra day the buyers would have chosen that house instead of ours. In addition, soon afterward the

bottom dropped out of our real estate market. Had we not listed the house when we did, we would have missed that window of opportunity.

“When our house sold, we had no place to go. I asked the Lord what to do and He said, *Go home*. That's when I realized what He meant. He wanted us to move back to our original home—the one the renter had just vacated!”

With cash in hand from the sale of their house, Bryan started paying off bills and working with creditors to negotiate their debt down. One credit card company they owed \$25,000 to didn't want to negotiate, so Bryan and Cindy committed to paying it off a little at a time. Other companies, however, were happy to work with them.

Six weeks after planting \$8,397 as seed into the fertile ground of KCM, Bryan and Cindy paid off \$839,700 of debt. Twelve of their 16 creditors were paid off. Bryan sold his landscaping company and went back to his original business—mowing lawns. In 30 days he had 50 lawns.

In 2013, after making payments for five years, the \$25,000 credit card debt was down to \$8,000. When the Lees mailed in a payment on the outstanding balance, the company not only returned their check, they canceled the remaining \$8,000 balance!

## The Power of Partnership

“I can literally chart the ups and downs of my finances in correlation to my partnership with KCM,” Bryan explains. “From 1989, when I was paying

for the ministry, giving financially, getting a steady diet of faith through the daily broadcasts and going to conventions, my finances rose in an almost vertical line. Years later, when I let those things slip, my finances took a nose dive. When I activated my faith and reconnected, they rose again. Partnership with KCM has meant the difference between financial life and death to us.

“A glory ball didn’t drop out of the sky and wipe out those last couple of creditors. We had to be diligent for a number of years paying them off little by little. But today we have money in all of our accounts and no financial pressure. When we want to go to a convention, there is never a thought about finances. We run our business without debt or a credit line. When we need something, we write out a prayer of petition and God provides. There’s no better way to live than by faith. You can’t change my mind—I’ll never go back!”

In addition to their business, today Bryan and Cindy minister under Bryan Lee Ministries. In April 2011, at the direction of the Lord, Bryan started *Heart of the Believer* radio program which now airs in five states: Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and North Carolina with Alaska to be added soon.

In 2013 and 2014, they hosted healing schools. Each time people were healed and blessed. In addition, two nights a month they meet under the banner of Family of Faith and preach the gospel. What they’ve been given they freely give. Bryan and Cindy Lee are a family of faith—setting the captives free. ⑦

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# Good News Gazette

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” Matthew 9:35

## Thank You for Ministering to Me

I would like to thank you both, and your ministry, for helping and encouraging people around the world, like me, through the Word of God. I have enjoyed the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine and learn a lot from the testimonies of my brothers and sisters. I thank God for them and for His love for us all. Reading the magazine, I was convicted and glad at what Sister Gloria wrote about the voice of obedience and how to

be an obedient person.

I have learned a lot from reading the Bible and praying and following what the Holy Spirit is teaching me to be and to do. I have received your letter, devotional (*From Faith to Faith*) and magazines. Thank you.

I pray God will bless you, your family and ministry. As a prisoner, I have nothing to pay back what your ministry has done for me or sent to me, but I believe God will bless you. Thank you.

A.V. | Fiji Islands

## God Turned It Around

Thank you for standing in agreement with me—I was healed the moment we prayed! I have been infection free since April 15, when we stood in agreement.

In September 2012, I had an emergency thoracotomy—major surgery on my lungs—and never fully recovered, just progressively got worse with recurring lung infections. In March 2013, I had another thoracotomy, after which I developed two different strains of infection in my lungs. Two major surgeries in six months, and then picking up a serious infection, I had to stand and having done all to stand, stood with the help of KCM.

After we prayed, I listened every day to Gloria Copeland's series *God Can Turn It Around*, to build my faith and to keep my focus on the promises of God.

Thank you, Gloria and Kenneth, for all the wonderful materials that have helped me grow to a higher level of faith and knowledge of God. As Gloria teaches, “God is good all the time.”

C.S. | South Africa

## The Power of Agreement

I was believing for a job in the trucking industry. I went to a transportation company's workshop on a Wednesday, passed my Class 1 road test on Thursday, and was offered a job on Monday. Thank you, KCM, for believing with me. Bill J. | Canada

## Netherlands

### 'I Rebuked the Storm'

Last summer holiday, we were camping in Luxembourg (Europe). One night, we woke up because of a heavy storm. Our tent was moving violently from the strong wind, and fear tried to get hold of me. I got up, got my Bible and it had KCM's Partner Letter in it

that said, “Don't talk about the weather, talk to it!” I read it, and also read Psalm 91.

Next, I rebuked the storm, and although it did not immediately cease on the outside, the storm of fear on the inside of me calmed and the peace of God came all over me. While the storm was still raging, I went back to bed and

fell asleep in peace. The next morning, the storm was over, and there was no damage to our tent. I know we are safe because “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust.” Praise God! We don't have to fear when storms come!

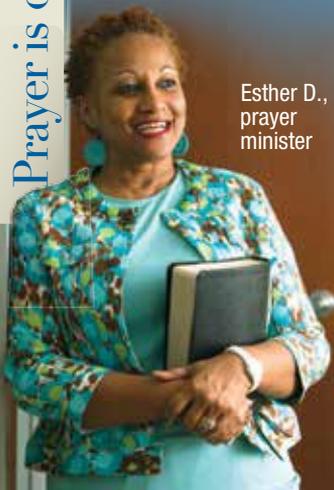
Vincent G.  
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The Doctors Were Amazed!  
Over a year ago, we requested prayer for our daughter-in-law, who suffered a very severe head concussion while snowboarding. She was attending Trinity Western University and was three weeks away from her first year finals for her master's degree. She spent the next two months in a dark room. She had been married to our son only a few months at the time of the accident. They love the Lord and acknowledge the healing power of Jesus in her life. She was blessed to have TWU delay her finals for several months. We all stepped up the prayer for her and, praise God, within three months she was given a good report of health and healing. The doctors were amazed at her quick recovery from such an injury and no major lingering effects!

Thank you so much for being part of her prayer team and believing with us in the goodness of God to them and the resurrection healing power of Jesus!

L. H. | Canada

Esther D.,  
prayer  
minister



Philippines

## 'My Mom Was Totally Healed'

Thank you for sending us the healing scriptures by Gloria Copeland. My mom was totally healed.

She read the scriptures every day and was healed of severe menopausal bleeding. Jesus is our Healer. Thank you and God bless.

— O.T. —

## *salvation prayer*

If you do not know Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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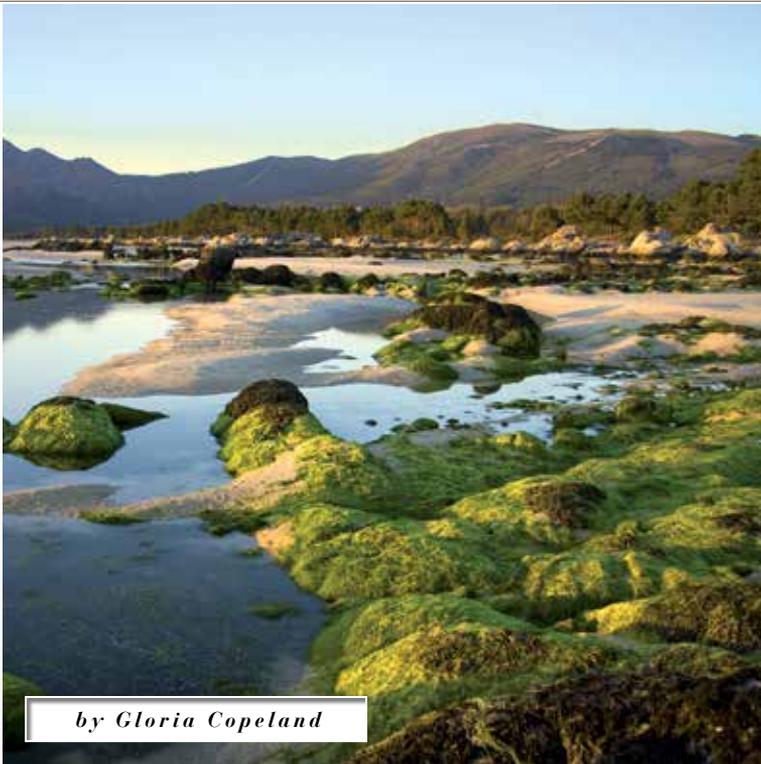
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# Believe You Receive Your Healing

You can make the decision to live in divine health right now, in the same way you made the decision to accept Jesus as Savior. First, you must decide to be well. Then, believe you receive health and healing in your body.

heart that God raised Him from the dead. From this moment, my body is saved, healed, made whole and delivered.”

## Stand Fast

Now, resist the temptation to be sick just like you resist the temptation to sin. That may sound too simple, but it works because the Word says, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

Satan is the source of sickness. When he attempts to put sickness on your body, refuse it in the Name of Jesus because it is against the will of God for you to be sick. As soon as you have the slightest thought Satan is trying to put sickness on you, turn to 1 Peter 2:24 and read aloud what Jesus has done for you: “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” Receive it in faith and thank

Just as salvation is offered to “whosoever” will accept it (John 3:16), so is healing offered to whosoever will believe it is available to them.

The Greek word *sozo*, translated “saved” in Romans 10:9, is the same Greek word translated “healed” in the Gospels. In Mark 5:23, Jairus said to Jesus, “My little daughter

lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed [sozo]; and she shall live.” To the woman with the issue of blood, Jesus said, “Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole [sozo]” (Matthew 9:22).

When Jesus was raised from the dead, He purchased soundness for your spirit,

soul *and* body. You have been made whole.

Right now, by faith, confess Jesus as your Healer in the same way that you made Him Lord over your life. Make Jesus Lord over your body according to Romans 10:10 which says, “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Make this your confession: “According to the Word of God, I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord. I confess Him now as my Healer. I make Him Lord over my body. I believe in my



Steadfastly and patiently know that God’s Word *does not fail*. Refuse to be moved by what you see, and be moved only by the Word....

# Hear and receive My Word and the years of your life will be many!

Proverbs 4:10

God that by Jesus' stripes you were healed.

The Bible tells us: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galatians 5:1). With His Name, His Word, His Spirit and Jesus as your Healer, you can enjoy divine health. That's liberty, and that's freedom!

To get results, you must believe that you receive your healing *when you pray*—not after you are well. You are to be like Abraham, who "considered not his own body," but instead considered what God said (Romans 4:19-20).

The symptoms of sickness may continue to linger after you believe you receive. But this is the time you must hold fast to a fearless confession of the Word. "Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward. For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised" (Hebrews 10:35-36, *The Amplified Bible*).

Do not allow your fearless confidence in God's Word to be snatched away from you by Satan. You're walking by faith and not by sight.

## Agree With the Word

E.W. Kenyon teaches that there are three witnesses in receiving healing: the Word, the pain or sickness and you.

You are the deciding factor. If you join your confession with the pain, you are crossing the Word that says you are healed. If you align your confession with God's Word, you will have to cross the pain.

The Bible teaches that by two witnesses a thing is established. You make the choice. Agree with the pain, and sickness will rule. But dare to agree with the Word, and healing will be established. The circumstances will follow your action and confession.

Steadfastly and patiently know that God's Word *does not fail*. Refuse to be moved by what you see, and be moved only by the Word and by your confession of Jesus as Healer. The Word will change what you see.

Satan will try to tell you that you are not saved. Or his symptoms of pain or sickness will suggest you are not healed. Don't fall for his lies. Instead, stand fast in the knowledge of God's Word, and believe you have received.

## Get in Position to Receive

God's mercy goes forth in accordance with His covenant, the Word. Because He has bound Himself by His Word, He can move freely only toward those who put themselves in a *position* to receive. Acting on the Word puts you in this position.

Jesus told the nobleman whose son was at the point of death, "...thy son liveth.

And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way." The Bible says that the boy *began* to amend *from that hour* (John 4:46-53).

When you believe that you receive healing, you may be healed instantly or you may have to act on the covenant of healing, even though your body does not *feel* healed. One thing you do know: When you believe that you receive, healing begins to take place in your body. God cannot keep His covenant without healing you—if you have met the conditions of that covenant.

You are learning to be moved by the Word, instead of by what you see or feel. This is how faith operates. You are becoming the faith man or woman you have yearned to be.

Your faith gets stronger as you use it to act on God's Word.

As you learn to stand against Satan and his symptoms, you will find it continues to become easier. But there is no formula that will work effectively unless you continually exert the force of faith through feeding on the Word.

If you will continually feed on God's Word, you will come to the place where you simply go to 1 Peter 2:24, enforce the Word that you *were* healed, thank God for His Word of healing and go on about your business. Make the decision to be well. Believe you receive! 🕊

If you need healing in your body, look up the following verses and read them aloud daily. Refuse to give in to doubt and unbelief. And remember, God's Word works!

Ex. 15:26

Ex. 23:25

Deut. 7:14-15

Deut. 30:19-20

1 Kgs. 8:56

Ps. 91:9-10, 14-16

Ps. 103:1-5

Ps. 107:19-21

Ps. 118:17

Prov. 4:20-24

Isa. 41:10

Isa. 53:4-5

Jer. 1:12

Jer. 30:17

Joel 3:10

Nah. 1:9

Matt. 8:2-3

Matt. 8:16-17

Matt. 18:18-19

Matt. 21:21

Mark 11:22-24

Mark 16:14-18

Rom. 4:16-21

Rom. 8:2, 11

2 Cor. 10:3-5

Gal. 3:13-14, 29

Eph. 6:10-17

Phil. 2:13

Phil. 4:6-7

2 Tim. 1:7

Heb. 10:23

Heb. 10:35-36

Heb. 11:11

Heb. 13:8

Jas. 5:14-16

1 Pet. 2:24

1 Jn. 3:21-22

1 Jn. 5:14-15

3 Jn. 2

Rev. 12:11



# The Limitless Power of God

God never planned for you to be at the mercy of this world's finances. He planned for you to be a *source* of those finances. He intends for you, as His child, to be a blessing by bringing to this limited world the unlimited resources of your heavenly Father.

**M**e? you may think. *I don't have enough money to fully meet my own needs—much less be a blessing to others!*

No doubt the disciples had similar thoughts when a hungry crowd of more than 5,000 people needed to be fed and Jesus turned to them and asked, “Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” (John 6:5). I imagine they were stunned by the question. They probably wondered why Jesus would even ask it. After all, He knew they didn't have the kind of money it would take to buy dinner for such a multitude.

*What could He possibly be thinking?*

Actually, the Bible tells us exactly what He was thinking. It says, “This he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do” (verse 6).

Jesus already had a plan from God. He didn't ask the disciples where they were going to buy bread to feed the crowd because He didn't know what to do. He knew exactly how He was going to feed those 5,000 people.

But did the disciples know? This was a test to see what they had learned from Him. Jesus had been teaching

and training them. They'd been watching and listening to Him and knew His basic methods of operation. So, they should have had some idea of what He was going to do.

## Who Are You Listening To?

The disciples, however, didn't give Jesus the right answer—they didn't pass the test. Instead, the disciple Philip jumped up and said, “Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little” (verse 7).

Philip's answer proves he never really heard Jesus' question. Jesus didn't ask the disciples how much money they had. He didn't say anything about money. He simply asked *where* they would buy bread to feed the crowd.

Philip made the same mistake most of us make. He got caught up in thinking about the problem. He was figuring out how many people there were...how much money was in the treasury...and how much bread costs. He was so preoccupied with his



He can handle any financial need this world can come up with. In fact, all of them taken together don't put any kind of strain on God's resources.

own doubts and questions that the problems were speaking to him more loudly than The LORD. As a result, he answered Jesus without really listening to Him.

We all do that at times, don't we? We get so focused on our problems that we aren't able to hear the proper questions and answers from The WORD of God. So we end up trying



to figure out what *we're* going to do instead of looking to God for what He can do!

Thankfully there was one disciple there that day who did, at least, hear Jesus' question. It was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. As he was



thinking about where they could buy some bread, he saw a young boy who was working as a vendor selling bread and fish to the people. The little fellow had already sold almost all he had but Andrew brought him to Jesus anyway and said, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" (verse 9).

Andrew was on the right spiritual track when he did that. He actually had listened, and responded to Jesus' question. But he quickly got sidetracked again when he started thinking about the limited resources before him instead of his unlimited God.

Andrew, like Philip, got caught up in thinking about the problem, instead of keeping his attention focused on Jesus.

### Get Involved in a Miracle

Interestingly enough, Jesus didn't even reply to Philip and Andrew. He didn't respond to their concerns at all. They hadn't really listened to His question or grasped what He'd been teaching them. So He didn't have anything to say to them.

Remember that the next time God doesn't seem to be answering your questions or addressing your concerns. Maybe it's because you haven't been paying attention to His WORD. Maybe it's because you've been so busy thinking about and reacting to your problems that you've failed to listen to (and act on) what He's already said to you. If that's the case, He doesn't have any grounds on which to communicate with you.

That's the position the disciples were in that day. But Jesus didn't leave them there. Instead He gave them one simple instruction: "Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat

  
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## words on prosperity

God wants you, as a believer, to be wealthy enough to help finance the gospel, meet the needs of others and still have plenty left over to enjoy.

**Dig into The WORD and rid yourself of the shortage mentality.** Romans 12:2

**Release your faith for the grace of giving.**

2 Corinthians 8:7

**Make yourself available to God.** Isaiah 6:8

**Ask Him to give you seed to sow.** 2 Corinthians 9:10

**Focus not on what you need but on what you can give.**

Philippians 2:4

“*Everywhere we go, in everything we do, God wants us to enjoy green pastures and rest beside still waters.*” —Kenneth



down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would” (verses 10-11).

Even though the disciples didn’t pass the test, Jesus gave them the right and privilege to take part in what He was doing. In spite of their weaknesses, He was still able to capture their thinking and get them involved in a miracle.

In His hands, Jesus took the little loaves and fish that Andrew brought to Him. He blessed them, gave each disciple a portion and—miracle of miracles—those portions multiplied and fed the entire crowd! What made that possible?

The anointing of increase!

That is the anointing that’s in the hands of Jesus! It’s in His ministry. It’s in His WORD. It’s in His Spirit. It’s in His Name. It’s in His blood and it is in and on His people! Jesus’ disciples had that anointing of increase on them even though they didn’t understand it very well.

As a result, they were able to cooperate with Jesus and become a source of blessing to thousands of people that day. They were able to give those folks not just a little something to eat, as Philip thought, but rather as much bread as they desired.

### God Can Handle It

That was the plan of God. He didn’t intend for those disciples to be at the mercy of the world’s resources that day. He intended them to be the source of those resources!

Had they realized that, they would

have answered Jesus’ question correctly when He asked them, “Where will we buy food that these may eat?” They would have answered, “LORD, there’s no place on earth that has enough food for this crowd. It’s going to have to come from heaven!”

The same thing is true for you today. You don’t have enough natural resources to be the kind of blessing to the world God wants you to be. You can’t work enough hours to bring in all the money God desires to put in your hands.

That means there’s another way to get those finances. You’ll just have to take the little God has put in your hands, and expect Him to multiply it! Instead of looking to your limited resources in this earth, you’ll have to look to the unlimited resources of heaven!

But to do that, you’ll have to stop sitting around thinking about your own puny, financial ability and what you can or can’t do. Stop thinking within yourself and start thinking outside yourself. Start thinking inside The WORD. Start thinking about what God can do.

Remember this: When you get outside of yourself and begin to think inside The WORD of God, you get outside of your limitations and into the limitless power of Almighty God!

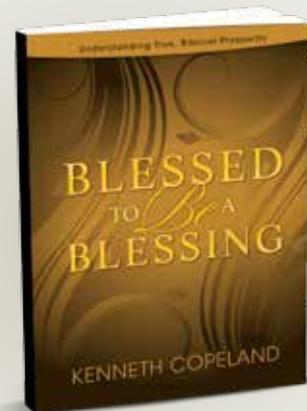
And His power truly is limitless! He can handle any financial need this world can come up with. In fact, all of them taken together don’t put any kind of strain on God’s resources. You could take all the wealth in the world and put it together in a pile and it wouldn’t impress God for five seconds. He created it all!

So stop thinking about what you can do and start thinking about what He can

do. When there’s a pressing financial need and you start to think, *How in the world am I ever going to get enough to....* Don’t even finish that thought!

Instead, start thinking about Jesus. Let His WORD talk to you. Open your mouth and say, “My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory! He is able to make all grace abound toward me, that I, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work!”

Start thinking outside yourself and inside The WORD—and let Jesus bless the world through you! 🙏



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# Reaching *into the* Supernatural

Everywhere we turn we are being taught how to be better people from a natural point of view: *How to treat each other better. How to be kind to our spouses. How to have integrity.*

All of that is well and good, but sometimes we need to go *beyond* the natural. We need to help people discover how to hear from the Holy Spirit, and how to respond to God. We need to help people reach into the supernatural!



A few months ago, God used me to help a fellow passenger on a flight to Australia encounter the supernatural. The flight was long, so I got up to take a walk. There was a large galley at the back of the large Airbus 380 where a few people had congregated. One lady and I struck up a conversation.

“Where are you from?” she asked.

“Texas.”

“You don’t sound like you’re from Texas.”

“Well, it’s confusing. I’m originally from California, but now I live in Texas.”

Then I asked, “Where are you from?”

“I live in Australia, but I grew up in Russia.”

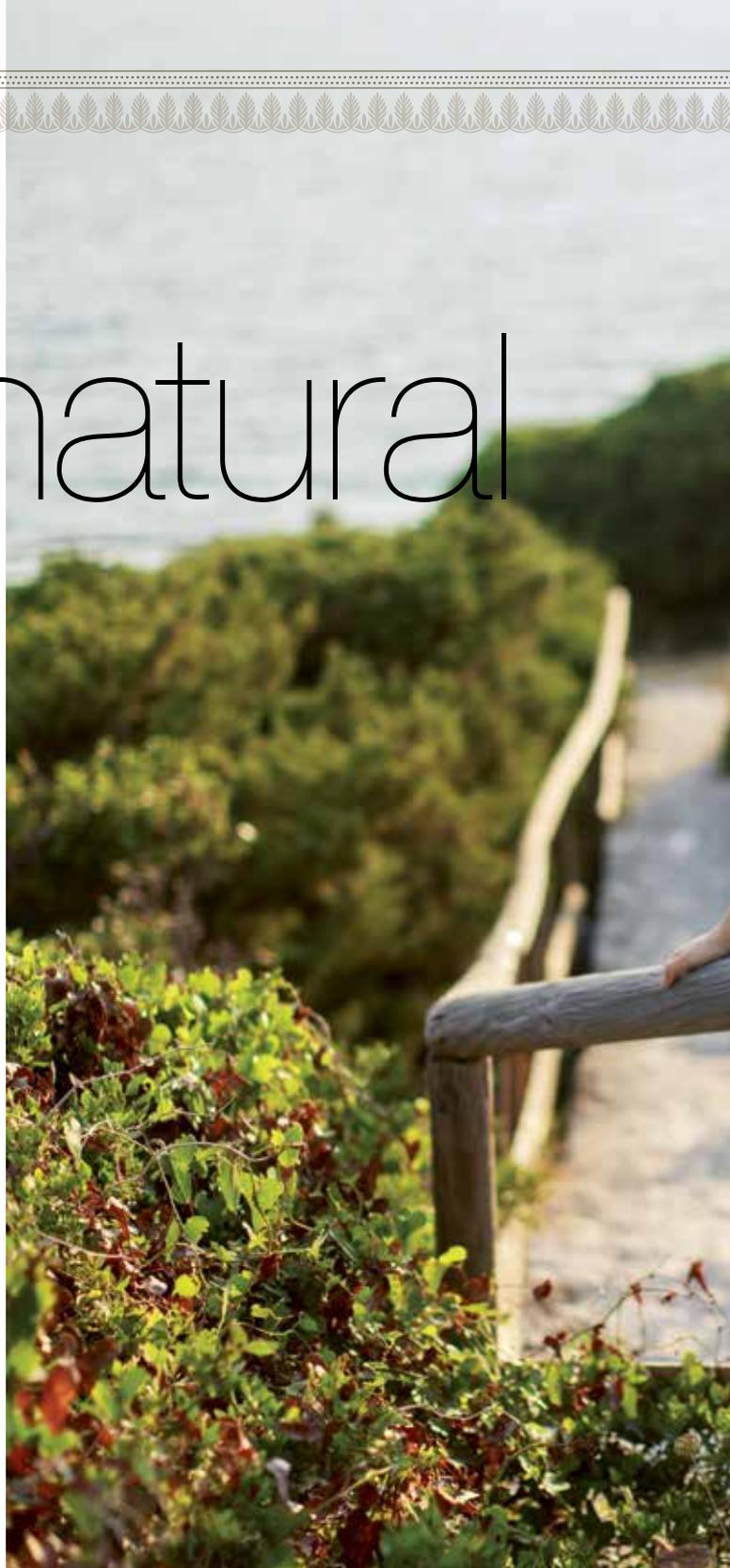
I could have guessed that; she had a very strong Russian accent.

We talked for a minute or two more when suddenly she got very intense.

“You have the purest, whitest energy I have ever seen.”

She had my attention.

“I have a gift,” she said. “I live in a small village, and often people come to me for a diagnosis. I see darkness on certain organs in their bodies and energy levels.”



We’re not only responsible to be better people or to have better things happen in our lives, we’re called to build things for God.





She narrowed her eyes at me. “But I’ve never seen anything this strong.”

Then, she froze.

“Something significant happened in your life in 1971. Did your father die?”

“No,” I answered.

“Something,” she said, “*something* very dramatic happened.”

I knew she had been consulting with demons as we were talking, but I wasn’t afraid.

“I know exactly what you’re talking about,” I said after a few moments. “There *is* a ‘pure, white energy’ inside of me. It’s like nothing you have ever seen.” Then I took the opportunity to introduce her to the real energy source.

She eventually admitted that she prayed to God, but she never knew exactly to whom she was talking.

“Well, I know who you want to talk to,” I said. “I’ve been talking to Him for many years. And you’re right, in 1971, something very significant happened. It was the day I made Jesus Christ the Lord of my life.” And then I said, “This is who you’ve been looking for all your life. He is the answer and the ‘pure, white energy’ that you see. There’s no other way to receive this kind of life but through Jesus Christ.”

In that moment, life was confronting death and, praise God, I got to be part of it! I got to show this very lost woman the gift of grace, and I’m not alone. The Holy Spirit wants every believer to become a life-giving spirit who reaches into the supernatural and imparts the gifts of grace. It doesn’t matter if we are pastors, ministers or laypersons; we are the army of the kingdom of God. That’s our privilege and our job.

### When David Reached Into Eternity

Let me show you an example of this impartation from the Bible. In

2 Samuel 12, the prophet Nathan came to David and confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba. Based on the Old Testament system, there should have been no forgiveness (Deuteronomy 22:22). Law dictated that David be taken outside the city by the leaders of Israel and stoned to death, but David cried out to God and received forgiveness (Psalm 51).

David saw something in God that the people of his day had never seen. He discovered that God was more interested in forgiveness than punishment, more interested in deliverance than destruction. Nathan was the catalyst that helped him reach into the supernatural and find grace. Then David went into the presence of God and discovered it for himself. He learned that if he would lay his sin out before God—put it on the altar, no games about it—then freedom was accessible.

Instead of dying, he became the greatest king Israel had ever known until Jesus came as the King of kings. He saw something that was outside of the age he lived in. He literally reached into the New Covenant—the Covenant afforded us by Jesus—for grace and forgiveness, and supernaturally pulled it into his life.

In 1 Chronicles 17, David experienced another supernatural impartation. Again, Nathan was the instrument God used. He came to David regarding David’s desire to build God a house. David had seen the temples of the nearby nations that were built to demon gods, and wanted to build a house for God that would put those to shame. It sounded like a good idea, but God had never asked for a house. And He didn’t want one. He sent the prophet Nathan to set David straight and revealed His plan for another, better house—Jesus.

# We are not only forgiven but we are also no longer defined by the color of our skin or our ethnic background.

Furthermore I tell thee that the Lord will build thee an house. And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house,

and I will stablish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore (verses 10-14).

gives us. We're not only responsible to be better people or to have better things happen in our lives, we're called to build things for God.

First Peter 4:10 says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." The *J.B. Phillips New Testament* says it this way, "Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you, as faithful dispensers of the magnificently varied grace of God."

God's grace encompasses many areas: healing, business, preaching and more. Just like a diamond has different cuts, every cut has a different facet. While all of it is beautiful, each facet is different. Similarly, we are all different, and we must serve one another with the gifts we have been given. That's how the grace of God is—and as this verse states, we are the dispensers of it.

God's favor is on us to be revealed through us and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Second Corinthians 8:7 says, "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." Every believer must grow up in the gifts of grace in order to become an effective tool in the Master's hand.

All of us need to take hold of this revelation and let the Holy Spirit have His way through us. We have an assignment—to use the gifts of God's grace to change lives for His glory. We're here to help people reach into the supernatural and dispense the grace of God! 🙌



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God told David, a man who walked in covenant, a man who walked in forgiveness, a man who walked in revelation, that He would establish a new kind of kingdom. Never before had God given the promise of the Messiah quite like this. And David felt the weight of what had been said. There was a throne, and it was coming through his family.

David was overwhelmed by the Lord's promise. He saw into the realm of eternity that another would come, who would be the beginning of another species of being, a species that would help others reach into the supernatural and impart the gift of grace.

## Accept Your Position in the New Race

The Apostle Paul picked up on this in 1 Corinthians 15:45: "And so it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being.' The last Adam became a life-giving spirit" (*New King James Version*). The last Adam is the very family line God had announced to David. David had seen that God would do something supernatural through a man, something beyond that man's capacity. He saw a new race.

You and I are that race! We are new creations in Christ. We are not only forgiven but we are also no longer defined by the color of our skin or our ethnic background. Instead, we are designed by God to be life-giving spirits who lead others into the supernatural. We are to impact people through the words we speak, the prayers we pray and the things God

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		Old Testament	Psalms
Mon	1	Eccl. 5-6	Ps. 18
Tue	2	Eccl. 7-8	Ps. 19
Wed	3	Eccl. 9-11	Ps. 20-21
Thu	4	Eccl. 12; Songs 1	Ps. 22
Fri	5	Songs 2-3	Ps. 23
Sat	6	Songs 4-5	Ps. 24

Sun	7	Songs 6-7	Ps. 25
Mon	8	Songs 8; Isa. 1	Ps. 26
Tue	9	Isa. 2-3	Ps. 27
Wed	10	Isa. 4-6	Ps. 28-29
Thu	11	Isa. 7-8	Ps. 30
Fri	12	Isa. 9-10	Ps. 31
Sat	13	Isa. 11-12	Ps. 32

Sun	14	Isa. 13-14	Ps. 33
Mon	15	Isa. 15-16	Ps. 34
Tue	16	Isa. 17-18	Ps. 35
Wed	17	Isa. 19-21	Ps. 36-37
Thu	18	Isa. 22-23	Ps. 38
Fri	19	Isa. 24-25	Ps. 39
Sat	20	Isa. 26-27	Ps. 40

Sun	21	Isa. 28-29	Ps. 41
Mon	22	Isa. 30-31	Ps. 42
Tue	23	Isa. 32-33	Ps. 43
Wed	24	Isa. 34-36	Ps. 44-45
Thu	25	Isa. 37-38	Ps. 46
Fri	26	Isa. 39-40	Ps. 47
Sat	27	Isa. 41-42	Ps. 48

Sun	28	Isa. 43-44	Ps. 49
Mon	29	Isa. 45-46	Ps. 50
Tue	30	Isa. 47-48	Ps. 51

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# Catch *the* Vision

by  
Gloria  
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Normally, I'm not a football fan. But a number of years ago I did happen to see part of a Super Bowl game that I'll never forget.

The St. Louis Rams were playing the Tennessee Titans. In the final two minutes of the game, with the score tied, Rams quarterback Kurt

Warner (who, by the way, happens to be a believer) drew back to throw a pass. For a split second he scanned the field, looking for a receiver.

Sure enough, he found Isaac Bruce (another believer!) in position, ready to catch the ball and run. Warner threw the pass. Bruce grabbed it and ran for the touchdown.

It was a great moment for the Rams, but it was also a great moment for me because I got a revelation from the Lord that I've been preaching about ever since. I suddenly saw more clearly than ever before that God is always looking for a receiver. He has a heavenly storehouse full of riches; a Bible brimming with promises; a heart full of wonderful plans; and His eyes are always running "to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (2 Chronicles 16:9).

Just like Kurt Warner was looking for Isaac Bruce, God is looking for believers who will reach out by faith and take everything He has provided for them. He's searching for those who will grab hold of His vision for their lives, run with it and cross the goal line like the winners He created them to be.

The problem is, such believers aren't always easy to find. Although there are multitudes of Christians on the playing field of life, many of them haven't positioned themselves to receive. Instead of having their hands in the air and their eyes on the ball, they're just wandering around saying, "Well, I guess God will just do whatever He wants to do in my life. It's all up to Him."

Although they mean well, they're taking the wrong approach. God has already told us in His Word what He

wants to do for us. He wants to heal us and prosper us. He wants us to be BLESSED and to be a BLESSING to others. He wants to fulfill all the dreams He has put in our hearts.

But He can't do those things without our cooperation. He needs us to do our part.

If you want to see how important it is for us to do our part, think about how the Super Bowl would have turned out if Isaac Bruce hadn't done his job that day. What would have happened if he hadn't been paying attention, or if he'd put his hands over his eyes and said, "I'm just not worthy to win a Super Bowl. I just don't think I deserve it. I just can't see myself doing it."

I'll tell you what would have happened. The Rams would have lost the game.

Personally, I don't like to lose games, do you? Especially when it comes to this all-important game called life, I want to end up a winner. So I decided a long time ago that I am going to catch the vision God has for me. What's more I'm going to hold on to it because, according to the Bible, it takes a vision to finish in victory.

As Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

The word *vision* in this verse refers specifically to an inner image that comes from the Lord. *The Amplified Bible* describes it as a "redemptive revelation of God." It's a revelation so clear and real that, as the Hebrew definition says, it can be "gazed at mentally, perceived, beheld, or looked at."

For us, as believers, having this kind

of divine vision is absolutely vital. If we want to walk in all the wonderful benefits Jesus purchased for us through His death and resurrection, we must have a picture on the inside of us—an inner image we can see all the time—of God's promises and plans coming to pass for us.

If we don't, although we'll still go to heaven when we die, our lives on earth won't be all God ordained them to be. Much of what He destined us to do and enjoy will perish. In Hebrew, the word *perish* means, among other things, "to dismiss or set at naught, to loosen the grip and let something slip through your fingers."

### God Won't Send You a Telegram

"But Gloria," you might say, "I don't know what God's vision is for my life! I'm not sure what His specific plans are for me."

Then do something about it. Don't just wait around hoping God sends you a telegram or a FedEx package with instructions in it. Seek Him and find out what He has in store for you. Spend time in prayer and in church and in believers' meetings where the Holy Spirit is moving and listen to what God is saying to your spirit. Give Him the opportunity to enlighten you and tell you what direction you should go.

Most important of all, spend time in God's written Word. You'll find much of your divine vision right there in black and white. The Word is absolutely full of good news about all the BLESSINGS that are yours through the plan of redemption.

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I know what you might be thinking. If what I'm saying is true, how come so many Bible-reading Christians are still wandering around without a vision? How come they're not consistently receiving armloads of God's blessings?

Because to benefit from God's Word you have to do more than read it. You have to believe it and obey it. Otherwise you can find yourself like the unbelieving crowds who heard the parables Jesus told. They never got anything out of them because, as Jesus said: "Their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15).

Those people had hardened themselves to the Word of God by their unbelief and disobedience. As a result, they'd lost their spiritual vision. They'd lost the ability to perceive and receive what God was trying to show them. Therefore, He couldn't heal them. He couldn't restore what was missing in their lives and make them whole.

Don't ever let yourself get in that condition! Keep your spiritual eyes and ears open by not only attending to the Word but by believing and acting on what God says to you through it. Then Jesus can say the same thing about you that He said about His first 12 disciples over 2,000 years ago: "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.... Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear" (verses 11, 16).

### Different Receivers, Different Results

Once you catch God's vision for some aspect of your life, you can start to run with it. But as you do, you'll want to remember the example set

by Isaac Bruce. When he caught that crucial pass and took off toward the end zone, the opposing team members did whatever they could to get the ball away from him. But he didn't let them have it. No matter what happened, he hung on to the ball.

You and I must do the same if we're going to make it across the goal line in victory. We must hold on to the insight God gives us, keep it firmly in our hearts and refuse to let it go.

This is where many spiritual receivers miss it. When the devil puts pressure on them they lose their grip on their vision. They let him steal it from them before it comes to pass in their lives.

Jesus warned us about this in Matthew 13:3-8 in the parable of the sower. There, comparing the Word of God to seed that's sown by a farmer on four different kinds of soil, He said:

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil; and at once they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they dried up and withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them out. Other seeds fell on good soil, and yielded grain—some a hundred times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some thirty (*AMP*).

The different kinds of soil in that parable represent four groups of people. Each group had an equal opportunity to be BLESSED because the Word came to all of them. But because each group handled the Word differently, they didn't get the same results.



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I recently made Jesus Christ the Lord of my life. My husband, however, has not, and that's causing problems in our home. My husband says I'm neglecting him and my family because I spend so much time studying my Bible. I try to tell him how important it is to put God's Word first place, but he just doesn't understand. What should I do?

by *Kenneth Copeland*

**A:** You are right in wanting to put The WORD first in your life. According to Joshua 1:8, The WORD of God should be uppermost in your thinking all of the time, whether it be on the job, at home or in your leisure time. As you meditate on that WORD day and night, The LORD will reveal how it applies to your life and how you can act on it. So your desire to grow in The WORD is good.

But don't let the devil take your enthusiasm for the things of God and turn it into a stumbling block that comes between you and your husband. Instead, let 1 Peter 3:1 be your guide. "Wives, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives" (*New King James Version*).

Let your husband see The WORD in action in your life. Let him see that your love for God has increased—not

decreased—your desire to love and serve your family. Care for the needs of your husband and children. Attend to them. Look for ways of showing how important they are to you.

Titus 2:4-5 says, "Admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed." In other words, don't close your husband's heart to The WORD by making him feel it's robbed him of your attention. Instead, let him know he's more precious to you than ever. Your diligence and affection will be more of a witness to him of the love of God than your being able to quote every scripture in the Bible. ⑦

The first group let the devil devour the Word immediately. They were the kind of people who heard what the Bible says and instead of receiving it, they rejected it. As a result, they didn't receive anything from it. Not one thing.

The second group of people received the Word and rejoiced over it for a while, but they didn't really let it take root. So "when affliction or trouble or persecution [came] on account of the Word" (verse 21, *AMP*) the devil was able to convince them that God's promises would never become a reality for them, and their faith in the Word faltered. Their divine vision withered up and died.

If you let him, the devil will pull the same stunt with you. That's why you have to be determined to hold on to God's promises. That's why you have to hang on tightly to what God has said to you about your divine callings and dreams.

Those things don't usually come to pass overnight. They often take time.

God might have given you a vision 30 years ago of something He has in store for you, and it might not have come to pass yet, but that shouldn't discourage you. Just keep saying and believing it. Keep holding on. Don't let it go.

Timing is everything with God, and it may not be time yet for that particular vision to be fulfilled. If you let go of it now, it will perish and you'll never see it happen. You'll miss out on a precious part of God's plan for you.

So don't quit! Instead, keep following God every day. Keep obeying His Word and responding to the promptings of His Spirit. One of these days, you'll take one small step of obedience and, without even realizing it, you'll step into the next phase of God's plan for your life.

Who knows how it might happen? God might lead you to go to Starbucks and you wind up meeting the husband He promised you. He might prompt you to call someone you haven't seen in a while and, because

of that conversation, you wind up getting the business opportunity of your dreams.

As believers, we should live every day with the ears of our heart tuned to God, listening to Him about even seemingly insignificant things, because we don't know what blessings may be waiting for us at the other end of our obedience.

### Watch Out for Those Thorns

The third group in Jesus' parable about the sower received the Word and held on to it, but then something else happened. The thorns, which represent "the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches" choked the Word so that it yielded no fruit (verse 22).

I think this is where most Spirit-filled Christians get off track. They have so many things to do; they face so many demands at home, at work and even at church, that they let those things choke out their time in the Word. They let earthly worries and concerns suffocate their heavenly vision.

Don't let that happen to you. Contend for your time with God. Weed out the things in your life that are hindering your fellowship with Him. Put Him and His Word first in your schedule every day. The more attention you give to God, the more He can do in your life. The more you focus on Him and His Word, the more deeply rooted the vision He has for you will be in your heart.

Your heart is good soil for that divine vision. It knows what to do with God's Word and how to process it. If you put the Word in your heart and keep it there, watering it and taking care of it, eventually you'll see your harvest—"first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear" (Mark 4:28, *AMP*).

You'll become one of those receivers God spoke to me about during the Super Bowl that day. You'll catch God's vision and run with it...all the way across the goal line of life. ♥



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