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*I am who I am today,
because of everything KCM
sowed into me as a child.*

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Tim Cruz attended his first Superkid Academy in California, at age 12. He had no idea God would use that experience to eventually move him to Texas, connect him with a local church as a children's pastor, and allow him to stay connected with Superkids through ministering at the Southwest Believers' Convention. **P.10**

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RAISING UP SUPERKIDS



// IN A NOT-SO-SUPER WORLD //

IN A 2011 NATIONAL SURVEY, 22 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN THE U.S., FROM BIRTH TO 17, LIVED IN POVERTY. THAT PERCENTAGE REFLECTED THAT THESE CHILDREN WERE "FOOD INSECURE," A TERM THAT SIGNIFIED THAT, AT TIMES, EITHER THEY OR THEIR PARENTS WERE UNABLE TO ACQUIRE ADEQUATE FOOD FOR ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIVING BECAUSE THE HOUSEHOLD HAD INSUFFICIENT MONEY AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR FOOD.



Commander
Kellie



Superkid Academy at Southwest
Believers' Convention

In a similar study conducted in 2012, 47 percent of the high school students surveyed said they were sexually active; 16 percent of all 10th graders and 24 percent of all 12th-grade participants admitted to heavy drinking; and 19 and 25 percent of those same groups, respectively, said they had used drugs

at some time between 2011 and 2012. And in yet another survey conducted around that same time, an alarming 90 percent of American high school students reported that some of their classmates were using illicit drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, during the school day.

The statistics remain grim for

America's children growing up in this not-so-super world. And while some say these figures may be declining, other reports indicate just the opposite.

The truth is, the enemy would love nothing more than to derail tomorrow's leaders while they're still young.

But God has a different plan.

He sees our children as *His* children. He sees them as leaders, as world changers, as the next generation of those who will give glory to Him. It's for this reason that, at Kenneth Copeland Ministries, we have ministered to children in many different ways for nearly 30 years. From audio adventures to action movies, from children's novels to an award-winning magazine, and from coloring books to live meetings, all our efforts have had the same heartbeat: *Whatever we must do, we are going to reach our kids.*

We refuse to lose one child to the enemy!

Taking Up the Cause

Twenty-nine years ago, a new concept in children's ministry at KCM was born with the creation of *Commander Kellie and the Superkids™*. The characters for this cartoon/animation feature first appeared in audiobook adventure format. But after three albums, listeners wanted more. By 1992 the first Superkid movie, *The Intruder*, was released. That same year, Wichita Slim—with Kenneth Copeland as the title character—rode onto the screen in *The Gunslinger*.

"We set out to do full-length motion pictures, and in those motion pictures, train and teach the power of The WORD of God," Brother Copeland recalls.

Great success, coupled with the delight of both parents and children, resulted in three more Superkid movies—*Armor of Light*, *The Sword* and *Judgment: The Trial of Commander Kellie*—and two additional Wichita Slim movies—*Covenant Rider* and *The Treasure of Eagle Mountain*. But that's not all.

In April 1993, the first children's activity page appeared in the monthly

Believer's Voice of Victory magazine. A year later, in May 1994, *Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids* magazine debuted, growing from 5,000 subscriptions to more than 150,000 when its last issue was distributed in 2006. For more than a decade, *Shout!* not only won awards, it also brought the Word of God to tens of thousands of children on a regular basis. When its run was complete, funds for *Shout!* were funneled to other children's ministry projects.

"God has great things for this generation to do, but it takes a lot of time, effort, resources and finances to outweigh the barrage of worldly input that kids are faced with every day," says Kellie Copeland, who spearheads KCM's children's ministry. "We're committed to this cause, and I know the KCM Partners are too."

Other faith-filled KCM materials for children over the years have included *Baby Praise* videos, audios and books for babies; 11 *Superkid Adventure* novels, activity books, coloring books, comic books and music CDs; and the *Over the Edge* and *Load Up* devotionals for teens. In partnership with Dana Johnson Ministries for more than 20 years, Superkid Academy has been part of major KCM meetings for years, and has become a regular fixture at Eagle Mountain International Church.

For all these efforts, what has been the result?

"Years ago when we started this Superkid Academy theme, it was just an idea," said Kellie. "But what has happened is that we now have real Superkids—even adult Superkids—who know the Word and really have it down in their hearts; they know how to use their faith and what to do when

things are hard or when they are in need. They know to go to God, because He is their Source."

Partnering With You

On a consistent basis, with the latest technology and developments, we need to prepare our children for what's out there—prepare them to take a stand against the kingdom of darkness so they don't become another tragic statistic. That's why KCM is excited about its most recent children's ministry effort, the Superkid Academy Curriculum, which is designed to provide one-on-one

music, games and outlines for messages, Superkid Academy now appears in churches around the globe. Young people are being raised up as Superkids with a strong foundation: *knowing* they have a purpose and a mission from God, *knowing* what it means to live by faith, and *knowing* who they are in Christ.

"By arming young people with the Word and biblical core values, and helping to strengthen their spirits, it helps them make right decisions and live anointed lives," said Kellie. It's just one more way KCM is reaching out to

children, fulfilling those prophetic words: "Whatever we must do, we *are* going to reach our kids."

In 2013, KCM released a full-length feature titled *Superkid Academy: The Mission*—the first movie project designed in conjunction with the Superkid Academy Curriculum program. One of the things that made this project so special was that it was written and directed by Lyndsey Rae, who not only is Kellie's daughter but who grew

up as a Superkid.

"Lyndsey had been involved in writing the video shorts for the first five volumes of the Superkid curriculum," Kellie explains, "and was actively working on shorts for Volume 6 when the Lord gave her a unique direction. As she was praying about the project, the Lord had Lyndsey write 13 individual scenes, and then He showed her how to put them together and develop them into a movie. The result was *The Mission*."

During an interview with *BVOV*, Commander Kellie fielded some questions about Superkid Academy, its success, and what she sees in the future

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interaction and faith training for kids—all in partnership with churches around the globe.

From day one, KCM has believed partnership makes the difference in everything we do. When we partner together, we share one another's anointings and giftings for the furtherance of His kingdom. Through partnering with the Superkid Academy Curriculum, teachers have everything they need to teach the uncompromised Word of God—real faith—to the children in their churches.

Through the curriculum, which includes DVDs, object lessons, offering lessons, praise and worship

for SKA and Commander Kellie. Here are some of her comments:

BVOV: *Superkid Academy is about to be 30 years old. How did you come up with the concept?*

CK: There were several people involved when the original cassette was done in 1988. At first, I was thinking more along the lines of establishing something similar to vacation Bible school. But, the more we discussed it, we decided we wanted kids to have an academy-type experience. It just developed from there.

BVOV: *When did you know you were called to this area of ministry?*

CK: It started when my daughter Rachel was around 2 years old. She brought home a paper from church that said God made the flowers. For some reason, it sparked something in me to want her to know that not only did God make the flowers, but why. I wanted her to understand that He made flowers as an expression of His love for her. That's the depth of God's love: He loves us so much that He would make something as magnificent as a flower. That caused me to get involved in her learning process, and the Lord just took it from there.

BVOV: *How do you feel about the success you've had with SKA?*

CK: When I look at how far we've come, sometimes it's striking. Personally, I want to know that I have pleased the Lord with my life, and what I've been able to do for the kids, and I believe that I have. But there are times when I wonder, *Could I have done more? Should I be further along?* Then, I see all these kids who are now all grown up, and some of them even have kids of their own. And they come up to

me and say how much I've impacted their lives, and that I helped them to find out what God wanted them to do with their lives. That's a really good feeling!

BVOV: *How significant is that to you?*

CK: It's very significant, because it tells me what we've been doing works. It tells me that, because these kids directed their attention to the Lord to find out who they were, they found that their place was in Him. And today, He is so powerful in their lives. This is not a theory. It's reality, and it works!

BVOV: *Through SKA, you've reached hundreds of thousands of kids with the message of God's love. What more is there to be done?*

CK: There's plenty more to do, because there are always more kids coming along. The kids around the world who are growing up as Superkids are growing up learning the Word of God. They're facing things that my kids could never have fathomed while growing up. We have to give our kids the proper tools to use as they grow and develop, and it's important that we get started with them when they're young. That way, the teaching becomes a natural progression for them, not something foreign that they have to try and remember.

BVOV: *Your dad, Kenneth Copeland, has made a strong affirmation that, "Whatever we must do, we are going to reach our kids." Is that your commitment, as well?*

CK: Absolutely! For more than a quarter century, we've been trying to reach kids and show them who they are in Christ—to give them the messages Dad has been teaching. And we've been very successful in doing that. The latest Superkids movie, *The*

Mission, is probably one of the biggest proofs that it's working! The cast for this movie, which centers on the Superkid Creed, is not only made up of Superkids, but it was written and directed by Lyndsey, who grew up as a Superkid. It's the same Word they grew up learning, only it's being shared with a new generation of Superkids!

BVOV: *Speaking of The Mission, how significant is this movie to the mission of SKA?*

CK: It's very significant. We've never done a movie based on a Superkid curriculum before. *The Mission* places strong emphasis on the Superkid Creed, which is the core teaching in the Volume 6 Curriculum. The Creed teaches kids about the importance of having core values, principles that are instilled in them so they can say things like: "I don't gossip," "I'm a tither, not a taker," "Honor those in authority," and "Lay hands on the sick and they recover." If kids can hear these things taught in church, and then hear them over and over again in a movie like *The Mission*, then these things will get down into their hearts and become core values. Core values will take you all the way through from junior high and high school, to college, and on into adult life. Even if you get away from it for a season, if it's a core value in your heart then you'll come back to it.

BVOV: *Any idea how many kids have become Superkids over the years?*

CK: No, but I wish I did. I wish they'd all write me so that I can know. But, I meet them all the time: when I go shopping, speak in churches, even when I take my young daughter to the pediatrician. My older kids have even been approached over the years while in college by former Superkids who would ask, "Is Commander Kellie your mother?" I can see that the Word has made such an impact on these kids' lives.

BVOV: *How much longer can we look forward to seeing Commander Kellie?*

CK: Well, I do have a couple of daughters who look like me. I suppose I could be perpetually young. Or, maybe you can look forward to seeing me in cartoons. ♡



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Tim Cruz has been connected with Superkid Academy since he was 12 years old and living in California. At 17, he worked all summer so he could travel to Texas to volunteer with SKA at the Southwest Believers' Convention. As he grew older, Tim eventually moved to Fort Worth. Now married and with a child of his own, Tim continues to sow into Superkids by volunteering every year at Southwest.

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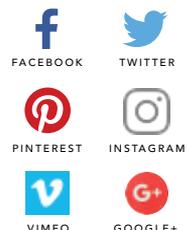
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Think about how sweet life would be if you always had enough. Enough to do everything you dream of for the kingdom of God. Enough to be a blessing everywhere you go. Enough to enjoy the life God has given you and show the world just how good your heavenly Father really is.

always having

*by
Kenneth
Copeland*



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE

1

This earth and everything in it is crying out for **THE BLESSING** of God to flow through you.
Romans 8:19

2

In the midst of a famine, Isaac brought prosperity to an entire region by walking in **THE BLESSING** of God.
Genesis 26:3-4

3

The same **BLESSING** that was on Isaac is now on you through your relationship with Jesus.
Galatians 3:13-14

4

Poverty isn't a money problem, it's a spiritual problem, and Jesus overcame it on the cross.
2 Corinthians 8:9

5

As Jesus' joint heir, you've inherited richly all things to enjoy **AND** everything you need to be a **BLESSING** wherever you go.
2 Corinthians 9:8

how much fun would it be if you never had to be concerned about paying bills or meeting your own needs? What would it be like to enjoy such a continual stream of abundance that your whole life could be about giving?

To most people, such a life sounds impossible—especially in times like these when the world's economy is in a mess. But I'm here to tell you today that if you're a born-again believer, not only is it possible, it's God's will for you.

Even if your current financial situation is dismal, or you're so far behind it looks like you'll never catch up, God can take you from *not having* to *always having...and* keep you there for the rest of your life. No matter what the stock market does. No matter what happens to the housing market. No matter what political party is in office.

How can I be so sure?

Almighty God has given His WORD on it. He's pledged His blood-sworn oath and recorded it in the Bible that "he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, *always having* all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, emphasis mine).

When God says *always having*,

He means it. Over the past 50 years, Gloria and I have seen that for ourselves. We've lived through a number of national and worldwide economic crises. We've been there when it seemed like everyone was howling about how bad things were. But, in the midst of it all, we kept right on *always having*.

The fact is, we've lived that way for so long some people might look at us and think we never had a need, but they'd be wrong. When we first got started in ministry, we needed everything.

We knew He'd called us to preach His uncompromised WORD from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around, and we were eager to do it. There was just one problem: We couldn't figure out how to preach around the world when we didn't even have enough money to get out of town.

One day I was walking around our little living room praying about it when I heard the voice of The LORD on the inside of me ask: *Have you ever noticed in My WORD that when*



My people were calling out to Me, I always sent a man to help them? When Israel cried out for deliverance, I sent Moses. When the world was crying for salvation, I sent Jesus, He said.

Assuming I knew where He was headed, I interrupted Him.

“Glory to God!” I shouted. “You have a man somewhere who is going to help me with this!”

No, that’s not what I’m telling you, He replied. I’m saying that you are the man!

What? Doesn’t He know I’m broke?

Before I could explain to Him, He continued. *This is part of your anointing. This is what I want you to be. I want you to be that man financially. I want you to be a distributor of My WORD and My resources. I want this to be a clearinghouse ministry that blesses people worldwide.*

I was stunned. I didn’t have enough money to buy one tank of gasoline (and that was back when gas was about 28 cents a gallon), yet God was telling me He wanted me to be a financial distributor for His kingdom?

I responded the only way I knew how. I agreed to it. I said, “LORD Jesus, Sir, I am Yours to command.”

In the years since, I’ve come to realize that those are some of the most profound words God ever taught me. They are the words that open the door to a life of always having.

Rich Is Not a Dirty Word

“But Brother Copeland, God hasn’t called me to preach all over the world like you do,” someone might say. “Maybe His will is different for me than it is for you.”

The details may be different. The work He directs you to do may be different. But the bottom line is the same for every born-again child of God. His will, written clearly in His WORD, is that we “always having all sufficiency in all

things, may have an abundance for every good work” (*New King James Version*).

“Yeah, but what about the recession? What about inflation? What about oil prices?”

What about them? Those things can’t stop God. When 2 Corinthians 9:8 was written, the world’s economy was in horrible shape. There was a literal famine going on. But God told the believers of that day that they could be “always having”—right in the midst of the worst conditions they’d ever seen.

rope, and for years, the devil used it to separate me from the call God had on my life.

When I started reading The WORD for myself, however, I discovered it says the exact opposite. Psalm 112:1-9 says:

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. A good man deals graciously and lends; he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he will never be shaken; the righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established; he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies. He has dispersed abroad, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be exalted with honor (*NKJV*).

YOU CAN HAVE MONEY WITHOUT IT SOILING YOUR SPIRITUALITY.

You can have wealth and riches in your house and it won’t affect your righteousness.

The same is true for us. There never has to be a time when we’re lacking. We can always have plenty to do every good thing God puts in our hearts to do.

Some Christians find that hard to believe. They’ve actually been taught that God doesn’t always want us to have an abundance—that sometimes He wants us to go without. They even have the idea that in the mind of God, *rich* is a dirty word.

I understand what that’s like. I used to have the same idea. I got it when I was a kid, not from my parents (who were too smart to believe it) but from some misguided religious people. I took their word for it that godliness and poverty were tied together with a short

I am convinced that psalm should be embedded in the spirit and mind of every Christian. You ought to read it every day for at least 60 days because it’s the profile of the prosperous believer. It’s the blueprint of God’s plan for you.

Psalm 112 will help you settle the fact that, as a child of God and a lover of His WORD, you can have money without it soiling your spirituality. You can have wealth and riches in your house and it won’t affect your righteousness. You can forget what you’ve heard about “dirty, old money.” The money you receive from God isn’t dirty. Your money is Kingdom wealth

because you're a citizen of God's kingdom and it's in your hands.

You don't have to live in fear of losing that wealth, either. You don't have to let bad financial news scare you. Because God is your Source, it doesn't make any difference what the world's economy does. You and God have your own economy going, and in that economy the financial news is always the same: You are *always having!*

I heard the Spirit of The LORD say this to me at the end of 2010: *For those who insist on walking in love and living by faith, everything is going to be all right.*

Praise God, that's good news all the time! But it's especially refreshing to hear at times like this. When the rest of the world is screaming and hollering like a mashed cat about how awful things are, it's great to be able to believe God's WORD and say, "Every thing is going to be ALL-Right!"

More Fun Than You Ever Had

If you're wondering why things are going to be all right in your life when they're going so wrong everywhere else, it's because, as a believer, you're in covenant with God. You're called, appointed and anointed to be a distributor of His blessings. You're divinely commissioned to bring help to a hurting world.

"But Brother Copeland, I don't have anything to give!"

That's not true.

Second Corinthians 9:10 says that Jesus "ministereth seed to the sower..." The word *minister* there is an important word. It refers to "someone who is appointed to administer or manage something for the good of someone else." It can be used to refer to the administrator of a trust fund or the executor of an estate. A minister uses what's entrusted to him to improve the life and situation of another.

Jesus is the High Priest or the High Administrator of the Body of Christ. He is the executor of God's wealth, which belongs to us through our covenant with Him. We are the priests (Revelation 1:6) who operate under His authority and minister that wealth to others as He directs.

The Bible assures us that Jesus, as our High Priest, has already ministered to us something we can give. So, no matter how financially strapped you may be, you still have enough to bless someone. If it's not in your bank account, it might be in the back of your closet. If it's not in your wallet, it might be in your attic.

Actually, everything you do and every word you say can become a ministering seed. Just by purposing to do it, you can be a blessing to everyone with whom you come in contact. You can find ways to prosper people wherever you go.

When you're staying in a hotel, for instance, don't gather up all the tiny soap bars and shampoo bottles and stick them in your suitcase. Although they're included in the price of the room, you won't ever use them. But the hotel proprietor will. So bless him with them. Sow them back into his business and be a minister of his prosperity.

Do that kind of thing all the time. Always be on the lookout for ways to encourage people. Smile at them. Tell them you appreciate them. Minister love, kindness and joy to them.

Before you leave the house in the morning, say, "LORD, I'm Your minister today. I am a minister of salvation to those who want to receive You as LORD. I am a minister of healing to the sick. I am a minister of finances, bread and goodness. I am anything You need me to be."

When you start living with that attitude it doesn't take long for your life to absolutely turn around. The minute you truly start seeking first God's kingdom and His righteousness, living by faith and love, you are well on your way to *always having*.

You're also about to have more fun than you've ever had in your life.

I found that out years ago when God gave me one of my first big distribution assignments. He told me to give Brother Kenneth E. Hagin's ministry \$50,000. At the time, I'd never even seen \$50,000. I had no idea how to get that kind of money. But the inadequacy of my bank balance didn't bother God. He didn't expect me to come up with the money. He just wanted me to be the delivery boy.

I told Him I'd be happy to do it. I

meant it, too—in more ways than one. After all, the Bible says, "Whatever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord," (Ephesians 6:8). So, if I delivered \$50,000 to Brother Hagin, God was going to bless me, too.

For the next few months, every time I'd get some money I'd set aside a little of it for Brother Hagin. I'd buy something at the store and when they gave me change, I'd say, "Glory to God! That's Brother Hagin's." At the end of the week, I'd gather it all up and send it to his ministry.

I didn't keep track of the amount. I was just having a great time giving. After a while (it didn't seem like very long) I called Brother Hagin's office to see how things were adding up. It turned out that somehow or another I'd already surpassed the \$50,000 mark.

Meanwhile, I'd never missed a beat financially. Never ran short of anything. It certainly didn't seem like I'd given that much. Maybe God was doubling what I sent. He's pretty smooth. He can do stuff like that. I don't know how it happened and I don't care. All I know is that I had the time of my life being a blessing and being blessed.

I didn't get to do it just because I'm a preacher, either. This kind of life isn't just for preachers. It's not just for the apostle, prophet, pastor, evangelist and teacher. It's for every member of the Body of Christ. Jesus has called us all to be distributors for His kingdom.

All you have to do is volunteer: Say, "LORD Jesus, Sir, I am Yours to command." Then keep your ear tuned to His instructions. Be ready. He'll speak to you. He'll show you what to give and He'll enable you to give it. Then He'll "multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10) so that you can distribute more...and more...and more.

In the process, your own needs will be met so abundantly you won't have to give them a thought. Coming up short will be a thing of the past. Your days of *not having* will be behind you, and you'll enjoy the life God planned for you all along. A life of always having, always sowing and always reaping.

A life that is always BLESSED. 🍀

A close-up portrait of a man with dark hair, wearing a blue denim jacket, holding a guitar. The word "Diligence" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center of the image. The background is dark and out of focus.

Diligence



by
*Melanie
Henry*

A BLUSTERY WIND
RATTLED THE WINDOWS
IN THE APARTMENT
WHERE TIM CRUZ SAT
CONTEMPLATING HIS
FUTURE. WHO KNEW
TEXAS WINTERS COULD
BE SO NOISY? HE
THOUGHT ABOUT THE
BALMY WEATHER BACK
HOME IN CALIFORNIA.
EVERYTHING HE LOVED
WAS THERE. HIS FIANCÉE,
STEPHANIE. HIS FAMILY.
THE CHURCH WHERE
HE'D MINISTERED MUSIC.

He thought he'd been following the leading of the Lord when he'd packed up and moved to Texas. For four years, since one of his friends had invited him to visit his church, he'd believed that this was where he was supposed to be.

Now that he was here—out of work and out of money—it was clear that no one else had gotten that memo. Tim had put applications in everywhere but hadn't had a single job offer. It seemed as though God had closed every door.



IT WAS THE COOLEST THING. MY BROTHER DAVID AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH COMMANDERS KELLIE, DANA AND LINDA. WHEN IT WAS OVER, WE COULDN'T WAIT TO GO BACK THE FOLLOWING YEAR.



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Sun	16	Ezr. 10; Neh. 1-2	1 Pet. 3-4
Mon	17	Neh. 3-4	1 Pet. 5
Tue	18	Neh. 5-6	2 Pet. 1
Wed	19	Neh. 7-8	2 Pet. 2
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Mon	24	Est. 5-6	1 Jn. 5
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Thu	27	Job 1-2	Jude
Fri	28	Job 3-4	Rev. 1
Sat	29	Job 5-6	Rev. 2
Sun	30	Job 7-9	Rev. 3
Mon	31	Job 10-11	Rev. 4

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Tim knew that all he had to do was make a phone call and his dad would wire money to his account. No question about that. But the Lord had shut that door too.

Don't make the call, the Lord had told him.

"Why not?"

Because I'm your provider. You've always looked to your dad as your provider, but in this next season, I am showing you that I'm your provider.

Had he missed it? Had he gotten into presumption and taken a wrong turn?

Tim settled onto the sofa to worship the Lord. After a while he said, "If I missed it, Lord, just tell me! What do You want me to do? I need a sign!"

Look out the window.

Tim walked across the living room and opened the curtains. He saw an overcast sky. He saw trees stripped of leaves. He saw debris being whipped down the street by the wind. What he didn't see was anyone offering him a job.

Look at the sign.

Tim scanned the horizon and saw a sign.

What does it say?

"You've got to be kidding me! Sonic?"

That's your sign. Go apply.

"You want me to apply at Sonic?"

The Lord had nothing else to say on the subject. Tim phoned Sonic and asked if they were hiring.

Of course they were.

He drove to the assigned address to pick up an application. When he arrived, the manager waved him inside.

"Someone was supposed to come in for an interview but they didn't show. Come on in and we'll talk."

A few minutes later, the manager handed Tim a Sonic hat. "Welcome aboard. You've got the job."

Back at his apartment, Tim dreaded calling Stephanie, his fiancée.

"Hey, what are you doing?" he asked when she answered.

"Getting ready for Bible study. What about you? Any good news?"

"I got a job."

"Wonderful! What is it?"

Tim glanced up and saw his image in the mirror. The Sonic cap made him look like a clown. He fought to swallow the lump in his throat. How could he tell the woman he was about to marry that he was a 26-year-old carhop?

Where It All Began

"I'd never dreamed of being in the ministry," Tim explains. "I had no desire to minister. Growing up, all I ever wanted to do was be a Superkid. My first CD was *Armor of Light*. The summer I was 12 years old, my parents said that we were going to spend a week at a meeting with Kenneth Copeland in Anaheim, Calif. I had no idea who Kenneth Copeland was; I only knew him as Wichita Slim!

"You'll be going to Superkid Academy," my parents explained.

"You mean it's a real place?" I asked, thrilled beyond my wildest dreams.

"When we walked in, all the kids gave us high-fives and the service started with a game! It was the coolest thing. My brother David and I fell in love with Commanders Kellie, Dana and Linda. When it was over, we couldn't wait to go back the following year. Commander Dana told me to bring my guitar the next time.

"I've never missed a year since. David and I volunteered as ushers every year at Anaheim. When I was 17, I asked my dad if I could go to the Southwest Believers' Convention."

"Let me get this straight," Tim's father said. "You want to travel from California to Texas so you can volunteer at the convention?"

"Right."

Tim did yardwork all summer to earn the money to go.

Arriving at the convention center in Fort Worth, he reported to Superkid Academy where he planned on volunteering as an usher.

I want you to volunteer for bathroom duty all week.

Tim gasped. No one wanted bathroom duty! It was the grossest thing you could be asked to do. Swallowing his disgust, Tim put a smile on his face and volunteered for bathroom duty. When the week was over, Commander Dana pulled him aside.

“We appreciate the way you served,” he said. “We’d like for you to be on the Superkid team next year.”

What just happened? Tim wondered. Was there a connection between volunteering for the worst job at the convention and being promoted?

The following year, Tim graduated from high school and served at both the Anaheim and Southwest Believers’ Conventions. That year, KCM launched the Great Lakes Believers’ Convention in Green Bay, Wis. He served there too.

“I got into pride about that time,” Tim remembers. “Commander Dana asked me to take a year off from serving on the team. The following year he reinstated me. I’d always played drums at my church but still had no interest in full-time ministry. The year I turned 21, I realized that my heart had changed.”

A Divine Spark

Tim had no way of knowing that the summer of 2007 would change his life. One of the friendships he had developed at Superkid Academy was with Josh Coad. While Tim was in Fort Worth for the convention, Josh invited him to visit Gateway Church, the church he attended in Southlake, Texas. When he did visit, Tim felt at home.

What was that about? Tim wondered.

Three years later, in the summer of 2010, Tim stayed with friends in Texas for two months following the Southwest Believers’ Convention. During that time, he volunteered at Gateway and signed up for their membership class. After returning home to California, Tim asked the Lord a simple question: “What do You have for me to do?”

When he woke the next morning, several things were clear to Tim. California wasn’t his home anymore.

His heart was in Texas. He felt impressed that he was to move there in January 2011.

Obedying the Lord meant leaving his fiancée. It meant leaving his family while his mother was in a battle for her life due to illness. And he had to leave his church.

It hadn’t been easy.

Now, here he was—a carhop at Sonic. To make matters worse, his supervisor was a 17-year-old girl who didn’t know what she was doing.

An Attitude Adjustment

Tim listened as his pastor talked about how Jonathan’s armor bearer gave him his full support, even when he knew the plan to attack the Philistines was a terrible idea.

“Then, he asked this question,” Tim explains: “Are you submitted to the season you’re in?”

“I had to admit that I hadn’t submitted to the season I was in, and I wasn’t submitted to my leader. That night I made a decision not only to submit to her, but to become the best carhop ever. The first thing I did was stop complaining, even in my heart.

“Sonic was the season I was in and I determined to be super diligent in it. The absolute worst job at Sonic was cleaning the stalls. No one wanted to do it—except I knew God wanted me to do it. So I volunteered for the job. It was one of those character-building experiences.

When Tim moved to Texas, Dana and Linda Johnson were on staff at Gateway Church. Dana was the children’s worship leader there.

“We connected as often as possible, but no ministry opportunity opened up for me,” Tim recalls.

In June 2011, Tim and Stephanie married and she moved to Texas. Eventually, Stephanie got a job at Sonic, too. Since the couple only had one car, Tim would leave the car with her and, at 5:30 each morning, make the 5-mile trek to Sonic—usually running most of the distance. Some mornings it seemed as though that 5 miles stretched to 20. Even in the

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dark, frigid mornings, Tim worked up a sweat on his way in and would take his work clothes in a backpack and wash up and change once he got there.

Marriage, Tim had learned, wasn't as easy as he had assumed it would be. That had been a learning curve. Running to work, cleaning stalls, submitting to his leader no matter what—with a smile on his face—those 5-mile runs were when he wondered, step after step and mile after mile, *What am I doing here?*

He didn't know the answer.

Months passed, and one of his friends from the Anaheim Superkid Academy, Anna Byrd, helped Tim get a job at a car dealership. Stephanie got a job at a grocery store. But in terms of ministry, it appeared that they'd gone backward.

Still, they forged ahead, being diligent to the season.

The Choice

The following year, in 2012, Tim unlocked the door to their apartment and found Stephanie on the floor, sobbing. "What's wrong?" he asked, running to her.

She lifted her tear-stained face.

"I miss our families," she said.

Tim sank to the floor beside his wife and pulled her into his arms.

"I miss them too." They wept together.

"Can't we just go home?" she asked.

There it was: the million-dollar question.

What was stopping them? In all the time since he'd moved to Texas no doors had opened for him in ministry. They could just pack up and go back home. Call it a good try, a learning experience, and move on. After all, he'd

done everything he knew to obey God and stay diligent, even when doors of opportunity slammed in his face.

Tim thought back to the early days of Superkid Academy, when the Lord told him to clean bathrooms. Afterward, he'd been promoted. He remembered falling into pride and Commander Dana asking him to step down while he dealt with it. He remembered the Lord telling him that Sonic was his sign, and led him to a job as a carhop—a very humbling experience. And he remembered the Lord leading him to volunteer to clean the stalls, to submit to authority, to stop complaining and to be diligent in that season.

He'd done all of that, and more.

Couldn't he just go home?

Tim pondered 1 Peter 5:5-6: "In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time" (*New International Version*).

Without a doubt, their due time had not arrived, Tim reasoned. The season they were in was one of being humbled. One thing he knew for sure was that being humbled was a prerequisite to being promoted.

Pulling Stephanie close, he called her by her nickname and said: "Nanie, I think we're supposed to stay here."

She dried her tears and agreed.

The Call

"I was a volunteer leading the children's worship at our North Richland Hills extension campus, figuring I might as well not be there, when Commander Dana called and asked me to meet him for coffee," Tim recalls. "I drove to Starbucks, wondering what I'd done wrong. As I pulled into the parking lot I heard these words, *Your life is about to change right now*. I didn't have any idea what that meant. I went inside expecting Commander Dana to tell me I'd messed up some way."

After getting their coffees and settling

down at a table, Dana said, "Tim, we have a position that opened up in our department. I think you're the guy for the job."

"Really?" Tim asked, stunned.

"Yes, you've been so diligent even though it's been hard for you."

"What's the position?"

"Associate Pastor of Kids' Worship."

"Wait, *what?* An associate pastor?"

"Tim, you've been pastoring kids for years but God has made it public now. When this position came up, we knew you were the person."

It had been one month since he and Stephanie almost packed up and headed back to California.

"I went to work as a kids' pastor, and soon after we bought a house," Tim says.

"Two years later, the Lord impressed us that we were going to move. I was offered a position at our Frisco campus, where I'm currently serving as their Students' Worship Pastor."

All the while, Tim never forgot his spiritual roots. He never disconnected from the ministry that brought him to this place in life: volunteering each year with Superkid Academy during the Believers' Convention.

"This is my 20th year to volunteer at Superkid Academy," Tim says. "I am who I am today, because of everything KCM sowed into me as a child. Superkid Academy gave me years of ministry, doing worship and teaching segments. More than anything, it gave me a heart for ministry."

Looking back over his journey, Tim realizes that how someone handles the humbling experiences determines their promotion in God's kingdom.

"Joseph was sold into slavery and thrown into prison," Tim said. "David and his men hid in caves before he ruled as king. For many of the patriarchs their seasons of humility lasted for many years."

Today, Tim and Stephanie, who also works in the kids' department at Gateway, are enjoying being parents to their first child, 1-year-old Zion Ezra.

"We love the season that we're in!" Tim says. "But we keep our Sonic visors in the closet to remind us to stay humble before God." 🍷

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Hey, Superkids, how is your treasure hunting going?

THE LAST FEW MONTHS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT HUNTING FOR THE GREATEST PRIZE TO BE FOUND, WISDOM! I LET YOU IN ON MY ADVENTURES IN TREASURE HUNTING. I SHARED A PICTURE OF ME DIGGING IN THE DIRT FOR DIAMONDS. WHAT A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE LENGTHS AND EFFORT WE SHOULD BE WILLING TO GO TO FOR WISDOM. SEASHELL HUNTING OR DIAMOND MINING CAN'T COMPARE TO FINDING REAL LIFE AND REAL HELP IN JESUS, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND!

When we find wisdom, the Bible says we've found the main thing. But how do we "keep the main thing, the main thing"? How do we stay focused on not only finding wisdom, but walking in the ways of wisdom that we discover? You'll find a few great answers in God's Word, but one of the most important treasure tools the Father gives us is godly friends. They make such a difference in our lives! I call them Treasure Buddies. I have some amazing treasure buddies in my life. Do you? And how do you know if your friends are treasure buddies or more like pirates? God's Word describes both kinds of people.

Have you ever known kids who want to grow up too fast or think it's cool to make their own choices—who want to do their own thing and go their own way regardless of what their teachers or parents say? They may think it's the quickest way to have fun and impress others, by getting their own way or being a big shot. But the goals your friends consider to be great treasures may not be treasures at all. Being the best at sports, being popular, being the funniest or the cutest, pales in comparison to the life God has planned for them. When you choose to run with those friends, you'll focus on the same things they do and you'll be looking in the wrong places for treasure and end up in a pirate trap!



Proverbs 1:10-15 (*New Living Translation*) talks about some pretty bad characters—murderers, thieves and out and out pirates, but LOOK! The Bible considers people who sin and think it's fun, in the same category.

My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them! They may say, "Come and join us. Let's hide and kill someone! Just for fun, let's ambush the innocent! Let's swallow them alive, like the grave; let's swallow them whole, like those who go down to the pit of death. Think of the great things we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all the stuff we take. Come, throw in your lot with us; we'll all share the loot." My child, don't go along with them! Stay far away from their paths.

You're probably not tempted to hang out with people who are that bad, but how bad is OK to you? The verses above talk about people who think it's funny to steal, and to be mean, selfish, sneaky and hurtful. Know anyone like that? Study the people you hang out with at school. What are they looking for? What is treasure to them? Do they help you follow God and help you respect wisdom and authority? I pray so! That would mean they are actually like treasure maps, giving you direction that flows along with God's Word and the wisdom from your parents! Did you even realize friends could do that? Think about this: Did you ever think that YOU could be a

treasure map for YOUR friends?

Having someone to run after God with, is like a diamond in many ways. One thing about a diamond that helps you find it, is that dirt won't stick to it. It slides right off! Just like sin won't stick to someone who loves Jesus! Even when they mess up or sin, Jesus helps them get rid of it. We all need friends like that! Another interesting diamond fact is what happens when light hits it. Actually, several things happen. Not only is light reflected, but when light hits the top, it swirls around inside before shooting back out the top. It can even create a rainbow effect!

You and a godly friend can bring out the Jesus treasure in each other, the same way a great relationship with your parents can make you shine like a well-cut and polished diamond!

Loads of wisdom can be found in 1 and 2 Timothy, including how we should live our lives. And one of my favorite jewels is found in 2 Timothy 2:22 where it says, "Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts" (*NLT*).

In other words,

Run from anything that stirs a desire to sin.

Run toward God and all His ways.

Run with friends who love Him, too.

Those are your TREASURE BUDDIES! If you have friends like that, be thankful! If you don't, then ask the Lord to bring you one! Either way, YOU be a treasure buddy and run after wisdom! You'll find that treasure-hunting friend God is sending your way!

Happy Hunting, Superkids! 🍷



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GET IN THE HABIT OF BELIEVING

by
Kenneth
Copeland

I'VE BEEN CALLED A LOT OF THINGS OVER THE YEARS, AND GULLIBLE IS ONE OF THEM. :: MAYBE I AM GULLIBLE. BUT I WOULD MUCH RATHER BE GULLIBLE THAN HARDHEARTED.

A lot of Christians fail to understand that faith is a definite, purposeful act of the heart.

It is not a mental exercise.

For instance, if a guy came up to me and said he had fallen out of the space shuttle last week, drifted through outer space a couple days, then re-entered the earth's atmosphere, splashed down in the Pacific Ocean and swam to California under the power of the Holy Spirit...of course, in the natural I'd pay no attention to a wild tale like that. But when the Holy Spirit is brought into it, that changes everything—I would believe him. At least, I would believe him until someone proved otherwise.

Now, I realize some people might think it would be foolish to believe a story like that. But they can think what they like. I just make it a habit to always believe. I choose to live on the *believing* side of life.

I purpose to stay on the positive side...the side that says, "All things are possible!"

Have the Heart to Believe // We know of at least one time when Jesus got on to His disciples for being hardhearted. It all started when Thomas made a faithless decision after hearing reports about Jesus being raised from the dead. Thomas told his fellow disciples, "Except I shall see [Jesus]...I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Well, not long afterward, Jesus "appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and *hardness of heart*, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen" (Mark 16:14).

Jesus called Thomas "faithless" (John 20:27). And rightly so. Thomas rejected The WORD of God. He rejected the things Jesus had said for the past three years. And he rejected the testimonies he had heard of Jesus' resurrection.

Thomas wasn't the only one, however. The other disciples didn't believe what Jesus had told them concerning His death and resurrection. They, too, rejected the testimonies of those who said they had seen Jesus alive.

So Jesus rebuked them all for their "hardness of heart." Their hearts were hard because none of them was in the habit of believing.

Like many believers today, the disciples had processed almost everything they heard and saw through their minds, instead of their hearts.

Faith Is an Action Word // A lot of Christians fail to understand that faith is a definite, purposeful act of the heart. It is not a mental exercise.

Accepting something as fact is not *faith*. That's merely giving mental assent. It's reasoning with your mind. You can mentally acknowledge that something is true and still never really believe it in your heart.

Real Bible faith is a matter of the heart, and it carries with it God-given responsibilities.

A man once went to Jesus for some help with his son.

"Master," he called out to Jesus, "I have

brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and whosoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away..." (Mark 9:17-18).

Then he challenged Jesus with this statement: "If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us" (verse 22).

When the father pleaded for compassion, Jesus threw the responsibility back on him, saying, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (verse 23).

The boy's father was trying to get Jesus to do *his believing* for him. But Jesus cannot do that.

Finally the man broke down in tears and cried out, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (verse 24). He was believing in his heart, yet he was having trouble with it in his head. His heart was saying, *I believe, I believe, I believe!* But his mind was resisting.

Had this man known Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding," there would have been no problem with his head. He could have trusted more in his heart and less in his head.

In the end, when the father cried out in faith, "Lord, I believe," he enabled Jesus to cast the deaf and dumb spirit out of his son and the boy was healed.

Jesus will do the work for you, but He cannot do the believing for you. You have to do that.

But remember, heart faith grows out of God's WORD.

If you want to condition your heart to be in the habit of believing, then you must give God's WORD first place in your life. You must feed it into your heart constantly. And you have to realize that The WORD is actually God speaking to you...personally. It's not just a lot of information for your head to carry around.

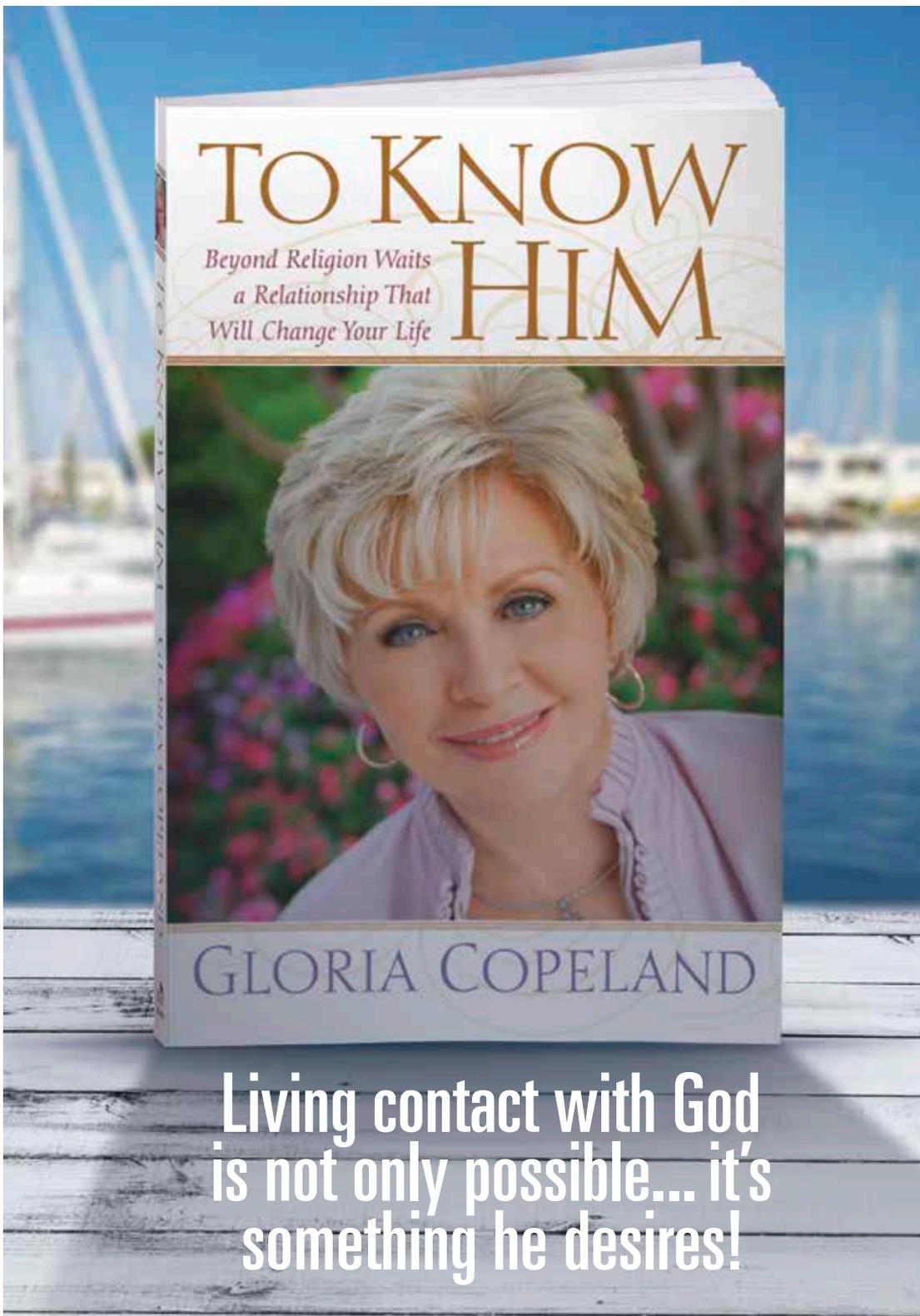
Then, you must make the quality decision that your body and all its physical senses will never override The WORD of God in any given situation.

If your body screams, *I'm sick! I'm sick! I'm sick!*...don't allow that natural, physical evidence to be the final authority about what you believe. Go to The WORD as your final authority. And The WORD says, "By [Jesus'] stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

So abide in The WORD and let The WORD abide in you (John 15:7).

It will get out of your head and into your heart. It will get you out of the *impossible* and into the *possible*. You will get into the habit of living on the believing side of life. 🍷

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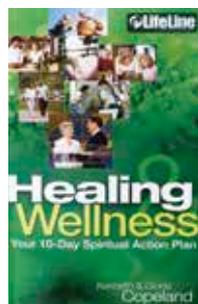
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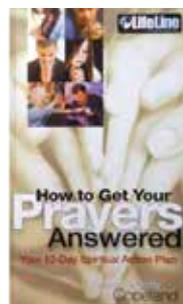
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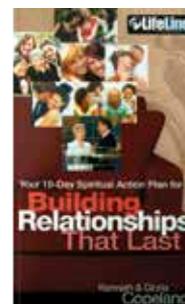
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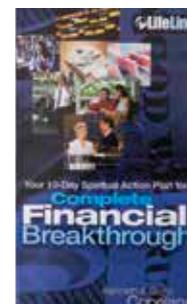
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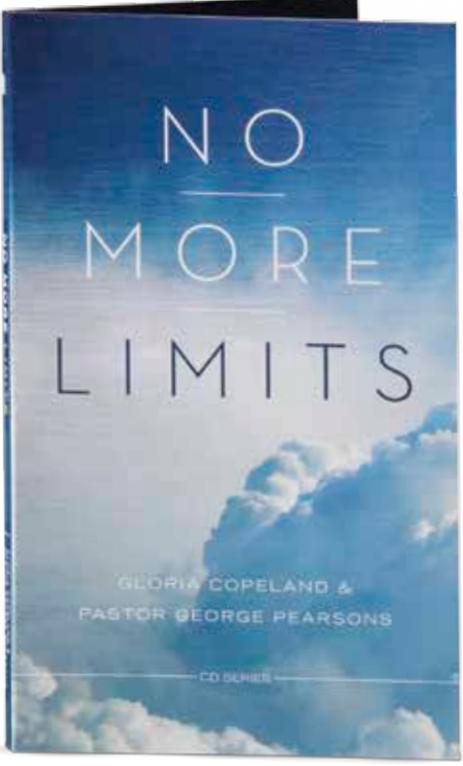
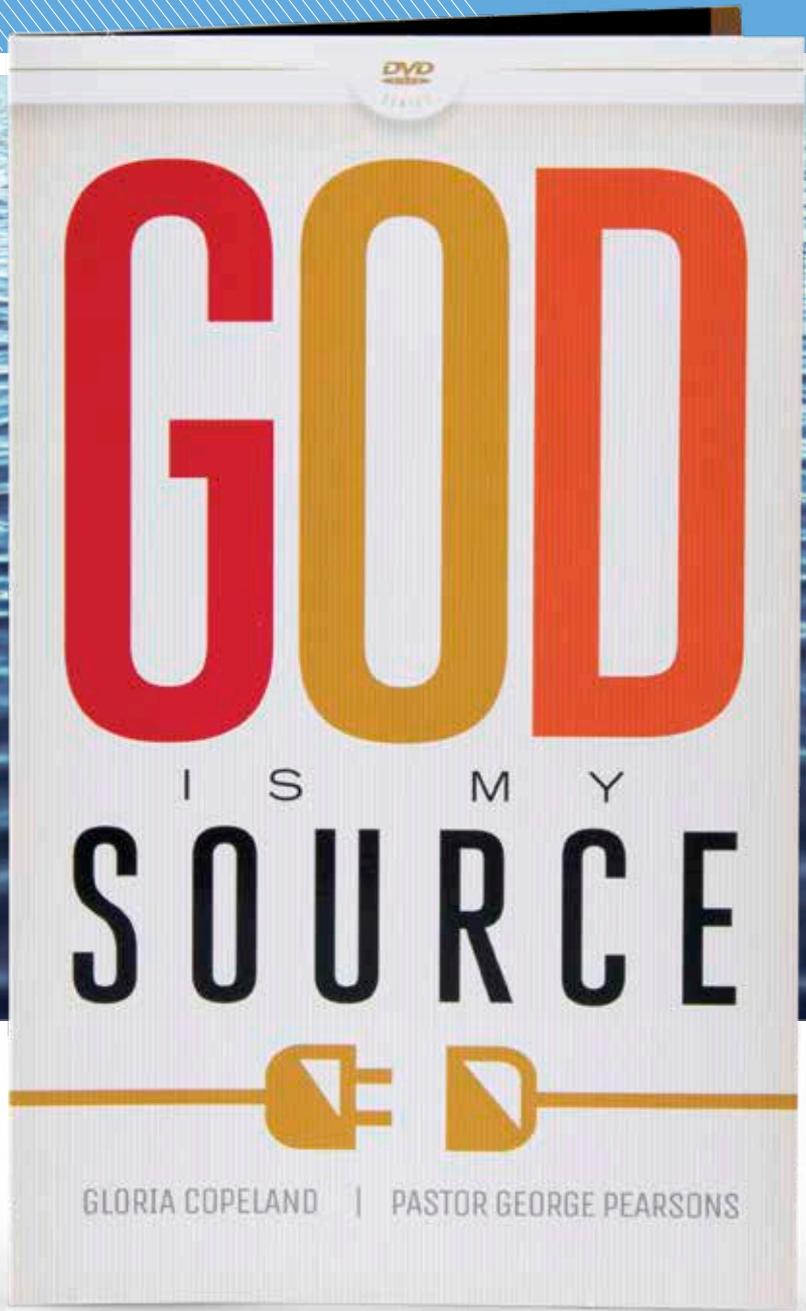
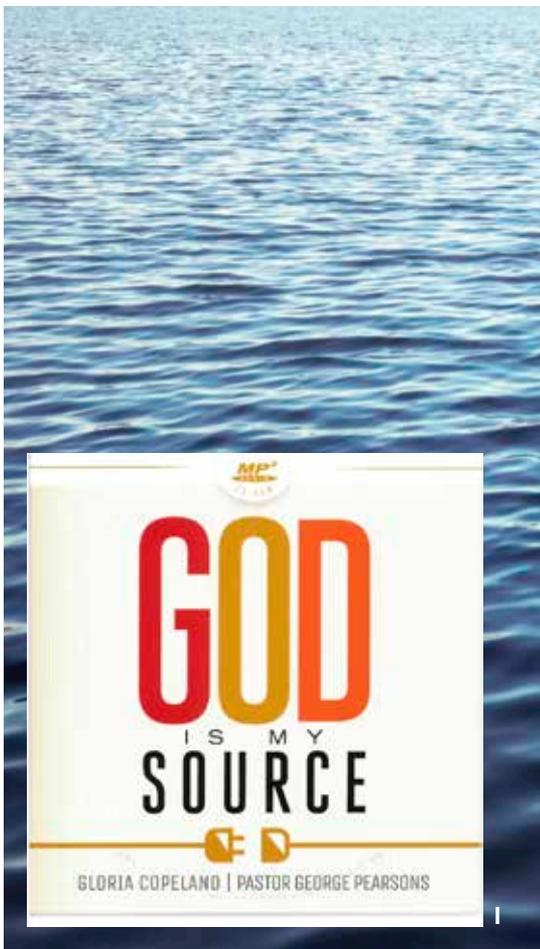
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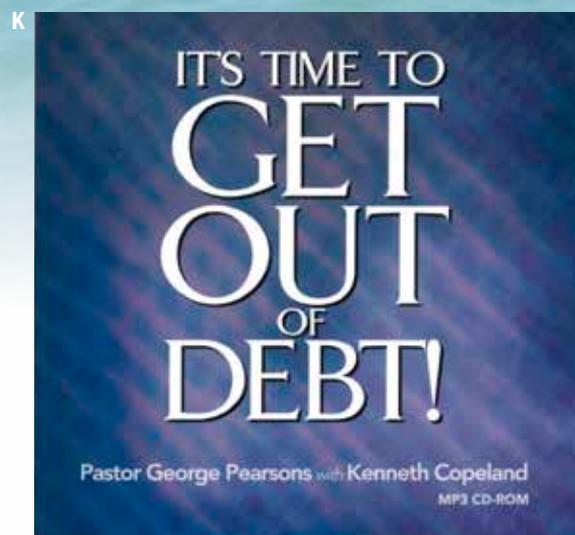
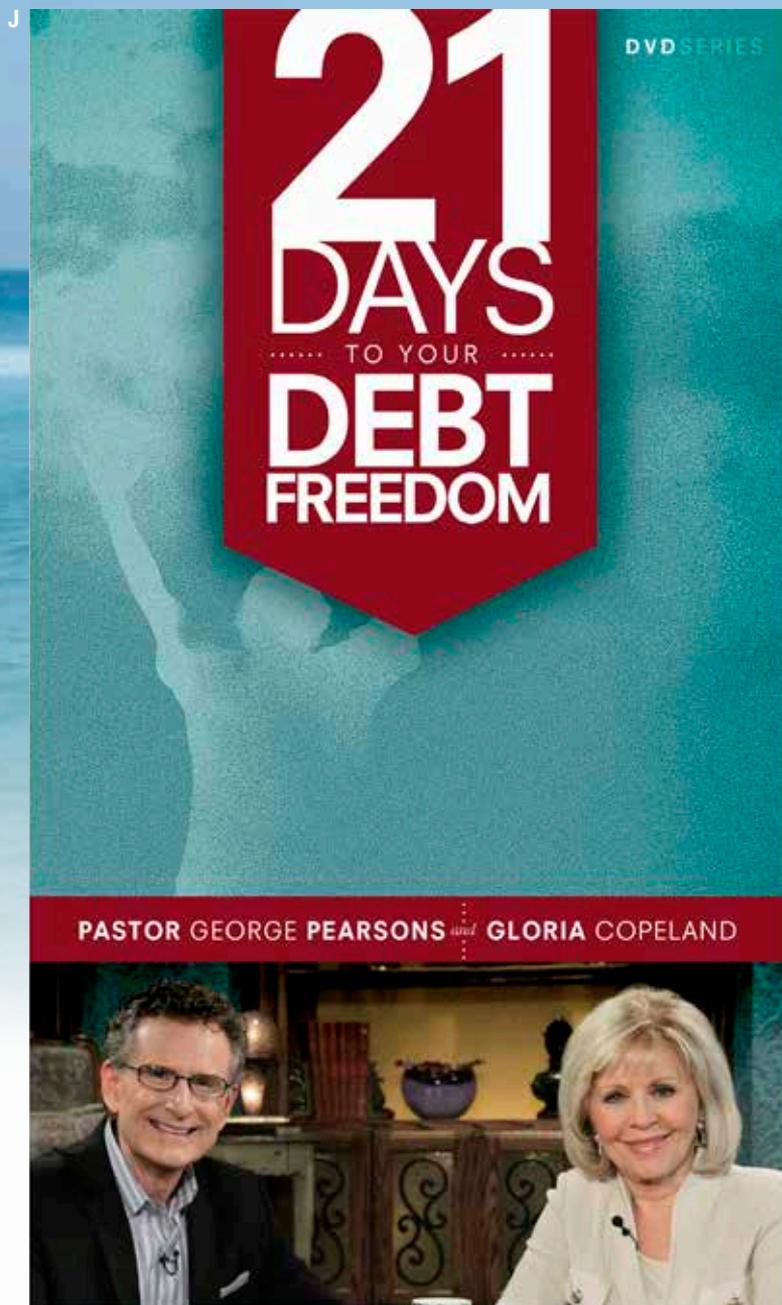
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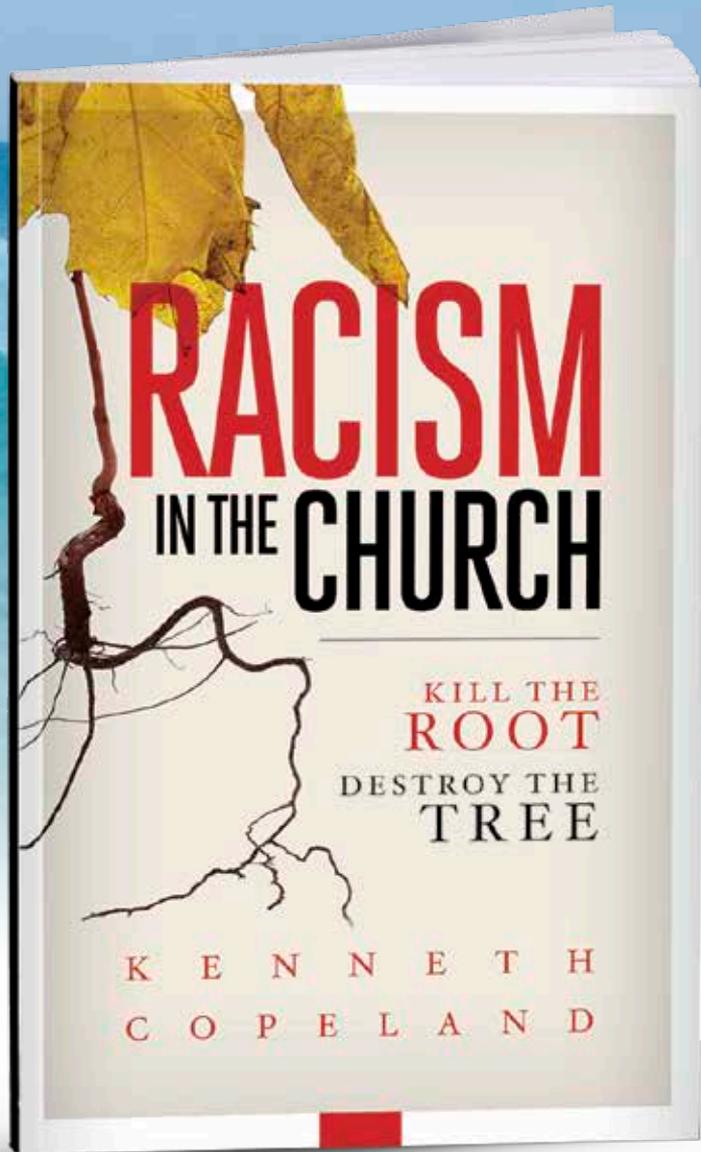
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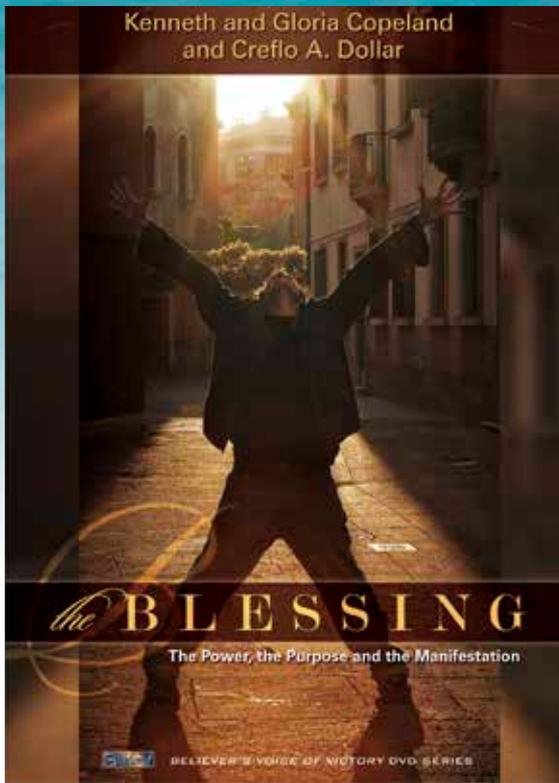
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I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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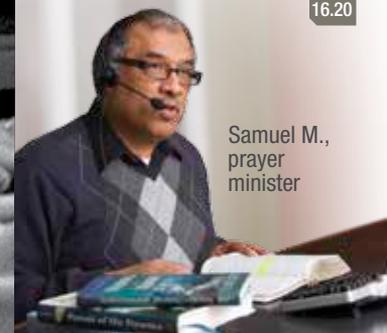
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MORE ABOUT MONEY

by Happy Caldwell

FOR YEARS NOW, WE BELIEVERS HAVE LET SATAN DO A NUMBER ON US ABOUT MONEY AND, IN MANY WAYS, IT HAS BLOCKED THE WORK OF GOD UPON THE EARTH. ∴ WE'VE LET SATAN LIE TO US AND TELL US THAT MONEY DOESN'T MATTER TO GOD. BUT LOOK AT DEUTERONOMY 8:18: "THOU SHALT REMEMBER THE LORD THY GOD: FOR IT IS HE THAT GIVETH THEE POWER TO GET WEALTH, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT WHICH HE SWARE UNTO THY FATHERS, AS IT IS THIS DAY."



MONEY DOES MATTER TO GOD!

In fact, God said He gives us the power to get wealth so that He may establish *His* covenant. What covenant? The one He made with Abraham when He promised him that He would bless him and make his name great in the earth (Genesis 12:1-3).

God wants to bless us as believers. He wants to make our name—the name of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ—great. But before He can do that, we're going to have to let Him straighten us out where money is concerned. We're going to have to let Him teach us how to have and how to handle money according to His Word.

Exactly what does that involve? In a word: Worship.

For years now, God has been showing me that He wants us to worship Him with our money.

Some people say, "Well, I don't think material things are important. What God cares about is our hearts." What they don't realize is that you can't separate the two. When you bring God your money, you bring Him part of yourself. You bring Him what you've labored for, what you've studied for, what you've given your time for. That money is part of you. It represents you.

God wants us to worship Him with our money—all of it! He doesn't want us to say, "Well, I'll give God the 10 percent, but the other 90 is mine." He didn't say, "I so love the world that I'll give them 10 percent of Jesus." He gave all.

Several years ago, the Lord told me that He wanted me to give away a leather coat my dad had given me, to a preacher I knew. I was at a meeting in San Antonio, Texas, at the time, and I had to go back to the hotel room and

pray because I didn't want to give away that coat. I loved it.

That was the problem.

I actually knelt there on the bed in the hotel room and wept over it. Finally I gave in. "OK, God, I'll do it." But He said, *No, I don't want you just to make yourself do it. I want you to be totally willing.*

I had to pray a little longer to get willing, but eventually, I did.

That night I went over to the meeting, found this preacher, called him over, wrapped that coat around his shoulders and said, "The Lord told me to tell you, 'This is a coat of love...'"

The next night that preacher came back to me and said, "Brother Caldwell, when I got home last night, I asked the Lord why you gave me this coat. I don't need a coat. But the Lord told me that you needed to give it."

"That's right," I answered. "I did."

"Well, the Lord told me to receive it and then to give it back to you," he said. Then he laid his hands on me and prophesied, "Yes, indeed, this is a coat of love. And because you were willing to give it, I'm giving it back."

Listen, God wants us to be willing to worship Him with everything we have. He wants us to be willing to give all. Then He can bless it, multiply it and give it back to us.

Have you ever read about how the Israelites gave toward the building of God's Temple? King David gave more than \$612 million of his personal wealth to get it started. Then the priests gave several hundred million dollars more. Finally, they called the people together and they gave too.

And when the Queen of Sheba came from the South and saw it all, she said, "This God is greater than any I've ever known." Then she summoned her servants and they brought all their treasures too and said, "We will now worship your God."

You see, it not only has an impact on God when we worship Him with our money—it has an impact on the world as well!



Happy Caldwell

Happy Caldwell and his wife, Jeanne, are founders of Agape Church in Little Rock, Ark. He is also president and founder of Victory Television Network. For ministry materials or more information, go to vntv.com.

A few years ago, at my church in Little Rock, Ark., we took up an offering of \$10,000 and gave it to the Little Rock Police Department. Sometime later, I heard that during a meeting in Anaheim, Calif., Larry Lea had taken up an offering of \$10,000 and given it to the mayor of Anaheim. Do you have any idea what would happen in the United States if churches all over the land started doing that?

A worldwide revival has already begun. But the only way we're going to see the completion of it is if we make this last adjustment of worshiping God with our money. If we'll do that, we won't have any problems in the Body of Christ ever again. And through us, God *will* make His Name great throughout the earth. 📌

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Love,
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Every believer I know has some problem in life they want God to fix. Some of those problems are big and some are small, but almost everyone is dealing with something. That's just the way it is in this fallen world. Even for those of us who are faith people, there's always a challenge to overcome. There's a mountain of some kind looming large in front of us.

Each time another one crops up, the devil tries to use it to discourage us. "This time you're facing the impossible," he says. "This time the problem is going to defeat you. No matter how much you try to believe God, this mountain is *not* going to move."

The devil, however, is a liar.

The truth is, we can speak to the mountain by faith, tell it to be removed, and it will obey us (Mark 11:23).

As believers we don't have to let the devil—or our natural circumstances either, for that matter—dictate what can happen for us. We're born-again children of the Most High God. We have on our side the One for whom "all things are possible..." (Matthew 19:26) and His power is unlimited. He can do the supernatural and work miracles for His people. There's nothing too hard for Him!

It doesn't matter whether it's cancer, divorce or financial

problems, God can fix anything in your life. He can turn any situation around. All He needs is for you to give Him one thing to work with—the spirit of faith!

What exactly is the spirit of faith?

It's the spirit that makes us, as God's people, "more than conquerors" in every situation (Romans 8:37). It's the attitude of heart the Apostle Paul talked about when, in the midst of one of the most trying times of his life, he wrote:

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

God can fix any problem you'll ever face, as long as you give Him the spirit of faith to work with!

- 1 The spirit of faith doesn't focus on the problem—it focuses on God. 2 Corinthians 4:18
- 2 God is on your side and He can do anything. Matthew 19:26
- 3 You can always win the victory if you have faith in your heart and in your mouth. 2 Corinthians 4:13
- 4 Words of faith can move any mountain. Mark 11:23
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the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:13, 16-18).

That's a perfect description of how the spirit of faith operates! It doesn't look at what's going on in the natural. It doesn't focus on temporal things, like circumstances, symptoms and earthly conditions. The spirit of faith looks into the eternal face of God. It looks to His unchanging Word. Instead of listening to what the mountain has to say, the spirit of faith talks to the mountain and tells it what God said. It says to cancer, "You can't kill me! I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus" (1 Peter 2:24). It says to that pile of debt and those stacks of unpaid bills, "My God meets all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus! The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want!" (Philippians 4:19; Psalm 23:1).

Rather than letting circumstances get the upper hand, the spirit of faith causes you to take authority over the environment around you. It gets you out of bed in the morning and puts you to bed at night talking the Word of God.

When you're walking in the spirit of faith, the mountains in your life can't get a word in edgewise because you're saying all day long, "Mountain, you be removed, in Jesus' Name. I am well. I am prosperous. I am victorious. I am a joint heir with Jesus and I'm walking in THE BLESSING of God! Jesus Himself redeemed me from the curse!"

Be a Spiritual Body Builder

"Well, I'd like to have that kind of attitude," you might say, "but for some reason it's a real struggle for me. Even though I try very hard to think and speak positively, when things in my life get bad, I can't seem to do it."

That's because the spirit of faith is more than just positive thinking. It's more than the result of making a mental decision and exerting your willpower. The spirit of faith is a force. It's one of the "springs of life" (Proverbs 4:23, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*) that flows out of your heart, your inner man.

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When you put the Word of God in your heart, that force of faith grows stronger. Your “inward man,” as Paul said, “is renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). When you neglect to put the Word in your heart, the opposite happens. The outflow of faith from your spirit man gets weaker and weaker.

Think about how your physical man functions and you can see what I mean. When you feed your body regularly on good, healthy food it produces strength. When you fail to feed it and work out, your muscles diminish and you can’t do very much.

Professional body builders feed their bodies extraordinary amounts. They might eat a dozen eggs and 60 ounces of meat in a single day. Why? Because they want to develop extraordinary strength and they know that (in addition to pumping iron, of course) that’s what it takes.

Much the same principle applies in your life as a believer. You can go on an 800-calorie Word diet if you want and you’ll deteriorate to the point where spiritually you can’t do very much. Or, you can become a spiritual body builder by feeding on God’s Word all the time.

You never have to worry about overindulging on the Word! Unlike natural food, it can be consumed in mass quantities without any downside. You can take in all you want and your spirit will just keep assimilating it. Your inner man will just keep getting stronger and stronger, and the words of your mouth will keep getting bolder and more confident.

Remember: “Faith cometh by hearing...the word of God” (Romans 10:17) and words of faith are what move mountains (Mark 11:23). So if you get enough of the Word you can move as many mountains as you want. It doesn’t matter whether they’re big or little, they’ll have to do what you say. As long as you have faith in two places—in your heart and in your mouth—if you tell those mountains to be removed, they have to go.

“But I just don’t have that kind of faith,” you might argue.

THE SPIRIT OF FAITH IS MORE THAN JUST POSITIVE THINKING. IT’S MORE THAN THE RESULT OF MAKING A MENTAL DECISION AND EXERTING YOUR WILLPOWER.

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Sure you do. God gives all of us “the measure of faith” (Romans 12:3) the moment we’re born again. So you have the same kind of faith every other believer has. You have *the* measure of the God kind of faith.

What you do with that measure of faith is up to you. You can either let it lie dormant, or you can choose to increase it. The decision is yours. However much Word you deposit in your heart and act on, that’s how much spirit of faith you’re going to have.

Personally, I like to make big Word deposits. I like to keep the Word inside me in abundance. That way I know I won’t run short of faith when I’m confronted with some seemingly impossible challenge. I won’t find myself struggling to believe God because I’m facing a mountain that’s bigger than the amount of Word I have in my heart.

I don’t ever want to be in that position! I don’t ever want to have to do spiritually what I had to do naturally years ago when Ken and I were broke and covered up with debt. Back then we had so little money that when I went grocery shopping, I had to wonder how much I could afford to buy. I used to have to pray in tongues as I walked up and down the aisles and believe God that I’d be able to

pay for what I put in my basket.

That’s not very enjoyable! It’s more fun to grocery shop with plenty of money in the bank. It’s better to be able to fill up the cart knowing for sure that when you get to the checkout counter you can pay the bill with ease.

That’s how you want to be spiritually!

You want to have enough of God’s Word deposited within you to pay off any bill the devil tries to send you. You want your heart and your mouth to be filled with so much faith that you know, by the power of God, you can triumph over any trouble, any time.

Just Like Abraham and Caleb

If you want to see someone who walked in that kind of faith, read in the Bible about Abraham. He’s a wonderful example! He stood in the face of the impossible and believed God’s promise that his descendants would be like the sands of the sea and the stars in the sky. He called himself the *father of many nations* when he and his wife were old and wrinkled, still childless, and his wife had been barren all her life.

Talk about being confronted with a mountain! In the natural Abraham’s situation looked absolutely hopeless. Yet, he was so confident God would

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turn it around that he called things "... which be not as though they were. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Romans 4:17, 19-21).

Other people might have made fun of Abraham's faith in God but in the end it paid off. The mountain moved and God did what He'd promised. He turned around the barren condition in Sarah's body and renewed her and Abraham's youth. They had a baby and their descendants have been multiplying ever since.

If you want to see another scriptural example of the spirit of faith, read about the life of Caleb. One of Abraham's descendants, he was among the 12 Israelites sent in by Moses to spy out the Promised Land. You probably remember the story.

Caleb returned from Canaan with the other spies and gave the people of Israel a good news/bad news report. The good news was the land God had promised them flowed with milk and honey. It was a land so fertile that grapes grew so large, one cluster was carried on a pole between two men! The bad news was it was fortified with walled cities and inhabited by fierce enemies—the Amalekites, the Hittites, the Jebusites and the Amorites.

That's the way things always go. When it comes to receiving the fulfillment of God's promises, there are always enemies arrayed against us. There are always "ites" of some kind trying to keep us out of our land. When we come up against them, we must choose either to go with faith or go with unbelief.

Ten of the Israelite spies chose the latter. They decided the giants in Canaan were too big to be beaten. "The inhabitants of that land will devour us," they said. "We're as small as grasshoppers in their eyes!"

Caleb, however, saw the situation differently. He wasn't looking at the giants. He was focused on God and His Word, so he said, "Let us go up at once, and possess [this land]; for we are well able to overcome it. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not" (Numbers 13:30, 14:9).

Moses and Joshua agreed with Caleb. But the rest of the Israelites didn't. They kept looking at things in the natural. They got stuck in unbelief, so God sent them into the wilderness and said: "Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have... not hearkened to my voice; they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers...but my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it" (verses 22-24).

Sure enough, 45 years later what God had said about Caleb came to pass. He went into the Promised Land with a new generation of Israelites, still believing God and saying: "I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now.... Therefore give me this mountain [where the Anakim are and the cities are great and fenced]...then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance" (Joshua 14:11-13).

Think about that! After 45 years of waiting, Caleb was still speaking by the spirit of faith. He was still believing God would turn things around in his life. As a result, at 85 years old he was defeating giants and taking mountains.

If Caleb could do that, we can too. So, let's follow his example. Let's fill our hearts and our mouths with the Word and take whatever mountain we happen to be facing. Let's say to that mountain, "Move!" and believe for the God of miracles to do the impossible in our lives. 🙏

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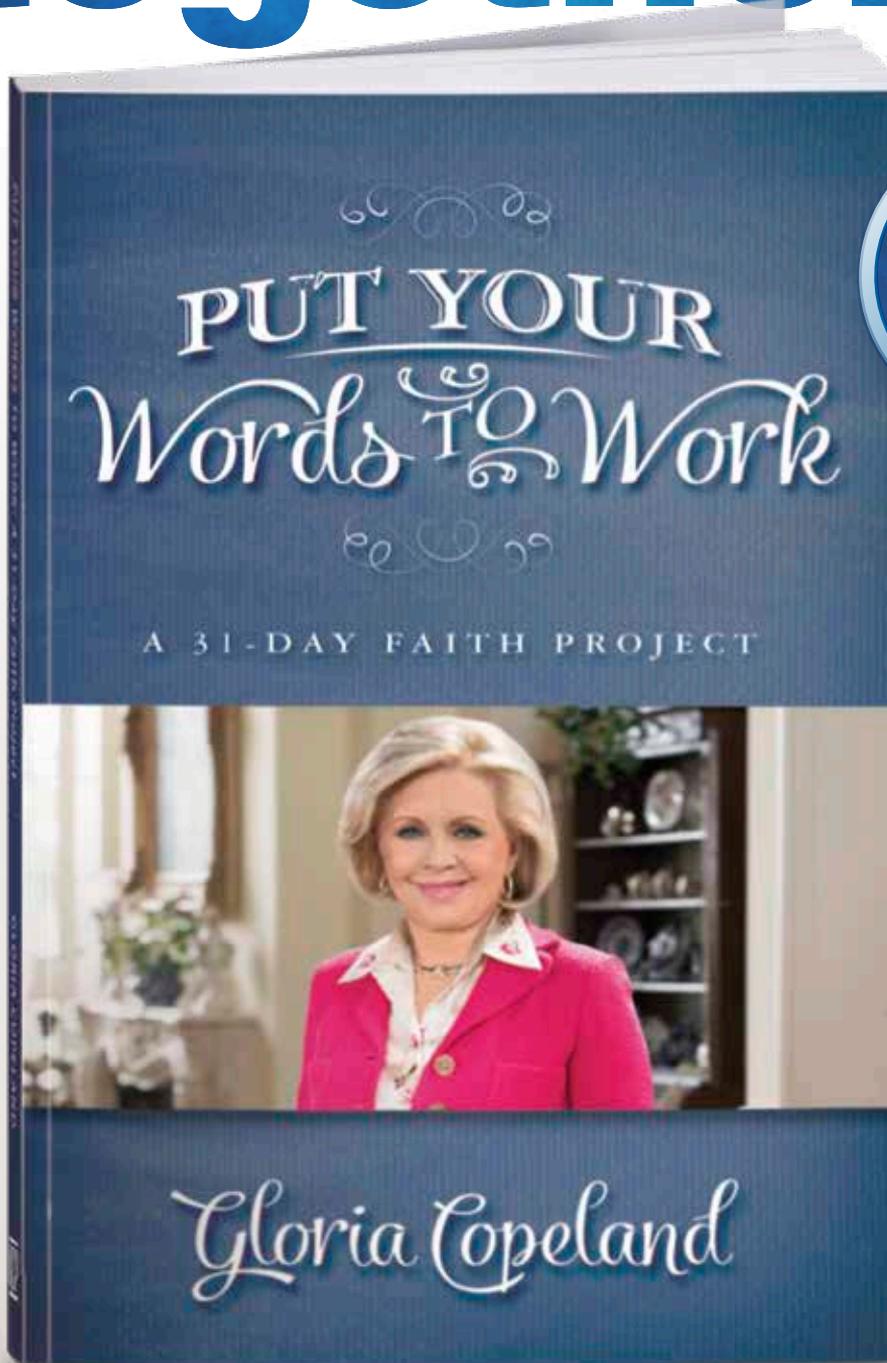
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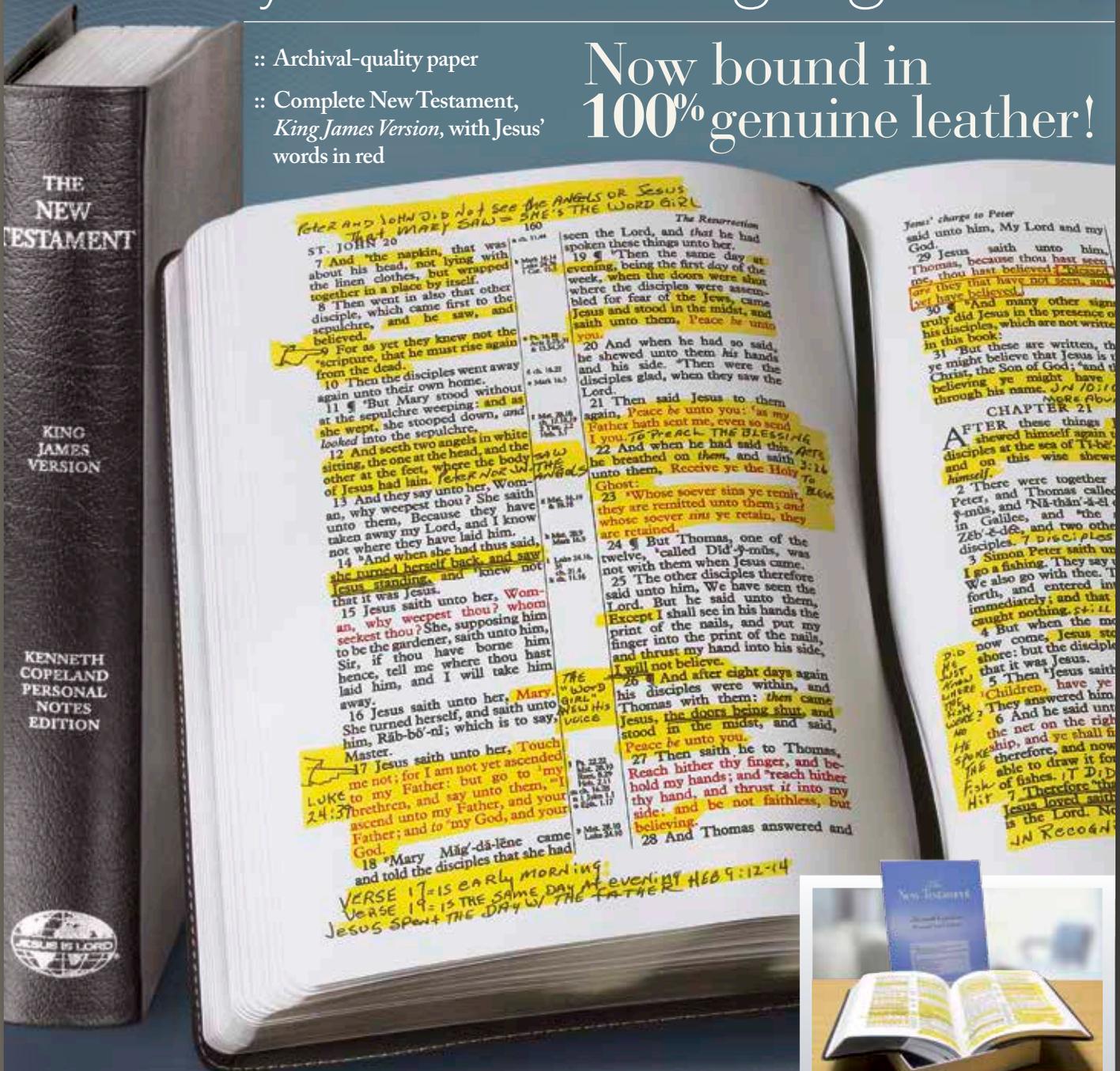
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