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PROFILE OF A

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**o you know why
so many Christians struggle to
have faith for finances?**

**It's because faith begins where the
will of God is known, and a lot of
believers don't know for sure what
God's will for them is financially.**

They've heard some people say God will prosper them abundantly, and others say He won't do any such thing. They have one group of Christian friends who claim God promised to meet only His people's most basic needs, and others who insist He doesn't care about their finances at all.

Talk about a recipe for confusion! When it comes to God's willingness to prosper us, people's opinions are all over the map. Most don't have even a grain of truth in them and even those that do aren't very helpful because faith doesn't come by hearing people's opinions. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

To believe God for finances, we must find out what He says about the matter. Instead of listening to what everyone else says about it, we must ask Him directly, "What does a prosperous New Testament believer look like?"

God answers that question all through the Bible. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, for instance, He says:

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 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: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.).

That's what I call the profile of a prosperous believer! It's your heavenly Father's financial

plan for you. His plan is to provide for you so generously that not only are your own needs and wants met, you can be a "(joyous, 'prompt to do it') giver [whose heart is in his giving]." His plan is to make "(every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]" (verses 7-8, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

It's not the will of God for you to be in financial bondage to anyone! He doesn't want you dependent on the government or your employer. The LORD Jesus Christ wants you to be dependent only on Him—and I have a little secret for you, He'll pay you more than anyone else thinks you're worth!

Psalms 112 confirms this. Providing us with yet another picture of the prosperous believer, it says: "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever... He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous" (verses 1-4).

Some people think it's impossible to be wealthy and righteous at the same time, but these verses are talking about a man who has a nice house filled with wealth and riches and whose righteousness is intact. They describe a man who's not only right with God and on his way to heaven, he has plenty of earthly resources to enjoy and to give to others.

He's a "good man," the Psalm says, who "showeth favour, and lendeth" and who "will guide his affairs with discretion.... 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. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever" (verses 5, 7-9).

The key to this man's success is in verse 1. He delights greatly in The WORD of God. He spends time in The WORD, and he's established his heart on it, so he's not a fearful man. He's a man of faith, and God made him rich.



**POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:**

1

**God is able to make
you so prosperous
you have plenty to
enjoy and plenty to
give.**

2 Cor. 9:7-8

2

**His plan is for you
to be both righteous
AND rich.**

Ps. 112:1, 3

3

**All through the
Bible, God's
BLESSING and
prosperity go
together.**

Prov. 10:22

4

**When Jesus went
to the cross, He
became as poor as
we are so that we
could become as
rich as He is.**

2 Cor. 8:9

5

**Now as our High
Priest, Jesus
is continually
ministering to
us His abundant
provision.**

2 Cor. 9:10-11



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The Wealthiest Family There Is

"But Brother Copeland, that Psalm is just talking about the Jews."

No, it's talking about a much broader group than that. The word *Jew* (which is short for Judah), refers to only one of Israel's 12 tribes. Psalm 112 is written about *the seed of Abraham*.

This doesn't mean it was just written to Hebrews, who were God's Old Covenant people. According to Galatians 3, the seed of Abraham also refers to us as God's New Covenant people. For "to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.... Not...to seeds, as of many; but as of one...which is Christ.... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (verses 16, 29).

In other words, as a believer, everything Psalm 112 says is for you!

"But you don't understand my situation. I've been poor all my life. I was born on the wrong side of the tracks to an extremely poor family."

Do you belong to Jesus? Are you in Christ, and is He Abraham's Seed?

If the answer is yes, then you're Abraham's seed too. You're a joint heir with Christ, and whatever is His belongs to you. You're not poor anymore! You don't come from an underprivileged family. Your Father is Almighty God and your elder Brother is The LORD Jesus Christ, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:15).

You've been born into the wealthiest family there is! You may not have tapped into much of that wealth yet, but it's yours just as surely as forgiveness of sins is yours, because Jesus paid the price for both at the same time. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

When did Jesus become poor? Was He poor during His earthly ministry?

No. He had so much money, He appointed Judas to be the ministry treasurer. Poor people don't need a treasurer! So, Jesus obviously wasn't poor during His earthly life. He only became poor when He went to the Cross and took upon Himself the curse that came on mankind through sin.

The curse is threefold; it includes spiritual death, sickness and poverty. THE BLESSING

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of Redemption is threefold; it includes spiritual life in Christ, healing and prosperity. Jesus, by going to the cross, “redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on” us through Him, “that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Galatians 3:13-14).

Jesus never committed any sin, but on the cross He became sin for us so “that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). He’d never been sick, but on the Cross He bore our sicknesses and carried our diseases so that by His stripes we’re healed. He’d never been poor, but on the Cross He became as poor as we are so that we could be as rich as He is!

This is why 2 Corinthians 9 can boldly assure us that now, “[Jesus] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity]...will bring forth thanksgiving to God” (verses 10-11, *AMPC*).

Jesus is now our High Priest! He’s delivered us from poverty once and for all, made us joint heirs of everything He possesses, and now He’s ministering to us His abundant provision. He’ll give you seed to sow, food to eat, clothes to wear, a powerful ministry—and He’ll finance it all! He’ll minister to you THE BLESSING of Abraham and, as Proverbs 10:22 says, “The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”

Activate the Faith Fundamentals and Receive

“Well,” someone might say, “I’ve known for years that it’s God’s will for me to prosper financially, but so far He hasn’t done it. What’s He waiting on?”

You!

He’s already done His part. Now it’s your turn to receive what He’s provided, and as we’ve already established, you do that by faith. You do it not by just knowing God’s will but by putting into operation the basic faith principles He laid out in His WORD.

I call these principles the fundamentals of faith, and the first of them is revealed very clearly in Mark 11:22-25, where Jesus said: “Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive....”

Believing in our hearts and saying with our mouths is the first fundamental of faith. What are we to believe and say? The WORD of God. According to 2 Corinthians 4:13, “We having the same spirit of faith...believe, and therefore speak.”

This is what the woman in Mark 5 did. After suffering from an issue of blood for 12 years that had ruined her both physically and financially, she heard the good news that Jesus was Anointed of God. She believed it, and when she found out where He was:

She...came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that [power] had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?... But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy

“Ten percent.”

**To most
Christians,
that’s all the
tithe means.**

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faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague (verses 27-30, 33-34).

Notice, Jesus didn't say, "Your faith has healed you." He said, "Your faith has made you whole." That's significant! Having spent all her money on physicians, she was flat broke when she came to Jesus. If she'd simply been healed, she would have still been in poverty. But she believed in her heart and said with her mouth she'd be made whole, and she was—both physically AND financially!

She also acted on what she believed, which is the second fundamental of faith. According to the book of James, "Faith, if it hath not works [or corresponding action], is dead." So, for our faith to produce results, we must be "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 2:17, 1:22). We must act like The WORD is true.

If the woman with the issue of blood hadn't acted, her story would have ended differently. If she'd stayed at home and said, *I wish I could get to Jesus, but I can't. I'm too sick, and I can get stoned for going out in public with an issue of blood*, she wouldn't have been made whole. She would have died right there in her house.

But she chose to be a doer of The WORD of God. She believed, spoke AND acted on it, and as a result, God's will was done in her life.

The same thing can happen for you. It doesn't matter how many financial obstacles you may be facing right now or how mountainous they seem. Jesus said faith in God will move mountains, and now that you know God's will for you financially, you can put your faith to work. You can feed it on The WORD, operate according to the faith fundamentals, and tap into your inheritance as a prosperous believer.

So, go ahead and do it! Have faith that God will "make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]" (2 Corinthians 9:8, *AMPC*).

Believe it. Declare it. Act on it by being a joyful, prompt-to-do-it giver, and you will see the abundant goodness of The LORD! ⑦



by Jerry Savelle

Prepare for Your Harvest

Years ago, while at a church service, I met a couple of missionaries who I learned needed a van but lacked the money to buy one. Knowing they were honorable people who would use it to God's glory, I told them I wanted to buy the van for them. I didn't think much about it. For me, it was just a way to bless a fellow brother and sister in Christ.

Sometime later, I experienced a significant harvest, but I didn't make the connection.





“Lord, why did You do that?” I asked.

He said, “That’s from the seed you sowed into those missionaries.”

“But, Lord, I never asked You for a harvest on that,” I told Him.

“No, you didn’t, but I *never* forget a seed sown.”

The Word says He remembers all our offerings (Psalm 20:3). *We* may forget, but the Lord never does.

Your Harvest Will Come

When a farmer plants corn, he plants it between April and June, then he harvests it between October and November. It happens that way every year. The farmer knows when his harvest will come. He’s operating in faith because he has to trust the soil and he has to trust the seed. But he has no real concern about the harvest itself—because he knows, year after year, it’s coming!

We know, because we trust God’s Word, that our harvest will come. But unlike a farmer, we don’t always know exactly in what season it will arrive.

So what happens while we wait? Do we remain in faith, or do we give up?

Harvest Comes in Due Season

In Galatians 6:7-10, the Apostle Paul sheds some light on this:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap

life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: *for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.* As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (emphasis mine).

This passage is all about sowing and reaping. We *will* reap, but Paul says our harvest will come “in due season,” or as some would say, “in God’s timing.” The *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* says, “in due time and at the appointed season.” The word *appointed* means a “fixed, set, established, ordained or allotted time.”

“An appointed time” in the Bible is a pre-determined time set by God. In other words, we can’t set the time when we’d like our harvest to come. It is a time that God, and God alone, sets.

Out of the Prophet’s Mouth

Sometimes our harvest comes faster than we think.

In 2 Kings 7:1, the prophet Elisha said, “Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.”

Notice God told the prophet to say, “tomorrow about this time.” In other words, God put a time frame on the harvest, and His prophet spoke it. The Lord said the appointed time—the due season—through a word decreed out of the prophet’s mouth.

What if Brother Copeland, as a prophet of the Lord, said, “Tomorrow everyone who’s a sower of seed will reap an abundant harvest”? If God inspired him to say it, then I probably wouldn’t even go to bed. I’d be too busy talking and preparing for my harvest!

That’s exactly what God decreed through the prophet Elisha, and it happened exactly the way God said. The Lord predestined it and it happened, even though the city of Samaria had been cut off from all supplies and no one in the city had anything to eat. In the midst of all that, the prophet spoke: “This time tomorrow.”

How did God make that prophetic word come to pass? He used lepers, outcasts who sat ready to die on the outskirts of the city, to perform that miracle. One of them said to the others, “Why sit we here until we die?” (verse 3). They figured if they were going to die anyway, they might as well die while doing something. So they got up and started walking toward the enemy’s camp.

Lepers! What could they possibly do to change the situation in Samaria? But God is the God of wonders. He used those least likely to bring about a major breakthrough.

Those lepers started marching toward the enemy’s camp, and God magnified the sound of their footsteps. It sounded like an entire army! The enemies were so frightened they took off and left everything at the camp. They left all the food, all the weapons and all the goods. When those lepers arrived in the camp and saw no one there, they began to enjoy the harvest.



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“Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king’s household” (verse 9).

They went and told the city of Samaria. And God’s promise of “this time tomorrow” came to pass. It was the due season God had ordained.

Prepare for Your Harvest

Of course, if we believe God is going to bring us a harvest—soon or in due time—then we need to act like it. Faith without corresponding actions is void of power. I learned this back in 1975. At the time, I was turning down invitations to speak around the country because the only mode of transport at my disposal was my car. I was standing in faith for a plane, or so I thought, when the Lord asked me, *Do you really believe you have an airplane?*

The question gave me pause.

“Yes, I do,” I said.

Then why aren’t you acting like it?

I didn’t understand.

“Lord, how does one act like he has an airplane? Should I go stand out on the runway?”

Well, you could accept more of the invitations that you’ve been turning down, He said.

So, I told the man who handled my scheduling to accept every invitation that came into the office. I told him to book my schedule so tight that there was no way I could make it by driving.

I expected an airplane to show up that very night, but it didn’t. In order to keep my commitments, I had to fly out of a small airport in Dallas and land as close to my speaking engagements as possible. Then I rented a car to drive the rest of the way. It was a brutal schedule. I’d come home at 2 a.m., kiss my wife, kiss my daughters, drop off one suitcase, pick up another, and head out the door just to make all the meetings.

I finally went back to the Lord about it.

“Lord, You told me I needed to act like I had an airplane. I did that. Where’s the airplane?”

He answered my question with one of His own: *Son, where are you going to keep it?*

“I’m going to keep it at the airport,” I said.

Do you have a hangar?

I didn’t.

I thought you said you believed you had an airplane.

I tried arguing with Him about it.



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“I’m waiting for the airplane to manifest,” I told Him.

I thought you said you had an airplane, He repeated.

Clearly, I was losing that argument. So, I went to a local airport to rent a hangar. I filled out an application with my name, the name of my ministry, my address and my phone number. I left the spaces for the aircraft type and N-Number blank.

When the rental manager asked me about it, I told him I’d answered all I could. He asked, “Do you own a plane?”

“Oh yeah, I own it,” I said.

That rental manager told me there was a waiting list and to come back when I knew what kind of plane I had. But I didn’t give up. I told him that renting a hangar for my plane was God’s plan. I read him scriptures and told him I needed a hangar *that* day. I couldn’t wait. In the end, he gave me *his* hangar. Within two weeks, my first airplane manifested—debt free.

Don’t Ever Give Up

When Paul said, “if we faint not,” he meant, “Don’t ever give up.” I’ve become an expert in standing for my harvests. I like to say, “My name is Jerry ‘Having Done All To Stand, Stand’ Savelle.”

That’s how everything has worked for me. Sometimes I only had to stand for a few hours. Sometimes it took all day. Sometimes weeks. Sometimes months. Sometimes even 20 years.

James 5:7-8 says we’re to be like the farmer who waits for a seed to germinate and grow until the harvest time comes. The farmer must be patient even though he knows in advance when harvest time is going to come. He can’t go out there the day after he’s sown his seed and say, “This stuff doesn’t work,” dig it up and never attempt farming again. He has to be patient.

Sometimes you have to be willing to stand in faith, even when things look hopeless, just like the people of Samaria did. If you’re that unique individual who has always believed God for everything and received it after only a few moments, then the wrong person is writing this article. It should be you!

But, that’s not the way it works. You have to wait, remain patient, stay in faith, not give up and, having done all to stand, stand—knowing that the Lord is going to keep His Word every time. 🕒



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by Melanie Hemry

‘The Real Me Didn’t Die’

Richard Jordan stood on the platform of the manlift and looked out over the Pennsylvania horizon. From his perch 25 feet above the ground, what he saw could be summed up in a single word: trees.

Wherever he looked, in every direction, there was nothing but trees. // As the owner of a tree trimming and removal business, he saw something else: job security.

Richard loved his work.

Done amid rustling leaves and swaying branches, his was a good business. But it was also hard work—and dangerous!

In 2013, for instance, Richard had climbed a rotten tree when his lead broke and his safety line

jerked him to the ground, breaking his ribs. One punctured his lung.

On the upside, he recovered well, aided by his considerable strength. At 5 feet, 10 inches tall, and weighing 201 pounds, he could bench press



400 pounds, squat with 650 pounds, and deadlift 505 pounds. That added muscle came in handy while trimming and removing trees.

It was a beautiful spring day, still he had approached this job with particular care—and caution. In addition to wearing gloves, Richard wore socks with the toes cut out, stretched over his arms to protect them from scratches. He stood in the basket, trimming a little off the top of the tree. For safety purposes, tree trimmers stay 10 feet away from power lines.

Reaching for the long branch entangled in the power line, Richard realized he was less than 10 feet away. Pausing, he considered the distance. He felt safe. But while cutting the limb, electricity arced into the metal lift basket, went through Richard



the bed watching himself being resuscitated. Standing alongside him he saw his grandfather and grandmother. His grandfather had died in 1994, at age 92, and his grandmother passed two years later in 1996, at age 94. Richard had been very close to them.

“Some guy with a big beard and long hair was there with them,” Richard recalled. “Oddly, I didn’t have to

communicate with them. If I thought something, they answered.”

What are you guys doing here? I thought.

“We just came to check on you.”

Who’s the guy with the big beard and long hair?

“That’s Jesus.”

At that point, Richard said the man they called Jesus asked, *Do you want to come with us or stay here?*

“I stood there thinking about it. I thought of my employees who depended on me for a job. Mostly, I thought about my parents who were 76. I thought of how hard it would be on them to lose me now.

“I’ll stay here,” I said. “I’ll go with you guys later when I’m old.”

Instantly, Richard was back in his body. His mother, seeing signs of life, cried out with joy. “Look! His heart is beating again!”

The medical staff worked hard to stabilize him enough to be flown to another hospital—one with a burn unit. They assessed his injuries as they worked.

Richard had been hit with 7200 volts of electricity that had burned a 2-inch hole into his brain.

He had a traumatic brain injury and was declared brain-dead.

His hand had a hole burned through it.

His wrist was also burned.

The fall had shattered the left side of his face, and his hip was broken in two places.

Likely, Richard would not survive the flight, doctors speculated. If he did survive, he wouldn’t be able to sit, stand, walk, talk or recognize anyone.

After doctors spent six hours working to stabilize him, Richard was loaded onto a helicopter to be transported to the burn unit of Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown. En route, he died again. Once more, he was resuscitated and arrived at the hospital alive.

On life support, he appeared to be what the doctors had predicted: brain-dead. The wound to his head required 44 staples to close. The fall

“I’d read *From Faith to Faith* the morning of the accident. I knew what I needed to do to get well. I started thanking God for healing me.”

and jumped out of his head, back into the wire, completing the loop. Stunned, Richard dropped to his knees, gasping for air. After several minutes, he caught his breath. But when he stood, he passed out, fell from the basket and landed, still and broken, on the road below.

Several people working in an office building across the street witnessed the accident and immediately called for an ambulance. Richard was care-flighted to a hospital in nearby Danville where doctors would attempt to stabilize his condition.

Meanwhile, Richard’s parents had been notified and were warned that the odds were against him surviving the flight.

Richard did survive the flight. But on reaching the hospital, he was pronounced dead.

He remained dead for 20 minutes.

The Man With the Big Beard and Long Hair

“The next thing I remembered was lying on a bed with someone pounding on my chest,” Richard recalls. “They were doing CPR on me.”

Suddenly, he found himself standing next to



had broken ribs which injured his liver, kidneys, spleen, gallbladder, pancreas and lung. His punctured lung had filled with blood.

Richard's parents remained at his bedside for 10 days. Finally, after seeing no change they made what seemed the only compassionate decision.

"Take him off life support," Richard's mother said, speaking on his behalf to the doctors. "Our son wouldn't want to live this way."

Richard's family and loved ones gathered around him for a tearful goodbye as his nurse removed him from life support. Their tears, however, were premature.

Richard didn't die.

Awake at Last

"After three weeks in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, I woke up," Richard says. "Pain meds in my IV made me sleep all the time. My family, friends and girlfriend would visit, but I'd fall asleep. I made them stop giving me pain meds. I could handle the pain. What I couldn't handle was knowing how far my family and friends drove to visit, only to see me sleep.

"When I told my mother that both of her parents had been with me when I was being resuscitated, she just listened and didn't say much. I wondered if she thought I'd hallucinated the whole thing, but it wasn't a hallucination. Their presence had comforted me and made me feel safe."

A plastic surgeon was called in to repair Richard's face. The bone had been crushed around his eye and had to be replaced with plastic mesh. Through it all, the doctors kept telling Richard's parents that he was brain-dead.

One day a doctor came into his room and pointing to Richard's parents asked him, "Do you know who they are?"

"Yes," he replied, "they are my parents. The most important people in my life."

After that, the doctors never called him brain-dead again.

"I gave my heart to Jesus when I was 5 years old," Richard says. "As a Partner with KCM, I'd been reading the *BVOV* magazine, watching the daily broadcast and reading Kenneth and Gloria's devotional book *From Faith to Faith* for years. I'd read *From Faith to Faith* the morning of the accident. I knew what I needed

to do to get well. I started thanking God for healing me."

One day, a neurosurgeon came to Richard's room. "I want to show you a picture," he said. He held up a photo of the top of a human brain.

"That person has a hole in his brain!" Richard said.

"That person is you," he replied.

How could anyone with that big hole in their brain not be brain-dead?

There was only one answer: It was a miracle.

After one month in the hospital, Richard was transferred to a rehabilitation hospital. Therapists were amazed at how quickly he recovered. For example, one day they measured Richard's strength and a week later it had tripled. After only 13 days in rehab, Richard was discharged April 20, 2018. He had lost 26 pounds and a great deal of muscle, but he quickly returned to lifting weights—using 1-pound dumbbells.

Seven months to the day after the accident, Richard returned to work. Strong and healthy, he was completely restored.

Today, he has almost more business than he can handle.

"I'm honored to be a Partner with KCM," Richard says, "not only because I learned to live by faith, but also because Kenneth and Gloria are living examples of the gospel. They get people saved, help other ministries, share God's Word with so many people—and I get to be part of it all."

Since the accident, being part of sharing the good news about Jesus means even more to Richard than ever.

"The thing that's so real to me now, is how much I owe Him," says Richard. "First, He died for me. When I died, He gave me the choice to go or stay. When I decided to stay, He healed me. But the greatest thing is He conquered death for us, so we don't have anything to fear."

Jesus said in John 11:26, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Richard Jordan can confirm it from personal experience. His heart stopped beating for 20 minutes, yet he remained very much alive.

Jesus' words are true. "We've been redeemed from death," Richard says. "The real me *didn't* die!" 🙏

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Thu	6	Ex. 30-32	Matt. 27
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Mon	17	Lev. 14	Mark 6
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Fri	21	Lev. 21-22	Mark 10
Sat	22	Lev. 23-24	
Sun	23	Ps. 25-27; Prov. 5:15-23	
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Testimonies of Real-Life VICTORY

'I Am Grateful for Your Love'

You are like family to me—I am grateful for your love and the little confessions you send in the mail. They are most helpful. I am also thankful for Billy Burke at EMIC. I so appreciate his healing ministry. I watch the DVDs and receive healing just watching and being in that atmosphere. I sit in the presence of the Lord for 45 minutes after the DVD has ended, the presence is so strong. I have listened to your CDs, Kenneth, and learned a great deal from them and from the books by you and Gloria. I appreciate you both and your family. I love Pastor George and Terri's teachings. God bless you all abundantly! S.H. | Nebraska

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NERVE**
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surgery. Now I am
pain free, thanks
to the Great
Physician, Jesus,
and your prayers
on my behalf!**

E.M. | Canada



Limitless Love Changed Her

As I read my *Limitless Love* devotional, I wanted to thank Kenneth and Gloria for obeying God. For a while, God dealt with me to get it, but I wouldn't. Finally, when it was offered free, God said, *You don't have any excuse!*

I knew it would do what it did: Prune me, and rip me up on both sides. But it has sewn me up with a true understanding of the love of God! I'm seeing victory in every area of my life as a result! L.F. | Carthage, Texas

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Laughter Really Is Good Medicine

Recently, I hit my baby toe really hard while on my treadmill—so hard I heard something. I knew I had broken my toe. I prayed and began to confess my healing. I was just about to go take medicine and the Holy Spirit said, *Laugh*. Laugh? I felt more like crying! But God brought back to me that on VICTORY Channel™ I had been watching the *Believer's Voice of Victory* and this week Kenneth Copeland had Dr. Avery Jackson as a guest.

I remembered what Dr. Jackson said about laughter. So, I laughed. I thought I was as off as two left shoes, but I kept laughing anyway. I started noticing a difference in the pain, and as I kept laughing, the pain began to subside. Over the next few days, I kept confessing and laughing. Well, I would like you to know I have no swelling, no more pain and I can wiggle my toes. I am totally HEALED.

G.G. | North Liberty, Iowa

'Healed of Inflammation'

I was watching BVOV and was healed of inflammation in my right wrist. As Kenneth gave a word of knowledge, I received it! Praise the Lord, ALL the pain is gone. Thank you. Thank You, Jesus. To God be the glory!

E.M. | Canada

'The Pain Is GONE!'

I am 64 years old, and work as an EMT. For the past year, my lower back has been bothering me. At times, the pain gets so bad I cannot walk and need to sit down. This morning, when I got off work, I came home and turned on my laptop to watch segments of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* TV broadcasts. I also turned on the VICTORY Channel and *God Wants You Well* was on. As I was watching, Kenneth had a word of knowledge that someone was sitting at their computer with lower back pain. He said, "Stand up from your desk and praise The LORD for your healing." Well, I did just that. I had been reading and confessing healing scriptures for months now. Today, the pain is GONE! PRAISE THE LORD. God is good, all the time!

J.F. | Afton, Wyo.

'God Has Healed My Body'

I'm enjoying the Sunday services. God speaks to me through you and BVOV. I have changed churches to go on Saturday, so I can be at home to worship with you all on Sunday. God has healed my body through what Pastors George and Terri have said and prayed, and through Kenneth Copeland. Thank you all for BVOV! I am growing so much!

P.P. | Early, Texas

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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Improved Kidney Function

A couple weeks ago I asked for agreement in prayer regarding my kidneys, and testing I'm going through to determine if I need a transplant. Today was my first set of appointments, and it was the BEST DAY! My kidney function has risen out of the transplant category, and my creatinine clearance is the lowest it's been in 18 years! Last

time my blood was checked my creatinine was the highest it had ever been!

Glory to God! I am so happy I can say my labs show what God has said all along: By His stripes I was healed!

A.F. | Phoenix, Ariz.

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— Kenneth Copeland



by Kenneth Copeland

“He could have
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Why?”

The Joy of Knowing Your Heavenly Father



Everything that The LORD *is* to us, everything He has for us, everything He does *in* and *through* us—every aspect of our Christian faith—centers on the major spiritual force of joy.

How did I come to this conclusion? It was through meditating on the words Jesus spoke to His disciples in the final hours before He went to the cross. Undoubtedly, He was very selective about what He said to them. This was the last opportunity he had to teach them. Obviously, what He said had to have been the things that were priorities in His heart.

What was about to happen weighed heavily on His soul. During those precious last moments, Jesus did the most unusual things—things He had never done before.

Never before had Jesus washed His disciples' feet, but that is what He did at the Last Supper. And although they knew it was His habit to separate Himself from the people to spend time alone with the Father, they had never seen Him agonize in prayer to the point of sweating blood. Yet, that is what they saw in the Garden of Gethsemane. Three times He pleaded with them, "Couldn't you watch and pray with Me?" He was carrying a heavy load that night. It was the weight of going to the Cross in a few hours to be slaughtered like a lamb sacrifice.

The gravity of the hour was clearly evident. He was not about to waste these precious words of that final conversation with His disciples. Notice what He said in John 15:9-11: "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

Then He said that He would be leaving them soon and promised: "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:22-24).

Think of what He *could* have said. "These things have I spoken unto you, that your bodies might be healed." Or, "These things have I spoken to you so that your faith would not fail...that all of your



How to Hear From Heaven

By staying in communion with the Lord, you can walk every day in His rest and His BLESSING.
Acts 9:31

You walk with God not by relying on the strength of your own flesh but by walking in the spirit.
Phil. 2:13

You're born again to walk and talk with God.
John 10:27

The One who knows everything has come to live in you to serve as your personal Counselor.
John 16:7

by
Gloria Copeland

needs would be met...." He could have picked a dozen other things, but the final words Jesus spoke dealt with joy. Why? Because the joy of The LORD is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). If we remain strong in The LORD, no foe, sickness or lack will be able to defeat us.

What was it that He said that could produce so much joy? Why, in the face of them watching their Master and faithful Friend arrested and taken to the Cross, could they know joy and not sorrow? Because He had said, "It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you" (John 16:7, *New King James Version*). Obviously, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Helper, would have much to do with their joy.

The Holy Spirit and Joy

What is the connection between the Holy Spirit and joy? Let's read some more of those precious final words spoken before the Cross and find out.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you" (John 16:13-15).

Skipping down to verses 23-25: "And in that day (when the Spirit of truth comes) ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father."

These two passages of Scripture tell us that what belongs to the Father belongs to Jesus. Then, they tell us that the Holy Spirit has been sent to show all that the Father has belongs to us. In other words, "Anything you need to know about God, ask Him, and the Holy Spirit will show you." Jesus said, "Whatsoever you ask the Father in My Name, He will give it to you."



Anything you want to know about healing, about speaking in other tongues, about the ministry, about business, ask Him. He said “anything,” so that means there’s no line of work that He doesn’t know the “ins and outs” of. When you need to know something about your business, ask Him in Jesus’ Name, and He will tell you!

Some might say, “Well, Brother Copeland, He won’t talk to me!” But the fact is, He has been talking to you all the time! It’s just that we don’t always hear. It isn’t His fault, it’s ours. If we would spend more time in prayer and listening to the Father, we would know Him better.

The Holy Spirit Reveals to Us the Father

The Holy Spirit has been sent to show you the Father! When you read the Bible, say, “Jesus, show me the Father.” He has already said, “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father” (John 14:9). So whatever you learn about Jesus applies to the Father because they are one (John 14:10-11).

God *expects* us to find out what the Holy Spirit has come to show us. He is here to lead us into all the truth. The WORD of God is truth (John 17:17). But He doesn’t just reveal truth in the spiritual realm. Truth is revealed in the natural world through physical laws. There are laws governing this planet that we live on, and someone through trial and error had to discover how they work. Well, the Holy Ghost knew all along! All they had to do was ask the Father! A

word of wisdom would have saved a lot of time and money.

God desires that the gifts of the Spirit function outside of our church services as well as in them. The Bible said that the gifts are for *every man to profit withal* (1 Corinthians 12:7). Wouldn’t the operation of the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom and the discerning of spirits be a revelation of truth? God wants you to profit out there in the world where you are faced with the forces of darkness. The place to start is getting to know your Father better.


The Apostle Paul prayed some astounding things for the believers at Ephesus. He asked the Father, “That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God” (Ephesians 3:16-19).

To know the love of Christ is to know the Father because God *is* Love (1 John 4:8). Notice the connection Paul makes between knowing God and being strengthened. When we comprehend and understand God, we are strengthened in our inner man.


Paul said practically the same thing in his letter to the Colossians: “We...do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness” (Colossians 1:9-11). Notice that he’s added something here that he said in Ephesians—joyfulness. The joy of The LORD is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10), and it comes through knowing the Father.

Joy Produces Strength

Joy is designed to do a specific job. Joy produces strength, not only in your inner man but in your physical body as well. A doctor friend of mine demonstrated this truth to me some time ago. He had me lay down on a table and raise my arm straight up. He said, “Now, think about Jesus and purposely be joyful.” (You can be joyful on



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purpose because joy doesn't have anything to do with your flesh. You may not be able to be happy on purpose, but you *can* be joyful.) The doctor said, "Now tense your muscles and hold your arm up there, and don't let me pull it down." He couldn't do it until he put all his weight into it. He had to put one leg up on the table to pull my arm down from that position.

Then he told me to think about someone who at one time I had had a fuss with. I don't like to do that, but he was demonstrating not only a biblical fact, but a medical fact. So I did it. As I stiffened up my arm, he reached up and shoved it right down to the table! Just the thought of strife and self-pity robbed me of the strength of joy.

We had other circumstances of joy producing physical strength as well. Gloria was conducting a miracle service one Saturday morning. She had preached for quite some time and then laid hands on several hundred sick people afterward. She felt drained and worn out.

The LORD impressed her to dance before Him, so she told the musicians to play "Blow the Trumpet in Zion." As they played and she danced and rejoiced in The LORD, the joy of the Lord rose up from her innermost being. After the meeting she came bouncing back to the hotel, having fun and enjoying The LORD! She was vibrant and refreshed. Gloria learned by personal experience that the joy of The LORD is her strength.

Joy Is Already Inside Us

I have made a decision that, rather than operating in self-pity, I will operate in the joy of The LORD the rest of my life. I have made this decision because I want to know more about my Father. And joyfulness keeps the door to the revelation knowledge of God open.

That joy is already inside you and me (Galatians 5:22). It came in when The LORD came to live within us (Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17). But it is our place to reach in there by faith and get it. The place to start is knowing God. Jesus said, "Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full." Ask to have the Father revealed to you.

Discouragement is rooted in self-pity and self-preservation. Discouragement is the opposite of joy. When you aren't worried about yourself and how well you are going to come out in a deal, then you can be joyful. When you are joyful, you are strong in The LORD! The devil has already been defeated by Calvary's Cross, so you don't have anything to worry about! All you have to do is be joyful in the

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knowledge of your heavenly Father. Everything He has is yours! You just need to find out what He has.

Jerry Savelle once said, "If the devil can't steal your joy, he can't keep your goods!" You cannot be defeated when you are walking in the joy of The LORD. When you are strengthened with His might in your inner man, you will understand more about your Father, and He will begin to give you more understanding about the situation you are in. But you must keep the door to that revelation open by abounding with thanksgiving (Colossians 2:7). If you abound in thanksgiving, the joy of The LORD will rise up from your spirit. It's already there!

When things are looking bad, and worry and self-preservation and self-pity try to take over your mind, just stop and say, "Jesus, thank You for the promise of the Holy Spirit. I'm asking in Your Name, that the Holy Spirit rise up within me and reveal my Father to me in this situation. Reveal how much He loves me and how much He has given me."

Your flesh may be barking back at you saying, *Why don't you just get mad at God and everyone else? We were enjoying it when we were wallowing around in self-pity. We don't want to hear how good God is.* You just tell your flesh to shut up! Be joyful on purpose. Don't give in to self-pity and discouragement. Make a decision to counteract them with the joy of The LORD.

The joy of knowing your heavenly Father personally is the most important thing you can have. It is so vital that Jesus chose to talk to His disciples about joy when He knew that He would not have another chance to teach them again before going to Calvary.

Jesus left you His joy. If He is in you, it's in you. All you need to do is trigger it with The WORD of God, with faith and love, and the Name of Jesus. Ask whatever you need to know of the Father, and you shall receive that your joy may be made full. No one can take that from you! 🙏



Separated and Glorious





by Gloria
Copeland

**I'm all for praying
for the full outpouring of God's glory
that's been promised to us as the Church
in these last days.**

**But unlike a lot of people,
I don't think we're just waiting on God
to give it to us. I believe He's waiting on us
to position ourselves to receive it.**

He's waiting on us to set aside carnal weights and sins so that there's room in our lives for more of Him. He's waiting on us to separate ourselves more from the ungodly ways of this fallen world and walk in the high and holy places of the spirit with Him.

The Lord said to me years ago, *Holiness is the final frontier*. Our separating ourselves completely unto God is the next step and the only step between where we are now and the greatest manifestation of glory this earth has ever seen.

God isn't holding it back from us. He is as ready to take us into it as He was to take the Israelites into the Promised Land, and He's saying to us much the same thing He said to them, "Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3:5).

The difference is God isn't promising us He'll do wonders *tomorrow*. Under the New Covenant, His wonders and His call for us to sanctify ourselves unto Him are always for *today*. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.... Be ye not

unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 6:2, 14, 17-18, 7:1).

Some Christians seem to think it doesn't matter whether we walk in holiness or not. But according to these verses, it does! Separating ourselves from worldliness and living in obedience to God positions us to receive the fulfillment of His promises to us. It opens the door for Him to be the Father to us that He desires to be.

God is a good, good Father! One of His names in Hebrew is *El Shaddai*, which means "the All-Sufficient One." That's what God wants to be for us. He wants to be everything we need and take care of us



POINTS
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2 Cor. 6:17-18

2

**God created
you to be a
vessel of
His glory and
walk in the
light.**
1 Thes. 4:1

3

**The more
we walk in
obedience to God,
the less room we
give the devil to
operate in our
lives.**
Prov. 16:7

4

**Walking in
holiness is
part of your
divine calling.**
1 Thes. 4:7

5

**Holiness
doesn't come
from striving
legalistically to
keep rules and
regulations.**
Gal. 5:16



completely. To treat us as His sons and daughters. To move in our lives and change things. To reveal to us and through us, how wonderful and powerful and loving a Father He really is.

God's plan is to make us vessels of His glory for all the world to see! But for that plan to come to pass we must cooperate with Him. We must cast off the works of darkness and walk in the light of what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4:

Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain

everyone and everything that comes against us.

The more we walk in obedience to God, the less room we give the devil to operate. The more we "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness" (2 Corinthians 7:1), the harder it is for the devil to find open doors he can use to gain entrance into our lives.

"Well," someone might say, "I've prayed and prayed for God to make me holier, but I haven't seen any change."

That's because God has already done His part. He got you born again and re-created your spirit "in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). He gave you His holy written Word and filled you with the Holy Spirit. What happens next is up to you. You can either cleanse yourself and live unto God or you can yield to your flesh



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from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God.... For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness (verses 1-5, 7, *New King James Version*).

Freedom, Not Bondage!

"But Gloria, isn't holiness religious bondage?"
No, holiness is freedom!

The more we please God and walk in His ways, the freer He is to manifest Himself in our circumstances, our health, our finances and our ministry to others. The more we separate ourselves unto Him, and say no to sin, the freer God is to abundantly provide for us, protect us and pour out His glory through us so we shine like stars in this sin-darkened world.

Holiness even helps to keep us free from the traps of the devil. As Proverbs 16:7 says, "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him;" and the devil is our archenemy. He's the one who's behind

and keep thinking, talking and acting like the world.

Sadly, a lot of Christians choose to do the latter and wind up in trouble. Then, like the man in Proverbs 19:3 who "subverts his way," they get resentful and fret against the Lord (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

"Why did God do this to me?" they say. God didn't do anything to them! They chose to walk in the ways of the world, and they got the world's results. They chose to sin and didn't repent, so they suffered the consequences.

That's not God's will for us. He doesn't want us to live like the people in the world. They don't know anything about the ways of God or the consequences of sin. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), yet people in the world sin with all their might. They go just as far into sin as they can without being arrested, and many of them go further and do get arrested.

This world is crazy. You can't let it dictate your standards and expect to walk in the glory of God. You enjoy a glorious life by doing what God says; and He said He "hath not



called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness” (1 Thessalonians 4:7).

Some believers repeatedly pray, “Lord, what is my calling? What am I called to do?” They try time and again to get God to tell them whether they’re to be a prophet, a teacher, an evangelist, or to do some other specific work in the Body of Christ. But they aren’t positioned to hear the answer because they haven’t yet done what He’s already told them to do in His written Word.

You may not know everything about your calling, but you can tell from reading the Bible some things you’re called to do. So, start with those. Don’t jump out ahead and start out trying to be a prophet. No one is ready to be a prophet until they’re obeying the call God wrote down for us in black and white—the call to holiness.

I’m not saying we must be perfect for God to promote us, or that to be vessels of His glory we must get to where we never miss it. That’s not what being holy means. Holiness is simply honoring God in your heart, walking in the light you have, and continuing to seek more light. It’s being obedient to God the best you know how—in your thoughts, conversation and conduct—and staying in living contact with Him.

New Testament holiness isn’t perfectly keeping a set of religious rules and regulations. It’s behaving on the outside like the righteous new creation He’s made you to be on the inside. It’s the result of fellowshiping with God in the Word and in prayer and walking in the spirit with Him.

That’s the easy way to walk free! Legalistic rule-keeping is hard, but if you “walk in the Spirit...ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16).

Don’t Hang Out in the Darkness

When you put your daily time with God first place in your life, you won’t even want to sin. His Word and His presence will separate you from your desire for it. You won’t want to go to the bar anymore and get drunk with your old, unsaved friends. Instead, you’ll want to come out from among them and be clean!

“But Gloria, I thought we were supposed to love sinners.”

We are. But loving them and ministering to them is one thing. Fellowshiping with them on their level is another. We want to help people whose lives are all messed up, but we don’t want



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to get messed up with them. We want to draw them into the light, not hang out with them in the darkness.

As a believer you should have no desire to hang out in the darkness! If you do, I encourage you to start fasting and praying. Spend extra time with the Lord. Get in every Holy Ghost meeting you can find until you get enough of God's Word in you to separate you from that unholy desire. If you don't do those things, and you let your heart get cold toward the Lord, the gravitational pull of the world on you will get stronger. You'll start playing around with sinful thoughts, give place to them in your mind, and eventually start acting on them.

This is how demonic spirits do their dirty work. They don't just swoop down out of nowhere and dominate our lives. They don't have that kind of power and authority. They must convince us to cooperate with them.

Take, for example, believers who get hooked on pornography. That pornography devil didn't just jump on them while they were in church or walking down the sidewalk minding their own sanctified business. It got in because they opened the door to that devil by giving it their attention. They put the world's immoral trash in front of their eyes and in their ears. They thought about it and meditated on it until it got into their hearts.

Proverbs 4:21-22 says our eyes and ears are avenues to our hearts, and what gets in our hearts will move us in that direction. If we let the world's trash in there, we'll become more worldly. But the reverse is also true. If we feed our hearts more on the things of God, we'll become more filled with Him. We'll rise up in holiness, cast off the devil's defilements, and become his worst nightmare.

That's what the believers did who helped usher in the great moves of God in the early 1900s. They weren't sitting around watching R-rated movies when those great spiritual outpourings hit. They weren't spending their time entertaining themselves with sitcoms on television that make light of sin and desensitize people to wrongdoing.

On the contrary! They'd set their hearts so much on God and separated themselves

unto Him so completely they were known as "holiness people." Literally, that's what they were called.

How long has it been since we've been called holiness people? I'd say it's been too long. Even though there are individual believers in the Church who are living holy lives, as a group we've not been known for it like those on-fire saints were in days gone by.

Granted, in their quest to be holy, they may have gone overboard in some areas. They may have become overly strict at times when it came to things like acceptable ways to dress. But even so, if they did it because they wanted more of God, I have nothing but respect for them. They were willing to do whatever they thought it took to live a holy life—and let's face it, they had a move of God!

Think about the Anointing of God that was on Smith Wigglesworth, for instance. He walked in so much divine power that people were not only healed and raised from the dead through his ministry, they were convicted of sin just by his presence.

"But we can't be like Smith Wigglesworth!"

Why not? We're citizens of God's kingdom as surely as he was. We just need to believe it and act like it. To separate ourselves unto God and set aside the sins and works of the flesh about which Galatians 5:21 says, "Those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (AMPC).

The word translated *inherit* in that verse means "to obtain or possess." It's not referring just to our going to heaven when we die. It's talking about us possessing and obtaining the power and BLESSINGS of God's kingdom right now, while we're here on earth. It's talking about us walking in the glory of God, setting the captives free, causing the blind to see and healing the brokenhearted.

Church, it's time for us to cross over into the fullness of that glory! God is ready to take us into it, and Jesus is coming soon. So, let's put our flesh under the dominion of our spirit, as those who as "Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24, NKJV). Let's obtain more spiritually than the Church has ever obtained before, so the whole world can see the glory of God! 🙌



DRESSED FOR WORK

How are my favorite Superkids doing? This is still early in the new year, but I know that you are seeing things change all around you, as you're hanging out with Jesus.

Last month we decided to be about our Father's kingdom business! That's a huge thought for a kid. Where do I start? Who tells me what to do? What's my first job? Jesus had to figure all this out too.

Where Do We Start?

When you start working for a company, one of the first things they tell you is what to wear. You may have a company shirt with your name on it or a name badge that tells customers who you are. You've seen this when you go into a store. It's easy to see who can help you when they have a shirt with the name of the company on it. I guess the place to start is dressing right for work! Don't worry, Superkid, I'm not talking about wearing a dress or a suit all the time! The clothes you wear don't tell people that you work for the Lord. There is something else that acts like a bright red T-shirt with **I BELONG TO JESUS** in big letters on the front AND back. Jesus tells us what it is in John 13:34-35, *New International Reader's Version*: "I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I

have loved you. **If you love one another**, everyone will know you are my disciples."

If you want everyone to know who you work for, you have to wear your LOVE work clothes!

Colossians 3:12-14 says, "You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. **So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes.** Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient. Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. **And over all these good things put on love.**"

The love we have on the inside shows up to people on the outside! It causes us to be kind, humble, gentle and patient with others. They can see that we forgive. When the Word says "over all," it's telling us that these characteristics in our lives all come out of love.

Sometimes when people come home from work, the first thing they do is put on something more comfortable. Sadly, too many times we act just like that with our love clothes. We work hard all day to obey at school, be nice to our friends, make a good impression

at church and then come home and get "comfortable" with the ones we love the most. The love of Jesus never stops loving. When you find yourself loving less Jesus-like, put your clothes back on! Love your parents, brothers and sisters. When it's hard for me to love, I do two things.

FIRST, I switch from my love to the love of Jesus by saying, "Jesus, I love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and I love my neighbor (or my sister or brother) as myself."

SECOND, I remind myself what the Jesus love clothes look like by reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up."

Love is the color of your work shirt. Don't take it off when you get home—your family needs the love of Jesus coming from you. Your love clothes never need to be washed or mended because, Superkid, "Love never fails" (verse 8).

The love of God never fails—never fails you, never fails others. When we wear our Jesus clothes, people will see not only His love in us, they will begin to see HIM! His love flowing out of us to others, grows and grows as we spend time with the One who LOVES US!

Happy Valentine's Day, Superkids. I hope I answered your question about where to start. Now Jesus wants me to ask YOU a very important Valentine question:

WILL YOU BE MINE?

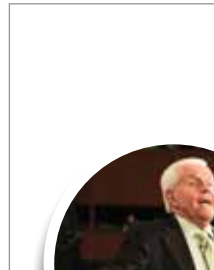
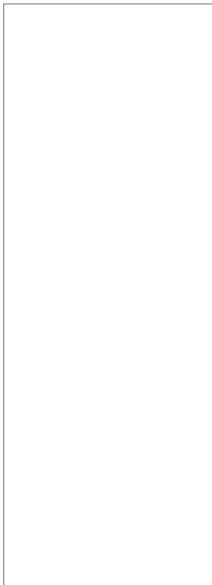
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THE TRUTH IS, out of the 7 billion people on the earth today, only 2.3 billion of them have their faith in Jesus Christ. The only Jesus people will see as they live their lives, is the Jesus in you and me. The only living, breathing example of God's Word is the Word you and I believe and live.

So, yes, I would say that makes us the most important people on the planet.

You see, without our living in faith, billions of people will not even get a glimpse of the God who loves them. The work God has for us is to live our lives in our neighborhoods

He gave me this wonderful statement:

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and communities, in our states and countries, to speak and act as His representatives and to demonstrate the life of faith He has given us. We simply tell the people He sends our way, why and how we believe and live like we do.

We have the greatest gift to give people. It's the gift that will produce life and blessing for them. It's the gift that will deliver the goodness and love of God to them. It's the gift that will bring change in them. It's the gift of believing!

The Gift Is for Everyone

Every person on earth has the ability to receive the gift of believing.

What blocks people's ability to believe God's Word and receive every promise He has made, is that they dissect and categorize it. They believe what they like and ignore what they don't like. Doing that decreases their ability to believe and receive, which leaves their lives lacking the full gift of God.

Whether or not we live the life God has in mind for us depends on whether we believe He means what He has said. And I'm here to tell you, *I do!* I believe everything He says, and my faith insists on possessing all His possessions in every area of life. Some people say I'm arrogant when I say that. No. I just made up my mind that I'm going to do what God said I can do, and have what He says I can have.

I believe Him!

God's Word covers every area of life—spiritual, emotional, physical, financial—all of it. His



plan is for our faith to possess our possessions along with everything else He has provided, so we can live the life He has planned for us. In fact, He is very clear about the kind of life He has in mind for His people. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace [possession of adequate resource; nothing broken, nothing missing] and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (*New King James Version*).

Believing the Plan

Believing God is faith. And faith should not be an intellectual puzzle. You don't have to figure out

Believe like a child. Keep looking and listening to Father and do what He says.

When I was a child, things at my mother and father's house were wonderful as long as I obeyed. Trouble came when I tried to figure out why Daddy wanted me to do what he did, when all he wanted was for me to obey. Childlike belief is the best way to grow up and become a mature child of God.

When you begin to experience God's unfolding plan for you, don't jump in and try to take over. Continue to listen to Him in the everyday details of His plan. Ask Him what your part is. Let Him show you how He is working on it. Keep your focus on Him and let Him develop

the plan. You will grow in your faith and become strong in the Lord!

You will encounter people who may not understand the way you live your life. They probably won't realize you live in the hearing and believing mode, allowing

God to tell you what to do and depending on Him to do what only He can. And the more you believe, the more you understand what Jesus meant when He said, “He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24).

Receiving the Life

Continually believing God to work His plan in your life, just like He did for Jesus, will make you what I call “mentally invincible.”

When we develop the habit of believing, we forget all about our deficits and deficiencies. We get to the point where our belief is more interesting than what people think. We become fully aware of and walk daily in the truth Jesus spoke that we have not passed into condemnation but into life!

I have experienced a lot of “condemnation” over the years. But I refuse to be condemned because

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how God is going to do something—all you have to do is obey. On every level of life, whether we are believing for daily provision or something long-range, we don't need to try to figure out His plan. We don't have to worry or get under pressure about the plans. That's because God has said, “I have a plan for you!” He knows what He's going to do, so don't sweat it! Believe it. Set your soul—your mind, your will and your emotions—to receive His plans.

Believing is the method God uses to bless our soul and our lives. It is His method of working out His plans in our lives so we don't have to.

If you try to get involved, you'll beat yourself silly trying to work out the plan, pay for it and then manage it. You'll do everything your soul can think of, trying to do what only He can!

I like the hearts of children. They don't complicate faith. They just believe what mama and daddy say. And they never have to tell daddy what they need. They just know daddy will know, and that he will give them what they need.



Jesus said I am not! Nothing anyone has to think or say can affect the life of believing God. And I make it my practice to go to the people I know are also faithful believers if I'm looking for agreement and insight into what I hear God saying to me.

What you and I have received from Jesus is life. Eternal life! Believing has given us the life of God. I'm talking about the life that receives a roof over your head, food for your body and fuel for your car. When God was preparing me for His plan to bring a jet into our ministry, for instance, He spoke something to me that changed my life forever. In 1978, I was driving past Lafayette Airport and a Citation jet flew over my head and the Lord said to me, Look up, Jesse. I'm going to give you a jet.

I thought, *He's done lost His mind. I can't even fill up this Toyota. How am I ever going to fill up a jet?*

Now, remember: God hears you when you think.

He gave me this wonderful statement: *Jesse! I didn't ask you to pay for it. I asked you to believe for it.*

That day was one of the greatest days in my life. When He said that, it went off in me like a shotgun. All the pressure left. He opened up my whole spirit to believe everything He said. Then He began to teach me, through believing teachers, how to stay in belief and receive His plan for the airplane—and for our blessed life!

A lot of people tried to talk me out of what I believed, but I had set my heart to live to please God, not people. Living to please people is exhausting, but living to please God is energizing.

The more God told me about His plan, the more I believed, and the more energized I became.

Living the Life

When we base our priorities on believing the glorious life God has promised, we will have every opportunity to believe!

Debt had been the way of life for Cathy and me until the day we heard the words, "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another" (Romans 13:8).

Did we believe it? We did!

We set our hearts and minds to owe nothing but love. The plans God had for us and our ministry were far beyond any debt we had ever owed. Buildings, television, books, magazines, meetings—all that takes money! We had to decide: Do we believe God or do we go down to the bank and get into debt?

Today we are free to love people and introduce them to Jesus because we said, "Yes, we believe God!"

Jesus said in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life:

he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." We read those words, and believed them. Since the day we came to Jesus, we have never hungered. Since the moment we believed in Him, we have never thirsted. All our attention and every step we take are focused on Him. All our energy is directed to please our Father.

God has great plans for the blessed life of the Duplantis family and ministry. Every day, His plan unfolds and our habit is to believe Him. We look constantly to what He is saying to us, personally and as a ministry team. He says, *Come here. Go there.* And we obey. He says, *Say this. Declare that.* And we say exactly what He says to say. He says, *Give this waiter \$100. Give that ministry \$100,000.* We give it.

With every move we make and every message we preach, we have believed God and He has blessed our lives!

What about you? This life-giving gift of belief is for everyone who will take it.

Here are a few things to consider:

God has the blessed life planned for you, your family, your job and your ministry.

You have the ability to believe and receive because Christ is in you.

You have the ability to use your faith to possess your possessions in every area of life, because you are God's child.

You have the mind and heart to receive God's plan for your life, and realize you won't be under pressure to perform the plan. Why? Because God said so!

You can become mentally invincible and be unconscious of any deficiencies in your life because your heavenly Father has provided everything for your blessed life.

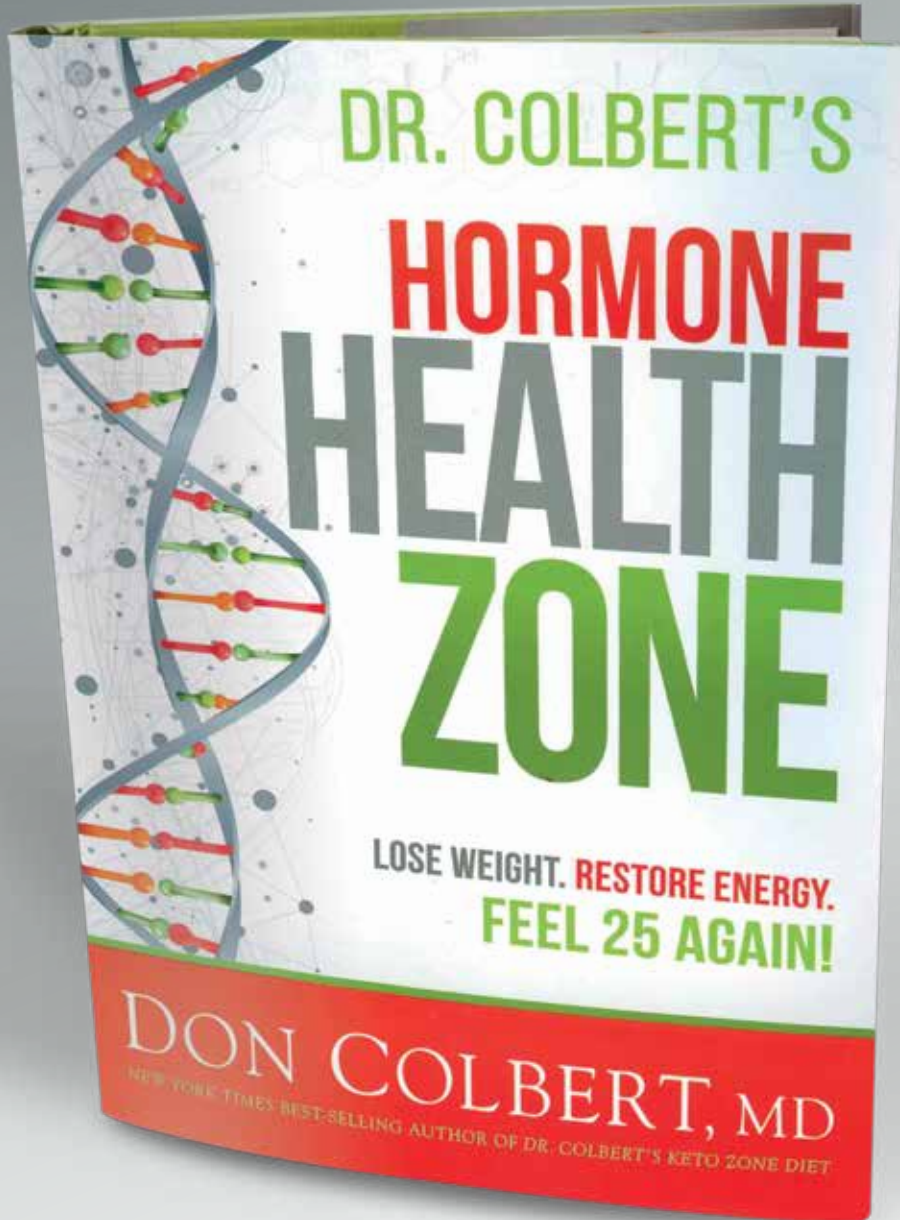
You can live to please God because you have His Word on it!

Now, simply believe it! Believe God!

Remember, we are the most important people on earth today! They may not be aware of it, but the world is depending on us to believe for them and for ourselves. When we believe, they will see Jesus!

God has given us the marvelous, life-giving gift of belief. Let's receive it and bless our world! 🙏

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