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*Joy  
Williams*

had been  
hospitalized for  
12 days with a  
serious illness,  
and doctors  
offered no hope  
that she would  
survive.

Then, Jesus  
paid her a visit!

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# Set YOUR FAITH Free

Do you know what  
the devil dreads?

He dreads the day we, as believers, find out who  
we really are and what we really have in Christ Jesus.

When we get that revelation, we become hell's greatest nightmare. We stop seeing ourselves as just "old sinners saved by grace" and realize we're "more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). We get a 100% smile on our faces that nothing can get rid of, we stop putting up with defeat, and start operating in world-overcoming faith in God.

Why?

Because understanding our identity in Christ liberates us from the devil's lie that we're unworthy to walk in God's power and BLESSINGS. It releases us from condemnation and sets us free to believe for and receive everything God's WORD says is ours.

Sadly, many dear, sweet Christians have yet to experience such freedom. Oh, they've seen in the Bible the rich inheritance God has provided for us, as His children, and in prayer they've asked for His BLESSINGS. They've even endeavored to believe they receive when they pray, as Jesus said in Mark 11:24. But they just don't seem to receive.

They find their faith hindered by a sense of

spiritual inferiority. They struggle to believe, not because they doubt God's ability to give them what they ask, but because they're not confident they qualify to receive it.

We all know what that's like because every one of us has been there. You may even be there right now. But you don't have to stay there.

You can leave the lies of the devil behind!

You can take the scriptural truths about your born-again identity and meditate on them until they dominate your thinking. By renewing your mind, and keeping it renewed to the reality of who you are and what you have in Christ, you can break through every hindrance to believing and set your faith free. Let's look at three of those hindrances to your faith.

## **Hindrance No. 1: A Lack of Understanding of the New Creation**

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God,

who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.”  
2 Corinthians 5:17-18

I’m going to say something here that’s not very religious at all, but it’s the truth. The old sinner you were before you were born again, no longer exists. The moment you received Jesus as your LORD and Savior, that old sinner died and you became a *new creation, a new species of being that never existed before.*

If you were a murderer, the murderer passed away. That old identity was blotted out forever. Reborn in the image of Jesus, you aren’t any more a murderer (or an adulterer, liar, or whatever kind of sinner you used to be) than Jesus is, because you’ve been re-created of God. Spiritually you’ve been made brand-new.

“But Brother Copeland, shouldn’t I still feel sorry about my sinful past?”

No, you should forget it and see yourself as a new creature just like God does. You’d never look at a newborn baby in the natural and say, “Oh, he’s a sweet little thing, but isn’t it a shame about his past?” That wouldn’t make sense. A baby doesn’t have any past, and when you’re born again into the kingdom of God, you don’t have a past either.

So refuse to look back. Focus instead on the person you are now. Not only have your sins been wiped out by the precious blood of Jesus, you now have within you His very own nature. He’s moved into your spirit and brought with Him faith, His righteousness, His love, His forgiveness, and all His other attributes.

You’ve been reborn into greatness!

According to the Bible, you’re “born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Peter 1:23). You are part of “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9). You’re one of those who can say with the Apostle John, “[Jesus] loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God” (Revelation 1:5-6).

Say this out loud right now: “I’m a king and a priest!”



POINTS  
TO GET  
YOU  
THERE:

## 1

**As a believer, you are not just an old sinner saved by grace.**

(2 Cor. 5:17)

## 2

**In Christ, you have been born into greatness.**

(1 Pet. 2:9)

## 3

**You have the same right-standing with God that Jesus Himself has.**

(2 Cor. 5:21)

## 4

**Righteousness is not something you earn. You were made righteous when you were born again.**

(Rom. 5:17)

## 5

**God loves and esteems you so much, He has made you His dwelling place.**

(2 Cor. 6:16)

That’s who we all are, as believers. We’re spiritual royalty, born of our heavenly Father: “Who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light...delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.... For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself...in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight” (Colossians 1:12-13, 19-22, *New King James Version*).

Talk about BLESSED! Everything in those verses has already been done for us by God. We really are new creations in Christ. We just need to start thinking and acting like it. We just need to start saying *no* to the devil’s lies, and saying *yes, amen*, to the truth of God’s WORD!

### Hindrance No. 2: A Lack of Understanding of Righteousness

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

This second great hindrance to faith holds more Christians in bondage than anything else: They don’t understand that they’ve been made the righteousness of God in Christ.

They may have heard it said. They may have read verses about it in the Bible. But they missed the revelation because they don’t really know what righteousness means. Because it’s rarely used outside of church, most Christians think righteousness is just an old-fashioned word that refers to being religiously correct enough to earn God’s approval.

The one who taught me faith, Kenneth E. Hagin, used to say that’s what he thought in his early years as a Christian. He would read in James 5:16 that “the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,” and think, *If I could become righteous—whooo, boy!—I’d be a real praying whiz!* Then he’d shake his head because he figured it would take two lifetimes to ever do enough to be right in God’s eyes.

I used to think the same thing because that’s



what the religious world has taught. But the religious system is wrong! I found that out when I finally received the revelation that I'm the righteousness of God in Christ and recorded a song about it. The Christian radio stations (which back then were still in bondage to religion) wouldn't play it. To them, that sounded like heresy.

Bless their hearts. The disc jockeys at those stations were good people but, like me, most of them had been brought up in churches where the one verse everyone knew was Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

That's a sorrowful verse when you take it out of its setting! It leaves the impression that we're all destined to be sinners forever. That we're all doomed, with no hope of ever being anything but unrighteous before God.

Read the verse in context however, and you get a whole different picture. You realize verse 23 is sandwiched between verses 22 and 24, and those verses don't doom us to unrighteousness at all. On the contrary, they declare: "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference...being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Notice that says *the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ*. It's by faith, not by deeds. It's not something you have to earn or attain. Righteousness is a free gift that's been provided at God's expense for all mankind.

This is what I call "The Great Exchange!"

Jesus was made sin with our sins to make us righteous with His righteousness. He suffered our shame to give us His glory. He was condemned to set us free. He was made sick with our sicknesses so we can be healed and live in health. He was cast out of the presence of God to make us welcome there. He went to hell to take us to heaven.

"For if by one man's offense [the sin of Adam] death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of *the gift of righteousness* shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the

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offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so *by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life*" (Romans 5:17-18, emphasis mine).

In other words, the blood of Jesus solved the sin problem! It broke sin's power and made His right-standing with the Father available to all. His rightness before God is hanging low, like a glorious shining cloud, over every living human being on this planet right now. It's come upon all men.

All you have to do is take it by faith!

Once you do, you're no longer a sinner who's come short of the glory of God. You're a saint who, having "been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all," has "no more consciousness of sins" (Hebrews 10:10, 2, *NKJV*).

"But Brother Copeland, I'm not perfect. Even though I'm a Christian, sometimes I still sin. What do I do then?"

Repent immediately! Run to your heavenly Father, confess your sin and receive His forgiveness (1 John 1:9), and put that sin and the consciousness of it behind you.

A sin consciousness identifies with Adam. A righteousness consciousness identifies with Jesus the resurrected LORD, and it's your union with Him that empowers you to keep sin under your feet. So even when you stumble, stay conscious of your righteousness in Christ.

To do that, of course, you'll have to spend daily time in The WORD. You'll also have to stay vigilant because the devil will continually try to beat you down. "You're not the righteousness of God!" he'll say. "I know some of the things you've done. You're a mess, and God has been mad at you for a long time."

The devil says that to all of us. But it's a baldfaced lie! God told the Body of Christ in Isaiah 54:9, "As I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee."

God isn't mad anymore! He's disappointed sometimes, but He's never mad at any believer. He poured all His mad out on Jesus when He became our Substitute, and now neither one of them are mad at anyone but the devil.

Remind the devil of that the next time he comes around. When he tries to tell you that

you're in trouble with God, turn the tables on him and remind him he's the one who's in trouble. Then just go on your way rejoicing that you are the righteousness of God in Christ!

## Hindrance No. 3: Lack of Understanding of Our Place in Jesus and His Place In Us

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4

Since I can't possibly list here all the scriptures that I'd like to, I want to give you an assignment: Get a concordance and look up all 130 verses in the New Testament, from Romans to Revelation, that contain these phrases: *in Christ*, *in Him* and *in Whom*. (If you don't know how to use a concordance, Google it.)

Make a list of those verses, taking the time to write them out in longhand. Then go back and read each of them in context. Read the whole chapter that surrounds them, or even the whole book. It will absolutely change your life.

Your faith will skyrocket!

Instead of thinking in terms of Jesus being up in heaven and you being down here on the earth, you'll become increasingly God-inside minded. You'll grow in your awareness that you're in Jesus and He is in you 24/7, and that awareness will make you a fearless warrior for the kingdom of God.

When you look in the mirror in the morning, you'll see yourself in the light of scriptures such as 2 Corinthians 6:16 where Paul wrote, "Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." You'll see yourself and think, *There's a person who is indwelt by God!*

Once that way of thinking becomes the norm for you, you'll become a nightmare for the devil. You'll blast through every hindrance to your faith and say with boldness when you pray: "I've been made the righteousness of God by the sweet blood of Jesus. I'm supposed to be healed! I'm supposed to be prosperous. I'm supposed to be BLESSED and a BLESSING to others. And because I know who I am in Christ—I BELIEVE I RECEIVE! 🙏"

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# HEALING, COME!



Commander  
Kellie's Corner

Hey, Superkids! Last month we talked about “Master Your Mouth.”

## TODAY, LET’S TALK ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT YOUR MOUTH IS TO YOUR HEALTH AND LIFE.



This is an important time to be on purpose with the things we say, and to start calling in the good things Jesus has provided for us.

Healing already belongs to you! God created your body to heal itself, but you can’t heal yourself from every sickness without God’s help. The good news is that Jesus has paid for you to be healed of EVERY sickness and disease, EVERY plague and virus—no matter what it is! You can be sure of that because the Word of God says you are already healed! When you realize that, you are on your way to being healed. So, let’s see...

### WHAT THE WORD SAYS

1 Peter 2:24, *New Living Translation*

“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.”

Psalms 107:20, *The Passion Translation*

“God spoke the words ‘Be healed,’ and we were healed, delivered from death’s door!”

Proverbs 4:20-22, *NLT*

“My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don’t lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.”

Jesus purchased our healing when He was wounded on the cross. He wants us to receive it! So, He sent us His Word. When His words of healing from the Bible sink down into our hearts, HIS LIFE begins bubbling up inside us like medicine to our bodies!

### BELIEVE IT

When we see what His Word says about

healing, we can BELIEVE IT by FAITH. God has given us His faith and with it, we can CHOOSE to believe what He says. Faith in God’s Word BECOMES the very thing we are believing Him for, making it real in our spirits, even before we can see it.

Hebrews 11:1, *TPT*

“Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen.”

Mark 11:22-23, *TPT*

“Jesus replied, ‘Let the faith of God be in you! Listen to the truth I speak to you: If someone says to this mountain with great faith and having no doubt, “Mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the midst of the sea,” and believes that what he says will happen, it will be done.’”

Luke 1:37, *New King James Version*

“For with God nothing will be impossible.”

When the angel told Mary she would be the mother of the Son of God, she believed it, even though it sounded impossible. Superkid, YOU have the faith of God in you! When you believe His Word and don’t doubt, NOTHING is impossible, even healing that doctors say is impossible!

### SAY WHAT?

When we use our God-given faith and believe we are healed, the next step is to put His Word in our mouths. Instead of saying what we see or feel, we believe and agree with God’s Word that says, “I AM HEALED in Jesus’ Name!” And with a small seed of faith, our bodies will obey!

Luke 17:6, *NLT*

“The Lord answered, ‘If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,” and it would obey you!’”

Proverbs 18:21, *NKJV*

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

Someone might think it is lying to say we are healed when we’re experiencing a sick or hurt body. But God is the One who made us, and He made our bodies to heal themselves. He ALSO gave us HIS WORDS to heal us. He made our bodies to naturally respond to OUR WORDS as well. So, He expects us to take HIS words and make them OUR words and for our bodies to obey. He expects us to CALL His healing to us.

Romans 4:16-17, *NKJV*

“Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed...(as it is written, ‘I have made you a father of many nations’) in the presence of Him whom he believed— God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.”

Romans is talking about Abram.

When Abram was old and had no children, God CALLED him *Abraham*, which means “father of many nations.” God CALLED him what He wanted him to be.

God gave you that same ability and His Word to work with. So Superkid, put your faith AND your mouth to work! Find more scriptures about healing (Hint: Try Psalm 91!). Speak them every day, and faith will begin to rise up from your heart, you will BELIEVE, and you will RECEIVE what you ask for.

Let’s not fear any sickness or disease. Let’s say what God says about us: BY HIS STRIPES, WE WERE HEALED! IN JESUS’ NAME.

COMMANDER KELLIE ❤️





WILLING TO

# Do It All Again

by  
*Melanie  
Hemry*

The sun over San Diego smiled before dipping below the horizon. Seagulls dove for fish as a soft breeze brought with it the smell of salt water. Joy Omega Gray caught the sound of a tune from somewhere nearby and hummed along with the music.

Then she stopped. That music was from her old life. She'd grown up in Annapolis, Md., the youngest of eight children. Both of her parents were ministers of the gospel. Her mother was a traveling evangelist. Her father sang. All eight children sang as well, but Joy was the one who'd gone professional.

After life had kicked her hard enough, she'd realized that her parents were wrong. There was nothing to Christianity. It was old news. She'd





Joy and Del Williams

been disappointed with God. A failed marriage. A miscarriage. The list went on.

Joy needed something new. She'd started practicing Buddhism and wanted to become a Shintoist. Multiple deities made more sense than there being only one way. She'd just returned from studying Lao Tzu.

When she stopped to think about it, some things had changed since she walked away from Christianity. She'd always been a seer. As far back as she could remember, she'd seen things in the spirit. Often, she saw things unfold before they happened. Oddly, she hadn't seen anything during the last seven years. Shrugging, she went inside.

Without warning, Joy's older sister appeared in a vision in front of her. "Come with me," her sister said.

In a flash of supernatural translation, Joy found herself in a hospital room in Maryland. Her sister lay in the bed, eyes closed and unmoving. Joy sat beside her.

"It's time for me to go home," her sister said.

"No! No! No!" Joy wailed. "You can't go without me!"

"Joy, I need you to let me go."

"I don't know how," Joy sobbed.

Her sister's mouth never moved. They were communicating spirit to spirit. Joy had a hard time keeping up with her. The strange thing was that her sister had suffered from what people thought was mild retardation. But she wasn't retarded. She was just slow.

Except now, she spoke with a sharp brilliance that Joy had never heard before.

"Slow down!" Joy begged.

For a split second, Joy felt her sister's pain.

"OK, leave!" Joy agreed. "Just go. I don't want you in that kind of pain."

"Joy, I know you're practicing other religions. I understand that you're searching. But listen, Jesus is coming to get me. He'll come again one day. Choose whom you will serve."

### **Making a U-Turn**

"That experience turned my life around," Joy admits. "As my sister left this world, I got a glimpse of blinding light. Behind her stood a Man, who I knew was Jesus. As I matured in the Lord, I realized that I'd lived life on



my own terms. I never asked God whom I should marry. Yet, when things didn't work out, I blamed Him for my choices.

"I joined a multicultural traveling ministry in San Diego. About 20 of us sang, traveling to hospitals, prisons, street corners and beaches.

"A friend introduced me to Dr. Delwin Williams, a psychiatrist from Texas. He was a nice man, but for some reason we didn't click. Several years passed, but our mutual friend refused to give up. I was cautious because I didn't want to marry outside God's will. One thing I could say about Del was that he had incredible, bulldog faith.

"I was an information technology manager in San Diego. I worked on security measures for computers. The company gave me a great office and allowed me to take time off to minister.

"The Lord told me to record a CD. I contacted the recording studio Janet Jackson used. It was expensive, and I didn't have the money. My birthday was Aug. 14, and I'd been sent home to recover from walking pneumonia, when I got a call from the studio. A famous violinist had scheduled the studio but couldn't make it. They told me I could use it with no charge. Even though I had pneumonia, I wasn't going to miss the opportunity God had given me. While I was recording, a rap group was in another studio. They came to listen to me. Afterward, I extended an invitation for them to accept Jesus. They got saved! It was incredible."

### Learning Faith

Delwin Williams grew up in Dallas, the son of two schoolteachers. The family knew about God but didn't go to church. Del's grandmother in East Texas had been the one who taught him the importance of having God in his life. As a child, Del had known it was God who had instructed him to go to medical school.

When he was older, Del decided to get a job in a hospital to make sure he could handle medicine as a career. The only job he could get was in a psychiatric hospital. Until then, he'd never considered psychiatry. He attended Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Afterward, he did his residency at Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital, which at that time was one of the top psychiatric hospitals in the nation.

"During my residency, I realized that I didn't have any answers to a lot of traumatic things I'd heard

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from my patients. I started asking my directors and instructors how they dealt with the spiritual component in their patients. I got a lot of blank looks and no answers. I knew I had to figure it out on my own. I joined a good church and learned some foundational things.

"God put it in my heart to work in community mental health. He opened the door for me to work at JPS Hospital in downtown Fort Worth. I've been there since 1990. Many of my business partners mentored me and helped me over the years. Seeking more, I started listening to Dr. Frederick K.C. Price and getting answers. He always said, 'You don't have to believe me. Read the Book for yourself.'

"I thought that was good advice and started reading the Bible. Around that time, I discovered Kenneth Copeland and started listening to his daily broadcast. I was getting answers to a lot of my questions about how we could do more for the patients we were treating. I knew we were helping them mentally and emotionally, but we'd never dealt with the spiritual component. Brother Copeland helped me fill that need.

### Finding Joy

"I went to medical school with one of my best friends and introduced him to his wife. We stayed close even after he moved to California, and I visited them often. He sang in the choir with Joy and introduced us. We didn't hit it off. Nine years later, however, we knew we were supposed to be together. I proposed on Valentine's Day. She said, 'Yes.'"

A few years later, Joy was diagnosed with six uterine fibroid tumors. That didn't explain why she didn't feel like herself. She worked out on a regular basis. She ate well. Yet, she suffered pain in various parts of her body. She could no longer sleep on her back.

"Something's wrong," Del said, driving her to a nearby clinic. They drew a sample of her blood and told Del to get Joy to the emergency room.

"I was admitted to the hospital," Joy remembers, "but I kept getting sicker as they tried to diagnose me. Turns out, I had pyelonephritis, an infection in the kidneys. It was caused by E. coli, and I had become septic. As my kidneys shut down, I had 30 pounds of fluid on my body. My skin was so tight it felt like I was going to burst.



"One organ after another shut down. I had about 10 doctors. I couldn't think clearly. My vision was blurry. I couldn't eat. I couldn't stand. I felt like I was dying. I couldn't move my arms or legs. All I could do was just lay there."

A couple of Joy's physicians talked to Del in private.

"You need to prepare yourself for the worst," they told him. "She'll never recover from this. Even if she survives, she won't recover."

"I understand what you're saying medically," Del replied. "But we're Christians. We believe that Joy is totally healed. We'll do what we have to medically in terms of treatment, but we're standing for total healing."

#### Faith That Refuses To Quit

Del had been watching Kenneth Copeland long enough that nothing could budge him from his faith stand. In Joy's hospital room, she looked up at him with weary eyes. "They don't think I'm going to make it."

"You're not dying," he said. "I know how God works. But while you're here, why don't you minister to other people?"

Joy looked at her husband as though he'd lost his mind.

*What's wrong with him?*

Later, she felt convicted.

*Why not do what God has created me to do so long as there is breath in my body?*

She began praying for other people. Some who'd been scheduled for surgery turned out not to need it. Women having trouble delivering babies came through just fine. People were getting healed right and left.

Meanwhile, Joy's situation got worse.

She was sleeping, only vaguely aware when her friend, an anesthesiologist, came into the room. She took one look at Joy and said, "Oh, no." She laid her hands on Joy and prayed. "You will live and not die! You will declare the works of the Lord!"

Joy felt as though she was at the end of a dark tunnel. On the opposite end was light, and her friend standing in the gap, doing spiritual battle for Joy's life.

Although she lived, three days later, Joy's condition worsened. She was put on a morphine drip.

"All we can do now is make her comfortable," the doctors explained.

***"A big part of my healing was a change of heart, attitude and focus. All that matters now is loving Him."***





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Thu	29	Lam. 1-2	Heb. 13
Fri	30	Lam. 3	Jas. 1
Sat	31	Lam. 4-5	

## Light and Wind

Del finished his shift and came to Harris Methodist Hospital to be with Joy. “Hi, darling,” he said before sitting beside her bed. This was the 12th day his wife had been in the hospital and things didn’t look good. He still stood in faith, but he was exhausted. He fell asleep in the chair.

“What happened next is hard to describe,” Joy recalls. “Del was asleep in the chair. A wind came up from behind him—a wind and a light. It danced all over the room with beautiful colors. I knew it was the Holy Spirit, dancing with joy.

“Then, I heard the voice of Jesus say, *Joy, do you love Me?*

“Do I love You? I’m dying here!”

*But do you love Me? I want you to feed My sheep.*

“How am I going to feed Your sheep when I’m dead?”

He left the room.

The next night, the wind came back, only stronger. More like a whirlwind. Looking up, Joy saw Jesus’ feet descending from above. She saw the holes in them. He wore a glistening robe that looked alive. He was filled with majesty and power. Everything was in Him. His eyes were fire. He smiled.

*Joy, do you love Me?*

“Lord, You know I do.”

*Then feed My sheep.*

“If that’s what You want me to do, that’s what I’ll do.”

Jesus touched her shoulder: *Be healed.*

Every part of Joy’s body obeyed. Her kidneys started functioning. Fluid drained from her body. Pain disappeared. In His presence, every shred of unforgiveness and bitterness fled.

The next day, the medical staff was stunned by her transformation. They removed every machine except the heart monitor. That night, Joy slept pain-free until the wee hours of the morning.

*Joy! Wake up! Someone is coming to your room. Don’t let them give you the medication. It will cause you to die instantly. Wake up!*

Joy woke and opened her eyes. A nurse stood beside her bed holding a vial of medication. “What is that?” Joy asked. Startled, the nurse dropped the medication. The drug had been prescribed for someone else. The doctor said it would have killed Joy.

The following day, she was discharged. When she saw her gynecologist, all six fibroid tumors were gone.

## Delivered From Legalism

“I know I received my healing because of Delwin’s faith,” Joy recalls. “I was on morphine and too sick to think straight, but he never gave up. I’d never heard of Brother and Sister Copeland until I met my husband. He has their books in our library and listens to them every day. I’m so glad that his faith was built through their teachings.

“Looking back, I realize that I’d been legalistic about my relationship with God. I expected to earn His love. I realized when He visited me that it can’t be earned. Jesus only wanted me to love Him. A big part of my healing was a change of heart, attitude and focus. All that matters now is loving Him, and receiving the love He has for me.”

Joy and Del were happy attending the church he’d attended for years. But in 2015, they sensed the Holy Spirit drawing them away. The problem was, they didn’t know where He wanted them to go. One evening, Del was watching television when Joy slid onto the sofa beside him. Sitting up, she pointed at the screen.

“Who’s that?”

“Kenneth Copeland.”

“Where is he?”

“Right here in Fort Worth.”

“We need to go to that church!”

“OK, darling, we will.”

The first time Del and Joy attended Eagle Mountain International Church, she sobbed during the entire service. “I’m home,” she whispered to Del.

She had dreamed of a body of believers who allowed the Holy Spirit freedom. She’d longed for a place where the uncompromised Word of God was taught. A place where all the gifts of the Holy Spirit operated, especially the gifts of healing.

Joy and Del found EMIC to be that place. They are now members and Joy expresses her thankfulness to God as she sings with the worship team.

“Partnership with KCM means having support and people praying who love you,” Del says. “It also means protection. Memorial



by Gloria Copeland



# A LOVING HEART AND AN OPEN HAND

**"Turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness...."**

Joel 2:13

Day weekend, Joy was driving in the rain. She reached over and grabbed my hand. 'Honey, hold on. I think we're about to be hit.' She could see a car behind us losing control and heading straight for us. Joy did a wonderful job trying to avoid the accident, but we were hemmed in.

"We were about 50 yards away from the Trinity River when we were hit from behind. We slammed into the guardrail. I knew angels were with us. The car was totaled, but we walked away unharmed. We knew that it was the prayers of our church and the seed we've sown into all the blessings associated with Brother and Sister Copeland's ministry that made the difference."

It's been more than 10 glorious years since Joy received her healing. There are some parts of that experience which are as real today as when they happened. When Jesus healed her, He told her some things. *Joy, I need you to tell My people that I haven't forgotten about them. I'm coming back for them. Tell them that I love them so much that if I had to do it all over again, I would.*

Today, as a living testimony, Joy is sharing that message wherever she goes. 📌

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Over and over again, the Scriptures tell us that God is gracious, but too often we miss the fullness of what that really means. A person who is gracious is someone who is inclined to do what you want them to do. They're disposed to show favors to those who ask them. They are, as James 3:17 says, "easy to be intreated."

My grandfather was like that. All the children in my family called him "Pop," and we dearly loved him because he so enjoyed being good to us. If we asked him for money, he'd dig into his pockets and give us whatever he had. He taught us all how to drive, and then let us take his pickup to town (even *before* we had our driver's licenses). As long as he knew it wouldn't hurt us, he let us do whatever we wanted to do.

My grandmother wasn't as much that way, so she often tried to stop him, but she didn't have much success. Despite her protests, he usually ended up giving us whatever we asked for because he couldn't help it. That was just his nature.

God is much the same way. It's not difficult to get Him to do what we

want. On the contrary, He likes to say yes to us. He is disposed to show us favor!

You know how some people have hobbies like fishing or golf, and they're always looking for opportunities to do those things? You might say that God's hobby is doing good things for His children. He is continually watching for opportunities to BLESS us and give us what we want.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 says, "...for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God." God wants to give good gifts to people. It's what He loves and enjoys, so much so, that one of the Hebrew titles for God in the Old Testament is "Jehovah the Good!"

That's why we can go boldly before His throne of grace to receive what we need from Him. That's why we can go in faith, and not in fear. We don't have a heavenly Father who's hardhearted and tightfisted. We have a Father who is easily entreated, who greets us with a loving heart and an open hand. We have a Father who loves to be good to us. 📌



## Testimonies of Real-Life

# VICTORY™

### Fully Recovered

After three falls in four months, suffering fractures in my left arm each time, I was unable to raise my arm even shoulder high. Watching the broadcast where Jerry Savelle gave his testimony, then hearing Brother Copeland's word of knowledge about an arm being healed, I received my healing.

Now I can fully extend my arm above my head!

R.M. | Indianapolis, Ind.

### 'God Is My Source'

Thank you very much, Gloria Copeland and George Pearsons. I have learned how to pray for the best job by watching your videos on prosperity. My salary has multiplied four times. All glory to God. I'm a Partner of KCM and started tithing last year. Within a year I got the new job! I have learned that God is my Source, and now I trust Him with everything.

S.D. | Elkridge | Md.

### A Stand of Bulldog Faith

Pastor George and Sister Gloria, I thank God for your obedience in sharing the Word. I've been listening to you and decided to stand in "bulldog faith." I was believing God for a vehicle but had no money for it. Nonetheless, I prayed, was specific about what I wanted, sowed a seed, got my scriptures and stood in faith. Every time I saw that kind of vehicle, I would thank God because mine was coming. And it did! Someone gifted me with exactly what I asked for, and the only thing I had to pay for was registration and delivery. Even the insurance was paid. Glory to God!

A.C. | Munich, Grenada

## Prayer Brings Peace

I spoke with a prayer minister on the KCM prayer line, and he prayed for my family member who was having a terrible anger episode that had lasted for five hours. The prayer minister prayed for deliverance from anger, and within 45 minutes

or so my family member was very calm and in their right mind again. Thank God for answering and thank you at KCM for helping us. You are always there for me!

B.R. | London, Ark.

### VICTORY Through the Years

KCM has been part of my life for many years. I have testimonies of financial blessings from studying the anointed Word given by Kenneth, to receiving emotional peace in tragedy after calling KCM and having someone pray with me. I watch VICTORY Channel™ every day. Thank you for the blessing you have been to my life through the years.

G.C. | Mansfield, Ark.

### 'Year of Supernatural Increase'

During the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of my income decreasing, it has increased like never before. This is truly a year of supernatural increase. To God be the glory!

M.S. | Louisville, Ky.

### Healing Received by Faith

I was drawn to the "taking a stand against coronavirus" program.

I listened, prayed, took Communion and received my healing! Only an ache remained, and I continued to declare my healing. On March 18, 2020, at the conclusion of the Basics of Faith program, Brother Copeland received a word of knowledge and touched the same area of his body where I was experiencing pain. He called out bladder infection and urinary tract infection. I took that word for myself and received my complete healing in Jesus' Name! All symptoms are gone. Praise the Lord.

R.M. | Country Club Hills, Ill.

### 'MY SPINE IS STRAIGHT!'

As a teen, I was diagnosed with scoliosis. Then I was rear-ended twice in one year and my back began to bother me all the time. The curve in my spine kept worsening and I was in a constant state of discomfort. I am now 35 years old. A month ago, I was upset and my husband said, "You need to hear some Word." He put on Healing School for me, and I had so much peace. Two days later, I realized that my back wasn't hurting. MY SPINE IS STRAIGHT! It was confirmed when I had my last chiropractor appointment. The doctor checked my leg lengths, which normally differ when it's time for an adjustment. Not this time. My legs are even and my spine is visibly straight. Praise God, I am healed!

K.H. | Tacoma, Wash.



## 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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WITH GOD.**

”

— Gloria Copeland

#### **Delivered!**

Praise God for His awesome deliverance. During the KCM VICTORYTHON™ last September, the invitation to pray for someone incarcerated was given. Our grandson was incarcerated for being with the wrong crowd that committed a crime. He repented for being in

that company because we taught him to live in Christ. We agreed with KCM Partners for his early release, and he was released December 2019 and began looking for employment. Thank God for answering our prayers.

J.G. | Lexington Park, Md.



by Happy Caldwell



CAVU

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# Unlimited

CAVU is an acronym familiar to pilots. It stands for *Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited*. I came across this acronym recently when reading about former U.S. President George H.W. Bush. He called himself a very blessed man, never wanting for anything from the time he was born until he became the 41st president of the United States. He said CAVU represented his life.





## “The sky was the limit,” he said.

“CAVU was the kind of weather we pilots wanted when we were to fly our planes off our carrier in the Pacific. We had little navigational equipment, so we wanted CAVU.”

When I heard that, my spirit leapt. That’s what we all need to succeed in our ministries, our callings and our goals—Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited. And that’s what God wants for us too. The Apostle Paul put it this way:

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: **that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God** (1 Corinthians 2:1-5, emphasis mine).

With God, there is no limit. That doesn’t mean the achievement of our callings and goals is up to Him. No, He’s already done the work through Jesus Christ. Achievement depends on us...and we’ve got work to do!

### **Remember God’s Power**

*CAVU.* Write that acronym down. Put it in your spirit. Meditate on it. Ceiling and

Visibility Unlimited is something you can have, but you must choose it.

Psalm 78 asks about Israel, “How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy. How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan” (verses 40-43).

God didn’t put limits on Israel. He gave them the Promised Land. The limitations came from the people. They provoked God. They rebelled against Him. They disobeyed Him. They grieved Him by their unbelief—and they didn’t remember His power.

When challenges come, we *must* remember God’s power.

Back when Jeanne and I started our ministry, we didn’t have enough money to buy groceries. We had nothing. One day when we were wondering what we were going to do, there was a knock on the door. A woman greeted us and said, “The Lord spoke to my husband and



# “You have a decision to make.... You can have feast, or you can have famine.”



told him you needed \$50.” Then she handed me \$50, enough for five sacks of groceries back then. It was nothing short of a miracle.

You probably have stories like that too.

When did God do something miraculous for you? When were you healed? When did God deliver you? When did God show up?

In Numbers 14:22-23, God said: “Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it.”

The Promised Land was God’s gift to His people. His power had no limits to get them

there, but their unbelief limited His ability to bless them. That generation had forgotten what He had done for them—the deliverance, the provision, the miracles—and as a result, they died without ever achieving their calling, which was to take the Promised Land.

## Limitless Possibilities

You have a decision to make. You can take CAVU, or you can stay where you are. You can have feast, or you can have famine.

To have the feast God has provided for you, you will have to overcome barriers.

Roger Bannister was told that it was impossible for a man to run a mile in less than 4 minutes. He set out to prove that wrong. He trained. He cross-trained. He ran uphill. He ran downhill. On the day of the race, the weather was not perfect, but he had studied aeronautics and wind and physiology. With the world watching, he did something no one else had ever done. He broke the 4-minute-mile record. For the running world, breaking the 4-minute mile was like scaling Mount Everest. It seemed impossible, but Roger Bannister did it. That’s living a life with CAVU!

God wants all of us to get this truth of CAVU inside us. We see it time and again in Scripture.

In Luke 1:37, the angel said to Mary, “For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

In Luke 18:27, Jesus said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

With God, there are no limits. With God, you’re a barrier breaker!

## Follow God’s Instructions

In the book of Numbers, we see the account of Moses sending men to look at the Promised Land of Canaan they were about to inhabit (Numbers 13:1-2). It was theirs, but when the men returned, their report lacked faith.

And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.... And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and



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said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And **they brought up an evil report** of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature (verses 27-28, 30-32, emphasis added).

Why was the report of the men considered evil? Weren't they just telling it like it is? No! What they reported contradicted God's truth. As a result, it empowered the enemy—because how you see yourself is how your enemy is going to see you. You can either agree with God or agree with the enemy.

Romans 12:2 says, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

The key to having CAVU is renewing your mind to the Word of God. Your mind and your spirit must be in agreement. You have to renew your way of thinking by reading, studying, meditating on and declaring the Word. If you don't, you're going to get sidetracked, upset and discouraged. Renewing your mind with the Word will help you change the way you think, and filter the God-ordained voices from the distractions and the voices that are contrary to Him.

When we were building our church in Arkansas, the bank wanted to loan us the money to build our building, and we said, “No. The Lord told us to build it and pay for it as we go.”

After we got finished with it, the loan officer came out to look at it and said, “I never thought you all could do this without us.”

Well, if God hadn't spoken to me, I would have agreed with him. But God spoke and I had CAVU! You have to get to the point where it doesn't matter what anyone says to you, you're going to do what *God* instructs you to do, obeying Him no matter what. When you receive a word from God, then it's CAVU. No limits. No barriers. Nothing can stand against you.

You have opportunities, projects and goals God has called you to do. Remember God's power. Take a stand and take hold of your CAVU—Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited.

God will provide for you as big as you're able to believe Him for! 🍷

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# Supernatural Forces of Divine Life

*The fruit of the spirit are powerful spiritual forces. They're more than just nice character traits for Christians to have. They are our daily victory.*

Walking in the fruit of the spirit actually opens the door for us, as believers, to walk in the gifts of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, goodness and kindness are all supernatural expressions of the character and presence of God who lives inside us. When we yield to them, the Holy Spirit enhances and strengthens them in us to become a river of living water that flows out of us to help bless others!

Each fruit of the re-created human spirit supplies us with something we need so we can walk in the blessings and wholeness that Jesus provided for us. And each one provides us with an element of divine power that equips us to meet the challenges of life and come through in victory.

These fruit are born into us when we receive Jesus as our Savior and Lord in the new birth (1 Peter 1:23). They give us the power we need to rise above the snares of the devil and the pull of this fallen world. They help us fulfill our divine calling and keep us strong and stable enough to complete our God-appointed race on this earth. When we're ready to go to heaven, like the Apostle Paul, we can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians  
5:22-23



have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Without walking in the fruit of the spirit, the gifts of the Spirit won't work. Galatians 5:6 says that faith works by love. So without the spiritual fruit of love, your faith won't work. And "without faith," as Hebrews 11:6 says, "it is impossible to please him."

*Nothing* the devil comes up with can defeat you when you're walking in the fullness of the fruit! As author Greg Zoschak puts it, "There is not any situation, trial or temptation that a child of God will face that one of the fruit of the spirit will not enable him to overcome."

If the devil tries to stir up trouble in your relationships, for instance, forces like love and kindness will come to your aid. If he tries to discourage you with contrary circumstances, forces like faith and patience will see you through. If he tempts you to get into pride because you're excelling on the job, or to get into fear and turmoil because you're in



danger of being laid off, the fruit of humility and peace will protect you.

On the other hand, if one of the fruit is not operating in your life, you can't be totally successful because that particular area will be the place where the enemy will concentrate his attack. Without the force of self-control, for example, even though you may have all the other spiritual fruit in operation, without that fruit to help you rein in your natural desires, you'll be vulnerable to getting pulled off course by the lusts of your flesh.

That's why, throughout the New Testament, God tells us continually to cultivate *all* the fruit of the spirit! He loves us and wants us to be overcomers. And that's what the fruit empower us to do.

I first began learning about the fruit of the spirit in 1988, a few weeks before our annual West Coast Believers' Convention. I'd been fellowshiping with the Lord in preparation for the meetings and, as always, I asked Him, "Lord, what do You want me to preach?"

It usually takes a few days for me to discern what He's saying. I have to listen to my spirit for a while until I'm sure I've heard clearly from Him. But that morning was different. He spoke to me so powerfully, I heard Him right away:

*I want you to teach on the fruit of the spirit,* He said.

His answer totally surprised me. I'd never taught just on the fruit of the spirit. So I began an organized, in-depth study on it. I knew I'd received the Lord's direction, so I dove in and got started!

I began searching my Bible, looking at the many scriptures that talk about the fruit of the spirit, and I got some wonderful books on the subject. Then, with all my resources piled around me, I read and prayed—hour after hour, day after day—and let the Holy Spirit teach me what you're about to read.

What the Lord showed me not only blessed me, it changed my perception in a way that has impacted my life ever since.

**The fruit of the spirit will produce a strong foundation for victory.**

I don't know about you, but I want to finish my life as a winner. When reward day comes, I want to hear Jesus say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant!"

I'm sure you do, too. For that to happen, though, we'll need to keep growing consistently in the fruit of the spirit.

### **Partakers of the Divine Nature**

"How exactly do we go about walking consistently in the power of the fruit of the spirit?" you might ask.



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The first thing we do is go to the Bible to see what God has to say about the subject. One passage I've studied quite a bit is 2 Peter 1:3-11. It says that God:

[By] his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these [we] might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (verses 3-4).

These verses help us understand the process by telling us that *godliness* (which is another way to describe the fruit) comes through the knowledge of the Lord.

**God has already provided every born-again believer with everything it takes to bear spiritual fruit.**

The better we get to *know Him*, the greater revelation we'll have of His divine nature that's already inside us. The better we understand His nature, the more we can partake of it, and the freer of this world's corruption we become.

The passage goes on to say:

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.... Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (verses 5-8, 10-11).

If you ever need inspiration to walk in the fruit of the spirit, reread those verses often. They list many wonderful benefits. When you abound in the fruit, you enter into the best God has planned for you. Operating in them empowers you to fulfill your divine call. You'll remain spiritually sure-footed and avoid destructive falls. Best of all, according to these verses, when you've finished your earthly assignment, you'll enjoy an abundant entrance into God's everlasting kingdom!

What does it mean to have an abundant entrance into His kingdom?

For one thing, it means you won't just barely make it into heaven by the skin of your teeth. And you won't get there empty-handed with nothing to show for the life you lived here. When you step out of this natural realm into the glory realm because you cultivated and walked in the fruit of the spirit here on earth, you'll have eternal rewards awaiting you. You'll have a big welcoming party gathered there to greet you.

Lots of people will be flocking around you telling you how glad they are to see you. You'll have family members and friends there. People you've loved and ministered to will be celebrating your arrival in heaven and telling you how, while they were on earth, they were influenced by all the fruit of the spirit they saw in your life!

## The Fruit + the Gifts = Maximum Power

The gifts of the Spirit are exciting and spectacular, and the Church definitely needs them (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). They're extremely valuable. But unlike the fruit, the gifts don't manifest whenever you want them to. You can't get up every morning and say, "I believe I'll walk in the word of wisdom and the gift of miracles today."

No, the gifts manifest only as the Holy Spirit wills (1 Corinthians 12:11). They function only in certain situations. You can't live on the gifts. People who try end up getting into trouble.

We've all heard the stories. We've heard about tongue-talking Christians who regularly prophesied in church on Sundays and yet, somehow, ended up falling into a lifestyle of sin. We've even heard, on occasion, about a truly anointed minister of God who had great healings and miracles taking place in his or her meetings and then got involved in some kind of illicit affair. What opened the door to those tragedies? How could such seemingly spiritual believers end up going so wrong?

The answer is simple. *Those believers operated in spiritual gifts, but they didn't have much spiritual fruit.* So they didn't have the strength to overcome the pressures of temptation. As a result, when the devil came after them, they succumbed to his attack. They ended up going on a fleshly detour that left them shipwrecked and robbed them of part of God's purpose for their lives.

No believer ever intends to end up that way! But if we don't learn to walk in the power of our divine

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nature, it can happen to any of us. That's why we don't want to put all our focus on the gifts. Although it's scriptural and good to "covet earnestly" the gifts (1 Corinthians 12:31), we also should want to *covet and cultivate the fruit*.

We want the love of God flowing in abundance because "love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8, *NKJV*).

We want plenty of joy because "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

We want peace because it keeps us tranquil in times of trouble.

We want faith and patience because they're the power twins that undergird us so when we're believing God for healing or prosperity or something else He's promised, we're able to hang in there until we receive.

We want gentleness, goodness and meekness because they enhance our relationships, and empower us to manifest to those around us the character and life of God.

We want temperance, or self-control, because it comes to our aid and gives us victory in our conflicts with the world, the flesh and the devil.

The maximum manifestation of spiritual power is achieved in our lives only when the gifts and the fruit are working together. So value *both* the gifts and the fruit. Desire to move in the gifts as the Holy Spirit wills, and develop your faith to walk consistently in all the fruit as well. You'll be setting yourself up to be a winner in every aspect of life!

### Witnesses of the Power and Character of Christ

You won't be the only one who wins as a result of the fruit of the spirit you bear. Others will benefit too. As the forces of God's divine nature flow through you, you'll become a greater blessing and bring change into the lives of people around you. You'll impact the world in a greater way for Jesus and, as believers, that's what we're called to do.

We're called to be witnesses to the power of our resurrected Savior with our words but also to reveal Him through who we are and what we do. Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power, after

that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

**We're called to be a living revelation of God's love, life and divine character.**

At this very moment, people all over this earth are starving for a revelation of God's love and goodness. They're hungry to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). They may not realize it, but they're craving the fruit of the spirit that's available only through a personal relationship with God.

Everyone in the world wants to be loved. Even seemingly hardened sinners who haven't heard or believed the gospel are seeking joy and peace. But they're looking in the wrong place. The world can't provide those things.

The world has no real victory to offer. It can't help people when they're in a crisis or provide the solution when their marriages are crumbling, their bodies and emotions are breaking down under the stresses of life, or they're being driven to destruction by fleshly lusts they can't control.

Even the so-called "success strategies" the world comes up with can't produce real or lasting success, because apart from Jesus, it's not available. Without Him, people have no way to truly live as overcomers. They can't access supernatural forces like love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control, so they don't have the power to triumph over the troubles of life.

But we can help them find that power! We can share with them the good news about Jesus and show them the abundant life He provides. We can point them to the Answer Himself by cultivating and yielding to His nature, making it our lifestyle, and putting it on display.

Simply by walking in the fruit of the spirit on purpose, every day, wherever we go, we can let the world see Jesus in us! 🕊

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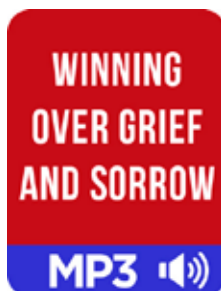
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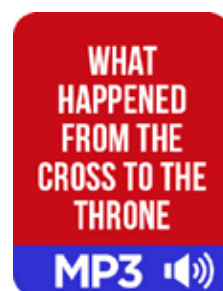
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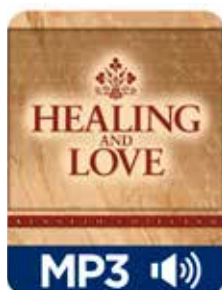
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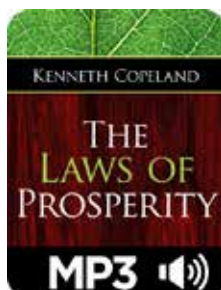
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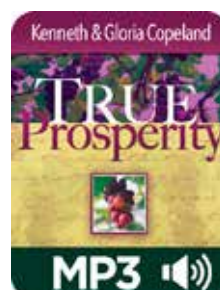
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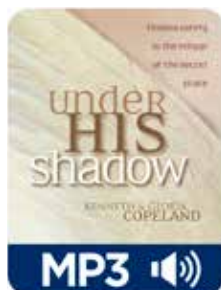
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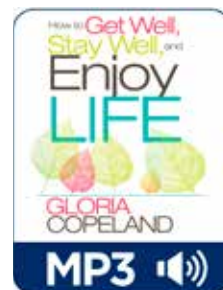
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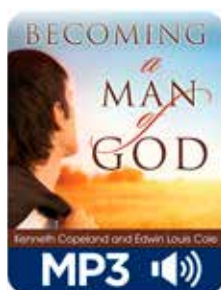
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