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GET WISDOM!

HERE'S A COMMON MISTAKE

THAT BELIEVERS MAKE WHEN THEY'RE LEARNING TO OPERATE BY FAITH: THE INSTANT THEY'RE FACED WITH SOME NEGATIVE SITUATION IN THEIR LIVES, OR SOME MOUNTAINOUS PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE MOVED, THEY IMMEDIATELY START PRAYING, MAKING FAITH COMMANDS AND QUOTING SCRIPTURES.

They don't check their spirit for the leading of The LORD, or take any time to hear from Him. They just react.

If they're sick, they just start saying, "Oh God, I need healing! I declare I'm healed according to 1 Peter 2:24!"

If they're faced with a financial problem, they just immediately start asking for money. "Oh God, I need \$1,000! I believe I receive it!" they say.

Such knee-jerk praying and declaring sounds right enough. Sometimes it even works. But all too often it doesn't. It's like shooting a scattershot. It makes noise, but tends to miss the target. As a result, nothing changes.

The negative situation stays the same.

The sickness stubbornly remains.

The financial problem persists.

Why? It's certainly not because, as critics claim, the prayer of faith doesn't always work for everyone. It does! Jesus settled that in Mark 11:22-23. After commanding us to "have faith in God," He said, "*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."

Notice, Jesus didn't say faith will work for some people. He said that it will work for *whosoever*; that it's spiritual law. Like the law of gravity in the natural realm, it operates the same way for everyone all the time. That means anyone who has *faith in God* (or *the God kind of faith*), and operates in it like Jesus did, can get the same results. It means our words of faith can have the same effect on the ungodly conditions in our lives, for example, that Jesus' words had on the fig tree that His disciples were all staring at while He was teaching them the law of faith.

You probably remember reading about that fig tree. The previous day, Jesus had seen it on His way to the temple in Jerusalem. Since it had leaves, it should have had fruit on it, but when Jesus walked



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

Faith is spiritual law; if we use it like Jesus did, it will work for us just like it worked for Him. (Mark 11:23)

2

Jesus didn't just pray or say whatever came to His mind. He made sure He'd first heard from the Father. (John 14:10)

3

When Jesus went to the temple the first time in Mark 11, He didn't say or do anything; but after praying and receiving God's wisdom, it was a different story. (Mark 11:15, 17)

4

As a born-again believer, God's wisdom belongs to you. (1 Cor. 1:30)

5

Before you try to use your faith to move the mountain, use it first to receive wisdom. (James 1:5-6)



over to get some, there wasn't any.

Essentially, that tree said to Jesus, "No, You're not getting anything from me today." So He answered it. "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever," He said (verse 14).

The next day, Jesus and His disciples passed back by and the tree was dead. When the disciples marveled, Jesus told them to have the same kind of faith and then laid out for them how to release it through prayer. "What things soever ye desire," He said, "when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any..." (verses 24-25).

Faith Begins Where the Will of God Is Known

"But Brother Copeland, you still haven't explained why it's a mistake for me, when I'm facing a problem, just to pray whatever comes to mind. Especially if I have scriptures to back me up, isn't that just following the example set by Jesus?"

No. He didn't just pray whatever came to mind. He didn't react to situations by just spouting off every Bible verse and faith confession He could think of. He said only what He heard the Father say.

As a result, His prayers were always answered and His words always came to pass. "I am in the Father, and the Father in me," He said. "The words that I speak...I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10).

Because He operated this way, Jesus didn't sound the way we often do when He released His faith. He didn't pray a long prayer about the fig tree and shout a dozen scriptures at it. He spoke just nine words to it. He declared the end result. Then He turned His back on it and walked away.

Jesus didn't wait around to see if the tree would die. As far as He was concerned, it was already dead. He'd released His faith and the job was done.

How could He be so certain? Was it because as the Son of God He had special power? No, it was because He'd heard from the Father before He gave the faith command. He'd received God's wisdom about the situation and knew He was saying what God had told Him to say.

Faith begins where the will of God is known.

That's why it can be a mistake to be too quick to pray and start quoting scriptures the instant you're confronted with a problem. Even if you have a general knowledge of God's will in certain areas, there may be something God wants you to know about the specific situation. He may want to show you what opened the door to the problem or give you instructions about how to deal with it.

So, unless you're facing an emergency that requires an instant response, it's best to take time before you

pray the prayer of faith to seek God's wisdom. For as Proverbs 4:7 says, "Wisdom is the principal thing."

I learned a lot about this from Brother Kenneth E. Hagin. He used to tell a story about a time he was away from home preaching and his daughter Pat developed a large growth on her eye. The school nurse was concerned about it and wanted her to be taken to the doctor, so Brother Hagin's wife wrote him a letter asking what he wanted her to do.

The first thing he did was to seek The LORD about it. He didn't cancel his meetings and rush home right away. He didn't even write his wife back immediately. Instead, he spent time meditating the healing scriptures. While maintaining his preaching schedule in the daytime, at night he would sleep for an hour and then wake up and meditate on the scriptures for a while. Then he'd sleep for another hour, wake up and meditate on them again.

After three days, he wrote his wife. "Tell Pat she's healed," he said. She did; Pat believed it and said, "OK, if Daddy says I'm healed, then I am!" The next morning the growth was gone, and her eye was fine.

That's what happens when you get the wisdom of God before you pray the prayer of faith. You get results!

Over the years, I've learned, that when I'm dealing with an especially serious situation, to set aside three days just to pray and hear from The LORD about it. During that time, I don't pray about anything else. I roll my other responsibilities over on The LORD and focus on that one thing.

Every time I've done that, I've gotten the answer I needed before the three days had passed. Several times, it's come to me just as I woke up on the third day.

"But Brother Copeland," someone might say, "I'm not a preacher like you. I don't have the same ability to hear from God."

Yes, you do!

You have the same Holy Spirit living inside you that I have inside me, and Jesus said, "He will teach you all things" (John 14:26, *New King James Version*). What's more, 1 Corinthians 1:30 says Jesus has been made unto you wisdom. And James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

God's wisdom belongs to you!

All you have to do is believe that and ask God to give it to you. If you're in difficulty or facing some kind of trial or temptation, just say, "Father, I need some insight here. I know this situation didn't come from You because it's bad. It's under the curse, and I know that Jesus has redeemed me from the curse. But I need Your wisdom, Sir, to help me lay hold of the victory Jesus has provided for me."

Once you've made your request, thank God for the



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answer, forgive anyone you need to forgive, and start listening down in your spirit for direction from The LORD.

No More Coffee, No More Pain

I remember one time back in my early years in ministry, I was dealing with pain in my elbow joints. I’d pray to receive healing for it, and for a while it would get a little better. But then it would get worse again. Finally, it really began to bother me, so I decided to spend a few days at a friend’s house on the lake and seek The LORD about the situation.

I spent the first day going over the verses I just quoted from James 1 and 1 Corinthians, and verses like these from Proverbs:

Wisdom cries aloud in the street.... (Proverbs 1:20, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*)

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. (Proverbs 4:7)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

After meditating on those scriptures and praying in the spirit, I pleaded my case before God. “LORD,” I said, “I know healing is part of my inheritance in Christ. I know that when He went to the Cross, He bore all my sicknesses and pains. So, the fact that this pain keeps coming back must mean I’m missing it somewhere. What is the problem?”

At the time, I was a coffee addict. I’d gotten hooked on it back when I was flying for a living, and I’d developed a habit of drinking 16 to 18 cups a day. I knew it was bad for me, and I’d tried to quit. But whenever I did, I’d always get a nasty caffeine-withdrawal headache and wind up drinking a cup of coffee to shut it down.

I kept thinking about that as I was seeking The LORD about my elbows. But I wasn’t sure why. Then, on the evening of the second day, The LORD started talking to me about it.

You’re going to have to quit drinking coffee, He said. It’s made out of a bean that has certain acids and tars in it. You’ve abused it so, it’s begun to build up in your joints, particularly your elbow joints.

I didn’t want to hear that. But I’d asked for wisdom, so I said, “All right, LORD, show me what to do.”

He told me to get my bag full of coffee



by Jeremy Pearsons



paraphernalia that I took with me when I traveled and take Communion over it. Then He told me to push the bag away from me and say, “I have no need of you in my life in the Name of Jesus.”

I did exactly what He said and was instantly delivered from that coffee addiction. My elbows healed up, and I’ve been free of the desire for coffee ever since.

Am I telling you that you need to quit drinking coffee? No, I’m saying that before you start trying to use faith to move some mountain in your life, use it first to receive the wisdom of God!

We see Jesus doing this in Mark 11, before and after He spoke to the fig tree in the two visits He made to the temple. On both of those visits, He saw the same ugly stuff going on. He saw the merchandisers telling people that the lamb they’d brought to sacrifice was blemished and that they’d have to buy another for a high price. He also saw the merchandisers turn around and sell those so-called blemished lambs as sacrifices to someone else.

Jesus was disgusted by those things, but the first day, He didn’t say a word about them. He didn’t take any action at all. He just looked around because He hadn’t yet received instructions from the Father.

The next day, however, it was a whole different story. After going back to Bethany and praying, He knew exactly what He was to do. So He made another trip to Jerusalem, “went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves” (verses 15-17).

This is how Jesus always operated. He didn’t just jump up and start releasing His faith willy-nilly. He waited to hear from God.

Even when He got word that His friend Lazarus was dying, He didn’t run immediately to his bedside. He sought The LORD’s wisdom and wound up waiting three days. By that time Lazarus was dead. But Jesus, having received the wisdom of God, was ready to deal with the situation. When he arrived at the place where Lazarus was, “He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth” (John 11:43-44).

Can we, as believers, get those kinds of results?

Yes, we can. If we’ll use our faith like Jesus did by saying what our Father says, He’ll do the works. So let’s learn from Jesus’ example. Before we pray the prayer of faith, let’s seek God for wisdom. It’s the principal thing! ⑦

A Church That CANNOT FAIL

“ YOU CANNOT PROFESS TO BE A FAITHFUL BRIDE AND LOVER OF GOD, WHILE YOU PUT YOUR LOVE AND TRUST IN THE FEEBLE ARMS OF MONEY. ”

The word of the Lord came through my grandfather, Kenneth Copeland, concerning 2021 saying this would be the **Year of the Local Church**. As new pastors, my wife, Sarah, and I are stirred in our hearts about this word, experiencing more than ever before the love that God has for the local church—His family, the household of faith. In the beginning days of planting Legacy Church in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., I began to seek the Lord to find out what would make our church a success. What would keep us from failing, as many others have? He answered me and began to talk to me about a church that cannot fail.

Like anything else God has ever asked anyone



“Loving money is what I call **‘A FINANCIAL AFFAIR,’** because it is paramount to cheating on God.”

to do for Him, starting a church requires faith. And how does faith come? It comes by hearing the Word. So, without a clear word from God directing someone to start a new work, how can they have faith or confidence that the church will succeed? I’m convinced that many churches fail because, without a word from God, they never should have opened in the first place.

In other words, God wasn’t in it.

When writing his letters to the churches in the New Testament, Paul would often greet them saying, “Paul, an apostle by the will of God....”

Every time he wrote those words, Paul was saying, “I didn’t give myself this calling and I didn’t anoint myself to do this assignment. *The Lord* did this. It’s *His* will.”

Paul was confident in what God had called him to do.

Like Paul’s high calling, the groundwork for our churches must be a word from the Lord, a chapter and verse, the witness of the Spirit, and even an affirming word from our elders. Without them, there’s no foundation for success.

Measure True Success

Once we have that foundation, how do we know it’s working? Is a successful church measured by how many services it holds? How many campuses are scattered around town? How many people are in the seats? How much money is in the bank?

While all those things can provide an image of success on the surface, none of them is a true indicator of a church’s well-being. Instead, we must ask: “What does God call success?”

When God looks at a church, He does so with these questions in mind:

- Are people being born again or healed?
- Are lives being touched and changed?
- Are minds being renewed?
- Are marriages being restored?

The answers to those questions are God’s measuring stick for success because they all have one thing in common: They reveal a manifestation of His love (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Consider those who become born again. How do they get from their seats to the altar? Love draws them. As believers, we can preach and teach

love—and we should—but at some point love must quit being just a sermon topic and instead become the *atmosphere* in the room. It must become the air we breathe.

If we are going to pastor, and be part of a church that cannot fail, then we must be quick to acknowledge that atmosphere matters. Preaching the love of God is vitally important, but at some point the message must overflow into a tangible manifestation of God’s love for us, our love for Him and for each other.

Walk In Love

Ephesians 5:1-2, *New King James Version*, says, “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” Isn’t that a beautiful picture? Jesus’ love for us, manifested in His sacrifice for us, filled the very atmosphere of heaven and became a sweet smell to God.

Ephesians continues, “But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints” (verse 3).

Wow! That escalated quickly!

Immediately after a beautiful description of walking in love, the Spirit of God through Paul began talking about the seriousness of fornication and covetousness—sins, he said, that have no place in God’s house and shouldn’t even be named among us. Why? Because at their root, they are simply a failure to walk in love.

Sadly, we’ve all seen ministers and ministries, both large and small, fail in the area of sexual purity and financial integrity. But at their core, these failures are about more than sex and money. They are a failure to walk in the love of God.

Jesus told us in Matthew 6:24 that we cannot serve two masters. We can’t love God *and* love money. It’s either one or the other. We all are familiar with 1 Timothy 6:10 that says, “For the love of money is the root of all evil,” but that is not where that verse ends. It goes on to say, “for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (*NKJV*). Loving money is what I call “a financial affair,” because it is



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paramount to cheating on God, straying from your faith in Him, and will serve only in the end to pierce you through with many sorrows. You cannot walk in love with your spouse and be unfaithful to them at the same time, giving your attention and affection to someone else. In the same way, you cannot profess to be a faithful bride and lover of God, while you put your love and trust in the feeble arms of money. The church that cannot fail is not led by flawless people; it is led by faithful people—those who refuse to allow unfaithfulness in these areas to be named among them.

Commit to Faithfulness

When Sarah and I began to talk to our ministry team about building a church that could not fail, we fully intended to dive deep into the subject, starting with the topic of faithfulness. But we never moved past that topic. Why? Because we soon realized that faithfulness *is* the job description. Heaven is hiring and faithfulness is the required qualification.

Solomon wrote in Proverbs 20:6, “Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, but who can find a faithful man?” Can you hear the frustration in his voice? It’s as though he’s a manager who’s tired of self-congratulatory résumés coming across his desk. He’s tired of everyone telling him what they can do, how good they are at it and spouting off about all their experience. Solomon’s response to all that grandstanding is, “I’m done buying in to mere words. I simply want faithfulness.”

That spills over into every area of life, doesn’t it? Want a business that cannot fail? It requires faithfulness.

Want a family that cannot fail? Faithfulness.

A marriage that cannot fail? It comes down to faithfulness.

We are to be stewards who are found faithful.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” In the last 20 years or so, “leadership culture” has become big, even in the Church. Those advocating and teaching on leadership say things like, “You’ve got to take hold of *this* like you own it! You need to act like you own *that*.”

I understand why someone would say it that way, but we must remember that, as pastors or church leaders, we are *not* owners. We are *stewards*.

A steward is not an owner but rather a manager of what belongs to someone else. In my heart, Legacy Church doesn’t belong to me. It belongs to Jesus. He’s the Owner and has trusted Sarah

and me to steward this thing that is of great value to Him. Good stewards don’t do what they want or what they think is best. Good and faithful managers will do exactly what the owner wants done, exactly the way the owner wants it done. I am convinced that what He wants in *our* church is what He wants in *The Church*—an atmosphere filled with faith in Jesus and love for each other. When people come into a place and breathe that kind of rarified air, you can be assured they will keep coming back again and again.

A High Calling

While building the Church that cannot fail is a high calling that belongs to every pastor and every church leader, it relies on the members, too. We must all measure success like He does. Our aim must be to create sanctuaries filled with faith and love, and to be His stewards, faithful until the end. That’s when we’ll be equipped to fulfill the high calling the Lord has given to us.

That’s when we’ll build churches that cannot fail. 📌



WORDS OF FAITH FOR A GOOD FUTURE

The degree to which you give your body to God and resist the influence of the world is the degree to which God’s perfect will can be manifested in you.
(Rom. 12:1-2)

God wants you to enjoy THE BLESSING of His abundant life so He has called you to separate yourself from sin and walk with Him.
(2 Cor. 6:17-18)

The devil is the author of sin, and when you yield to it, you open the door for him to bring destruction into your life.
(Rom. 6:23)

All you have to do to be holy is to cooperate with Him and give outward expression to who you really are on the inside.
(Heb. 12:1-2)

In your spirit, God has already made you as holy as He is. (1 Cor. 1:30)





by
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The Definition

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Diane Huff stretched as the early morning light streamed through the window of her home in Paradise, Texas. After all these years, she and her husband, Charlie, still enjoyed having settled here when their jobs with Delta Airlines brought them to Texas. They'd found Paradise to be a combination of what they'd longed for: close enough to the airport to be accessible, far enough from the city to allow them to enjoy rural life and a great place to raise a family.

As she stretched, Diane felt an ache in her side.

What was that about? She hadn't been

sick. Hadn't had any symptoms while working as a flight attendant, or during the last four 10-hour days as an instructor.

Diane glanced over at the comfy bed she'd just left. Sleeping in was what days off were made for. Crawling into bed, she snuggled up to her pillow and slept. A while later, she woke. The ache in her side had intensified.

Downstairs, Diane found Charlie.

"I have an appointment in town," she said. "For some reason, my side aches. Would you mind driving me?"

"I'm at your service," Charlie said with a smile.

After her appointment, Diane pointed

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I didn't look good. I didn't feel good. The prognosis wasn't good. But I was healed. Like Pastor George Pearsons talks about, I hung on with bulldog faith.

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Wholeness





“I was surprised by the diagnosis, but I wasn’t scared. As Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries for more than 20 years, we’ve been well taught.”

across the street.

“My doctor’s office is right there,” she said. “The pain in my side is getting worse. Let’s go see if they can work me in.”

The physician assistant examined Diane, pressing on her side.

“It feels like you’ve got something going on with your appendix. I’m sending you for a CT scan.”

The scan revealed a hot appendix. Diane was admitted to the hospital and taken to surgery. Afterward, the surgeon said, “Your appendix fell apart in my hands. It was full of gangrene. I’m going to keep you in the hospital and treat the infection with antibiotics.”

Five days later, on Aug. 6, 2019, Diane’s birthday, she was discharged.

At home that afternoon, her doctor called.

“The pathology report came back,” he said. “There is cancer in your appendix.”

A Word From God

“I was surprised by the diagnosis, but I wasn’t scared,” Diane remembers. “As Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries for more than 20 years, we’ve been well taught. We’ve also been members of Eagle Mountain International Church since 1995.

“Charlie started out volunteering to run cameras at EMIC,” Diane explained, “then later took early retirement from Delta and went to work for KCM. Today, he produces the ministry’s daily TV broadcast.

“We immerse ourselves in the Word of God,” Diane said. “We had no question that I was healed. It was a done deal.

“The following week, my doctor ordered a PET scan, which didn’t look good. He referred me to an oncologist. Before I could see her, on Aug. 19, I was part of the audience for a taping with Brother Copeland and Ms. Gloria. As they were leaving, Gloria stopped and asked, ‘Is there someone here who has something serious trying to latch onto their lives?’

“Three of us answered. I was the third one they prayed for. Brother Copeland asked me, ‘What’s going on?’ I explained that I’d just received a diagnosis of cancer, but that I believed I was healed.

“He put his hand on my head, and Ms. Gloria put her hand on my chest. Brother Copeland said, ‘I curse the spirit of life that is in the cancer that has attached itself to my sister’s body. You die! You fall out of this body! You leave! You go! We thank You, LORD Jesus, for granting us this notable miracle. As quickly as it was diagnosed, just as quickly they will say that it is gone. We have no evidence. It has gone, dematerialized in the Name of Jesus!’

“He paused, listening to the Lord. ‘I just heard this,’ Brother Copeland continued. ‘It’s not time for you to die. It’s absolutely not time. Your book of destiny does not mention anything about you dying of cancer. It says you will live out your life and give praise to God. You will finish your course with joy in the Name, the Name, the Name of Jesus! Glory to God!’”

The next day, she saw the oncologist. “You have stage four cancer,” the doctor explained. “It’s in your colon, your liver and your lymphatic system. We need to begin chemotherapy right away.”

“Doctor, I believe Jesus is my Healer.”

“Without treatment, you’ll be dead in six months.”

Searching Out Hidden Doubt

Back home, Diane settled down with her Bible. She believed she had already won the victory over cancer. She had all the promises of God, including



1 Peter 2:24: “‘He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ‘by his wounds you have been healed’” (*New International Version*).

She also had the Word of God through her prophet, Brother Copeland.

Now it was time to look deep inside herself. Did she *really* believe that Jesus was her Healer? Was there buried doubt and unbelief hidden underneath her confessions? This was where the rubber met the road. There was no use burying doubt and pretending that it didn’t exist.

After searching her heart, Diane knew the truth. She did believe that Jesus was her Healer. She believed that healing was available for everyone. Further, she believed what she had told the oncologist.

“You don’t know my Jesus. I’m not going to die in six months.”

Diane believed she’d already received her healing. Now she prayed and pondered natural things she could do to help her body line up with that truth. She took Communion every day. She confessed healing scriptures from Charles Capps’ book *God’s Creative Power for Healing*. She listened to Kenneth Copeland, Keith Moore and Andrew Wommack teach on healing. She read books on healing. But what natural things could she do to help her body?

A Different Road

“I’d seen and heard stories about people who took chemotherapy,” Diane recalls. “Many times, the chemo tore down their body’s own immune system. I wanted something that would boost my immune system, not destroy it.

“I decided to go to an alternative treatment facility in Florida. They use things like vitamin C, infrared saunas and lymphatic massage to help the body detoxify. For some reason, by the time we arrived there, I was suffering from serious nausea. Within two weeks, they discovered why. I had a blockage in my colon. In surgery, they removed a foot of my bowel. Afterward, I returned home and researched alternative treatments in Texas.

“A friend introduced me to Joseph Prince’s book *Eat Your Way to Life and Health: Unlock the Power of Holy Communion*. It showed me the awful price that Jesus paid for my sickness when He took all those lashes with the cat-o’-nine-tails that ripped the skin off His body. He suffered all the cancer on His body, so I didn’t have to.

“That cemented in me that I would never back off my belief that Jesus was my Healer. I didn’t look

good. I didn’t feel good. The prognosis wasn’t good. But *I was healed*. Like Pastor George Pearsons talks about, I hung on with bulldog faith. Despite that, I suffered so much nausea that I couldn’t eat or drink.”

Charlie had unshakable faith. There was no way that his wife would die from cancer. But then, cancer wasn’t what concerned him. Each morning before he left for work, he fixed Diane a meal replacement protein drink. When he returned home more than 10 hours later, it hadn’t been touched. Nor had she eaten anything all day.

Diane had wasted down to 96 pounds, as frail as a baby bird, her skin translucent as it stretched over her fragile bones. Even Jesus only fasted for 40 days. How long had it been since she’d had any sustenance? At night, he often touched her while she slept—just to make sure she was still warm.

A Wasting Disease

Raised in the Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee, Charlie had been the youngest of five children living in a three-room house. While in third grade, he had contracted polio from the live vaccine. He’d gone to school that morning appearing well. The symptoms hit fast, and he lay paralyzed. His family didn’t rush him to the hospital. They rushed him to the Holiness church where members prayed, shouted and lathered him with oil. Charlie saw his older brother crying. Wanting to comfort him, he stood up and walked to his brother. That’s when the shouting and praising soared to a new level.

Looking at his wife, Charlie knew that she would receive evidence of her healing.

He just wished hers had been as quick and easy as his.

By December, Diane was suffering increasing pain in her body. Each day she lost energy, almost as fast as pounds melted off her body. Even so, she couldn’t help but praise God. It had been six months—and she was very much alive.

“I ended up going back to an oncology clinic knowing that I needed more than I was receiving at the alternative clinic. When I met my new doctor, he was so refreshing,” Diane recalls. “He didn’t treat me like a diagnosis. He treated me like a human. He didn’t ask questions about my condition. He asked questions about *me*. I told him that I was praying and standing on the Word. He said, ‘Diane, that’s the best thing you can do. Let’s begin by finding out what we’re dealing with before we decide on any treatment.’

“I knew he cared about me as a person. I also



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admitted to him how much pain I was in. He prescribed morphine, but it knocked me out. Finally, our oldest son, Mike, said, 'Mom, the dose is too strong for you.' He tried cutting it in half, but it was still too much. I took a quarter of a pill and that cut the pain without putting me to sleep."

A Green Light

The day after Christmas, Charlie and Diane met with the doctor to get the results of the tests. Before going inside, they both agreed that nothing they heard could move them off the truth that she was already healed by Jesus' stripes.

"The cancer has spread to your lungs," he said, "but the majority is in your liver. There are a lot of nerves in your liver and it appears that the tumors are wrapped around them. We can give you a better quality of life if we shrink those tumors."

At that moment, it seemed as though God flipped a switch in Diane. She had a green light that seemed to say, *Do whatever he suggests.*

"OK," Diane agreed, "what do we need to do?"

"I need you to gain some weight. I want you on a 2400-calorie diet."

"If you get rid of the nausea, I'll be happy to eat. But I can't eat if I feel sick all the time."

Within a week and a half, Diane had had a port inserted and had gone through her first chemotherapy treatment. After her first treatment, the pain and nausea disappeared. And then her tumor markers dropped from over 200 to 28.9.

It was as though the cancer was dematerializing.

"Is this normal?" Diane asked the nurse.

"No, Diane, it isn't. Tumor markers don't drop like this."

Still, going through the side effects was no picnic. It's a good thing this wasn't Diane and Charlie's first faith adventure.

During a long stand for children, Diane had given birth to a son and then lost the next child to a tubal pregnancy. After standing for five long years, Diane got pregnant again—and started bleeding.

"Charlie and I had to dismiss the bleeding and every sign of a miscarriage," Diane explains. "We took a bold stand on God's Word and gave birth to our son Ryan. This was similar in that the side effects from chemo screamed at me, but I refused to listen. I became so weak that Charlie had to help me up the stairs while I shouted, 'Let

the weak say I am strong!'

"I suffered tremendous sinus pain, back pain and chest pain. Some nights I wanted to wake Charlie and beg him to take me to the ER so they could knock me out. Instead, I said, 'If Paul and Silas could sing after being beaten, I can praise God now.' I worshipped God through the pain.

"By the end of March, my tumors were virtually nonexistent. My strength and energy had returned. I saw a new doctor to get the results of my CT scan and she started laughing. I asked what she was laughing about. She said my CT showed *significant* response and a *significant* reduction in tumors. She said, 'I rarely hear that word being used. The tumors in your liver and lungs are virtually nonexistent and there's nothing in your lymphatic system.'

"I was so grateful to God that I cried like a silly baby. I tried calling Charlie to give him the report but got his voicemail."

Back in 1988, Charlie had ridden motorcycles with the Christian Motorcycle Association. Bill Britt, with the Full Gospel Motorcycle Association International, came to one of their meetings. He told them that Kenneth Copeland was going to hold a motorcycle rally and asked for volunteers to walk the property and pray.

Charlie Huff signed up.

"I didn't realize when I walked along KCM's property and prayed, that it was part of my destiny," Charlie remembers. "Partnership with KCM means everything to us. Without their teaching, our lives would have been very different. We're so grateful for all that we've learned through Kenneth and Gloria. Our lives have never been the same."

These days, Diane has been studying Mark 5, about the woman with an issue of blood. Jesus said, "Your faith has made you whole; be free of your plague."

"That verse has taken on a new meaning to me," Diane explains. "It means that you don't have the disease anymore. But when you're whole, there isn't any evidence that it was ever there."

Charlie and Diane Huff are happy to report that Diane is whole. 🙏

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A FISH STORY



Commander
Kellie's Corner

IN COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, FATHERS ARE CELEBRATED AND APPRECIATED THIS TIME OF YEAR. IN OUR TIME TOGETHER THIS MONTH, LET'S DO THAT!

Being a dad isn't an easy job, and I am sure being my dad wasn't easy! He may be a well-known minister of the gospel with a worldwide ministry, but he has also been a great dad to me, even in the difficult times. I am sure you are shocked that I could EVER have been difficult! I didn't mean to be. You probably don't mean to be difficult either. Sometimes it just happens!

One such time, my dad woke me up very early in the morning to go fishing. I had been so excited about going, just me and my dad! We drove to the lake, put the boat in the water and were ready to fish by dawn. I didn't set out to break any rules that morning, but in my excitement, I broke every rule of fishing I could possibly break! The cardinal rule while fishing is, BE QUIET! Oops! I talked my head off! Or I should say I talked my dad's head off! It was the fish, the bait, the boat, my hungry stomach and any other topic I could think of. But my dad was patient with me and my jabbering. He acted like it was the most fun he had ever had and just continued to help me fish, baiting my hook and smiling patiently. That is until...

I hooked him! Yes, I snagged him good with my fishhook, and more than once! I guess in my excitement, I also forgot rule No. 2, watch where you put your hook. I had so much fun! I remember getting very sleepy and falling asleep in the boat, totally confident in

my dad's protection and care for me. Looking back, I imagine he breathed a big sigh of relief, sat back and finally got to fish!

We have laughed about that trip many times.

He probably didn't plan that trip with his own fishing enjoyment in mind. He planned to be with his little girl (Oh, did I forget to tell you this was a long time ago?), to listen to me, teach me, focus on me, laugh with me, talk to me and love me. He probably even knew that I would make fishing, talking and teaching difficult, and he most likely knew I would hook him at least once! Even knowing all that, my dad invited me to fish with him. What an amazing dad! I don't even remember if I caught any fish because it was my dad who made this fish story a great one!

Superkids, that is a good picture of our heavenly Father, too. He has planned a great story for you. Sometimes you may think God's main reason for making us is to be His obedient children, to be reflections of Him, or to do His will. Of course, we want to do all those things! But that is like catching fish in my story. Our life with Him is about the fellowship more than our accomplishments. He loves us! When we mess up, get loud, are difficult to teach, do things wrong or complain about our lives, He is not surprised. When we don't get the fish (or His plan for us) all the way into the boat because we didn't do it the way He taught us, He just keeps teaching us, showing us and leading us to do things the right way. How can God be so patient with His kids? Especially when He has billions of them?

He is patient and kind because that is what He signed up for when He created us. When He made Adam and Eve, He knew they would mess up. He already had a plan for making things right. He is just that good...and just that wise.

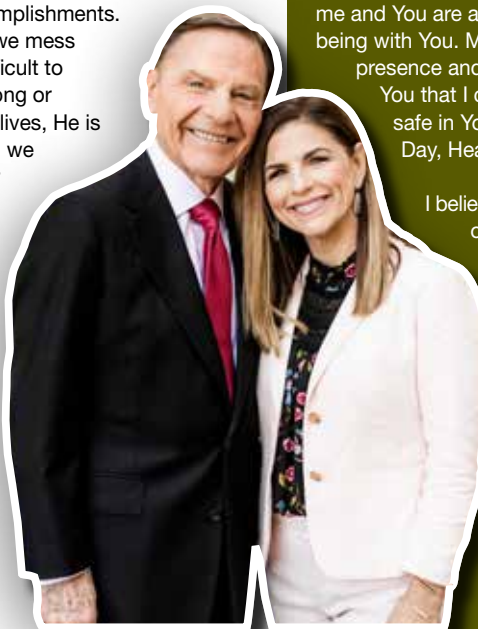
This Father's Day, I celebrate my dad, Kenneth Copeland, and all he has done for me, and all the ways he loves me. I hope you will think of ways that your dad has walked with you through fun as well as difficult times. I hope you have a dad or someone like that in your life. But even if you don't, we all have a heavenly Father who loves us, who sent His precious heavenly Son to go FISHING for YOU! He and Jesus are on this trip with you for all time. Nothing you can do will cause them to give up on you, get mad at you or quit loving you.

As we honor our dads, let's celebrate and appreciate the Father of us all. Say this with me:

Father, thank You for Your constant love for me. You never get tired of hanging out with me and You are always patient with me. I love being with You. Make me aware of Your daily presence and love in my life. And thank You that I can always know that I am safe in Your care. Happy Father's Day, Heavenly Father!

I believe you will know even more of His love today! Let's show that love to our dads today, too. **I declare this the Superkid Hug-a-Dad Day!**

Love,
Commander "Fishy"
Kellie 🐟





TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

Valuable Connection

I just wanted to give you all a great big THANK YOU! I have been a Partner with KCM for years, but lately, the connection has become so valuable to me. I appreciate your honest news reports and *Flashpoint* that is always so faith-boosting as facts and prophecies unfold. Here in New Jersey, many churches are still closed or open on a first-come, first-served basis. I feel welcomed at your church, even at this distance, and so inspired to see your praisers smile. Pastors George and Terri have a “rallying” effect for which I am truly grateful. Love you guys.

B.M. | New Jersey

Power in Agreement

My car was in the shop and I needed agreement that the funds would be there, so I called the prayer line and spoke with a prayer minister.

When the mechanic called to let me know my car was ready, not only was the cost almost \$200 lower than originally quoted, I wasn't charged the diagnostic fee. Praise God! Thank you for agreeing with me!

K.S. | Texas

Blessed Again and Again

My husband and I asked you for prayer agreement about the finances for us and the church we pastor. We went to a conference, where someone spoke with my husband and put something in his pocket: It was an envelope with £500

‘No Lasting Repercussions!’

My grandson dropped an 8-pound dumbbell on his big toe. It was almost severed. I spoke the Word to him and over him as we waited for EMS. Then after he and his mother went to the hospital, I contacted KCM for prayer. His toe was saved with 13 stitches, no infection and no lasting repercussions! He’s healed and the toenail is growing back too! Glory to God!

L.S. | Florida

Prayers of Protection

My brother and sister faced a hurricane in Virginia and had no power for two days. I called your prayer line and we prayed for them. Jesus protected them and their home.

Again, I called your prayer line for my

brother and his wife living in San Francisco. Jesus saved them and his family from the fires around them. Thank you for your prayer line—God answers prayers and gives us peace and victory.

R.M. | New Mexico



“Know what God says about your situation and say what God says.”

—Gloria Copeland

in it! When we got home, a cheque came for the church—£500 again! Next, someone we hadn't seen for years wanted to see us—they also gave us £500! Then a young lady turned up one Sunday whom we hadn't seen since she was a

teen and gave the church a gift of £1,670! We have been agreeing with these people for abundant blessings to overtake them as God ministered to us through them.

B.S. | England

‘Awesome God!’

My husband was diagnosed with leukemia. We prayed, sought nutritional information and went to a neurologist. Then his lymphoid started swelling. Kenneth Copeland had talked about 101 healing scriptures, so I said them over him every day.

His white blood cell count reached 526,000 (3800 to 11,000 is normal). Doctors were amazed that he could even walk. We began a plan to lower his white blood count to a manageable number: 12 treatments, then assessment of other plans. We continued to pray, say our 101 scriptures and watch *BVOV*. At the clinic, I passed the scriptures out to other patients.

We prayed over others and watched God move! On the eighth treatment, the doctor let us know the cancer was gone and there were *no signs* of leukemia! What an awesome God we serve!

L.W. | Washington

Job Favor

I called for prayer two times concerning my job, as my employer was not ready to have me return. Praise God, I received favor—everything is working out with my supervisors, and I am getting a salary.

G.G. | New York



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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Healing in the Word

I had been learning through KCM and Jerry Savelle that if I speak God's Word over my health, I shall *be* healed because I am *already* healed. In 2018, I was diagnosed with lymphoma. Boy, was I mad at the devil! I spoke healing scriptures three times or more a day, commanding cancer to leave. I underwent chemo, and saw how the Lord

used me to tell everyone how Jesus had already healed me. Many miracles took place during those two months. Some said it was the chemo that made the tumor go down after the first treatment. But the Lord spoke inside of me and said, *Your healing is in My Word.* Today I am cancer free!

P.E. | Heathsville, Va.



THE DOMINION MANDATE

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WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH WHAT IT TAKES TO BE
VICTORIOUS IN EVERY SITUATION!

FIRST JOHN 5:4 SAYS, “FOR WHATSOEVER IS BORN OF
GOD OVERCOMETH THE WORLD: AND THIS IS THE
VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR
FAITH.” BY FAITH WE OVERCOME THE WORLD AND
FULFILL WHAT I CALL THE “DOMINION MANDATE.”
IT'S THE MANDATE GOD GAVE TO ADAM.

We read about it in Genesis 1:26: “And God said,
Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
and let them have dominion over the fish of the
sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the
cattle, and over all the earth, and over every
creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

I want you to notice one thing: God expected
Adam and mankind to have dominion over
this earth. *To have dominion* means “to rule, to
govern, to subdue or to manage.” God expected
Adam and those of us who came after him to
exercise stewardship and ownership. We were
meant to be in charge here. That was, and is,
God's plan.

Learn
more about
FAITH
here!

Man's Reconnection to God

Before Adam sinned, he had a direct line of
communication to God. He was able to name all
of the animals because the Lord was constantly
giving him revelation. Adam perceived what God
thought—he was vitally connected to God.

Once he sinned, however, that connection was
broken. Adam went from receiving revelation to
operating on information—the things he knew
through his five senses. Since the Fall of Man,
sinful mankind has been sowing to the flesh and
the earth has been reaping corruption. As a result,
judgment is coming on the land. In fact, I believe
we are living in the last days—the days Paul called
“perilous times” in his second letter to Timothy.
But you and I have been chosen by God to live in
this day and hour. Like Queen Esther, we have
been born “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).

And thanks to Jesus, that God connection has
been restored to us. After we are born again we
become reconnected to God. We learn from God's
Word how to walk by faith and we begin receiving
revelation knowledge. We begin seeing through
the eye of faith instead of only seeing things in the
natural. We are made in the image and likeness of
God. That means we are made to act just like God.



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We are to walk just like God—by faith and not by sight. We're to talk just like God, "calling things that be not as though they were." We're to see just like God, "looking not at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not seen."

I realize you may be thinking, *That's some pretty strong stuff, Pastor Winston. I just don't know...after all, I'm from Hicksville, USA.*

Well, I want you to know, if you are born again, where you are *from* now is *from God*!

You were born of God and created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10). They are works you can do only with God's ability. We have to operate the same way God operates—with His power, His Anointing, His faith, His love and by speaking His Word. We are His children, joint heirs with His Son, Jesus, and we have been given that ability. The world desperately needs to see those good works! We are living in a time when the earth is reeling from sickness, disease, famine, natural disasters and pestilence. Jesus said these types of things would be seen in the last days (Matthew 24:6-8). He also said in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

When we operate in faith, we overcome the world.

Faith Operates From the Heart

God's plan has always been for man to have dominion in the earth. Jesus demonstrated that when He was in the earth. He said to the father of the demon-possessed boy in Mark 9:23, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

How do you believe? With your heart. You don't believe with your head. The mind only believes what it can see or feel—it feeds off the senses. The head is not designed to see the invisible—the heart is. Your heart, or spirit, feeds off the Word. At times when you speak the Word your head may go "tilt," because to your head it's impossible.

That happened to Martha at the gravesite of Lazarus. She came up to Jesus and basically said, "If You had been here earlier, my brother wouldn't have died." Jesus answered her, "Thy brother shall rise again" (John 11:23).

Martha thought Jesus was speaking of the Last Day Resurrection. She couldn't get her mind around the idea that Jesus was going to raise up Lazarus then and there. Martha was looking at

the situation in the natural. Jesus wasn't.

What Jesus really was saying to Martha was what God said to Moses in Exodus, "I AM." God has no future and no past. He's outside of time.

Faith Overrides Time Delays

When you're dealing with faith, you are operating outside of time and in the eternal. When you walk by faith, you can have dominion over time.

The Syrophenician woman who came to Jesus in Mark 7:26 had faith that moved Jesus out of time. Her daughter was sick at home and she wanted Jesus to heal her. She wasn't a Jew, so she didn't have a covenant. Still she persisted with her faith.

When Jesus told her He was sent only to the Jews (at that time), and not to the Gentiles, whom the Jews considered the same as dogs, the woman called Jesus "Lord" and said that even the dogs get the crumbs that fall under the table.

Seeing her great faith, Jesus stepped out of time and healed her daughter. He gave her the same blessing we have as Gentiles after the Cross. He responded to her faith as if she were under the new covenant.

When you really have faith in God and His Word, all things become possible!

God has a heavenly reservoir, or treasury, for us. Peter described it this way, "According as 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" (2 Peter 1:3). God has already given us all things, and *all things* means nothing is left out.

It's important for us to be fully persuaded about that truth. We are living in times that are "hard to deal with and hard to bear" (2 Timothy 3:1, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). It's only going to get worse in the world's system. But you and I are in the kingdom of God—we're on the Kingdom system. We are to manifest God's will in this earth no matter what Satan has done or will do. We're here to manifest the Kingdom and draw people in to be saved!

It's up to us to demonstrate the power and the glory of God. Our job is to take back everything Satan has stolen. Our job is to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Our job is to fulfill the dominion mandate! 📺



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by Gloria Copeland



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.

These fruit actually open 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. 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 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 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

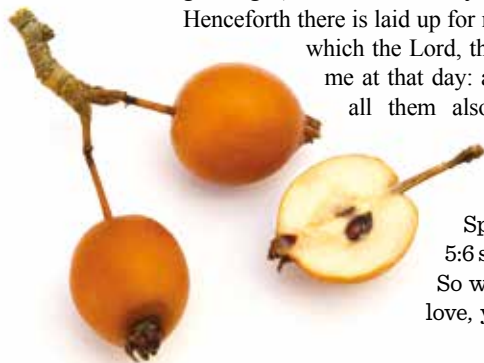


"without faith," as Hebrews 11:6 says, "it is impossible to please him."

Nothing the devil comes up with can defeat you when you're walking in the fullness of the fruit! 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 even 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 to learn 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 just taught 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, but it also changed my perception in a way that has impacted my life ever since.

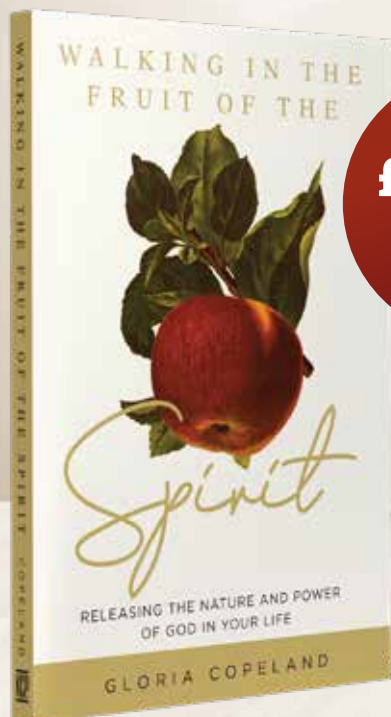
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I don't know about you, but I want to finish my life as a winner. When reward day comes, I want to hear Jesus say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant!" I'm sure you do, too. For that to happen, though, we'll need to keep growing consistently in the fruit of the spirit.

"How exactly do we go about walking consistently in the power of the fruit of the spirit?" you might ask. The first thing we do is go to the Bible to see what God has

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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. 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.

The Fruit + the Gifts = Maximum Power

The gifts of the Spirit are exciting and spectacular, and the Church definitely needs them. They're

“Without the fruit of the spirit, THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT WON'T WORK.”

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 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 want to *covet and cultivate the fruit.*

The maximum manifestation of spiritual power is achieved 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!

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."

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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MORE WAYS TO WATCH





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Don't Look Now, Dad, But You're Being Watched!

"Grandpa passed away."

These were the words my father spoke to me over the telephone that warm spring Sunday in 1972. I was an 18-year-old art student in Boston now having to return home for a funeral service—one that I was dreading.

I loved my Italian grandfather. He, my grandmother, my mother and aunt made their way from "the old country" to America in 1921. They settled in a predominantly Italian town on Cape Cod called Sagamore. Grandpa worked his way up from building stone walls to owning a very successful restaurant and inn. He acquired 13

acres of prime land and became respected among his peers. In my eyes he could do anything, fix anything—he was *the* man who hung the moon.

As a child, I wanted to be with him all the time. I tried to act like him, walk like him, even talk like him. He was my hero.

I was devastated when my hero died.

The family patriarch was gone. An era had come to an end.

It was a lonely drive as my sister and I headed south from Boston to the Cape.

My mom and dad lived next door to my grandparents. As we arrived home, I looked across the field from our house toward the Sagamore Inn—the home where my grandfather lived and worked. It was the house where he and I played together. A wave of memories overcame me.

How can I face this funeral?

You must understand that I wasn't born again until that summer, so I had a lot of questions. Grief worked its way down into my heart. I was angry and frustrated. I was determined *not* to go to the viewing of the body or to the funeral.

The next day we headed to the funeral home for the "all-day, all-evening" viewing. It was the time when friends came to pay their respects and support the family.

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Your children's eyes are upon you. Just make sure that what you are doing is worth their watching.

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When we first arrived, I refused to go in. I didn't think I could handle it. I just walked around the parking lot thinking about Grandpa. The more I thought, the more I missed him, and the more distressed I became.

I finally walked up to the funeral home door and looked inside. People were everywhere. The place was jam-packed.

Friends and family were awkwardly trying to say the right thing. I could see my grandmother crying, and Mother doing her best to console. But my roving eyes eventually locked on one person. I stood there watching, observing my father's every move.

Reaching Out to Others

Dad was manning his post by the entrance to the viewing room. He was smiling, greeting people, shaking hands and hugging necks. He was the warm host, the "pastor" over this trying event. He seemed to put everyone at ease—including me.

Somehow, he was able to climb up over his own hurt and reach out beyond himself. He had become a pillar of strength and stability, something I had never noticed in him before.

His example gave me the courage to go inside.

I kept watching.

Soon, I was doing the same. Greeting, hugging, comforting—even laughing. Acting just like my father.

Little did he know he was preparing me for the future—to raise a family, to pastor a congregation. And to one day face the inevitable.

That "one day" finally came.

"Dad passed away."

These were the words my sister spoke to me over the telephone the week of Sept. 11, 2001. My wife, Terri, and I were en route home from Moscow on Sept. 11 when, instead of flying into New York we were diverted to Dublin, Ireland.

My father had gone into the hospital that week. Just before we boarded the plane to leave Dublin, I called to check on Dad. He had gone on to heaven only a few hours before.

I loved and admired my dad. We had so much in common. We shared a "Far Side" (comic strip) sense of humor. Both of us were artists. We were alike in so many ways. On trips back to New England for Christmas or summer vacation, Dad and I would go for our "traditional drive." First to the post office, then to pick up a newspaper. Finally, we would park by the ocean and catch up on the latest or reminisce about the past.

But those days were over. At least until we are reunited in heaven. Once again, an era had come to a close. Things would never be quite the same. My family was now looking to me for the strength and stability my father once provided. And this time around, I was ready.



George Pearsons with his dad, Horace

"Fathers often don't realize what powerful role models they are—that their children watch their every move."

Taking My Place

When we arrived at the church for the service, I purposely stationed myself at the front door. Remembering what Dad did at Grandpa's funeral, I smiled and greeted his friends as they entered the church. I shook hands, hugged necks and endeavored to make everyone welcome—just as Dad had done.

The greatest honor came as people would look into my eyes and say, "You're just like your father." It was the ultimate compliment.

That evening, I was able to do for my dad what he did for Grandpa almost 30 years before. I became a pillar of strength for family and friends to lean on. And I learned how to do that just by watching my dad.

During one of our last "traditional drives," I shared with my dad what I had observed of him at Grandpa's funeral, and the profound effect it had on my life and ministry. I shared how it transformed the way I could reach out to people in tough situations. I so remember his surprised response.

"George," he said, apparently stunned, "I don't even remember how I acted that day. And on top of that, I didn't know you were watching."

He didn't know I was watching.

Fathers often don't realize what powerful role models they are—that their children watch their every move. They observe them and study their mannerisms. They note how their fathers handle themselves in the good and tough times. They learn by their example.

Don't look now, Dad, but you're being watched. Your children's eyes are upon you. Just make sure that what you are doing is worth their watching.

Dads, make a commitment today to let everything you do reflect the heart of God. Speaking kind words, reaching out to others and displaying joy in your home are just a few of the life lessons our children learn through observation.

"Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]" (Ephesians 5:1, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). ⑦

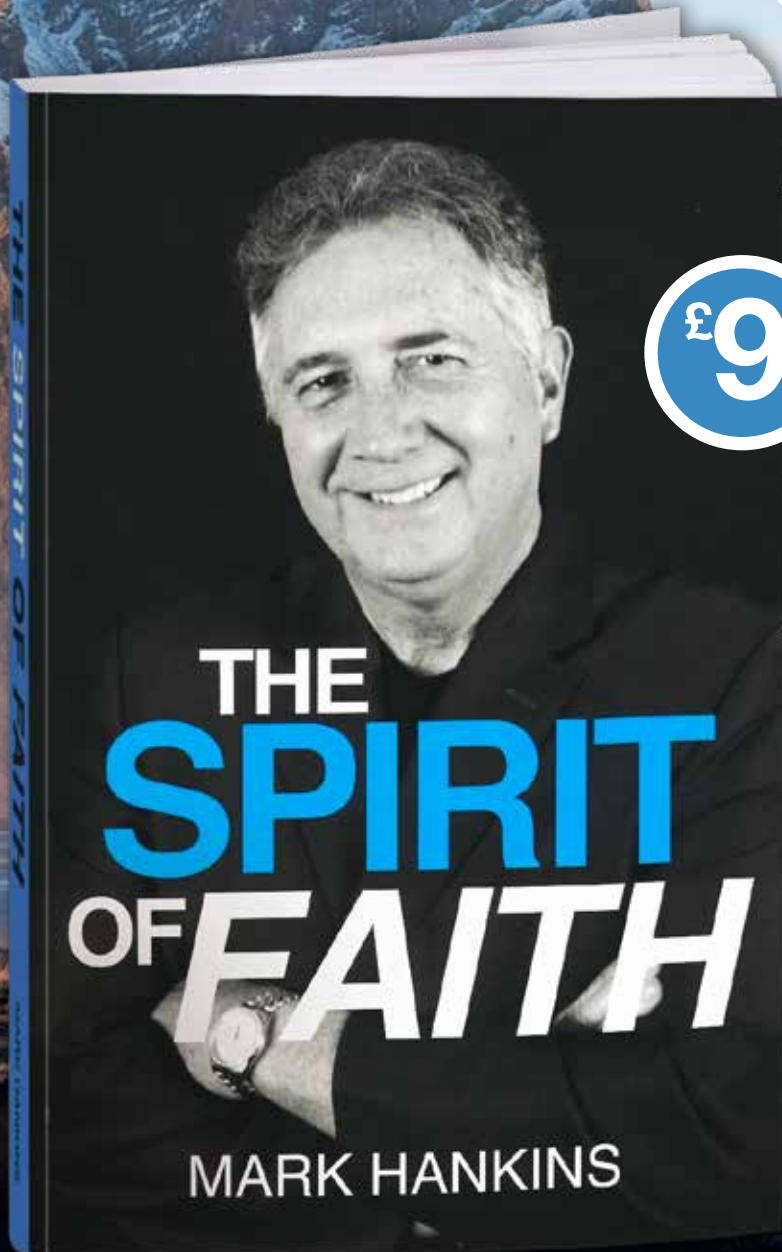


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