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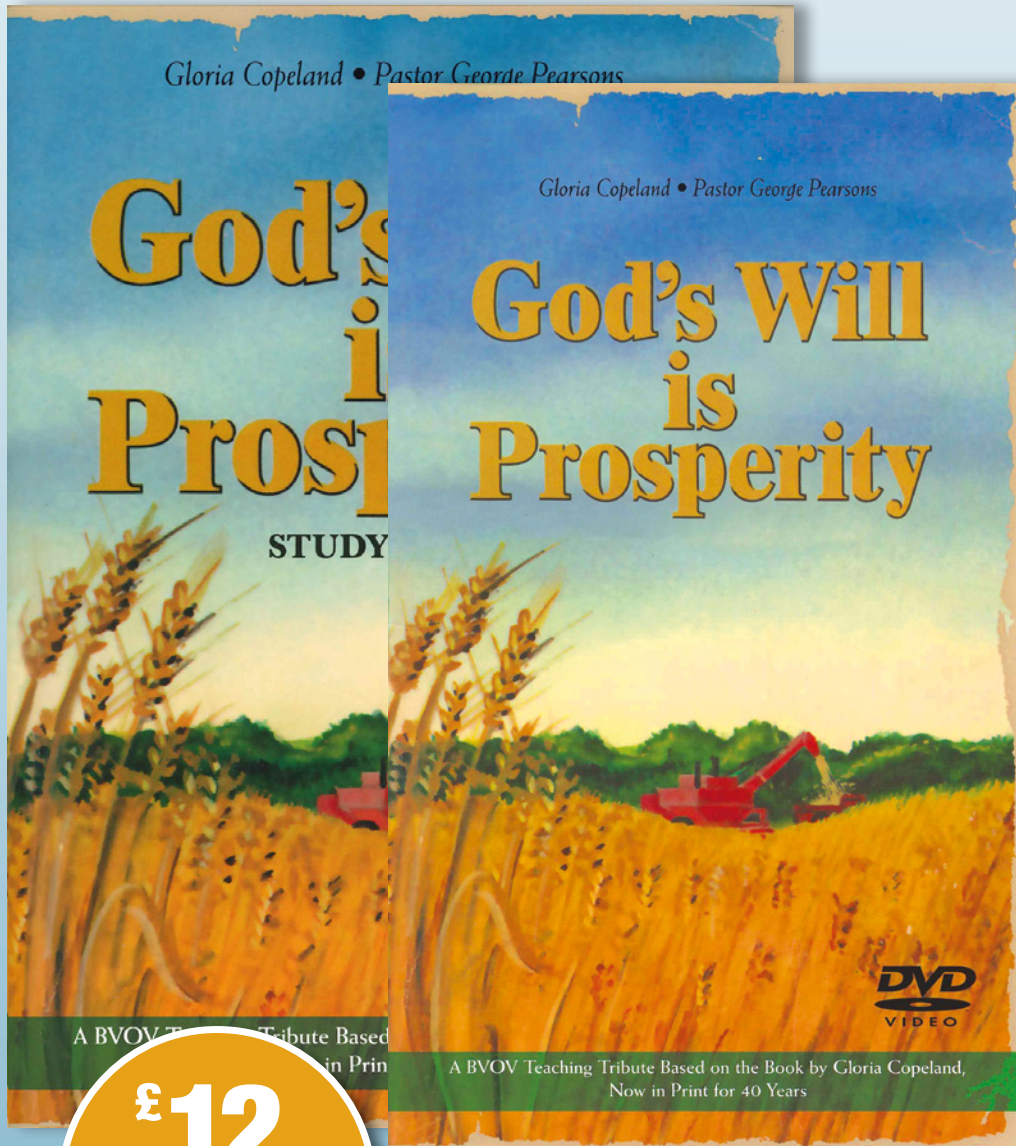
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Editor's Letter



Preach Openly!

As believers, likely all of us are familiar with the commission Jesus gave His disciples in Mark 16:15 to “go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” *The Passion Translation* says, “As you go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race!”

Notice those words *preach openly*.

For some of us, when we first became Christians, that’s all we wanted to do—preach openly the good news of Jesus Christ. It was a burning desire that could not be extinguished. But how about now—today? How eager are you to tell others about God’s goodness? To see them come to know Him so they can enjoy the abundant life of blessings that He promises to all who will believe on Him?

Before his conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9), Saul of Tarsus was faithfully committed to persecuting (even killing) God’s people. But when he was spiritually arrested by God, Saul, whose name God later changed to Paul, became committed to a different cause. He was determined to preach openly the saving message of Jesus wherever he went—so others could know the One who had changed his life.

In fact, in a letter to the apostles in Rome, Paul wrote: “I refuse to be ashamed of the wonderful message of God’s liberating power unleashed in us through Christ! For I am thrilled to preach that everyone who believes is saved” (Romans 1:16, *TPT*).

Preach the gospel—anytime, anyplace. That was the call on Paul’s life, and he gladly accepted it. Each of us was given the same call the moment we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and it has never been taken away.

How are you managing your assignment? Are you still as eager to share the gospel as when you first received Christ? Or has your light grown dim? Nothing about God has changed. His love for humanity is as great today as it was when He saved us. That’s why we should never become slack in sharing Him with others.

Speaking of preaching openly, I urge you to read the amazing story in this issue, of 22-year-old Gabe Poirot who, following a miraculous recovery from a life-threatening skateboarding accident, returned to social media where he had been sharing the gospel message. Now with a following of more than 3.6 million people, over 40,000 have come to know Jesus as Lord!

Blessings,

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—Gabe Poirot

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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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Safe and Secure



by Gloria Copeland

When the devil tries to tell you it might not be God's will to bless you financially, here's a good way to shut him up: Start quoting the Lord's Prayer.

Remind the devil (and yourself, in the process) that Jesus taught us to pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done "in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

Heaven is a financially BLESSED place!

Overflowing with abundance, nobody there is just barely scraping by. Nobody is living in lack or worrying about inflation or recession. Everybody up there is well-supplied and enjoying abundance.

God intends for the same to be true for us down here. Otherwise, Jesus wouldn't have told us to pray for it. He always did the will of the Father, so God's will must be for us, as His children, to look to Him as our God and our financial Source, do what He says, and enjoy the BLESSINGS of the kingdom of heaven right here on earth.

That's always been God's plan. He didn't create this earth for the devil and his bunch. He didn't plan for them to take possession of all the good property, riches and resources He put on this planet. No, God made the earth for His family. The devil stole it by getting mankind to sin and usurping our authority. But when Jesus was raised from the dead, He got that authority back for us.

Now this earth belongs to God's family again, and He wants us to be BLESSED here in every way, including financially. The Bible assures us of this time and again. It says:

The blessing of THE LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it (Proverbs 10:22).

The LORD...hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant (Psalm 35:27). Our Lord Jesus Christ...though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

God...giveth us richly all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17).

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:31-33).

"Well," somebody might say, "I know the Bible says those things, but be realistic. The world is going through tough financial times right now. Money is really tight in a lot of places these days."

So what if it is? God isn't limited by the world's economy.

Here at KCM, we receive testimonies all the time from people telling how God has supernaturally prospered them. Not all of those people live in nations that are as well-off financially as the United States, either. Some live in countries where there's almost no money to be had, or where the currency they do have is worth so little that it takes a suitcase full of it to buy anything.

One testimony we received came from a minister in the African nation



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of Sierra Leon, where poverty is rampant. He said that for years he remained poor, even after he was born again, because his denomination taught it was God's will to be poor.

"We were very religious and believed that poverty was a spiritual way of life," he wrote. "My denomination paid me one U.S. dollar a month. I was married with a child and could not afford food for my family or rent for our home.

"Then we listened to your teachings from the Fire Conference in Zimbabwe. I quit that denomination and...we've been blessed ever since. God's faithfulness has put food on the table, given us a car, and our ministry and members are prospering. The opposition is silenced, and we are marked as a prosperity gospel church. We are seeing God save, heal and deliver souls. Thank you for affecting my life and ministry."

Connecting With God's Kingdom System

It doesn't matter how crazy the world's economy might be. It doesn't matter if money is tight, or even if there's no money at all. There's always plenty in the kingdom of God, and His desire is always for you to "prosper in all things" (3 John 2, *New King James Version*). His will is always for you to have everything you need and more.

God wants you to flourish financially to the point that everywhere you turn, you're reminded of His goodness. Every time you get in your car, or drive up to your house, or go into your closet, you see His abundant provision and say, "Thank You, God!"

Even though that's God's will, however, you won't just automatically get to that place. His abundant financial BLESSINGS aren't going to just fall on you like ripe cherries off a tree simply because you're born again. No, you must lay hold of them by faith. You must believe what God's Word says about supernatural prosperity, keep it before your eyes and in your mouth, believe it, and act on it.

A lot of Christians want to prosper, but they neglect to do those things. They may go to a church that preaches prosperity. They may agree with the messages they hear about it and think, *That's good! I like it!* But they don't spend enough time renewing their minds with God's Word to disconnect from the world's financial system and connect to the kingdom-of-God system. They shout amen on Sunday, but in their everyday life they still think, talk and act like the world.

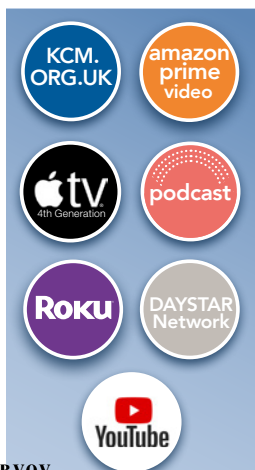
James 1:22 warns us not to make that mistake. It says, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (NKJV). Christians who are deceived have a false sense of security. They assume God will take care of them—financially and in every other area—just because they're His children, and don't realize they come under His care by walking in His ways.

Instead of believing and declaring, as Psalm 1:3 does, that whatever they do shall prosper, they go around talking about how they're "scared to death" they're not going to make it financially. "I'm afraid I'm going to lose my job," they say. "If this economy doesn't turn around and these prices keep going up, we're not going to make it."

Christians like that don't have any grounds for security in this life. They have grounds for security in the next life. They've received Jesus as their Savior, so when they die they'll go to heaven. But they're not going to experience very much heaven on earth. To experience heaven on earth we must operate by faith in the Word of God. For, as 1 John 5:4 says, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith."

You experience victory in your finances by focusing on the promises of provision in the Bible until you're not afraid anymore of the financial storms of the world. You uproot that fear with the Word until it's been replaced with faith and the peace of God, and do what He said in the Scriptures about tithing and giving. Then, when a financial storm threatens you with lack, you'll be able to take authority over it just as

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Jesus took authority over the storm on the Sea of Galilee.

You'll be able to say, "According to Malachi 3:10-12, the windows of heaven are open over my finances and lack is rebuked for my sake. So, storm, in Jesus' Name, you have no place in my life. Peace, be still!"

Financial lack is a manifestation of the curse, and Jesus "redeemed us from the curse" that "the blessing of Abraham might come" on us (Galatians 3:13-14). If you're a born-again child of God, financial blessing belong to you. They're yours, regardless of what's going on in this world.

So don't settle for anything less. Stand unwavering on God's Word. Be aggressive to take hold, by faith, of the things of the kingdom of God.

The Violent Take It by Force

Jesus said about the kingdom of God that "the violent take it by force" (Matthew 11). Why do we have to take the things of the Kingdom by force? If the blessings of God's kingdom already belong to us, why do we have to aggressively lay hold of them?

Because on this earth we have an enemy. His name is Satan. And due to his influence in this world, the law of sin and death is still functioning very proficiently here.

I lived under that law before I got born again and I despise it! Under that law, I didn't have any choice about whether I experienced the BLESSING or the curse. Financially, and in every other way, the curse was my only option, and the only choices it offered me were between bad or worse.

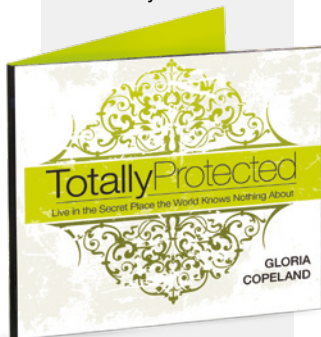
But, thank God, when I received Jesus as my Lord, my life changed dramatically. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus...made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2), and once I got free, I determined I was going to stay free. I decided, *I'm not coming back under the law of sin and death!*

I could come back under it if I chose. Because that law is still functioning all

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around us in the darkness of this world, I could get over in that darkness and fool around. But then I would become subject again to the law of sin and death just like people in the world are and wouldn't have any real security.

If, on the other hand, I continue to live according to the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus that has been revealed to me by the Word of God, I won't be living under a false sense of security. I'll be secure in the kingdom of God where His will can be done in my life on earth as in heaven.

Really, that's the only safe way to live these days. The sin-darkened system of this world is getting increasingly crazy. We're already seeing things happen in it that we never could have imagined, and before the end comes the world is going to get even crazier.

It's downright dangerous to be a lazy Christian in this day and age! Financially, and in every other way, we can't afford just to be hearers of the Word. In these perilous times, we can't afford to be like the people in Luke 6 who Jesus asked, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (verse 46).

No, if we truly want to be secure and prosper in life, we must do the three things He told those people to do:

Come to Him. In other words, believe on Jesus, and get born again. (If you haven't yet done that, do it now. It's the first step.)

Hear His Word. (For, according to Romans 10:17, faith comes by hearing the Word of God.)

Act on what He says.

That's the only way to live secure in this crazy, mixed-up world. For as Jesus went on to say in Luke 6:

Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid

the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great" (verses 47–49).

Notice, the man who built his house on a rock built it himself. God didn't build it for him. Neither did his wife or his pastor or anybody else. He was the one who spent the time it takes to get solidly grounded in the Scriptures. He was the one who put forth the effort it takes to dig deep enough to develop a life founded on God's Word.

With so much darkness around, you have to dig deep to operate in the laws of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus on this earth. You can't do it by just coming to church on Sunday morning. The people I know who are living free from debt and lack dig into the Word daily. They read it, listen to it, talk it and act on it all the time.

When you do that, although the storms of life will still come, you'll be like the first man Jesus talked about and not the second.

Those two men faced the same circumstances. The storm was no fun for either of them, but they got very different results. For the man who had no foundation, the outcome was catastrophic. He caved in under the pressure of the storm, it had the last word, and he lost everything.

The man who built on the rock, however, had a strong foundation. When the winds of recession came, they couldn't blow his house down. When depression and inflation came, they couldn't destroy him financially because he was ready.

He had the Word in his heart in abundance and was already in the habit of acting on it, so he triumphed over that storm with the victory that overcomes the world. By faith, he came through it in triumph—rock-solid, and secure in the kingdom of God. 🕊

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It's May!



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"Jesus came to earth to be like US so that we could be just like HIM!"

Have you ever played the game, "Mother, MAY I?" Here's how it works: Players line up at the starting line and the goal is to get to the finish line first. The leader, called "Mother," gives a command like "Take a giant step," or something else that means to move forward. Something like a bunny hop, spin around and take two steps, or even take a baby step forward. Before moving forward, a player must ask, "Mother, may I?" When mother says, "Yes, you may," the player then follows the instruction. If a player moves without permission, he or she is sent back to the starting line. Whoever reaches the finish line first, wins the game.

Sound like fun? It was one of my favorites.

I thought about using this game to show you what can keep us from fully living like Jesus in the earth. Last month I told you that "this Glory inheritance is straight from the heavenly realm, and it belongs to you as a child of God. Jesus made it possible for you to live in Him, in His Light, so completely that He moved you from being controlled by the darkness in this world to living as one with Him."

Like the children in "Mother, MAY I?" we have been called by the Father to live in the light—to come to a higher place and live as one with Jesus. He has called us out of the kingdom of darkness and made the way for us to enjoy a new life with His wonderful Son, Jesus. He even asked us to help Him heal the sick and share the love of Jesus.

Even though we have His full permission to walk and live like Jesus on the earth,

we still can't do it alone. Maybe you're wondering, *How am I trying to be like Jesus on my own?* Or, maybe you think, *I KNOW I can't be like Jesus! I'm not good enough!*

That's just it. When we think we aren't big enough or good enough, we feel stuck with ourselves as is.

Let's read this verse from last month. Look closely at who is the One doing all the "work."

Your hearts can soar with joyful gratitude when you think of how God made you worthy to receive the glorious inheritance freely given to us by living in the light. He has rescued us completely from the tyrannical rule of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom realm of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-13, *The Passion Translation*).

You are not "as is." God MADE you worthy. He RESCUED you. He TRANSLATED or MOVED you into the kingdom of His beloved Son. God is the One who did everything! Our part is not nearly so difficult. What is our part?

Let your heart soar with gratitude. RECEIVE the glorious inheritance—it's freely given so you can't pay for it. Be MOVED out of darkness and into the light and LIVE in that light with Jesus. Our part is to receive what He did for us and let Him lead us, move us and shine through us.

So simple, right? The Father gave His only Son to die for us, so we could be His children too. Think about it like this: Jesus came to earth to be like US so that we could be just like HIM! God's plan for us is awesome! So why haven't we seen more of His miracles, power and life coming out of us?

One reason is we don't see ourselves the way God sees us. We hear the negative thoughts the enemy says to us like, "You're

not good enough, smart enough or brave enough to do the things that Jesus did." Then, we look at ourselves and see our faults, weaknesses and shortcomings; and it seems to prove that God couldn't use us to heal people, much less do miracles like helping people out of wheelchairs or legs growing back! Kids aren't the only ones to think this; adults are the same way! We have allowed the enemy to rob us of who we really are by telling us that we are just human beings.

YES, we are human beings with human weaknesses. And that is exactly who Jesus died for! We know Jesus died to save us, but He really died to FILL US WITH HIMSELF! We will see more of Him flowing out of us when we stop focusing on how weak we are compared to Him. He didn't come to COMPARE, but to SHARE His greatness with us.

When we realize that our human weaknesses are the very place Jesus can shine, we will begin to live as ONE with Him. Giving Him the opening is just a matter of those things we mentioned before.

Superkids, say this with me: "I LET my heart soar with gratitude. I RECEIVE the glorious inheritance. It is freely given to me so I can't pay. I was MOVED out of darkness and into the light, and I now LIVE in that light full of Jesus!"

Father, MAY I?

**YES,
YOU
MAY!**

We win!

Commander Kellie 



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by Jerry Savelle

WHEN YOU'RE TEMPTED TO

Quit!

Everyone experiences failure. But I learned a long time ago, even in the midst of failure, *don't quit*. When you get knocked down, get right back up—every time! It's a lesson I've learned well. In fact, it's become the theme of my life.

Years ago, right after I started my ministry, a church invited me to preach at a ranch in Hot Springs, Ark. The members sat on lawn chairs in front of a makeshift platform so small the church's drummer had to sit on the ground beside it.

Nonetheless, I was so excited to have the opportunity to preach that I preached as hard as I could—everything from Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts and T.L. Osborn all rolled together. As I ran back and forth across that platform, fired up, I stepped too close to the edge and fell off the stage—right into the bass drum.

Can you imagine? There I was, the preacher, my bottom in the bass drum and my arms and legs sticking out! Everyone in the audience stood wide-eyed, looking to see where I had gone.

"Lord, what do I do?"

Get up quick, He said. *Do a Micah 7:8: When I fall, I shall arise. Don't even mention the fall. Just get up, take up right where you left off, and act like this is the way you preach all the time.*

I did just as He said. I didn't quit. I got up, stepped back on the platform and kept preaching. It turned out to be a great service.

Afterward, a lady approached me. "Brother Jerry, why did you fall off the platform?"

"It was an accident," I admitted, "but did you see the getting up? That was quite a recovery!"

"Do you fall often?" she asked.

"No. Did you see the getting up?" I repeated.

"Is there something wrong with you?" she pressed. "Do you need prayer?"

"I don't want to talk about the fall," I said. "Did you see the getting up?"

Many people are like that woman. They spend their entire lives talking about the fall. They think God's teaching them something down there, but God doesn't want us to focus on the fall. He wants us to get back up and talk about the recovery.

The Art of Continuing

I understand the urge to quit. Quitting used to be a way of life for me. I'd get under pressure, and I'd look for the path of least resistance. It started when I was young. After high school, I planned to go into the automotive business like my dad, but my dad had other plans. He wanted me to go to college, so that's what I did.

Then two weeks before the first semester ended, I quit.

"Son, what are you doing home in the middle of the week?" my dad asked when I pulled up in my '57 Chevrolet.

"I quit," I said. "I want to work on cars. Can you give me a job?"

Two weeks later, in the fall of 1964, I received a draft letter for the war. Since I didn't want to go to Vietnam, I returned to college. During the day, I worked on cars. At night, I took classes. After Carolyn and I married, I decided that balancing everything was too much, so I quit college again.

I started doing paint and body work for my dad, who was now the body shop foreman at a Buick dealership. About six weeks later, I quit and started working for the Lincoln Mercury dealership. Two months later, I quit and changed jobs again.

Quitting became my lifestyle. If someone made me mad, I'd quit. If I believed I'd been wronged, I'd quit.

Thankfully, all that changed when I first heard Brother Copeland, dedicated my life to the Lord and got into the Word of God. The first scripture I read was John 8:31-32: "If ye *continue* in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (emphasis mine).

That little word "continue" jumped out of my Bible and into my heart. The Lord said, *This is the missing ingredient in your life. You have always been a great starter, but you've never been a great finisher. And if you don't develop the art of continuing you will never be the minister I want you to be, the husband I want you to be and the father I want you to be. You have to settle it once and for all that from this day forward quitting is no longer an option in your life.*



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“Whenever you find someone abounding in the blessings of God, it’s clear why—they’re strong and established.”

God turned a quitter into someone whose life’s theme has become “Don’t Quit.” Forty-nine years later, quitting is still no longer an option.

Why People Quit

Proverbs 24:16 says, “For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again.” If the devil knocks you down seven times, then get up eight. That’s how you beat him. Sadly, many in the Body of Christ give up too quickly. I believe they do so for one of three reasons.

The first reason is that they are not convinced that God will keep His Word. One day after reading Hebrews 11:1, which says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen,” I asked the Lord, “What is Your definition of faith? Give me something easy to relate to.”

He said, *It is a deep conviction of the reality that it is impossible for Me to lie.*

Read what the Lord said to me again: *It is a deep conviction of the reality that it is impossible for Me to lie.*

That’s faith! You can find confirmation of this in several other verses of Scripture, including Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Psalm 89:34; and Isaiah 40:8. If you’re not deeply convicted that it’s impossible for God to lie, then you’ll always struggle with your faith. As Brother Copeland has said, when you get to the place where you believe God’s Word as quickly as you would the word of your doctor, your lawyer or your best friend, then you won’t struggle with your faith anymore.

Another reason people quit is because they’re not willing to wait.

Believers who give up have never developed the force of patience in their lives. Hebrews 10:35-36 says, “Cast not away therefore your confidence [or your faith], which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.” *The Message* says, “So don’t throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It’s *still* a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God’s plan so you’ll be there for the promised completion.”

If you “stick it out” you will receive a

promised completion. That motivates me. It keeps me standing (Ephesians 6:13-14). It may take two days, or it may take 20 years, but there’s a promised completion if you stand with faith and patience.

A third reason I believe people quit is because they don’t spend enough time in fellowship with God and His Word. Acts 20:32 states, “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

God and His Word are one and the same, and they’re both able to build you up as you spend time with them. They’ll make you strong and cause you to become established, which will turn you into a person who will never quit.

Become Established... and Flourish!

When you’re tempted to quit, don’t run from God, and don’t run from His Word. Run to them! Once again, they’re able to build you up, strengthen you and cause you to become established, settled, secure, firm and immovable.

Become like the person described in Psalm 112:6-8: “Surely he shall not be moved for ever... his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.”

When you become strong and established, you become someone who is able to receive everything God has promised. You’ll be able to testify about another blessing that has come into your life, and another victory you have experienced. If you will not quit, then you’ll flourish (Psalm 92:12).

Whenever you find someone abounding in the blessings of God, it’s clear why—they’re strong and established. Their faithfulness stands out. Don’t get upset with them. Don’t become envious or mad at them. Don’t say ugly remarks about them. Instead, follow their example. What He’s done for them, He’ll do for you.

If you won’t quit, and if you’ll remain faithful, then get ready to flourish like never before. Get ready to abound in God’s blessings. That’s what happens to people who refuse to quit. ⑦





THE ALGORITHM OF FAITH

Bright lights dispelled the darkness, lighting the baseball field in Virginia. Thirteen-year-old Gabriel Poirot kept his eyes on the ball, feeling alive in every molecule of his body. He enjoyed playing baseball. Sports like this one were so exciting that he felt like he'd been plugged into an electrical outlet.

If only church could hold his attention like sports.

Gabe loved sports. In his mind, sports should be a religion. As far as he was concerned, church was meaningless. A boring waste of time. It was so boring that he often lied, faking sickness to get out of going. He saw no purpose in it.

His aunt would constantly talk to him

about preachers who taught faith, trying to get him to listen to their podcasts. What a colossal waste of time. There was no way he was going to listen to those crazy faith people.

Gabe dove for the ball. Landing on his shoulder, he knew something was wrong. At the hospital, Gabe looked at the X-ray. There it was in black and white: His shoulder was broken. The injury had benched him. Not just from baseball, but from all sports. Anxious to get back into the game, he remembered the things his aunt had told him about faith. How it brought about amazing answers to prayer.

Healings too, she had said.

Quick, miraculous healings.

A Major Change

“During my recovery, I started listening to faith podcasts on my phone and computer,” Gabe recalls. “While I was listening to those messages, I was touched by how real God’s power was. I knew there was something different about those messages. My shoulder healed faster than normal, so I recovered from that.”

“I kept listening to those messages,” Gabe says. “I especially liked a program that Kenneth Copeland did with Keith Moore where they taught on how to hear God’s voice. As I listened, I realized that although my sisters and I had been raised in a Christian home and in the Church, I’d never developed a personal relationship with Jesus. That was the first major change in the course of my life.”

“During my freshman year in high school, I was alone in my room when the Holy Spirit showed up. I fell to the ground, speaking in tongues. The Lord called me to preach the gospel. He showed me a vision of me preaching Jesus to thousands of people. I not only agreed to the call, I committed my life to Him.”

“Afterward, I became addicted to hearing the Word of God. I listened to it on my phone between classes, during practice and in all my free time. I started a Bible study in my public high school. We had more than 75 kids come to hear God’s Word. Muslims came, as did atheists. They got saved with miraculous signs and wonders. I saw deaf ears opened in a public high school.”

As graduation drew near, Gabe was called into the principal’s office.

“Gabriel, you’re the valedictorian of the class,” the principal told him. “You’ll be giving a speech. Typically, we don’t talk about God in a public school. However, I want you to be free to be you. I want you to say whatever you want to say.”

“During graduation, I stood before 6,000 people and pointed them to Jesus. The vision God had given me had already come to pass.”

Finding His Place

One thing Gabe knew for certain was that

he didn’t want to attend a regular college. He wanted to attend a Bible college—but not just *any* Bible college. His heart was set on attending Kenneth Copeland Bible College® in Texas. The summer after graduation, he moved to Fort Worth. In the fall of 2019, he started classes at KCBC.

“I was touched by the depth of the classes,” he recalls. “The truth about who we are in Christ. How we’re the righteousness of God in Christ. The establishment of God’s covenant and what that meant. The principal foundation of who Jesus is in every book of the Bible.”

He learned practical leadership skills. He learned about ministry. Everything was built on the foundation of Scripture.

Midway through his time at KCBC, the nation was put on pause due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Laid off from his job, Gabe now found himself with time on his hands. As he sought the Lord, God prompted him to start reaching his generation through social media on their phones.

“On social media, algorithms work to reach people you’ve never met,” Gabe said. Making those adjustments as best he could, he took his phone and began preaching truth. As it turned out, he wasn’t the only one with time on his hands.

His primary platform was YouTube®, although the videos are also posted on other social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Twitter®, Rumble, TikTok and Pinterest.

“When I went to bed one night in April 2020, I had no idea what was about to happen,” Gabe says. “When I got up the next morning, the video I’d posted the day before had more than a million views. Although I was surprised, I’d expected *something* to happen. I knew that God had told me to do it, so I expected Him to bless it. Since that day, the videos I’ve created have had 530 million views. Not only that, but I’ve had more than 40,000 people report their salvation.”

“As I finished my last year at KCBC in 2021, I continued sending out videos every day. I prayed in the spirit, read my Bible, and asked God for direction about what to share. Then I got on my phone and preached. The

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Thu	4	Jdgs. 5:24-7:14	John 21
Fri	5	Jdgs. 7:15-9:21	Acts 1
Sat	6	Jdgs. 9:22-11:11	
Sun	7	Ps. 60-63; Prov. 12:12-28	
Mon	8	Jdgs. 11:12-13:25	Acts 2
Tue	9	Jdgs. 14:1-16:22	Acts 3
Wed	10	Jdgs. 16:23-18:31	Acts 4
Thu	11	Jdgs. 19:1-20:35	Acts 5
Fri	12	Jdgs. 20:36-Ruth 1	Acts 6
Sat	13	Ruth 2-4	
Sun	14	Ps. 64-67; Prov. 13	
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Tue	16	1 Sam. 3:1-6:9	Acts 8
Wed	17	1 Sam. 6:10-9:10	Acts 9
Thu	18	1 Sam. 9:11-11:15	Acts 10
Fri	19	1 Sam. 12:1-14:23	Acts 11
Sat	20	1 Sam. 14:24-15:35	
Sun	21	Ps. 68; Prov. 14:1-14	
Mon	22	1 Sam. 16:1-17:37	Acts 12
Tue	23	1 Sam. 17:38-19:18	Acts 13
Wed	24	1 Sam. 19:19-21:15	Acts 14
Thu	25	1 Sam. 22:1-24:7	Acts 15
Fri	26	1 Sam. 24:8-26:4	Acts 16
Sat	27	1 Sam. 26:5-29:11	
Sun	28	Ps. 69-70; Prov. 14:15-35	
Mon	29	1 Sam. 30:1-2 Sam. 1:16	Acts 17
Tue	30	2 Sam. 1:17-3:21	Acts 18
Wed	31	2 Sam. 3:22-6:11	Acts 19

videos vary in length from 60 seconds to 20 minutes, depending on content.”

After graduating from KCBC, Gabe stayed in Fort Worth. He put together a studio to further enhance what God had called him to do. He also continued attending Eagle Mountain International Church.

The Fall

One crisp fall morning in October 2020, Gabe decided to hang out with a couple of friends. Although he didn’t know how to ride a skateboard, he had bought an electric one and learned to use it. It was so much fun.

Gabe and his friends took their motorized skateboards on a ride around the neighborhood. Excited for a quick spin around the block, Gabe hadn’t bothered with a helmet.

The neighborhood was quiet with very little traffic. The boys laughed and talked as they rode. Suddenly, Gabe’s skateboard hit a small bump in the road. The world seemed to spin as Gabe flew through the air. Landing in the street, his head cracked against hard cement.

Everything went black.

Gabe’s friends rushed to help him. So did a motorist who had been driving by.

Unconscious, blood was gushing out of his ears and the back of his head.

His lungs apparently failing, he took a breath about once every minute. One of his friends propped Gabe up to help with his breathing.

Rushed to the hospital, Gabe was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury. Doctors drilled a hole into his skull to release the pressure from his swollen brain. The back of his head had cracked open like a ripe watermelon. He’d aspirated stomach contents into his lungs. He was put on a ventilator to help him breathe.

His parents flew in from Virginia to be at his side. When they arrived, Gabe was still unconscious.

Forty-eight percent of traumatic brain injuries result in death, a neurosurgeon explained to Gabe’s parents. The odds

of their son’s survival were about 50/50, the doctor said, adding that even if he survived, Gabe would likely be a mental vegetable.

“If he wakes from the coma, it’s likely that he won’t remember anything.”

The Awakening

Members at EMIC and KCBC joined with Gabe’s family and friends and prayed in agreement for his healing and restoration. Days passed with no change in his condition. Then, after two and a half weeks in a coma, one day in November Gabe woke up, looked around the room, and asked his parents, “What am I doing in the hospital?”

He saw his parents weeping.

“Gabe, are you all right?”

“Why are you all being so dramatic? I’m fine.”

Doctors and nurses flocked to his bedside, amazed that he was awake and talking.

Gabe remembered everything up until the accident. His family and friends explained what had happened to him.

“When I first woke up, a lot of the medical staff looked at me like they thought I wasn’t going to make it,” Gabe remembers. “I just laughed that they thought I wouldn’t be OK. From the moment I woke up, I remembered that Jesus had already healed me. I remembered my covenant with God. I knew who Christ had created me to be.

“My family and friends were all celebrating,” Gabe recalled, “but I could tell, even though I’d awakened with my memory intact, the medical staff doubted that I would be OK. I knew the truth, but it felt like the world was telling me the opposite. I knew I was healed and was ready to go home.”

“You can’t go home,” the doctors told him. “You’ve had a traumatic brain injury. There could still be side effects.”

Gabe had to convince them that it was safe to send him home. The way he did that was by working with the therapists and passing every test they gave him.

Home Again

On Nov. 18, Gabe was discharged from the hospital. Three days later, he attended church at EMIC. After slipping out of the sanctuary for a moment, Gabe heard an usher calling him.

“Gabe, Pastor Terri is asking for you.”

Until that moment, Gabe had rejoiced that he could walk. When he heard Pastor Terri calling his name, a grace and anointing washed over him. He ran to the podium. The entire church enjoyed a time of joyful celebration, proclaiming the goodness of God.

That week, Gabe flew home to Virginia with his parents to celebrate Thanksgiving. The family had so much for which to be thankful.

“My aunt was right all those years ago,” Gabe says. “Faith allows you to recover much faster. My recovery was fast and total. Having missed weeks of sending out videos, I started back as soon as I was out of the hospital. I preached and proclaimed the goodness of God. I also admitted that I’d missed Him by not wearing a helmet. I’m so grateful that His blessings aren’t dependent on us getting everything right.”

Not long after, Gabe wrote a devotional, titled *Built Different: 90 Days To Becoming All God Wants You To Be*, a devotional for teens and young adults that covers such topics as COVID, gender issues, news, righteousness, education and careers. The book became a bestseller on Amazon.

“I wrote it to explain the spiritual DNA that Christ has given us,” he explains.

“I get testimonies from it every day. Someone recently told me that while reading the book, they were touched by the Holy Spirit. They prayed in tongues and were overcome by His presence.

“I enjoy making the gospel applicable to a person’s life. I’m really big on reaching the unchurched generation. That happens to be my generation. Studies have recorded ours has the least church attendance. That’s a really large gap. My heart



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is to bridge that gap and let them know that Jesus wants to be their Best Friend.

“I know I wouldn’t be where I am today without KCM. This ministry is a gift from God to the Body of Christ. It teaches people how the Word of God can change everything. For me, partnership with KCM is a form of unity. It means knowing that we work together to advance the kingdom of God. Many testimonies, not just mine, are coming alive in Partners’ lives.

“I’m so grateful for all the prayer that I received while I was in that coma. I’m forever grateful for their heart to pray in agreement with the Word of God concerning my healing.”

Today, at 22, Gabriel Poirot has 3.6 million followers and subscribers on all online media platforms. He hasn’t just learned to reach his generation on social media. He has learned the algorithm of faith—to reach the world. 



TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

Blockage Removed!

My husband was scheduled for an angiogram for a blockage in a main artery leading to his heart. The doctors' plan was to insert a stent depending on the severity of the blockage. I contacted KCM for agreement in prayer that the doctors would not find any blockage. When my husband came out of the operating theatre, the doctor said they did not insert the stent as there was no blockage! I praise God for that, believing it was supernaturally dissolved or removed!

L.W. | Australia

'God Wants Great Things'

I first heard the BVOV broadcast in 2014, while my family was living in a room in my mother-in-law's house. I was instantly hooked by the amazing way the Word of God was taught. I printed the notes, studied with the videos, and kept my notes in a folder. It was such a treat to believe and have faith for the things I needed. I enjoyed every scripture, Gloria-ism and testimony shared on the broadcasts.

I recently found the notes. I had made drawings of specific things I was praying for, and guess what I saw in the apartment God has given us? Everything I had drawn! God has been so faithful and good. Thanks for teaching me to believe that God wants great things for our lives.

M.R. | Guatemala

Watching in the Philippines

Blessings from the Philippines! I let VICTORY Channel™ run 24/7. It's a big blessing to me. Thank You, Lord, for airing/streaming LIVE, helping me in my spiritual growth.

N.F. | The Philippines

Online Healing: During an EMIC service where Pastor Nancy Dufresne ministered, she told about throats being healed to those who watched online. So I just received that, and all pain left! Praise God for healing my throat!

K.K. | Riga, Latvia

Standing on the Word

In October 2021, my husband had a heart attack. We have been Partners for years and knew to stand on the Word. After believing for one year and 10 months and sending in prayer requests, the doctor was very pleased because my husband's tests came out great!

R.P. | South Carolina

Grateful Partner

Just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful booklet *Our Prayer For You!* I have been your Partner since 1997, when I received Jesus while watching your program. Thank you so very much for all you do. JESUS IS LORD!

S.H. | Michigan

Powerful Testimony

I am a Partner. While I was getting ready to board a flight, a young lady had such bad language that I put headphones on so I would not have to listen to her. The Lord had me recall a testimony of Brother Copeland's. He had asked the Lord to cause a man to go to sleep on a plane because of all the foul language he was using. So I prayed a simple prayer asking the Lord to cause

her to go to sleep—and He did! When we landed, she woke up, and I realized she was sitting right in front of me. I gave God the glory for His faithfulness to honor my prayer and Brother Copeland's testimony. So thank you, Brother Copeland, and may God continue to be glorified through such powerful testimonies!

M.T. | Oklahoma

God's Baseline

Last May, I got a baseline screening with a cardiologist. Based on tests that were run earlier when I had COVID, she wanted me to have a procedure done to my heart. My husband and I immediately called Kenneth Copeland Ministries prayer line. I was given Exodus 14:14 (*The Amplified Bible*): "The Lord will fight for you while you only need to keep silent and remain calm," then was prayed for.

My husband and I decided to get a second opinion. My primary doctor said, "I'm going to get you another cardiologist, and we're going to find out if you really need that procedure." He had two or three conversations with a new cardiologist who agreed to give me a second opinion. God was fighting for me. In June, after running tests, I was released from the cardiologist's care and told that they did not see anything significant to be concerned about. I could drive and go about my regular routine again. Praise the Lord!

C.G. | Los Angeles, Calif.

Peace in the Storms

We had violent thunderstorms with tornado warnings in our area. I had peace and went to sleep with the thought that I have Kenneth Copeland's daily prayers and a reminder of the blood of Jesus covering all of his Partners. Thank you more than I can say!

C.L. | Louisiana

Paid In Full

I asked for prayer for my daughter's tuition. Someone paid it in full a week before it was due! Praise God! He hears while we are yet speaking. V.J.



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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I submitted a prayer request when I found out that I was being let go from my job. Not only has God blessed my family with supernatural peace, calmness, confidence and provision (some of which was a complete surprise), a week after I was given notice, He blessed me with my perfect job! Glory to God! I'm so thankful for my KCM/EMIC family.

M.F. | Texas

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Your Promised Land

Is Closer Than You Think

If all you want from your salvation is the privilege of going to heaven when you die, you don't need to read this article. Because this article is for people who want more than that.

It's for people who aren't content to get born again and yet still live their earthly lives in sickness and defeat. It's for believers who aren't content to let Satan run their lives and tear up their families and steal their money.

It's for those who don't want to postpone their victory until the sweet by-and-by, who want to live as more than conquerors in the here and now.

If you're one of those people, God is looking for you.

That's right. If you'll read the Bible, you'll see that ever since the world began, He's been looking for people who, by faith and obedience, would allow Him to bless them

right here on the earth. He's been looking for people who would allow Him to demonstrate His power on their behalf. People whose supernaturally abundant lives would make them a walking advertisement of the mercy and power of God.

For example, look in the Old Testament at the children of Israel. That's the kind of people He wanted *them* to be. He prepared a marvelous land for them to live in. A land, the Scripture says, that was flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:8). It was a land of rest. A place of where no enemy could stand before them and no sickness or disease could stay on their bodies (Exodus 23:25).





In fact, after God brought them out of slavery in Egypt, He wanted them to go immediately into that land. It was only a short journey, and God was ready to take them. But they wouldn't go! Instead, they spent 40 years wandering around in the wilderness, getting nowhere.

Now I know all that happened thousands of years ago, but do you know what? God hasn't changed one bit since then (see James 1:17). He still wants to lead His people into a place of blessing and prosperity.

The problem is that in many ways His people haven't changed that much either. And the same thing that kept Israel from going into the Promised Land back then is keeping most of His people out of our promised land today. Do you know what it is?

It's unbelief.

I bet you're thinking, *Well, that doesn't apply to me. I believe in God.* But that doesn't necessarily get you off the hook. Israel believed in God too. They'd seen Him do signs and wonders with their own eyes.

Yet even though they believed *in* God, there were many times when they didn't believe what He *said*. When He told them about the Promised Land, for instance, He assured them they wouldn't have to take it in their own strength. He said: "I will send My terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people to whom you shall come, and I will make all your foes turn from you [in flight].... I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand and you shall drive them out before you" (Exodus 23:27, 31, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

But when most of the scouts they sent into the land came back and reported there were giants there, they got scared. "Why, we can't try to fight those people," they said. "We look like grasshoppers."

If they had believed God, it wouldn't have mattered how big those giants were, they could have marched right in there expecting God to make those giants scatter in every direction. *But they didn't believe God.* So, instead of following His instructions and going forward to victory, they simply refused to go into the land.

Now, I want you to notice something. Their

unbelief led them into disobedience, didn't it? Unbelief always does that.

“What counts is that you obey God. Your own reputation doesn't count and the sooner you forget it, the better off you'll be.”

You Don't Have To Be Smart

So often we try to be smart and figure things out instead of just trusting God and doing what He says. And as a result, we end up in disobedience.

Listen, God doesn't ask us to be smart. All He asks us to do is to listen to His Word and obey His voice. Why? Because He knows that if we don't, we'll end up living out our lives on this earth in a wilderness of defeat like that generation of Israelites did.

Read the warning the Apostle Paul gives us in Hebrews 3. There he says:

Then while it is [still] called Today, if you would hear His voice and when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people provoked and irritated and embittered God against them].... [For] we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out] (verses 15, 19, *AMPC*).

In the next chapter, Paul says something else that's very important so read it carefully. He says, "Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still holds and is offered [today], let us be afraid [to distrust it]" (Hebrews 4:1, *AMPC*).

Let us be afraid to distrust God's promise. Did you know we're not supposed to fear the devil? We're supposed to fear God. We're to have so much reverence and respect for Him that we would immediately make any adjustment in our lives just to please Him.

When He tells us to do something that looks risky from a natural point of view, we ought to be more afraid of what we'll miss if we don't obey Him than of what will happen if we do.

In other words, when He tells you that you are more than a conqueror (see Romans 8:37) and instructs you to march in and take back some part of your life the devil has stolen, you shouldn't sit around debating about whether or not you can do it. You should just start marching!

“Well, I just couldn’t do that. After all, I’ve been defeated in that area of my life for so long that I’ve got a poor self-image.”

If that’s what you’re thinking, let me tell you something. If you’ll believe God, even a poor self-image won’t keep you from success. There’s one Israelite who proved that. It was Moses.

Moses didn’t have a very good self-image. He’d made a terrible mistake early in his career. It was a mistake that drove him into the wilderness and kept him there for 40 years, herding someone else’s sheep.

No doubt he assumed his ministry as a deliverer of God’s people was over. But as far as God was concerned, he hadn’t even started.

In fact, when God came to Moses in that wilderness and gave him his seemingly impossible assignment, He didn’t ask for Moses’ credentials. He didn’t mention his shady history. He just told him to go see Pharaoh and tell him to let God’s people go.

Moses, however, was still wrestling with his poor self-image. “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?” he stammered.

Just Believe God

You know what God said in response? He just said, “Certainly, I will be with thee” (Exodus 3:12).

He didn’t say one word about who Moses was. He just said, “I will be with you.” You see, it didn’t matter who Moses was. What mattered was that the living God was with him.

The same thing is true for you today. When God calls you to do something—whether it’s to lay your hands on a sick person or go to another country and preach the gospel—it doesn’t matter who you are. What matters is Who is with you.

We’ve got to get away from being so self-conscious, so aware of what we think we can or can’t do. That’s what keeps us from entering into our promised land. Instead of simply obeying God, we start to wonder, *Now what will people think of me if I do that? What if I command that person to get out of the wheelchair and he doesn’t get up? What if I start believing for prosperity and go broke? What about that, God? I won’t look too good, will I?*

“When we’re not trying to preserve or protect ourselves, but trusting in the living God to do that for us, we’ll be in that place of

rest.

“If you’re going to march forward in victory toward your promised land... you’re going to have to know what He’s saying. You’re going to have to learn to hear His voice.”

It doesn’t matter how you look! What counts is that you obey God. Your own reputation doesn’t count and the sooner you forget it, the better off you’ll be.

But you know what’s ironic? Once you do that, your reputation gets better. Funny thing. When you lose that desire to protect your image, your image gets better. Why? Because then the image of the Lord Jesus can come forth instead of that puny little image you had of yourself.

“Certainly, I will be with you,” God said. And He’s said it to us just as surely as He said it to Moses (Hebrews 13:5).

That’s what we need to grab hold of. That’s what will cause us to live in the supernatural and do impossible things. We’ve got to quit hanging on to our own idea of ourselves. We’ve got to do what Moses finally did—abandon our ways of thinking and start agreeing with God.

We’ve got to stop looking at things with a natural perspective. Because a natural, worldly perspective will keep us from living the life God intends for us to live. It will keep us from being supernaturally healthy, prosperous and peaceful.

Remember what I said a moment ago about fearing God instead of the devil? Believers who have a natural rather than a supernatural perspective get that switched around. Instead of walking in the fear of God, they walk in the fear of the devil and his work. In the fear of death. In the fear of sickness. In the fear of poverty. And those fears keep them from listening to and obeying the Word of God.

Look again at what the Israelites did when they came out of Egypt. They had just seen

a marvelous display of God’s miraculous power. Yet as they faced the Red Sea with the Egyptian army at their backs, they turned on Moses and said, “Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that thou hast taken us away to die in the wilderness?”

What could possibly have caused them to doubt God and make such a traitorous statement after all He had already done for them? Fear.

They began to fear what the enemy could do to them, and they were overwhelmed by the drive toward self-preservation. Let me tell you something. That apparently innocent desire you have to protect yourself will cost you dearly when it comes to walking with God.

It infected the Israelites to such a degree that they forgot the signs and wonders. Suddenly they saw themselves as just people again—not people with whom God dwells, but just people.

If you don’t watch out, Satan will try to give you that perspective too. When you start believing the promises of God and marching toward victory over sickness or sin or poverty, Satan will try to tell you you’re just a natural person. He’ll tell you that you can’t trust the supernatural power of God to pull you through.

Rest in Him

That’s why you need to learn to think with the mind of Christ. You need to learn to live with your thoughts on the things of God instead of the things of the world, to come to a place where you’re resting in the power of God.

God wants us to rest in His power. He wants us to know Him so well and trust Him so much that when Satan tries to threaten us, when he tells us we’re going to go broke or we’re going to die or whatever manipulation he uses, we just laugh at him.

You and I need to come to a place in this world where we trust God with every detail of our lives. When we do that, when we’re not trying to preserve or protect ourselves, but trusting in the living God to do that for us, we’ll be in that place of rest we read about in Hebrews.

Make no mistake though, that place of rest is not a place of inactivity. In fact, to get there and stay there, you’ll have to take more aggressive action than you’ve ever taken before. The difference will be that your action will be based on God’s plans and power instead of your own.

When Moses and the Israelites were caught between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army, Moses appealed to God and God said a remarkable thing.

He said, “Moses, why are you crying to Me? Speak to the children of Israel. Tell them to go forward. You lift up your rod and stretch your hand over the sea and divide it.” That’s what we need to do too. We need to hush up our complaining and rise up in faith. When we do, the same thing will happen to us that happened to them. God will give us His plan of action, and He’ll deliver the power to carry it out.

If you’ll determine to go forward with God, He’ll tell you what steps to take. Moses didn’t know what to do in that impossible situation. But he did know how to rise up. He knew how to tell the children of Israel, “On your feet. We’re going on.”

You see, the hard part of walking with God is not the miraculous. Moses didn’t have to know how to part the Red Sea. All he had to do was lift up his rod and speak the command. God did all the rest.

I’ll tell you what the hard part of walking with God is. It’s learning to give Him your time and attention so you can come to know His voice.

That’s where the labor comes in. If you’re going to march forward in victory toward your promised land, doing what God says for you to do, you’re going to have to know what He’s saying. You’re going to have to learn to hear His voice.

The hard part for Moses was not that moment at the Red Sea when he lifted up his staff and commanded the waters. The hard part was the time of preparation, that time when nothing significant seemed to be happening. That time of learning about God, of learning to trust Him, so Moses would obey His voice and know His ways.

What if, during those preparation days, Moses had said to himself, *I don’t know about all this. I’ve failed so much already. I don’t think I can ever learn to know the voice of God.* What if he had let his past, his opinions or his self-image stop him?

Thank God, he didn’t! And you don’t have to either. It doesn’t matter if you think you’ve failed or succeeded, or what you think you’ve done with God in the past. Remember, it doesn’t matter who you are...it matters who is with you.

So don’t look back. Today is a new day. Determine that you are going to rise up in faith. To throw aside that fear. To throw aside the unbelief that has kept you from taking God at His Word.

Determine to rise up and go forward. Don’t put it off any longer. Your promised land is closer than you think. ⑦



WORDS OF FAITH

“God never intended for us to pray scattershot prayers. He never meant for us to just shoot a bunch of general requests heavenward, hoping maybe some of them would do some good. No, those kinds of hit-or-miss prayers don’t satisfy us or God, either one.”

—Kenneth Copeland

Jesus never said that when we ask God for something, sometimes the answer is yes and sometimes it’s no; He taught that God always gives us what we ask.

(Matt. 7:7)

As long as you’re asking in line with God’s WORD, you can know in advance He will say yes to you.

(2 Cor. 1:20)

Don’t wait until the answer to your prayer manifests to believe you’ve received; release your faith when you pray.

(Mark 11:24)

No matter how you may feel, when you ask God for something in prayer, say, “It’s mine now, in Jesus’ Name.”

(Rom. 1:17)

Faith works by love, so before you finish praying make sure you’ve forgiven everyone you need to forgive.

(Mark 11:25)



**“We don’t have to
let death in any
form dominate
us, because Jesus
defeated it.”**

What a Way To Go!

YEARS AGO, A LADY WHO’D HEARD GLORIA AND ME PREACH ABOUT DIVINE HEALING WROTE TO US, VERY PERPLEXED. “IF I KEEP GETTING HEALED, HOW AM I EVER GOING TO DIE?” SHE ASKED.

Admittedly, we did chuckle a bit over the question, but it was actually a good one. One all of us as believers need to be able to answer. If we want to cross the finish line of this life as victoriously as God intends us to, we need to know: When we’re ready to leave this earth, do we have to get sick in order to die? When the time comes for us to go to heaven, do we have to let some foul disease evict us from our body in order to depart?

No, praise God, we don’t!

In fact, we should be absolutely unwilling to go out of here that way. No matter how

old we might be, we ought to believe God for healing if we need it. Then, once we’re well we can take off for heaven.

One of my fathers in the faith, Brother Kenneth E. Hagin, used to tell about an elderly believer he knew who did this. Her name was Grandma Jethcoat. A wonderful Christian woman, in her old age she came down with stomach cancer and wasted away until the doctors said she had only days to live. When Brother Hagin went to pray for her, initially she resisted. “I’m old enough to go now,” she said. “Just let me die.”

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"I'm not going to do it!" he replied. "I want you to get healed. Then if you still want to die you can." She said OK, and over the next few months he kept visiting her and ministering The WORD of God to her. Sure enough, she got healed.

Several years later, Brother Hagin stopped by to see her again and was informed by her daughter that she wasn't home. She'd gone to a meeting to preach. "How old is she now?" Brother Hagin asked. "She's 90," her daughter said, adding that she was still driving and had driven to the meeting all by herself.

When Grandma Jethcoat did eventually decide the time had come for her to make her departure, she did it on her terms. She said, "I'm going home," and just sat down and left!

I saw my dear friend Morris Cerullo do much the same thing. A powerful evangelist and man of God, some years ago he contracted a virus that opened a wound on his shin. The doctors tried to treat it, but it kept getting worse until the situation became extremely serious. At the time, I was preaching in his meeting in San Diego, so he called me to his room to minister to him according to James 5:14-15. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

After praying for Brother Cerullo, it suddenly rose up on the inside of me to ask him, "Are you finished? Is it time for you to go home?" Given his age and his many years of fruitful ministry, I knew the answer could be yes. So when he indicated to me that it was, I said, "Let Jesus heal you. Then you can go on to heaven if you want."

He agreed, and sometime later sent me a videotape of himself standing out in front of his airplane. The video was taken just a week or two after we prayed together. The wound on his leg had completely healed up, and he was heading back overseas to preach the gospel. He went right on in good health doing what he was called by God to do until eventually he said, "I'm done! I've finished my course and I'm leaving."

His wife and I both tried to talk him into

staying, but he said, "No," and just went home to be with The LORD. He didn't die because he was sick. He didn't die at the hand of that devilish virus that had come against him. He died the same way he'd received his healing from that virus. He died the same way he lived—by faith!

The Easiest Thing You Ever Did

"But Brother Copeland," somebody might say, "the reason Brother Cerullo could do that was because he was a great evangelist."

No, the reason he could do it is because of what Jesus did.

Jesus conquered sin, sickness and death once and for all, and gave everyone who believes on Him the right to walk in His victory. He bore our sicknesses and carried our diseases; and by His stripes we were healed, so we can live in health all the days of our life (Isaiah 53:4; 1 Peter 2:24).

It doesn't matter how old we are, we don't have to let death in any form dominate us, because Jesus defeated it. He "was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death...that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man... that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Hebrews 2:9, 14-15).

As believers we don't have to fear death anymore! It's not right for us to fear it, because Jesus "brought to naught," as one translation of the Bible says, the devil who once had the power of death. The devil doesn't have that power anymore! Jesus defeated him in hell. Then, by rising from the dead He "abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10).

Really, if you're a Christian, you've already done all the dying you're going to do. Your old, sinful spirit died when you received Jesus as your LORD and Savior, and in that instant, you were born again. The real you, your spirit, was re-created in the image of Jesus, and God breathed into you His own eternal life so you will never die again.

Eventually of course, if Jesus doesn't



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return first, your body will die. You'll decide you're ready to go to heaven, take off out of here, and leave your body behind. But your body isn't you. It's just your earth suit. When you take it off it will fall down lifeless, not because it's sick and broken down but because you're not in it anymore.

For those of us who know The LORD, dying is just like shrugging off an old coat. It will be the easiest thing you ever did. You won't suffer any pangs of death because Jesus suffered them for you. He tasted death in your place, so when you depart from this earth you won't taste death at all. Instead, you'll have the glorious experience of going to see Jesus. For as 2 Corinthians 5:8 says, to be "absent from the body" is to be "present with the Lord."

Even that, however, won't be the end of the story. The day will come when God will glorify even your physical body. For as the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15, when Jesus comes to catch away the Church—whether we've already departed this earth by then or we're still living here—"we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling

of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?... Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (verses 51, 57).

Personally, I want to be one of those believers who are still living on earth the day the trumpet sounds—and I fully expect to be, because that day is coming very soon! Jesus is about to come for us and I want to be here when He arrives. Like Gloria says, "I want to go in the big one," when the Rapture happens, and the power of God glorifies our bodies and lifts us out of here.

Everybody who's born again will get in on that, of course. The believers who've already died will rise first, then those who remain will be caught up along with them to meet Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17). But even so, I'd like to be here preaching when it happens. I'd like to be ministering The WORD of God to a congregation of on-fire believers when suddenly we hear that heavenly trumpet and Jesus calls us up.

Wow, what a way to go!

God's Prescription for Divine Health

Even if Jesus tarries, though, and we go on to heaven before His return, all of us as believers can believe for a glorious departure. We can all live a long, fruitful, healthy life and leave here in victory.

How can we make sure we do that?

The LORD tells us in Proverbs 4: "My son, attend to my words;" He says, "incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (verses 20-22).



44 God's medicine works!

**It doesn't matter
how old you are.
It will work for
you whether
you're 30 or 90."**



**POINTS TO
GET YOU THERE:**

1

**There's no age limit on
divine healing.**

(James 5:14-15, *NKJV*)

2

**You never have to
let death in any form
dominate you because
Jesus defeated it.**

(Heb. 2:14)

3

**You did all the dying
you're ever going to do
when you received Jesus.**

(2 Timothy 1:10, *AMPC*)

4

**Your body isn't you; it's
just the earth suit you
leave behind when you go
to be with Jesus.**

(2 Cor. 5:8)

5

**Live accordingly to God's
WORD and you can live
a long, satisfying and
healthy life.**

(Prov. 3:1-2, *AMPC*)

The Hebrew word translated *health* there can also be translated *medicine*. So I call these verses "God's prescription for divine healing." But like any other prescription, it won't do you any good just sitting on your bedside table unopened. For the medicine of God's WORD to become life and health to you, you must get it into your system. You must attend to it by giving it time and attention; submit to, or agree with it; keep it in your ears; and keep it before your eyes.

One time, I inadvertently let that last instruction slip. The devil had attacked my body with some alarming symptoms, and instead of opening my Bible and reading them, I just started declaring them. When the symptoms not only persisted but became worse, I finally said, "LORD, I know You can't miss it so the problem must be with me. Where am I'm missing it?"

Immediately, He spoke to my heart. In a voice so loud it seemed almost audible, He reminded me of Proverbs 4:22 and said, *You're quoting all your healing scriptures by memory. The memory of a potato never nourished anybody. You can remember exactly what it tastes like and how you enjoyed it, but for a potato to do you any good you have to put it in the system.*

As He went on to explain, the same is true with The WORD. For it to nourish us spiritually we must have a steady diet of it. We must put it into our system by keeping it in our ears and not letting it depart from before our eyes.

One way you keep the scriptures about healing before your eyes is by reading them regularly. Another way you do it is by seeing yourself in the light of what they say about you. You look at the verses that say you're healed and see yourself healed.

You don't do it just every once in a while, either. You make living according to God's prescription for divine health a lifestyle. As Proverbs 4:23 says, you "keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life" (*New King James Version*).

The Hebrew word translated *issues* can

also be translated *forces*. Divine healing is one of the forces of life, and it isn't outside you somewhere. You don't have to go someplace else to get it. It's inside you, in your heart, ready to be released by faith into your physical body.

"Brother Copeland, are you saying I shouldn't ever go to the doctor?"

Certainly not. I thank God for doctors! What I'm saying is the Great Physician is still in business, and you need to go to Him first because He can do what medical science can't. That's why one time a very good friend of mine who is a doctor himself called me after his wife was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She was in the hospital and he wanted me to pray for her and anoint her with oil before they operated on her.

When I arrived, she was already being prepped for surgery. I prayed and anointed her, and after they wheeled her away, I sat with her husband in the waiting room and we prayed in tongues. (That's the kind of doctor you want, the praying-in-tongues kind!) When the operation was over, the surgeon came out to talk to us with a concerned look on his face. "When I got in there," he said, "I found a dent in her brain where the tumor had been, but the tumor itself was gone."

God's medicine works! It doesn't matter how old you are. It will work for you whether you're 30 or 90. Don't wait till you're 90 to start taking it, though. Begin now. Start living according to God's prescription for divine health and stick with it.

It will add to you "length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death]" (Proverbs 3:2, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). It will enable you to live by faith on this earth until you've finished your race and then take off for heaven shouting, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?... Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57). 🙏



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