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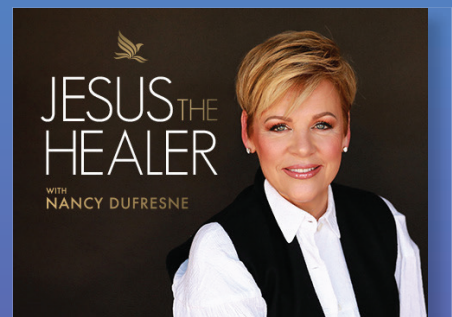
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We'll Be All Right!

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There's a strong sense of security in knowing when something goes wrong, when things seem to be falling apart, someone is there to fix them—to care for you and make sure everything goes well so you can have peace.

But what if there was no one around to give such assurance? How would you respond if, when trouble arose, there was no shoulder to lean on, no one to offer advice or handle the situation for you? Thankfully, as believers, we don't have that worry. That's because the Lord has invited us to give Him our problems. He says if we will cast our cares over on Him and trust Him to handle them, we can rest and be at peace (1 Peter 5:7).

The Lord confirmed that years ago during KCM's Homecoming 2010 Convention in Fort Worth, when He said through Brother Copeland, *Everything is going to be all right!* He said: *The world is in serious trouble. Some very hard things are coming in different places around the world. They are that way now, but they will not get better. They will continue to get worse and worse and worse. It is on a downhill run that the world cannot stop. But, for the household of faith, everything is going to be all right.... Cling to The WORD, take your stand, fight the good fight of faith, don't feed on fear and trouble but feed on The WORD.*

Unless you've been living in a cave, you know those times are here. I hope you also know that if we put our trust in God—who has promised to never leave us (Hebrews 13:5)—then we will always have that special Someone to turn to for help. We can look to the future knowing God has a good plan for us and that, as our heavenly Father and Partner in all things, He knows how to deal with any problems we face.

Everything really IS going to be all right!

From the day Kenneth and Gloria Copeland married, their lives have been a journey of discovery, destiny and faith. This month, they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and the transformation God has made in their lives and the blessings that have accompanied each step they've taken along their journey. Celebrate with us as you read part of their story on Page 9.

Thanks for stopping by,

Ronald C. Jordan
Managing Editor



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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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by Kenneth
Copeland

BY FAITH, Not Feelings

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.

He wants us to pray effectively. To pray in a way that enables us to receive what we ask for—not just now and then, but every single time.

“Brother Copeland,” someone might say, “I think that’s unrealistic. It seems to me that although God always answers prayer, sometimes the answer is yes and sometimes it’s no.”

Not according to Jesus. He said, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” (Matthew 7:7). He also said, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it,” and, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” (John 14:14, 15:7, *New King James Version*).

Nowhere in the Bible are we, as believers, ever told to expect God to say no to us when we pray. On the contrary! We’re told in 2 Corinthians 1:20 that in Jesus “all the promises of God...are Yes, and...Amen” (*NKJV*).

Of course, you can’t just make stuff up on your own and expect to always get what you ask for. But if you go to God’s WORD and make sure you’re praying in line with it, you can know in advance that He will answer your prayer with a resounding yes. You can start shouting the victory before you

even say amen.

This is how Jesus taught us to pray in Mark 11:22: “Have faith in God.” He said in verses 23-25:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Did you notice when, according to those verses, you are to believe you receive? You’re not to wait until the answer to your prayer manifests. You’re to believe you receive *when you pray*. That’s when you release your faith. That’s when you begin to say, “It’s mine!”

What if you don’t feel like what you’ve asked for is yours yet? What if you still feel as sick as you did before you prayed for healing, or as broke as you did before you asked for financial supply? Don’t

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worry about it! As believers we “live by faith” (Romans 1:17), not by feelings.

Personally, when it comes to standing in faith on God’s WORD, I could care less what my feelings say. I’ve learned from experience that my feelings will lie to me. God’s WORD, however, will not.

I don’t mean to imply that feelings are always a spiritual hindrance. Sometimes they can be a real BLESSING. Particularly in times of praise and worship, our feelings can be so touched by God’s manifest presence that we don’t know whether to laugh or cry. As wonderful as such feelings may be, though, they won’t get our prayers answered. What gets our prayers answered is faith.

“But doesn’t Galatians 5:6 say that faith works by love?” you might ask. “Doesn’t 1 Corinthians 13:2 say that without love even mountain-moving faith amounts to nothing?”

Yes, but the word translated *love* in those verses is the Greek word *agape*, and it doesn’t refer to the kind of love that’s based on feelings. *Agape* is unconditional love. It’s loving on purpose, not because you feel certain emotions, but as an act of your will.

Just Do It

It’s the *agape* kind of love Jesus had in mind in Mark 11:25 when He told us that as we’re praying if we “have ought against any” we’re to forgive them. He didn’t tell us we had to feel good about it. He just said to do it.

What’s more, He left no room for debate. He made forgiving a command, not because He doesn’t care about the hurts people have inflicted on us, and not because He’s insensitive to our wounded emotions. But because, as Psalm 23:1 says, He’s our Good Shepherd and He’s committed to seeing to it that we do not want.

He knows your soul can get beat-up and bruised by this world, and He has some green pastures for you, my friend! He has some still waters that will refresh you. He has restoration for your bruised and beat-up soul.

That’s why He commands you to forgive. If you don’t, your faith won’t work, and you won’t be able to receive from Him what you ask. You’ll put yourself in a position where He can’t BLESS you, and BLESSING you is what He’s all about. But if you’ll get in your prayer closet, ask Him for what you need and want, believe you receive, and forgive everyone you’ve been holding aught against, you can partake of His abundant supply.

By the way, the “everyone” Jesus expects you to forgive includes all the politicians you’ve been

mad at lately. You don’t have to agree with them. You don’t have to like what they’re saying and doing. For your prayers to be effective, however, you do have to forgive them.

You also have to pray for them because God said in 1 Timothy 2: “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (verses 1-4).

That means you pray for the president and the vice president. You pray for everyone in Congress, for judges and governors. And you pray the most for the ones you don’t like.

“But I don’t want to!” you might say.

It doesn’t matter whether you want to or not. God said do it “first of all.” So, make it a priority. Do it in faith and do it every day.

I remember some years ago I heard someone say grudgingly, “Well, I’ll pray for the office of the president, but I can’t pray for the man.” Hogwash! If you can’t pray for the man, you can’t pray for the office either. You can’t pray effectively for anything because you’re in unforgiveness, and faith doesn’t work in an unforgiving heart.

You might think everything the president is doing is wrong, but go ahead and pray for him anyway—and do it with a smile on your face. Don’t let his politics get you all riled up and give you stomach ulcers. Forgive him, ask God to open the eyes of his understanding and send anointed laborers across his path to share the gospel with him. Then let it go and rejoice in Jesus.

While we’re on the subject, don’t argue and get offended at anyone else over politics either. If someone says something you don’t like, just give them a soft answer. (“A soft answer turneth away wrath,” Proverbs 15:1 says.) Then walk away. Get out of there and stay happy. Stay on the God side of everything. Always see the best and believe the best of everyone.

“But Brother Copeland, I’m passionate about this country. It hurts me when I see the harm some of these politicians have done to it.”

I know. I’m passionate about this country, too, and I am totally opposed to some of the things I see happening to it. But I also know this: As believers, “we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), and we can love and forgive no matter what.

God’s love has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). He’s put His own love on the inside of us. We just need to believe it



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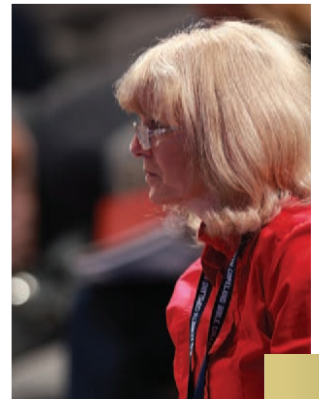


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and walk in it. If we'll do that, our prayers for this nation will be effective. We'll be able to release our faith and receive what we ask for when we pray.

Say It, Act On It, and the Feelings Will Follow

How exactly do you release your faith?
With your words.

As we've already seen, Jesus said, "Whosoever shall say...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." Second Corinthians 4:13 puts it this way: "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

When you pray for healing, immediately start calling yourself healed. Say it by faith, even if you still feel symptoms of sickness in your body. Say, as one of my fathers in the faith, Kenneth E. Hagin, used to say, "I feel good, I feel fine. Now, body, get in line."

Then put your faith into action. Take command over your feelings and behave like you truly have believed you've received, because "faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). In other words, do what the woman with the issue of blood did in Mark 5. Talk about someone who got what she believed for! She's both an inspiration and a great example to follow because she did everything Jesus taught in Mark 11:22-25. I don't know if she'd heard about that particular teaching. The Bible doesn't say.

She might have, though, because she lived in Capernaum, where Jesus Himself lived. It's possible her house was just down the road from His, and Jesus regularly taught and ministered there. A number of people in town had even been healed under His ministry.

Because of her condition, the woman with the issue of blood had been a shut-in for 12 years. Legally, she could have been stoned if caught out in public, so she most likely hadn't gotten to attend Jesus' meetings herself. But obviously someone relayed to her what He'd been saying, because faith comes by hearing The WORD of God—and this woman had some faith! She so believed what she'd heard about Jesus that she kept saying, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (Mark 5:28).

The fact that she could make such a faith declaration with confidence indicates she must have been walking in forgiveness which, given her circumstances, is amazing. Over the years she'd been sick, she'd "suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

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)

2

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, NKJV)

3

Don't wait until the answer to your prayer manifests to believe you've received; release your faith when you pray. (Mark 11:24)

4

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)

5

Faith works by love, so before you finish praying make sure you've forgiven everyone you need to forgive. (Mark 11:25)

nothing bettered, but rather grew worse" (verse 26). After all those doctors had put her through, that woman could have had aught against them. But if she did, she had apparently let it go.

Who knows? Maybe she'd heard about the paralyzed man in town with the four friends who tore through the roof of Jesus' house and lowered their sick friend down in front of Him while He was preaching. Maybe she'd heard that Jesus forgave the man's sins, and when the people in the meeting questioned His power to do so, He'd said: "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins—He said to the paralytic, 'I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house'" (Mark 2: 9-11, NKJV).

Think of it! Right there in Capernaum, Jesus had taught that the same power that forgives also heals. He'd made it clear that if you won't forgive, you can't receive healing because you're rejecting the power that's behind both.

Again, the Bible doesn't say whether the woman with the issue of blood knew this, but we do know she was walking in love and forgiveness because her faith worked. When she put it into action, got up out of bed, went to where Jesus was preaching, pressed through the crowd, and touched His garment, "straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague" (Mark 5:29).

See the sequence there? She didn't wait to believe until she felt something happen in her body. (If she'd done that, she never would have left the house. She would have stayed home in bed and died.) Instead, she believed, spoke, put feet to her faith, and the feelings followed. She felt in her body that she was healed.

What happened next?

Jesus, knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him said, "Who touched my clothes?" She fell down before Him, "and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague" (verses 30, 33-34).

In other words, Jesus repeated back to her the words of faith she'd spoken herself. She'd said, "I shall be whole," and Jesus brought it to pass. He made her whole—which means not only was her body healed but her strength and finances were restored.

God intends the very same thing to happen for us! He intends for us to pray in faith the way Jesus taught and get exactly what we prayed for. His plan is for us, like the woman with the issue of blood, to receive everything we ask of Him—every single time. 🙏



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YEARS

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

GOD HAS A DIVINE PLAN and purpose for every person ever conceived on this earth. Some discover that plan. Others don't.

By his own admission, left to himself, Kenneth Copeland would never have gone God's way. He never would have lived out God's plan for his life. But thanks to a praying mother who loved God, and was doggedly determined from the day her son was born that he would serve God, Kenneth wasn't



left to himself.

"All the time I was growing up, she and my daddy saw to it that I went to church," Kenneth would recall later in life. "I wasn't grateful. In fact, I fought it the whole time...I didn't like being cooped up in that musty, old church house... Other kids would be playing ball and having fun, but I was stuck inside learning memory verses that I didn't understand."



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In the years that followed, Kenneth would realize that the words of those verses he was made to memorize carried power—God’s power! He would come to understand them and discover they were true. And he would learn that when you mix faith with God’s words they can change your life, your circumstances or anything else that needs changing.

It’s been more than 55 years now since Kenneth stood in the dried-up Arkansas riverbed and received God’s call to ministry. And this year marks 55 years since the founding of Kenneth Copeland Ministries, the ministry through which Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have been able to obey God’s commission to preach the uncompromised Word from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle.

But none of this was ever envisioned before the day Kenneth Copeland stood on the front porch of a small frame house in Arkansas and asked 19-year-old Gloria Neece to become his wife.

This month, as Kenneth and Gloria celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, they also celebrate the change God brought to them through His Word. They celebrate the moments, years ago, when God revealed His love for them and they each received Him into their hearts. They celebrate the transformation God has made in their lives and THE BLESSING that has accompanied each step they’ve taken along their journey of faith.

From the day Kenneth and Gloria married, that is exactly what their lives have been—a true journey of faith that has required commitment to, and trust in, God every step of the way. It’s been a journey as real as the one the Israelites took from Egypt to their Promised Land.

Today we, the staff of Kenneth Copeland Ministries, honor our leaders for their faithfulness—to each other and to the work God has called them to. They have been steadfast and immovable, never compromising on what they believed and never laying down their faith. They have stood the tests of time and life, daring to believe God and follow Him by faith. As a result of living their lives on the integrity and authority of God’s Word, millions of lives have been touched and changed.

Truly, their lives have been, and continue to be, a journey of discovery...a journey of destiny...a journey of faith!

The following are personal accounts from Kenneth and Gloria of how they met each other, their brief courtship and subsequently, their marriage.

“When Ken and I married, we began a journey that led us both to the Light of the world.” —Gloria

I was so particular about the boys I dated in college that the girls in my dorm used to tease me about it. The young men were nice enough, I just

didn’t like any of them in a special way. On one particular weekend, I had a date to go to a University of Arkansas ballgame in Little Rock. My parents had a function to attend in Little Rock, so they met me there for the weekend. That night I went to the game, and they went to their party. The next morning Daddy said, “I have somebody I want you to meet. He’s an entertainer, he’s had a gold record, and he’s a pilot. He was the life of the party last night.”

I was not interested in Daddy’s friends.

“I don’t want you to marry him. I just want you to meet him,” he insisted.

“We’re taking him to the airport tomorrow morning,” Daddy said, “just go with us to the airport.” I agreed to go, and the next day we went to pick Ken and his father up from the insurance company’s penthouse where they were staying.

When Ken came to the door, I noticed that there was light all around him, and I assumed that he was standing in front of a window. While everyone else talked, Ken took me out to the terrace and showed me the view of the city. He was very romantic, and endeavored to sweep me off my feet.

When we arrived at the airport, Ken took us all for a ride in an airplane, which was a big deal for me. I’d never met him before that morning, but when he left I patted him on the back, and talked to him like I’d known him forever. I didn’t spend much time thinking about him after that, because I was busy at college and my life was full. Then, about two months later, I was home for the weekend and my parents decided to go to Little Rock. They invited me to join them.

“No,” I said, “I’d rather stay here.”

It was the strangest thing. I had a knowing that the guy I’d met in Little Rock was going to call me that weekend, and I wanted to be home for the call. I hadn’t heard a word from him in two months. I had no reason to think I’d hear from him again, but I knew he was going to call. Sure enough, he did.

He came over and took me out on our first date. Here I was just a kid (19), and he was a mature man of the world (25), but do you know what happened?

On the front porch of our house, just before I said, “Good night,” he proposed!

The only thing more shocking than that was when I heard myself say, “Yes.” *Why did I say that?* I wondered. I didn’t even know this guy. Besides, I didn’t want to get married! *Well, I thought, I’ll get out of this later.*

Nearly 60 years have come and gone, and I’ve never tried to get out!

When I got back to the dorm after our first date, the girls gathered around and asked, “Well, did you like him?”

“Yeah,” I said, “I did.”

They were astonished that I’d found someone I actually liked.

Ken and I started seeing each other every weekend.

He had just started work at an airport only about 40 miles from my school. He would fly his old, rickety airplane over and buzz the dorm, and I would go meet him at the airport. All the girls were really impressed.

The next semester I quit school, moved to Little Rock and got a job. I lived with my grandmother. Ken moved to Little Rock and went to work until we were married at his boss's home less than six months after our first date. He borrowed \$100 and took me all the way to Hot Springs, Ark., 53 miles away.

Years later, I was back at that penthouse in Little Rock where I'd first met Ken. While I was there, I noticed the strangest thing. There wasn't a window that could have caused the light I'd seen around him. In fact, there was no source of light that explained that glow. Ken later told me that there was a light around me when he opened the door. I've wondered many times over the years if it was a sign from God. There's certainly no question that when Ken and I married, we began a journey that led us both to the Light of the world.

“When I opened my heart enough for Gloria, Jesus came knocking” —Kenneth

I fought deep, dark depression for years before I was born again. The oppression finally became so heavy that I had no emotional response to anyone in my life. I didn't have any expression of love toward anyone. Not even toward my parents! There was nobody on the face of the earth that I had any emotional feeling for.

I was mad at the world, and mad at my parents. I didn't want them coming around. I didn't want *anyone* hanging around. Now, if someone wanted to brag on me, I'd tolerate them for a while. But the first time they crossed me—they were history.

Don't misunderstand, I told people I loved them. But it was a con. I might tell a woman I loved her, but I would *never* sing to one. I could stand up on a stage and sing to a crowd, but the thought of singing to a woman was beyond me.

Why?

Because it was an expression of love.

Back then I honestly believed that there was no such thing as real love. In fact, just a few days before I met Gloria I said to someone, “I really don't believe love is a real thing. I think it's just some kind of state of mind. And if it *is* real, then I'm incapable of it.”

There's no such thing as a human being incapable of love. That's a spiritual impossibility, but I didn't know it.

A few days later, I met Gloria and fell in love with her the minute I saw her. *This is different!* I realized.

Every idea I'd ever had about love flew out the window.

On my first date with Gloria I found myself *singing* to her.



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Whooh! Man, this is something, I thought when I caught myself. I hadn't planned on singing. I wasn't trying to impress her or con her into something. I just couldn't help it. I knew right then that I wanted to marry this woman. I figured it would take me a year to talk her into it, so I decided to get an early start. I didn't know what it would take to get her to marry me, but I was ready to lie, cheat, steal or con to make it happen.

I really thought, *This is going to take a long time—maybe years—to win her over, so I'm going to ask her now.*

After our date, I walked her up to the front porch and opened the door.

“Gloria,” I said. She turned around and looked at me. “Will you marry me?”

She said, “Yes—I will.” Then she turned around and went inside the house and closed the door.

Left me standing there stammering and muttering in disbelief.

God opened the door of my heart with love.

When I opened my heart enough for Gloria, Jesus came knocking. Sure enough, not too long after that, I let Him in. ▼





by Bill Winston

The Law That Changes Everything

When I began flight training in the military, we started out in ground school. We first had to get the laws of flight into our hearts and minds, so we could do on the ground what would be required of us in the air. Those laws became so ingrained in us we could do them in our sleep.

In ground school, we learned what it takes to get a plane off the ground and keep it in the air. But first we learned the basic laws of flight—the laws of gravity and lift, and thrust and drag. We learned how these laws work together to result in flight.

Before the instructors would let us go up in the plane, they had to know we had learned all the principles of flight. And we also needed to have faith in the laws we had learned. We saw them at work, day in and day out, as hundreds of planes took off and landed. But when we got in the plane, we had to have no doubt that those laws would work for *us*.

A few of my fellow students had to develop their

faith in those laws and overcome some fears.

One guy was afraid to land the plane. Just like the rest of us, he knew the laws of flight and the mechanics of the plane, but his faith in the landing procedure wavered. With the instructor at his side, every time he started to land, fear would overtake him and he would fly by the runway. Sadly, he never got over his fear of crash landing, and eventually left the program without his pilot's wings. The laws of flight were not able to work for *him*.

Laws Work!

Now, there are some laws of the Spirit that are as basic to our faith as these laws are to flying. And just like the laws of flight, they will keep you moving upward and forward when circumstances are trying to take you down and back! The same One who made this physical realm created the spirit realm, and He guarantees the laws to work.

**“This Law of Confession,
like the laws of flight, has the power to
take you where you want to be.”**



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They work for the believer and nonbeliever alike.

One of these basic spiritual laws has to do with words. It's called the Law of Confession.

God designed words to control the earth. They are basic to everything about our lives. God's words created heaven and earth. They established His intent for His kingdom in the Garden of Eden. The devil used words to convince Adam and Eve to forfeit their authority.

Jesus, the Living Word, came to reestablish God's kingdom and to show us how we were designed to live and operate in it. He demonstrated with power how to use the Law of Confession—words—to establish the will of God on this earth.

In Matthew 12:34-37, Jesus lays out this basic spiritual principle:

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

In these verses, Jesus teaches that the Law of Confession works for everyone. Whatever is in our hearts in abundance is destined to come out our mouths and establish every aspect of our lives. That's the law. That's how God designed it.

Seeing the Principle Work

You can see a good example of the Law of Confession bringing about change in Numbers 13, where Moses sent out 12 men from the tribes of Israel to spy out the Land of Promise.

They brought back physical proof of exactly what God said they would find there (see Exodus 13 and Leviticus 20). They also brought back eyewitness reports about the people God said would be there—the Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites and Canaanites. They actually confessed *part* of what God had said.

But fear overtook them, and the most important thing God had said to them, they failed to confess: "But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it...I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people" (Leviticus 20:24).

Moses had delivered God's message to them this way: "The LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee" (Exodus 13:11). The land they had spied out was *their* land. God had promised it to their forefathers and to them. God had told them to go in and take it. But they had no faith in the promise of God. They didn't believe God.

Not only did they fail to confess what God had said, but most of them actually confessed the opposite. And, that failure resulted in their generation receiving exactly what they had confessed. None entered the Land of Promise... except for two—Joshua and Caleb.

God said Joshua had the Spirit (Numbers 27:18), and He said Caleb was a man of another Spirit (Numbers 14:24). In other words, only these two had developed their hearts to believe God and to agree with Him. They confessed that what God had promised could be done, and they received the promise!

Your Words Change Things

This Law of Confession, like the laws of flight, has the power to take you where you want to be. The laws of flight can take you into the air and then land you safely. They are designed to work every time.

The Law of Confession works the same. It has the power to change things in your life—taking you to the places and things God has for you. If you believe His Word and fill your heart with it, you can use words the same way He did and you will get the same results. Jesus demonstrated that during His days on earth.

You have power without measure just like Jesus did. And it's contained in what comes out of your mouth.

We were designed to live this life in the flesh by the power of the spirit—our heart and what comes forth from it through our words. Look at the state of your life right now. It is a direct result of someone's words. Mostly the words have been your own, but they probably have been undergirded by words spoken by your parents or someone else.

Yes, words have formed your life. But you can't blame other people's words, because God's Word and Law of Confession have the power to override everything that has ever been said over you.

Now, I don't know anyone who doesn't have some things that need to improve in their lives.

Those things *can* change. All we need to do is come back to this principle. God has established it so His Word can change our lives, but only by our belief and our confession. No one can stop the progress of it in our lives but us! Nothing can keep us from the life God has planned for us—except us!

What Are We Waiting On?

Since the day He created the earth, God has always looked for people who will believe His Word, plant it into their hearts and confess it with their mouths—people who will simply agree with Him. He’s looking for a people who will use the Law of Confession to change things, not only in their own lives but in the world around them.

God has a destiny for each of us, just as He did for the children of Israel—a land of promise and safe dwelling. He has a plan for our families, our churches and our nation. Are we delaying reaching our destiny, like the Israelites, because of what has been coming out of our mouths? Are we complaining too much and not praising enough?

Have we let our confidence in God’s Word slip because we haven’t built it into our hearts in abundance? Have we filled our hearts with things contrary to God’s goodness and mercy, and let contrariness become our everyday pattern of speech? Do we realize the Law of Confession will always work in our lives according to the condition of our hearts?

If we can answer yes to any of these questions, and we’re not experiencing the things God has promised, it’s time to make a change.

When you make the decision to put the Law of Confession to work to change your life, nothing can stop you. The Law of Confession supersedes everything! No principality or power can stop it. No government can stop it. Your level of education can’t stop it.

When your heart is lined up with God’s Word, Jesus’ declaration of mountain-moving faith will be yours: “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:23).

Don’t wait another minute! Believe God, open your mouth and speak from the abundance of your heart. Let the Law of Confession start changing things for you! 📌

DID YOU KNOW?



Kenneth Copeland’s Music Ministry



Partners and Friends know Kenneth Copeland as a powerful prophet and teacher. But often they’re pleasantly surprised to discover he has a successful music ministry as well. In fact, over the past 33 years, Brother Copeland has released 32 albums—one of which included a Grammy-nominated song: “Only the Redeemed.”

Kenneth Copeland’s love for singing stemmed from his childhood, but took first place in 1957, when he recorded a song called “Pledge of Love” for a mainstream label...long before he accepted his God-given call to ministry.

“That very *day*, I received my draft notice,” said Brother Copeland. “The record was released while I was in basic training in the U.S. Army. It did real well, but I couldn’t do anything about it. While that record was on the move, instead of being available

to accept offers to perform on national TV and on movie soundtracks, I stood guard duty.

“Today, I thank Almighty God for protecting me,” he added. “Two other young men had their first records on the charts at the same time as ‘Pledge of Love.’ Their names were Johnny Mathis and Elvis Presley. That kind of success would have destroyed me.”

When he was released from the Army, young Kenneth walked away from his 20-year dream of being an entertainer. “I didn’t sing for a long time after I began this ministry. Why? I had a lot to *unlearn*. I knew how to entertain, and I knew how to sell a song. That’s not what I was called to do.

“The call on my life is to preach The WORD of God. I can do that with or without a melody, but the motive of my heart has to be that The WORD goes forth. I’m not saying there isn’t an element of entertainment in ministry music. I am saying that it’s wrong for someone with a call on his life to make entertainment a priority.”

Since making that decision, God has blessed Brother Copeland with countless opportunities to use music as a ministry. His psalmist gift has enabled him to minister to those who may not listen to his teaching but will receive his ministry in song. 📌





The Beat of a Different Drummer

THE SUN TILTED ITS HEAD ABOVE THE HORIZON,
CASTING AN ORANGE GLOW TO THE SKY. BRIAN JACOBS
WOKE TO THE SOUND OF THE TOUR BUS WHEELS THUMPING
AGAINST THE PAVEMENT. AFTER HAVING PLAYED AT
THE ORANGE BOWL THE NIGHT BEFORE, THE OTHER BAND
MEMBERS WERE STILL ASLEEP.

Brian realized he was tapping the rhythm of the bus wheels on his leg. He'd been doing that since the age of 12. That's when he'd set his heart on becoming a professional drummer. His definition of *professional* meant getting paid to play. Before his parents had bought him his first set of drums, he'd kept the beat on whatever he touched. Pillows. Trash cans. His desk.

From 13, Brian had played drums with a single-minded focus that belied his age. In high school,

he'd been voted "Most Talented." By then, he was making \$1500 a week.

Now, at 19, Brian was living his dream. He played with professional bands, making \$4,000 to \$5,000 a week. He and his band members worked with the same production company as many of the stars.

Brian's mother had urged him to attend Jacksonville State University and major in music. Happy to do anything that would make

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Fri	1	Deut. 1:1-2:15	Luke 21
Sat	2	Deut. 2:16-4:14	
Sun	3	Ps. 42-44; Prov. 9	
Mon	4	Deut. 4:15-5:33	Luke 22
Tue	5	Deut. 6:1-8:10	Luke 23
Wed	6	Deut. 8:11-10:22	Luke 24
Thu	7	Deut. 11-12	John 1
Fri	8	Deut. 13:1-15:11	John 2
Sat	9	Deut. 15:12-18:8	
Sun	10	Ps. 45-48; Prov. 10:1-17	
Mon	11	Deut. 18:9-21:9	John 3
Tue	12	Deut. 21:10-23:18	John 4
Wed	13	Deut. 23:19-26:15	John 5
Thu	14	Deut. 26:16-28:32	John 6
Fri	15	Deut. 28:33-29:29	John 7
Sat	16	Deut. 30:1-32:14	
Sun	17	Ps. 49-50; Prov. 10:18-32	
Mon	18	Deut. 32:15-33:29	John 8
Tue	19	Deut. 34:1-Josh. 3:8	John 9
Wed	20	Josh. 3:9-6:11	John 10
Thu	21	Josh. 6:12-8:23	John 11
Fri	22	Josh. 8:24-10:27	John 12
Sat	23	Josh. 10:28-12:24	
Sun	24	Ps. 51-55; Prov. 11:1-23	
Mon	25	Josh. 13:1-15:12	John 13
Tue	26	Josh. 15:13-16:10	John 14
Wed	27	Josh. 17:1-19:16	John 15
Thu	28	Josh. 19:17-21:19	John 16
Fri	29	Josh. 21:20-22:34	John 17
Sat	30	Josh. 23:1-Jdgs. 1:15	

him a better drummer, he'd agreed. Since most of his paid work occurred in the evenings and on weekends, there was no conflict with his classes.

Brian looked out the bus window at the morning awash in light. Alone with his thoughts, he allowed himself to take a long look at his life. He'd already achieved his goals. He had a stellar reputation as a professional drummer. He worked with famous musicians. He made a lot of money. Yet, something inside him felt empty.

As the bus bulletted across a bridge, Brian asked himself the question he'd been avoiding: *Was there more to life than this?*

True Identity

"I grew up in Talladega, Ala., home of the world's fastest speedway, the Talladega 500," Brian says. "The only race of my life was to become a professional drummer. My mother was a teacher and my father a high school principal and football coach. They always supported my sister, Dana, and me, and they supported my dream of becoming a professional drummer.

"From the age of 13, I only had one focus—playing the drums. It consumed me. By the time I was in high school, I played on local television, in clubs and arenas.

"While I studied at Jacksonville State University, I continued to play in local bands. In 1983 when I played at the Orange Bowl, we were also the house band for a local late night television show.

"I played at some venues where there were buffets of every kind of drug available for the taking. I knew without a doubt that drugs and alcohol would compromise my ability to play. I could see the effect it had on many musicians. I said, 'I won't do that. I won't alter my mind. I'm a musician, not someone trying to escape from life.'

"Still, I understood why so many musicians did it. The money was good, but it didn't have the power to give you peace. Touring was hard. You played night after night. You lived on a bus with 12 other guys. You showered in the arena before driving all night to the next venue. The only joy was playing for an hour or two. Then it was back to the bus, traveling again.

"Did I want to live on a bus with 12 guys? Or did I want a family someday? These were the questions I pondered. I'd watched a lot of musicians go through multiple marriages that

didn't work. Even though the money was great, fame had a price. I was searching for something. I just didn't know what it was."

The Missing Peace

Brian woke up to a stunning fall morning, Sunday, Oct. 16, 1983, after playing the night before. After breakfast, he turned on the television and saw a band playing. *This band was more than good*, he thought. *They were excellent*. Impressed by their technique, he didn't change the channel. Soon after, a man started talking about God. Brian had never heard anyone describe their relationship with God the way he did.

That man was Kenneth Copeland.

Brian had long been fascinated by the men in the Bible. Every year, he watched Charlton Heston play Moses in the movie *The Ten Commandments*. Heston portrayed Moses as a man's man. Authoritative. Decisive. Transformed by God.

This man, Kenneth Copeland, was like that. Authoritative. Decisive. And from what he shared, transformed. He chose a relationship with God and made it the highest priority in his life.

By the end of the broadcast, Brian had prayed Romans 10:9-10 and received Jesus into his heart.

"Brother Copeland told everyone who prayed that prayer to get into a church," Brian remembers. "That evening, I met with my Baptist pastor before the service. I told him that I'd made Jesus the Lord of my life, and he prayed with me. I stood before the congregation and told them that I'd received Jesus.

"After church, I made the 45-minute drive back to the university. While I was away, they'd put new furniture in my dorm room. When I opened the top drawer, I found a booklet inside. It was called *Welcome to the Family*—by Kenneth Copeland! I read it that night, paying close attention to the section on the Holy Spirit.

"The next day, I went to my morning classes and then ate lunch. That afternoon, I held the booklet up and prayed to receive the Holy Spirit. I started praying in the Holy Spirit just like it said. When I walked to the practice rooms, my friends said it looked like a light shone on me. The glory of God was already transforming my life.

Transformation

"That evening I went to dinner with some friends, and then to their dorm room. My friend

pulled out a cassette tape—by Kenneth Copeland! I started listening, and at that moment I entered a relationship with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Soon after, I ordered the *Faith Series* and *The Laws of Prosperity*. I also sent my first tithe check that week.

“For the next two years, in addition to my classwork, I received an education through *BVOV*. The teachings were changing my life. I didn’t listen to the tapes one time. I listened to them over and over. Not only was Brother Copeland teaching me how to give, he was also teaching me how to think and how to speak. I’d never heard anything like that before. I was being transformed. Being born again had transformed my spirit. My personality was being transformed by the Holy Spirit. The Word of God was transforming my mind.

“I devoured tapes, books and the monthly magazine. The minibooks, especially, were such a help! After reading one, I’d stick it in my pocket and refer to it throughout the day. Every Sunday morning, I set my TV to record the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* TV broadcast. While it was recording, I went to my Baptist church. After lunch, I watched Brother Copeland. I went from fear to faith. From unbelief to belief. The transformation of my life was so dramatic that my family and friends were stunned.

“I worked with very successful people. That fall, there were major opportunities and negotiations happening. I didn’t have peace in my heart about signing any of them. I always thought my identity was as a professional drummer. I discovered that that was my plan, not God’s. He was calling me into ministry. The *BVOV* broadcasts were my Bible school for the next 10 years.”

While listening to the tape series, *The Laws of Prosperity*, Brian learned about Pastors Harold and Lou Nichols and how they had given Brother Copeland his first ministry opportunity. In 1985, when Brian decided to attend the Southwest Believers’ Convention, he contacted the Nichols. While he had plenty of money to attend the convention, he didn’t know anyone in Fort Worth.

Divine Connections

“I’m coming to the convention,” Brian told Lou Nichols. “I wonder if I could connect with you?” The answer was a resounding yes. They even sent someone to pick him up at the airport. While in Fort Worth, Brian attended Grace Temple Church



and met Jerry Savelle.

The 1985 Southwest Believers’ Convention was another turning point in Brian’s life.

On Wednesday of the convention, Jerry called Brian out of the audience. Taking off his shoes, he handed them to Brian. “Put these on,” he told Brian. “God will do the same thing in your life that He did in mine.” Brian put on Jerry’s shoes and felt like he was “walking on air,” he said.

“The Lord said He was going to do the same thing in my life that He’d done in Jerry’s,” Brian recalls. “What was that? He’d brought him into relationship with Kenneth Copeland, who taught him to live in victory. He moved from Louisiana to Fort Worth. I knew that at some point I would move to Texas. I teach and preach very similar to Brother Jerry. Like Brother Copeland, he’s a father in the faith to me. I still have his shoes today.”

Already a Partner with KCM, Brian also became a partner with Jerry Savelle Ministries. Brian studied how they held their meetings.

“**When I connected with KCM in 1983, even then I understood that partnership meant relationship.**”

He studied their ministry reports and their itineraries. In the past, he'd spend hours practicing the drums. Now instead, with a key to the church, he'd go there at night, and preach Brother Copeland's messages to the empty pews.

Brian transferred schools and graduated from the University of Alabama.

Preparation for Purpose

"I was asked to work for Billy Graham's organization. They had a policy that if you came to work for them, it was a forever relationship. I knew at some time the Lord would move me to Texas. So I volunteered for him beginning in 1988.

"I did stadium ministry for the Graham organization. I helped set up their Saturday night crusade meetings with Michael W. Smith and D.C. Talk. Music production came naturally to me. After all those times playing drums in those stadiums, it was such a joy to see thousands of people come to Jesus in those same venues. Dr. Graham taught me humility and purity. He was so precious.

"In 1993, Brother Jerry asked me to come work for him. I moved to Texas, and was his associate minister and crusade director. Jerry, and Jesse Duplantis, had a series of meetings they did every month. During the years I worked for Brother Jerry, he was always gracious to give me time off whenever the Billy Graham organization needed me. We both honored him so much. I worked with the Graham organization from 1988 until he retired from crusade ministry in 2005.

Finding a Wife

"I attended Harold Nichols' church, Grace Temple. One Sunday I was home from traveling with Brother Jerry and headed toward Lou's Sunday school class. Along the way, I noticed a door open and looked inside. I saw a beautiful woman with black hair kneeling down to minister to children. It was love at first sight.

"Harold and Lou Nichols had introduced me to Jerry Savelle. Then they introduced me to Sheila, the woman who would become my wife."

On Sept. 16, 1995, Brian and Sheila married.

After five years serving at Jerry Savelle Ministries, Brian left to launch his own traveling ministry. A couple of years later, Brian founded Metroplex Family Church in Burleson, Texas.

All the joy, the peace and the fulfillment that Brian had searched for in music, he found in abundance as pastor of the church. He'd stepped into his true identity and calling.


"Back in 1983, when I surrendered my life to the Lord," Brian recalls, "I gave the drums to Him. I said, 'Lord, I'll walk away. I'll never pick up another pair of drumsticks again if that's what You want. You're the Lord of my life, not this drum kit.'

"I gave the drums and all they represented to the Lord, and He gave it all back to me even better. I still play. I love playing and am doing an album project right now. I'm still involved in training, teaching people and influencing musicians. In addition, all three of our children are musicians. Our daughter plays the keyboard and our two sons play the drums.

"When I mentor young musicians, I tell them, 'Money can't buy you peace and money can't renew you. I had money and success, but when I started renewing my mind to the Word of God, I became a wealthy man inside. Choose the Lord's way and He'll let you play. If you choose Him as the Lord of your life, He'll take care of the rest.'

"When I was young, I always dreamed of having one of the most unique drum sets in the world. Only really famous people have those. About 10 years ago, I bought a particular drum set and kept it in meticulous condition. In time, they stopped making them. I contacted the makers and was told they had no plans for building those particular drums ever again. But they're building and customizing a set for me. Why are they doing it? Not because I'm famous, but because I have the favor of God on my life.

"When I connected with KCM in 1983, even then I understood that partnership meant relationship. Like any relationship, it's what you put into it. If you really tap into the call of God upon the ministry, you'll find the benefits on your life are God ordained."

Today, in all they do, Brian and Sheila Jacobs live to a beat that not everyone hears. They live their lives to the sound of the heartbeat of God. 

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THE DANGER OF DISTRACTION

Have you noticed how, in today's fast-paced, always-on, internet-connected world, **it can be challenging to keep your focus?**

Sarah and I have seen how our children's ability to pay attention is a definite earmark of their growth. The more mature they become, the better they can keep their minds set on one thing.

Watching them struggle to stay focused is cute sometimes. What's not so cute is when a fully grown adult still has that struggle...

especially when it's you or me.

As adults, we must have the ability to lock in on something and not let go. According to the Word, our peace depends on it.

Isaiah 26:3 says, "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You..." (*New King James Version*). That's pretty

straightforward: Peace depends upon our ability to keep our mind in one place—stayed on Him. In fact, the Lord shared it with me this way, *The absence of peace is the product of a wandering mind.*


"But that's just my personality," some say. Sure, having a wandering mind can sound innocent, but no matter how we're wired, we must build our ability to stay focused...or risk our peace.

The Parable That Rocked My World

To stay focused on the Word, we have to receive it into our lives. This is the principle found in Jesus' parable of the sower in Matthew 13. In it, Jesus revealed how, when the seed of the Word is sown, one of four things happens:



**"He knows if he can
subtly distract you,
he can get what he wants."**



***“To think that you
and I could neglect
intimacy with Jesus
for the sake
of our ministry
is foolish.***

***And yet,
it happens
every day.”***

1) Some seeds fall by the wayside and the enemy comes to devour them (verses 4, 19).

2) Some seeds fall on stony places...and get scorched and wither under the fire of tribulation because they have no roots (verses 5-6, 21).

3) Some seeds fall among thorns, the cares of this world, which choke the Word (verses 7, 22).

4) Or, some seeds fall on good ground where someone hears the Word, understands it and yields a crop, some a hundredfold, some 60, some 30 (verses 8, 23).

Now, I grew up in a faith-filled household. Anytime I needed anything, Mom and Dad would say, “Go to the Word, Jeremy. What does the Word say?” Implied was the idea that whatever you’re facing, the Word has the answer.

Then I read this parable. You know what it implies? Three out of four times the Word did *nothing*—because, one way or another, the enemy stole it.

That rocked my world.

Clearly, the moment the Word is sown, Satan goes to work. When we think of Satan’s tricks, we think about him spreading sickness or lack in our lives. But I don’t think he’s wringing his hands over whether we’re healthy or wealthy, sick or poor. What he cares about is *distracting*

us, because distraction serves to talk us out of what we believe.

Sickness, disease, lack...these have one thing in common: They’re all major tools of distraction, designed to get our minds off the Lord and out of a place of perfect peace.

You can see this principle at work when Jesus went to visit Mary and Martha.

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving... And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things... Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:38-42, *NKJV*).

What a beautiful meeting that must have been. Martha invited Jesus to come in and share His Word with them. Jesus wasn’t preaching to thousands on a hillside, or from the bow of a boat. He was sitting with a select group of people in Martha’s home. Can you imagine what an opportunity that was?

Now if you’re familiar with this story, you might already be thinking about how Martha gets busy—but it didn’t start out that way. According to verse 39, Mary “also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word.” The word *also* tells us that Mary *and* Martha were there, both sitting at Jesus’ feet, listening to His teaching.

“But,” the passage continues, “Martha was distracted.”

It’s hard to fathom how anyone could get distracted in that house. The atmosphere was ripe for revelation. Jesus was likely sharing things He didn’t share in larger groups.

Yet, Martha found herself suddenly preoccupied.

As she sat there, perhaps she started thinking, *I’ve been here awhile. All these people are in my house. They’re going to be hungry. What should I do?*

And with that seemingly innocent line of thinking, Martha was drawn away.

Jesus’ Guarantee

Satan is like a master pickpocket. When he comes to steal the Word, he starts with a small

distraction. He knows if he can subtly distract you, he can get what he wants.

That day in Martha's house began with everyone having their minds on Jesus, but then a thought pulled Martha away, and pretty soon she was running around. *Weust* translates it this way: "But Martha was going around in circles, overoccupied..." (verse 40).

Before long, Jesus addressed the issue, saying, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things" (verse 41, *NKJV*).

That's it—she had lost her peace. Where did it go? It left the moment her focus did, the moment she took her mind off the Word.

Jesus then added a very powerful insight. "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, *which will not be taken from her*" (verse 42, emphasis mine).

The Word was spoken, and as usual, Satan came to steal it. Martha got distracted and let him. But Mary chose differently. She chose the "good part"—to keep her mind on His Word—and Jesus Himself guaranteed that Word wasn't going anywhere. It was going to take root and produce fruit in Mary's life.

How would you like a guarantee like that? How would you like Jesus Himself to guarantee that when you hear the Word, it will take root and produce fruit in your life? Here's how you get that guarantee; you do what Mary did. You value the Word. You honor the Word. And you *refuse* to be distracted from the Word. That's choosing the good part!

You have to wonder, what was so important to Martha that she allowed herself to choose to be part of something that wasn't so good, to be distracted from the best that God had for her?

It's easy to judge Martha for her choice, but if we examine ourselves closely we'll see we're not so different from her.

Distractions by Ministry

What was so important to Martha? According to this passage, she was distracted "with much serving" (verse 40). If you look up the word *servicing*, you'll discover what distracted Martha was *ministry*. Martha's challenge wasn't learning to tell the difference between something important and something that was a waste of time. It was learning to tell the difference between what was important and what was *more* important.

Martha was distracted by her own ministry.

Her motivation for getting up was to serve Jesus. But ministry is a bad substitute for intimacy with the Lord.

To think that you and I could neglect intimacy with Jesus for the sake of our ministry is foolish. And yet, it happens every day.

Jesus says, "Hey, come here. I want to talk to you."

We reply, "I can't. I'm too busy doing the work of the ministry."

It doesn't matter if God has called you to pastor a church or to be a blessing through hospitality, that ministry isn't supposed to be a distraction from what's *more* important.

Martha was a woman whose mind was on the Word. She was in Jesus' presence, in an intimate environment, hearing a word she'd never heard before. She was in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.

And then a thought carried her away.

The Tale of Two Meals

Two meals were being served in Martha's house that day; one by Jesus, and one by Martha. And the only meal that was "that good part" was the one Jesus was serving.

What should Martha have done? When that thought came, she shouldn't have moved. She should have said to herself, *Prepare a meal? Have you seen what this guy can do with a piece of bread and a fish? I'm not moving a muscle. I'm staying right here.*

Had she done that, Jesus could have guaranteed that what she heard that day would never be taken from her.

How about you? There are things you can do to guarantee the Word will take root in your life and produce fruit. You can make it a habit to spend time in the Word and in prayer; never neglecting that time for anything—including for the sake of your ministry. You can make a quality decision to keep your mind on God's Word, to be part of the 25% of people who receive...not the 75% who let it be stolen.

Ask the Lord to help you identify when it's time to go and serve, and when it's time to stay and receive. When you put Him first, above all else, and keep your mind stayed on Him, Satan won't be able to steal one word that the Lord has for you. And you'll find yourself in perfect peace. 🙏



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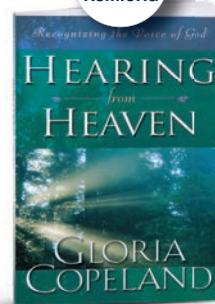
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'Hearing From Heaven'

Thank you so much for Gloria's book *Hearing From Heaven*. It came just when I needed it. The anointed message has stirred my spirit to go deeper still!

M.C. | Pennsylvania

God's Saving Power

As we floated down a river, my husband's float flipped; he went under and couldn't surface. My daughter and I couldn't swim back to help him. I prayed in the spirit and took authority, asking God to send angels to help. The last thing I saw as I turned a corner was two young men jump into the water to help.

We rode down the river for two hours. I had to keep my faith to give testimony to my daughter, who had stopped going to church, that we can trust God in every situation.

My heart was at peace as we continued down, praising God and giving thanks for my husband's safety.

When we were able to land, police officers told me that my husband was fine and waiting for us. God showed up with His power to save him and show my daughter that He is Almighty God.

Thank God for KCM and the teachings about using our authority and how to pray in moments of crisis.

C.M. | Florida

Standing Together

This note is to say a huge thank you for VICTORY Channel™ broadcasting the truth in America. We rejoice in your courage and prayers to bring our nation through this terrible mess Satan has created, and the ignorance that such hate and anger bring out. I do stand with you and all the prayer warriors who are in great faith to see this cleaned up.

J.V. | Indiana

'Shalom'

My knee was healed by watching Sister Gloria Copeland's preaching about *shalom* (wholeness, nothing missing, nothing broken) and Billye Brim ministering on it. With the two messages I started confessing the Word of God; by faith my knee felt better until there was no pain. Thank you so much, KCM Africa.

P.R. | South Africa

Student of Faith

I kept watching the BVOV broadcasts on faith. As a third year Ph.D. student, I was believing God to win the prize for the best research paper. The other students in my class all had much more training than I. I kept repeating that I am the head and not the tail, above only and not beneath, able to do all things through Christ which strengthens me, even when my research was not going well. I submitted my paper and kept standing on the Word of God; then the Ph.D. program supervisor

emailed to say I was the winner! I knew this was the miracle-working hand of God in my life and the beginning of a great journey, as I have learned to continue to have faith in His Word, despite what circumstances may look like.

I am a Partner with KCM and thank God for this ministry sowing into the lives of others. You are truly making a difference.

K.S. | Massachusetts

"Patience is the force that keeps you operating in faith, standing strong until the manifestation comes."

—Kenneth Copeland

Receive the Blessing

I've needed a job...and listening to *Morning Prayer*, heard my name called out and took the blessing. I then received a call from an old boss that night to come in for work. I thought this might encourage others to receive when they hear a blessing that they need. R.S. | Ohio

'Instantly Healed!'

During the 2021 VICTORYTHON™, Rick Renner called out someone who was in such stomach pain that they were holding their stomach. That is exactly what I was doing, so I claimed healing and was instantly healed!

C.B. | Illinois

Victory Won!

I grew up Jewish Reform, and met my wife, who is Christian, 12 years ago. She immediately told me that if I wanted to hang out with her on Sundays, she would be at church. I decided to go with her. [After we married and] shortly after our first son was born, I gave my heart to the Lord.

It is amazing how Jesus has moved in our lives recently! Within the past eight months all the members of our family have

been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Praise God!

Our family would not be where we are in our spiritual walk without our pastor, or VICTORY Channel and the frequent guests we have been introduced to on *FlashPoint*. Keep fighting the good fight knowing that the victory has already been won!

M.S. | Virginia

SALVATION PRAYER

If you do not know Jesus as your Savior 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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'Something Good'

While watching Brother Copeland, he wished me a blessed weekend, and I took that so seriously that I told myself something good was going to happen to me. I trusted God's Word through him. My uncle, who has never supported me, came to my house and brought R2,319 worth of groceries. I cried because I had prayed and asked God, "What am I going to eat?" Thank you very much.

A.T. | South Africa

Branson Blessing

Thank you for allowing me to be part of a studio audience at the 2021 virtual Branson Victory Campaign. I know my spiritual life has changed dramatically. Also my friends and the owners where I work were deeply ministered to by you at the Friday morning service. I am forever grateful to the Lord for introducing me to your ministry.

R.Y. | Branson, Mo.

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by Gloria Copeland

Lift Up Your Eyes

Did you know the devil does not own this earth or any of its resources? He acts like he does. He's managed to get his hands on a lot of stuff and talked a lot of people into believing that it's his. But the truth is, nothing on this planet belongs to him. Not one square inch of land. Not one dollar or dime. Not one house or vehicle or anything else that's been produced from the earth's riches.

Everything the devil has taken possession of is stolen property.

Who is its rightful owner?

God, that's who!

He created the earth and everything in it, and every bit of it is His. Although He's delegated to mankind a certain amount of

authority over it, He has never relinquished ownership of it. It's belonged to Him all along, and He has always retained the right to give it to whomever He chooses.

The Scriptures repeatedly confirm this. For example: Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 104:24 says, "O LORD...in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches." In Haggai 2:8 and Psalm 50:10, God says, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine...every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

I'd say those verses cover all of creation, wouldn't you? And they don't mention



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

The devil does not own one inch of the earth or any of its resources.

(Ps. 24:1)

2

God gave dominion over the earth to His son and daughter, Adam and Eve.

(Gen. 1:28)

3

The devil got his hands on the earth after Adam and Eve allowed him to deceive them.

(Gen. 3)

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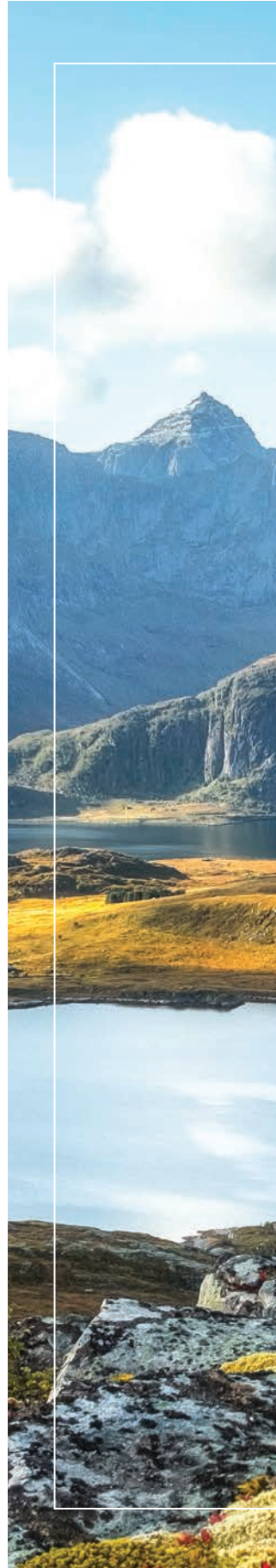
God made a way to get the earth back into the hands of His family by making covenant with Abram.

(Gen. 12:2-3)

5

God told His people that if they would hear, believe and obey Him, He would give them all things.

(Matt. 6:33, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).





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anything about any of it belonging to the devil. God didn't make this earth for him and his bunch. God made this earth for His own beloved children. He created this place and filled it with wealth so that His family, His human sons and daughters, would have a wonderful place to live and an abundance of things to enjoy.

You can see this when you read in Genesis about the Garden of Eden. God put everything in Eden that Adam and Eve could possibly desire. Then, when He created them and put them in the Garden, He blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion..." (Genesis 1:28).

That was God's will for all mankind for all time. He intended for Adam and Eve and their descendants to exercise dominion over the earth forever and rule over it according to His righteous ways. To walk in the power of His blessing and



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keep increasing and expanding the Garden of Eden until it filled the entire earth.

But, as we all know, that's not what happened. When the devil showed up in the Garden and started lying to Eve, instead of exercising dominion over him and putting him in his place, she listened and sold out to him. Then Adam sold out too. He disobeyed God and handed his authority on the earth over to the devil.

When Adam and Eve fell for Satan's lie, he probably thought, *Aha! From now on, this earth is mine! I've got it!* (He's always thinking such things. He's such a prideful creature he can't help himself.)

But he was wrong. God was way ahead of him. He already knew what the devil was going to do. He had a plan of redemption in place, and He wasted no time setting it in motion.

What did He do?

He spoke to a man named Abram (Abraham)

whom He knew would believe and obey Him, and blessed him with the same blessing and dominion He'd given to Adam and Eve. He made a covenant with Abram and said: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3).

A Big God With a Big Heart

Notice, this covenant wasn't Abram's idea. He didn't talk God into blessing him, giving him a land, and making him great. No, God was the initiator in this interaction. Abram had just been living his life as usual, doing whatever people did back in those days. It had probably never even occurred to him (especially since he lived in the city of Ur, where most people worshipped the moon) that the Almighty God might want to bless him.

Blessing him was God's idea.

When Adam and Eve lost out to the devil, God lost too. So, He planned to start again with Abraham to raise up a family of people for Himself—people who would walk with Him, do things His way, and retake for Him the dominion over the earth He'd given to mankind in the Garden.

He didn't want His new family just to include Abraham and his natural descendants either. He wanted to include in this covenant as many people as He could. Therefore, He set it up so that through Abraham "all families of the earth" could be blessed.

God is a big God with a big heart! He has enough love, enough land, enough spiritual and material wealth to make everyone on earth as rich as He made Abraham. "And Abram was very rich" (Genesis 13:2).

God created the earth to produce such abundance that everyone who chooses can become part of His family and they can all be magnificently prosperous and blessed.

Am I suggesting God has land for all His children, like He did for Abraham? Absolutely. If you owned the earth, wouldn't you have a place picked out for each of your children? I'm not saying, of course, that God has given all of us the same land He gave to Abraham's natural

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descendants. There's not enough room there for all of us to live. But God does have properties picked out elsewhere for those of us who are Abraham's spiritual descendants.

You do know that, as a believer, you're a spiritual descendant of Abraham, don't you? The Bible makes it very clear: "If ye be Christ's," Galatians 3:29 says, "then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Obviously, if you're an heir of the promise God made to Abraham, and his promise included land, that means yours does too. It means God has real estate and an abundance of earthly wealth set aside for all of us, and He wants you to have your portion. He wants you to follow in "the steps of that faith of our father Abraham" (Romans 4:12), walk in the same blessing, and help God get His property back!

"But Gloria, there's no way I could ever prosper like Abraham did. I come from a poor background and don't have much of anything. I don't have much education. How could the Lord make me a wealthy landowner?"

Abraham probably wondered the same thing. After all, he didn't have any land either once he did what God told him and left his home in Ur. Nor did he have any children. His wife, Sarah, was barren. Yet despite those contrary circumstances, when Abraham got to the land of Canaan, God said to him: "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered" (Genesis 13:14-16).

To Abraham, such things sounded impossible. He saw no way the entire land of Canaan could ever be his. So, he said, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I be sure that I will actually possess it?" (Genesis 15:8, *New Living Translation*).

God answered by telling Abraham to prepare an animal sacrifice. Then, once the animals were slain and their blood shed, God manifested Himself as a burning torch and walked up and down in the blood of those animals. In other words, He backed up His promise to Abraham with a covenant of blood.

What does that have to do with you and your life?

Everything! As a born-again, New Testament child of God, you too have a blood covenant



Luke 4:18
1 Corinthians 2:7-10
Amos 9:13-15
Acts 17:26
Deuteronomy 6:10-11
Proverbs 9:1
Proverbs 10:22
Proverbs 12:7
Proverbs 15:6
Proverbs 22:4
Proverbs 24:3-4
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Isaiah 32:17-18
Jeremiah 29:4-7
Jeremiah 31:12-14
Psalm 16:5-6
Psalm 31:19-20
Psalm 66:12
Psalm 68:6, 10, 19
Psalm 107:7-9
Psalm 107:29-32
Psalm 107:35-38
Psalm 107:41-43
Psalm 112
Psalm 118:5, 23

Thou hast caused men
to ride over our heads;
we went through fire and
through water: but thou
broughtest us out
into a wealthy place.
Psalm 66:12

Through wisdom is an
house builded; and
by understanding it
is established: And by
knowledge shall the
chambers be filled with
all precious and
pleasant riches.
Proverbs 24:3-4

By humility and the fear
of the LORD are riches,
and honour, and life.
Proverbs 22:4

The LORD is the portion
of mine inheritance
and of my cup: thou
maintainest my lot. The
lines are fallen unto me
in pleasant places; yea,
I have a goodly heritage.
Psalm 16:5-6

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with Him. Only yours is “a better covenant... established upon better promises” (Hebrews 8:6), and based on a better sacrifice (9:23). Your covenant with God—the new covenant—is founded on the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blood Covenant Increase Is Supernatural

Even though the old covenant wasn’t as wonderful as the new, the Israelites still did quite well on it. Think about how wildly they prospered when God brought them out of Egypt, for example. Just days before they left that place, they didn’t have any wealth or any way to get it. They’d been slaves for years. But God had promised centuries earlier that He would bring them out of there “with great substance” (Genesis 15:14)—and that’s precisely what He did.

He told Moses, right before their departure from Egypt, to instruct the Israelites to ask “the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.” The Israelites did so, and God “made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians” (Exodus 12:35-36, *New International Version*).

Talk about a fast financial turnaround!

Proverbs 13:22 says, “The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just,” and God got to the Israelites what had been laid up for them very quickly. He transferred into their hands the wealth of the nation that had enslaved them and did it so fast that one day they were broke and in bondage and the next day they were rich and free.

The Bible is full of such one-day turnarounds. The Israelites experienced them time and again. If you’ve read the Old Testament, you remember the stories:

One day the Israelites were marching around the impenetrable walls of the Canaanite-owned city of Jericho, the next day those walls had fallen flat, and the city belonged to the people of God. (Joshua 6)

One day the Israelites were starving to death and under siege by an enemy army, the next day they were eating well and dividing up the spoil of their enemies, who had fled and left behind all their food, equipment, silver and gold. (2 Kings 7)

One day an Israelite widow was so destitute she was about to be forced to sell her sons into slavery, the next day she was in the oil business. (2 Kings 4)

That’s the kind of increase that comes from being in blood covenant with God. It’s more than just natural increase. It’s more than just getting a raise at work. Blood covenant increase is supernatural! It’s a move of God! It’s God sending angels to dig up treasure and get it to you. It’s God working signs and wonders and doing things for you that only He can do.

How do you believe for that kind of increase?

You follow the instructions God gave Abraham. When He promised to give him and his descendants the entire land of Canaan, God said, “Abraham, lift up your eyes!”

When you read God’s promises of prosperity in the Bible, you can’t see by just looking around down here in this natural realm how those promises can come to pass in your life. You can’t see just by looking at your paycheck or your current bank balance how God could put in your hands the wealth of the wicked and make you a blessing to all the nations of the earth.

To see how that can happen you must lift your eyes and look to God. You must look up at the One who has worked miracles throughout 6,000 years of human history. The One who said to the Israelites when He promised them a land of their own and led them out of Egypt: “Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine” (Exodus 19:4-5).

The Israelites didn’t own one inch of property when they heard those words. They could hardly imagine themselves possessing a land big enough for them and all their descendants. So, God reminded them why it was possible. “All the earth is mine,” He said. “I have what it takes to make you a special people and I am giving you this earth.”

God is saying the same to us, as His children, today! He’s still saying to us, as the spiritual seed of Abraham, “The earth is mine to give, and if you will hear, believe and obey Me, I will give it to you.” He is saying, as Jesus put it, “Seek...first of all [God’s] kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides” (Matthew 6:33, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

God wants you to have “all things”!

He didn’t make this earth or anything on it for the devil and his bunch. He made it for His own family, and He wants you to have all that He has set aside for you. So, believe Him for it. Put faith in the blood covenant He has made with you, lift your eyes to Him, and take your promised land. 📖

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Bee Kind

Commander
Kellie's Corner

**Bee Kind. I didn't
mistake my spelling
of *be*.**

**As I was thinking about
how important it is
to be kind, the Lord
reminded me of
the bee.**

So after some research, I realized that the bee is a great example of what happens when we spread kindness and love. This example is true when we spread unkindness or gossip as well!

Bees are known for being busy. They go from flower to flower, plant to plant, collecting pollen to bring back to the hive to feed the young bees. The funny thing is, they do more than they realize when collecting pollen. As the bees land on a flower, the pollen collects on their legs. When they fly to the next flower, the bees not only collect more pollen for the hive, but they also leave behind some of the pollen that was stuck to their legs.

That may not seem important, but that one little action of spreading pollen from plant to plant is what causes more flowers to grow. More importantly than this for you and me, this process of pollination is what makes plants and flowers produce fruit, nuts, seeds, and more plants and flowers. Without the busy bee, plants could not produce more plants. He just lives his life, doing what he does, never realizing that he is making fruit happen.

Pollination is a good thing and produces good fruit! The word *fruit* doesn't just mean apples and oranges kind of fruit. The word *FRUIT* can mean anything produced as a result or effect. For example, the activity of the bee not only

produces pollination which makes actual fruit happen, it produces honey—another fruit (result) of the bee's activity.

HONEY is one of my favorite things the bee makes! How could something that can sting you make something so sweet? Like the bee, our words can bring something sweet or hurtful to our lives and the lives of those around us, even when we don't realize the effect we are having on others when we speak. Proverbs 16:24, *New Living Translation* says, "Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."

Verses 27 and 28 go on to say, "Scoundrels create trouble; their words are a destructive blaze. A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends."

pass these words and actions on to others, they can spread quickly from person to person just like kindness does. The difference is that instead of something sweet, hurtful fruit is the result.

For example, a person gossips (tells something unkind or bad about another person) and that person tells another and another, and what happens? Hurtful words spread from person to person. Because of one unkind "bee sting," someone is hurt. Then the hurt person can become another busy little unkind bee that stings someone else. You can see how quickly the hurts add up! And those hurts can last a long time.

Proverbs 26:22 says, "Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one's heart."

But verse 20 tells us that we can put a stop to them! "Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops."

Now, read Proverbs 16:24 again and compare the fruit, "Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."

When we decide to Bee Kind, the results are wonderful! We can go from hurts to honey, from stings to sweet!

Superkid, I know you want your fruit to be sweet. Psalm 19:8 tells us, "The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart."

We know that His commandment is to love, so we can pray this prayer from Psalm 19:14 and decide to let the love of God BEE OUR POLLEN, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

So, Bee Love, Bee Kind and Bee Joyful!

I'll Bee Back,
Commander Kellie



**"Our words can
bring something
sweet!"**

The words we speak and the actions we take are our own choice and that means that the resulting fruit of those words and actions is our choice too. We can have fruit that's sweet or fruit that stings. Humans are much like the plants and flowers. We thrive from our connections with others. We need each other, so how we treat one another is important.

Bee-ing Kind

When you are kind to someone, you leave a little kindness behind with that person. Kindness, love and joy are like pollen. When you show love to someone, they tend to spread love to others too. A loved person is more likely to spread love. This is true for other positive emotions and actions like joy, peace, excitement, mercy—you get the idea.

Bee-ing Mean

Like Proverbs says, strife, gossip and unkind words bring trouble and hurt to others. When we



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