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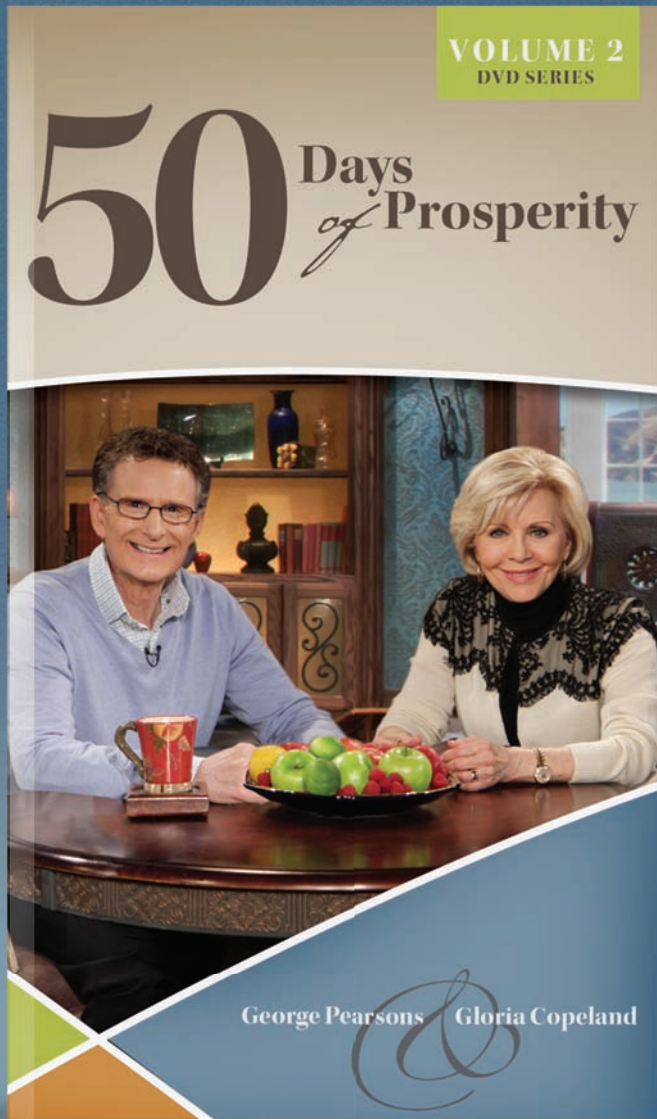
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If



anyone else had said it, none of us would believe it. But it's written in red in the Bible. It was said by Jesus Himself. So it has to be true: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

More than 2,000 years have passed since Jesus said those words, and most Christians are still wondering how they're ever going to live up to them.

"How can I possibly do the kinds of things Jesus did?" they ask. "He's the Son of God! He's Sovereign! He had the power to do anything He decided to do!"

No. Actually, He didn't.

When Jesus walked this earth, He had no special powers at all. According to the Bible, He emptied Himself of His divine privileges when He took on flesh and blood. He set aside the power that belonged to Him as a member of the Godhead, and became a man (Philippians 2:7).

Jesus didn't do one miracle or one healing—not one—by using some supernatural ability that uniquely belonged to Him as the Son of God. All the marvelous, wonderful

things that happened around Him and through Him all the time He ministered on earth, He did as a man filled with and anointed by the Holy Ghost.

He was so determined for us to understand that, He explained it in a way we couldn't possibly misunderstand. In John 5:19, He said, "The Son can do nothing of himself."

I realize this blows religion right out of the park, but it's true: When it came to doing supernatural works, Jesus was as powerless, in Himself, as we are. Just like us, on His own He could do nothing.

The Process Never Changes

"If that's the case," you might say, "then how was He able to do so many miracles, signs and wonders?"

by Kenneth Copeland



The same Holy Ghost who hovered over Mary hovered over you, and a holy thing—



That's a great question, and here's how He answered it: "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10).

Notice, Jesus connected the words He spoke with the works that were done through Him by the Father. He said, in essence, "I don't just say whatever comes to mind. I don't make up My own words. I speak God's words and His power does the work."

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, God's power worked for Him because He was *Jesus!*"

No, it worked for Him because He believed and spoke The WORD. It worked for Him because He understood and operated according to the process God has always used to get things done.

That process is revealed throughout the Bible. Look at Genesis 1, for instance. There, we see the Spirit of God moving upon the face of the waters, but nothing is being created. "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (verse 3, *New King James Version*). When God's WORD was spoken the Holy Spirit brought it to pass.

There's the process!

The same thing happened when Jesus was conceived. The angel delivered God's WORD to Mary and she said, "Be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). Then the Spirit of God moved in power on that

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WORD. A holy thing was conceived inside her and “the Word was made flesh” (John 1:14). Or, as one translation puts it, “the Word took upon itself flesh.”

That process has never changed and it never will.

It's how you got saved! The Bible says you were “born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Peter 1:23). The moment you accepted Jesus as LORD and said, “God, be it done to me as You have said in Your WORD,” the same Holy Ghost who hovered over Mary hovered over you, and a holy thing—a born-again human spirit—was conceived inside you. Old things passed away and you became a new creation in Christ Jesus!

God's WORD is the seed that gave birth to you. Since every seed holds within itself its own destiny and produces after its own kind, you're not just a little like Jesus—you have exactly the same DNA.

“But I can't operate in the power He did because I don't have the Holy Spirit in the same measure,” someone might argue. “According to John 3:34, He had the Spirit without measure.”

That's absolutely right, and the same verse tells us why: It wasn't because Jesus is the Son of God; it was because He “speaks the words of God” (NKJV).

The more we follow His example and operate according to the same God-ordained process, the more we'll see the powerful Holy Spirit working in and through us like He did for Jesus.

All Authority in Every Realm

Recently, The LORD put it to me this way. He said, *Authority comes by command*. When God commands you to do something—whether it's through the written WORD or by the inward leading of the Holy Spirit—the divine authority and the supernatural empowerment necessary to do it come with the command.

In other words, when you're obeying His orders, you have Jesus' full authority behind you. Not just a little piece of His authority. Every bit of it!

How much does He have?

All authority. In every realm.

Philippians 2:10 says that at the Name of Jesus every knee bows, “of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.” There's no name anywhere as powerful as the Name of Jesus; and as His joint heir, you have as much right to that Name as He does.

As a child of “the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Ephesians 3:14-15, NKJV), His Name is your name!

When you share someone's name by covenant, it gives you full access to all their resources. Gloria Copeland can go to the bank and take as much money out of my account as she wants to. She could clean it out and they wouldn't even call me. Why? Because my name belongs to her just as much as it does to me.

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No, I've never noticed her having that kind of attitude. She just walks around acting like Copeland is her name—because it is!

Let me give you another illustration.

Imagine you're a policeman. You've been commanded and given authority by the city to manage traffic. You even have a badge that tells everyone, “I'm authorized.” So you go out in the street, hold up your hand and order cars to stop. That works fine for a while but then some driver in an SUV decides he wants to keep going. There's nothing you can do because, although you've been authorized, on your own you don't have the physical power to stop him.

But what would happen if, along with the badge, the city equipped you with an Abrams tank?

You could drive that tank into the middle of the intersection and point the big gun that sticks out of the top toward the oncoming traffic. You could back up your authority with firepower! Even the lawbreaking driver in the SUV is going to stop when he sees that gun pointed

at him. He knows if he doesn't, that gun can blow his silly self clear off the map.

As a believer, if you've been born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit, you're like a policeman who has both the badge and the tank. You have the authority of the Name of Jesus and the firepower of the Holy Ghost. So, when you get a command from The LORD, you don't have to wonder how you're going to get it done. You can just say, "Sir, yes, Sir! I am Yours to command, Sir!"

Then you can put that tank in gear and proceed. If the devil tries to stop you, you can just run right over him.

Put on the Armor and Get Moving!

In Ephesians 6:11, the Apostle Paul put it this way: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

You may not think of armor as being as powerful as an Abrams tank, but it is when it's God's armor. The devil recognizes that armor when he sees it. Jesus was wearing it when He stripped him of everything he had.

Talk about a wealth transfer! All the kingdoms of the earth with all their assets were transferred into the devil's hand when Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden. But after Jesus was crucified, He transferred it all back. The devil lost everything that day. He lost all his possessions and all his authority. From the moment Jesus was raised from the dead, everything the devil has ever had he has stolen.

Nothing on this earth belongs to the devil anymore. It all belongs to Jesus—and you're His joint heir!

Think about that next time you're reading the Bible and you see a command like "lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). Think about it when God speaks to your heart and tells you to do something you know you have no power in yourself to do. Remember that Jesus owns everything, and He has given you the authority and the power to carry out His command.

At His Name, every devil that would try to stop you will be forced to yield.

Every demon that would come against you to try to keep that command from coming to pass must bow its knees in your presence!

"I don't know about that, Brother Copeland. I'll give it a try but lately it hasn't seemed like the devil is much afraid of me."

He will be if you start operating according to this process. If you speak God's WORD by faith and obey His commands, expecting Him to back you

with His power, the devil will flat get out of your way.

So do it! Put on the armor of God and get moving!

Don't just creep around in it like you don't have any right to it, either. It's the family armor, and you're a member of the family. Sure, it feels a little too big. Why shouldn't it? It's God's suit! But that's all right. Just do what Jesus said in Mark 11:22: "Have faith in God."



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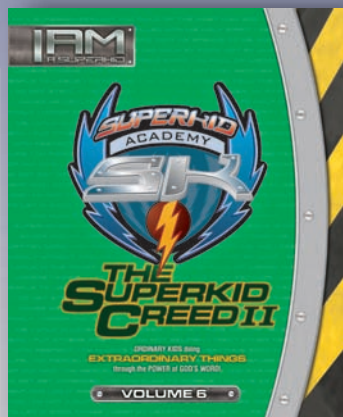
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Keep thinking faith. Keep talking faith. Keep saying, "God told me to do this thing and, praise His Name, I'm going to get it done."

I'll never forget when I first started learning about this. It was back in 1968 when I was down in South Texas preaching at a small church in Beaumont. The Asian flu epidemic had hit the city with a vengeance. So many people in the church were out sick that when I arrived the pastor said, "Brother Copeland, I don't know if anyone at all will turn up for these meetings. I couldn't guarantee you \$50 if you stayed a month."

"What difference does that make?" I asked. "Did The LORD instruct you to invite me?"

"Yes," he said.

"Well, He instructed me to come. The rest of it is up to Him."

At the first meeting, two people showed up. At the second, we had six. One of them got born again. (He was the only one of the group who wasn't already saved.) Another received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

After the service, a fellow came up to me and said, "Brother Copeland, I'm sorry to see you come down here. The big preachers have been here already and they couldn't have revival in this town. I know you can't."

You can imagine what a warm feeling that gave me. But I answered with faith. "I don't know what you're talking about," I said. "We're having a landslide here!"

He just shook his head and felt sorrier for me than ever. Obviously, since I hadn't been to seminary, I didn't know the difference between a flop and a

landslide.

I realized early on in those meetings, I'd better cast the care of them over on The LORD. Preaching two services a day to that little handful of people, I was tempted to cry and squall and say, "God, what am I going to do?" But I knew there wouldn't be any faith in that.

So I just reminded myself that I was there at The LORD's command. He told me to go there and preach The WORD. That was my job. He never mentioned anything about the size of the crowd. That was His responsibility. So I just left it with Him.

When people tried to console me because no one was coming to the meetings, I'd just smile and tell them, "I don't care."

They thought I was being irresponsible. But, really, it was the most responsible thing I could possibly do because I was obeying the Bible. It says, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

By the end of the week, that little church was crammed full. They had to raise all the windows so the people who were standing outside could hear. From then on, the church just kept getting bigger and bigger. I went back there every three months for almost two years and just had a big time!

God will do the same kind of thing for you in whatever He's called you to do. It doesn't matter whether you're a housewife or a fighter pilot, you can do the works of Jesus.

Just say what God says, armor up and do whatever The LORD tells you to do. 📖

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ADVENTURES IN FAITH



Ken Sprouse walked around his desk as the last bell rang. He shook hands with the young man whose tough exterior hid a three-digit IQ and a burning desire to be the first person in his family to climb out of poverty and earn a college degree.



"I'll make some calls and see what help you might qualify for," Ken told the young man.

Back at his desk, Ken sank into his chair with a sigh. It had been a long day but a good one. He loved his job as a high-school guidance counselor in Oklahoma City. He and his wife, Bea, shared a love for education; she was an adjunct professor at Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City.

"We knew we could have declared bankruptcy but we felt impressed that the Lord wanted us to pay off the debts. It looked impossible, but our hearts were set to obey God."

It was a good thing they loved working with kids because they sure weren't in it for the money. That's why after two years of teaching and completing his master's degree, Ken had spent four years learning the restaurant business. They wanted a way to supplement their income.

Both from salt-of-the-earth families in rural Oklahoma, Ken and Bea had married young and worked multiple jobs to put themselves through college, earning both their bachelor's and master's degrees. They had lived with one car instead of two, walking to work to save money.

There had been no frills but they had been happy, socking away every extra dollar they earned. They made a decision early in their marriage not to live off of two salaries, using Bea's for savings and investments. By the time they had graduated, they had paid for their educations and saved \$4700, which they put down

on a little house that needed a lot of work.

The concept of interest had been new to them, but when they looked at the amortization schedule and realized how much money they would actually pay for the \$13,000 they'd borrowed on their house, they were stunned. They fixed it up and sold it for \$25,000, reinvesting the money.

After buying their first car, they calculated the cost with interest and paid off the loan in seven months. From then on, they made car payments to themselves. Whenever they needed a car, they simply wrote a check.

Ken filed papers and straightened his desk. He was stunned at how well they had done. In addition to making money on real estate, now they owned 14 sandwich shops. Even though their restaurant businesses were profitable, neither Ken nor Bea had wanted to leave their first

love—education. Instead, they brought on a partner who offered sweat equity. A very intelligent Christian businessman, he helped with the administrative details, negotiating leases, picking up money, making deposits and handling the paperwork.

Ken was about to leave when the phone on his desk rang. It was their banker.

"Ken, you need to do something. You're overdrawn."

"That's impossible!"

Ken sank back into his chair and listened, feeling chills ripple across his scalp. They weren't just overdrawn. They were in financial ruin.

Desperate Times

"Our partner's wife was very sick and he must have gotten overwhelmed with his own financial problems," Ken recalls. "The paperwork looked like he'd been making all the deposits, but he'd been keeping the income from all 14 restaurants. He hadn't paid our leases, nor had he paid our suppliers. We had around \$300,000 in outstanding debts and lawsuits pending. We had no way to pay our debts and didn't have enough operating capital to keep the businesses open. I shut down all but three of the restaurants.

"About that time we met a man who asked if we had ever read *The Laws of Prosperity* by Kenneth Copeland. He loaned us his copy of the book. When I first started reading it, I

by
Melanie
Henry

thought it couldn't work. But we were desperate, so I studied it and looked up every Scripture reference. By the time I'd gone through the book the first time, I realized God had given it to us as an answer to our financial problems."

Two scriptures the Lord directed Ken and Bea to were Romans 13:8 (*New International Version*), "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another," and Proverbs 22:7, "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender" (*NIV*).

"As we prayed, the Lord said, *Get out of debt!* We knew we could have declared bankruptcy," Ken said, "but we felt impressed that the Lord wanted us to pay off the debts. It looked

bills and there was nothing left to get. In addition, they didn't have the money to wage war in court; neither did they feel that they could stay out of offense if they drew battle lines.

By now they were living on Bea's salary, using every penny of Ken's income to pay toward debts. They had tightened their finances until they could hardly breathe. The hardest decision they made was taking their daughter out of dance, which she enjoyed.

When Ken heard that his former partner's washer and dryer had quit working, he had a new set delivered to him.

Meanwhile, Ken went to every creditor and promised to pay off the debt, no matter how long it took. One of the biggest problems was the

couple of owners and I can't wait to tell them your offer. They need a good laugh too!"

He wasn't laughing when he called Ken back.

"They accepted your offer."

Ken and Bea continued to read and reread *The Laws of Prosperity*. They looked up Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

"We've got to give our way out of this," Ken said.

They tightened their finances even more, spending less on groceries and other necessities. They gave to their local church, and other ministries, including KCM.

At the end of the year their accountant was flabbergasted. "You *gave* more than you *made!* This doesn't add up!"

property leases. Their former partner had signed three- and five-year leases, some on balloon notes. Even though some of the properties were now occupied by new businesses, Ken and Bea were paying as much as 20-percent interest on the leases.

One Word From God

They owed \$12,000 on one lease. When Ken called the owner and offered \$3,000 to settle, he laughed. "You'll pay the entire amount, or I'll sue you!" he told Ken.

Call back and offer \$2,000.

Ken jerked around, trying to see who was in the truck with him.

No one; yet the voice sounded audible.

Bewildered but obedient, Ken called the man back. "I'm calling to offer you \$2,000 for a final settlement."

"I turned you down for \$3,000, why would I accept \$2,000?" the man said, laughing.

"I've rechecked," Ken explained. "All I've got is \$2,000."

"I'm going into a meeting with a

Give and It Shall Be Given

"For some reason cars always come to us," Bea explains. "During that time we gave away seven cars. But Ken gave the nicest of the seven to the man who stole our money and put us in this position. He wanted to make sure we walked in love.

"Even though we were doing everything we could, years went by with no light at the end of our financial darkness. We just pressed forward with faith. We were determined to keep paying on those debts until Jesus returned, or we went to the grave. Neither of us could see how we would get out from under the debt during our lifetime. Our accountant knew what we were going through, but we didn't tell family or friends."

Brother Copeland's book, *The Laws of Prosperity*, was still their constant message of hope. They wrote down the scriptures from the book, posting them in their house and cars—confessing them constantly.

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impossible, but our hearts were set to obey God. One of the first things we did was become Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. I spent months locked away devouring every book and tape KCM offered.

"We heard Kenneth live the first time at one of Brother Hagin's camp meetings. When Brother Copeland began holding the Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, we attended every year, immersing ourselves in the Word of God."

The Love Walk

As Ken and Bea studied the Word, read books and listened to faith teaching, one thing stood out above all else: Faith works by love.

Ken put his Bible down one evening and turned to Bea. "We can't afford to get offended, and we can't afford to give offense."

After praying, they decided not to pursue their former partner legally. First, the money had gone to medical

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Their friends, who owned a lake home, suggested that both wives and the children spend the summer at the lake. Ken and the other husband, Mike, would join them on weekends. As much as Bea wanted a respite, she knew it wasn't possible. They were living on her salary, and if she taught summer classes she could make \$2,438.22. It wasn't much, but it would make a huge difference in their lives.

At dinner one night, Ken and Bea talked nonstop with the other couple about *The Laws of Prosperity*. As they were leaving, Mike slipped an endorsed check into Bea's hand.

"I'm not taking your money!" Bea insisted.

"I won't take it back," Mike said. "That check has been lying on the counter for a month, and every time I picked it up to deposit it, for some reason I threw it back down. I know the money is yours."

At home, Ken and Bea were astonished when they opened the envelope and saw that the check was exactly \$2,438.22.

In the midst of their financial struggles, God had given Bea a paid vacation.

Cruising by Faith

Although Ken and Bea paid all their creditors regularly, one man sued them for \$5 million. During prayer, the word of the Lord came forth.

I've never lost a case.

Ken and Bea had so much peace that neither of them showed up for the court appearance. An attorney friend said he would drop by and tell them what happened.

Their friend slipped into the courtroom and watched in amazement as the man who had filed the lawsuit got into a fight with his own attorney. The attorney stood up and said, "That's it! I'm leaving!"

The judge dismissed the case.

After seven years, Ken and Bea had only one outstanding debt to a bank for \$25,000. When Ken

gave the bank president the final payment, the banker said, "I knew you said you would pay this debt, but I never thought I'd see the money. Many people claim that they'll pay their debts, but most do not."

To celebrate, Bea signed up to teach speed reading on a cruise and they took a free two-week cruise to Alaska. Over seven years they paid off \$267,000 of debt, not counting leases and lawsuits. During those same seven years, they paid off their home and all their personal debts.

One year later the Lord said, *Quit your jobs and start a school*. Bea was one year away from being vested at OSU, but they both quit their jobs and closed their last restaurant.

In 1987, they started Edmond Christian Academy, and in 1994, the Lord instructed them to start Edmond Christian Center. Located on 25 acres, there is no debt on the school or the church.

"When we had the property leveled, we sold the dirt for more than we paid for the property," Bea recalls. "There is a cell tower on the land and they pay us for air!"

"Had it not been for KCM, and especially *The Laws of Prosperity*, we wouldn't have been in the position to leave our jobs and fulfill God's plan for this school and church. Learning to live by faith has been the greatest adventure of our lives!"

In addition to being debt free, Ken and Bea Sprouse have enjoyed 12 free cruises, traveled the world and preached the gospel in India seven times. Their love of God is genuine and their joy is infectious as they teach another generation of people how to enjoy adventures in faith. 📖



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GoodNewsGazette

Restoration and Reconciliation

I'm an inmate and my prayer to be reconciled with my father has been answered!

D.D. :: Texas

Thank You for Standing With Us

Praise our Lord, for the healing of our son. Thank you for your prayers and for standing in agreement with us for his healing. We are blessed to be Partners with KCM. Yesterday we left for Durban with our son to see the specialist. Before we even arrived in Durban, our son was healed, and

his bowels started to work. So, no operation was needed. He is totally healed. Thank you, KCM, for all your teachings on the Word. Thank you once again for your quick response and for your prayers. May KCM be blessed beyond imagination.

R. and C.G.
South Africa

'A Miracle Happened'

I was in an accident and had two surgeries. I was not able to walk for a long time. Doctors told me that I would not walk at all, but praise God, a miracle happened: I started walking!

Kenneth and Gloria's broadcasts helped me a lot. I did everything I heard from them. I made notes and fed myself with the Word of God. I read all the scriptures on healing. I just lived in them—not listening

to what the doctors said. When I personally brought them the last X-ray results of my legs, they were amazed. They say, "Good work! You managed with it." But I know that it is God's glory, not mine. I am 58 years old. Recovering at such an age is not an easy thing, but not for the Lord! I often reread your books and every time some new truths open to me. I carefully examined the work of the Holy Spirit in my life. Every morning, I wake up and my first thought is Love. That is the thought sent by the Holy Spirit and He continues working with me in this direction.

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"...the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...according to the will of God."

(Romans 8:26-27, *New King James Version*)

Thank You for Preaching the Gospel

Praise the Lord for KCM! May 2012,

I became a Partner of this ministry, and I received a supernatural anointing to declare things over my own life. One day Kenneth was preaching



about the power and the authority of the believer. Since that day, Jesus released a supernatural anointing in the words I speak. I have the impression that since that day, I became a prophet [of my own life]. Glory to God! And, I was promoted on the job. Thank you, Copeland family, for your obedience to God to preach this gospel of prosperity. Now I'm reading your

book, *THE BLESSING of The LORD*. The revelation from this anointed book changed my entire life and family. Thank You, Jesus, for the blessing, which empowers us even today to get positive results like prosperity, health and blessed relationships.

We're attending the meeting in South Carolina. Yes, it's worth it to fly from Germany to the states. The spiritual growth my entire family is experiencing right now, because of the gospel which has been preached, pushes my spirit to visit you. My expectation is to attend that meeting, and get filled enough to change Germany. Jesus is Lord!

Linda F. :: Germany

Canada



God Intervened Miraculously

Three months ago, I called the KCM office in Langley, B.C., for prayer for my son-in-law who had just had multiple strokes and was in hospital. It was a trying time and the KCM minister prayed with me. My son-in-law started to improve. God intervened miraculously as he came home about three weeks later. Financially, God provided for his full salary to continue and the insurance company paid off his van loan of \$47,000. Today, he is back working on his job part time, praising God!

M.W. :: Canada

Doctors Said No, but God Said YES

I was told by doctors I couldn't conceive, but sowed seed into KCM and attached a note stating I was believing for a baby. After a medical procedure, I found out I was pregnant. The next day KCM called to ask if there was anything they could pray about. I shared the good news and we prayed. Later, complications developed, but we continued trusting God. I delivered a healthy baby girl and named her Faith.

J.C. :: Ontario


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God Protected Us

Recently, my daughter, grandchildren and I had gone to the zoo for a family outing. A fight broke out a little ways in front of us, with shooting and chaos, but God protected us.

G.J. :: Maryland

KCM Prayed and God Stepped In

I called KCM for prayer over my marriage after my husband said he wanted out after 26 years. God stepped in that night.

L.S. :: Florida

'I Received My Promotion'

I thank God for KCM, for its teachings about tithing and partnership. I received my promotion.

R.B. :: Kansas

A Partner Promoted

I'm a Partner whose part-time job turned into a full-time job with benefits!

S.J. :: Arkansas

Quick Harvest From Seed Sown

Dear KCM, I have to give praise to God! The Lord led me to sow into the offering at the Europe Victory Campaign in London a few weeks back for monthly provisions. Since then, my business as a music teacher has grown without my lifting a finger. I have gained six new pupils and two have contacted colleagues to say they want to start lessons. God has truly given me a quick harvest from the financial seed He directed me to give at the convention. This has increased my income and I am continually expecting more. He is limitless. God Bless!

Kimberley S. :: Nottinghamshire, U.K.

We Have Learned So Much From You

I started watching you on TV about eight years ago. I was sick, broke and housebound with panic spells and overwhelming fear. God started revealing things to me through His Word that just amazed me. I had been born again when I was 12 years old and I read my Bible a lot. I couldn't believe I had missed so much. You and Gloria quickly became my favorites. I ordered your tapes on fear and started rebuking the fear in my life.

We pray over our family every night and plead the blood of Jesus

over them. Our little 2-year-old grandson was outside the other day for about five minutes. I thought his dad was watching him and he thought I was. The baby fell into a small fish pond. It wasn't very deep but it would have come up to his chest and the bottom is slippery. The baby got himself out and I heard him

cry. Praise God, I know who really got him out!

We have learned so much from you and your family. I never realized how happy life could be. My husband is growing spiritually.... Thank you so much for being obedient to God's Word.

P.B. :: Pennsylvania

Excelled on Exams... Thank You for Your Prayers

I phoned earlier this year to ask for prayer with regards to my preparation and sitting for my June ACCA exams, and I would like to send in a praise report about my results. They were exceptional, and someone even mentioned I might receive a certificate of commendation. Praise God for His matchless grace.

I scored the highest, 86 percent, on a subject the tutors mentioned is usually the hardest for students to pass. And I sailed through on one I knew I was not adequately prepared for. I have just now phoned to thank God for this. Thank you so much for your love and faithfulness in the fellowship of the ministry of our Lord Jesus.

T.A. :: Edinburgh, U.K.

This Time It Was Different!

I phoned in and had a prayer minister pray with us for our daughter to quit smoking. During the prayer, the prayer minister said, "This time it will be different." My daughter quit smoking the same day, and even though she has quit three times before, she said, "This time it feels different." Praise the Lord!

R. and D.W. :: Canada

Shoulder and Hip Pain Gone!

Many thanks—I had pain in my shoulder for nearly four weeks. I even had pain in my hip last week and could hardly walk, and wasn't able to do my housework. Thank God I bought the *Healing & Wellness LifeLine Kit* last year. I used it for the first time and praise God, I am now fine.

P.B. :: Hertfordshire, U.K.

Immediate Breakthrough!

Thank you for your prayers when I called at the end of my tether regarding my husband's depression. God gave us the much-needed breakthrough that very day and is in the process of healing and restoration! Thank you!

A.T. :: Gloucestershire, England

KCM Europe office in Bath, England



Rumors of
WAR

FINDING PEACE

and Protection in Troubled Times

If there was ever a generation where people needed to know how to enter into God's protection and stay there, it's this generation. ∴ We face harm and harassment at every turn. People drive down the street shooting guns through the walls of houses. Wars and rumors of wars are commonplace news.

by Kenneth Copeland

There's the drug war. There's violence in South America and the African nations. Then there's the Middle East. It's literally all over the globe, staring us in the face.

Most people react to the danger in one of two ways. They either get calloused to it and ignore it...or they simply wring their hands and moan, "Dear God, help us." But neither one of those



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ways will get us through. Ignoring the problems won't make them go away and, frankly, neither will our helpless cries of despair.

We have to deal with the dangers around us. Whether it feels good or not. Whether it looks pretty or not. We have a part to play in them.

Jesus Himself knew we were going to have to face times like these. He warned

us about them in Matthew 24. There He said: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled" (verses 4-6).

See that ye be not troubled. That's what Jesus said we should do when we go through dangerous times. When we hear of wars and rumors of war, we're not to let it cripple our faith and throw us into anxiety. We're to refuse to let that trouble enter into our hearts.

We're also to guard against deception. "Take heed," Jesus said, "that no man deceive you." You know, these days everyone has something to say about what's happening. The news media. Politicians. Your next-door neighbor. Everyone! Even though those people don't intend to deceive you, they're looking at things through



Your future will be determined by your faith in God's WORD.

the world's eyes instead of through the eyes of The WORD of God.

If you'll let him, Satan will use them to fill your mind with worries. He'll use the media to bring to you all the terrors of war. To show you every kind of horrible thing you can think of. Why? To stir up hate and fear inside you. To deceive you into abandoning your faith and letting fear fill your heart.

He creates war outside you so that he can gain access to your insides. If it stays outside you, it won't accomplish his objective. He has to deceive you into opening your heart and mind and letting it in.

But you can guard against that by taking heed! By paying attention to what God is saying instead of what the world is saying. By concentrating on Him, looking at things through His eyes.

That means, whether you're the one who's facing danger or the one at home praying for a loved one who's facing it—you have to lock into God's WORD and stay there. It doesn't matter what's on television. It doesn't matter what's in the newspapers. Your future isn't based on that. Your future will be determined by your faith in God's WORD.

But I'll tell you right up front, it takes real commitment to keep your attention on that WORD when violence is breaking out all around you because that violence is specifically designed by the devil to distract you from it. Let me show you what I mean. For years, there have been prophecies about a great and mighty revival that would come at the end of this 20th century. Sure enough, we're beginning to see the evidence of it around us. Six months ago, during the Southwest Believers' Convention, we experienced such an amazing outpouring of the Spirit that every person there realized we'd stepped across the threshold of that revival. We knew it had begun.

Strangely, it was that very week that the incidents in the Middle East exploded quite suddenly. "What's happening here?" I asked The LORD. "What is this?"

He showed me that whenever He pours out His best, in a mighty display of power, people get healed and saved and delivered and encouraged and set free from the bondages that have held them. We call that outpouring "revival" and when it comes, Satan tries to counter it by pouring out his "best."

the fear and deception Jesus warned us about?

Settle the Victory in Your Heart

First of all, we have to come to the complete and absolute decision that *we are the victors*. The victory is ours and the battle is The LORD's. We must settle that within ourselves.

It's imperative that we do whatever we have to do to get that into our spirits. We must stay in The WORD; take Communion every 30 minutes if

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His best takes the form of relentless destruction, maiming, crippling disease and death. In its ultimate manifestation, we call that "war."

All through history, and particularly during this century, the revival of God has paralleled war. We've seen mighty outpourings of God during this 20th century, and at the same time, we've also seen mankind's most terrible wars.

Those wars have actually been Satan's specific attempt to sidetrack us, to take our attention off the outpouring of God and center us up on war instead. It's a diversionary tactic whose sole purpose is to stop the move of God.

How do we keep from falling prey to it? How do we keep from falling into

necessary; fellowship with The LORD until confidence in Him rises up within us and chases out every thought of failure and defeat. Not only for us as individuals, but for us as a nation.

Let me tell you something. After Jesus defeated the devil and left the earth, the Bible says He sat down on the right hand of the Father. He sat down expecting all His enemies to be made His footstool (Acts 2:34-35). Do you understand what that means?

It means Jesus is not standing up wringing His hands. He's seated, confident in His victory. So you and I need to start acting that way too. We need to talk and act like Jesus has actually taken authority over the devil and his bunch. We shouldn't go around

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crying and acting like He never went to the Cross. We shouldn't scream and carry on and wait for someone to come get the devil off of us.

No! We need to act as though Jesus has already won. As far as He's concerned, it's done. So we need to learn to act as though it's done as far as we're concerned too.

We need to say, "Thank You, LORD! Praise You, Jesus!" and tell the devil, "You take your dirty hands off me and my loved ones. Don't you realize that Jesus is seated on the right hand of the Father?"

Remember this: You don't look up at the devil, you look down at him. He's under your feet!

Is it possible to have that kind of confidence in the midst of the kinds of threats we're facing right now? Yes! The WORD of God says so. In Psalm 112, it says that the man who fears The LORD and delights greatly in His commandments "shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies."

That kind of person is locked in. He's sure that the victory is his. Once you have that kind of assurance, nothing—not even wars and rumors of wars—will be able to move you.

Speak Out Your Deliverance

The second thing we need to do to keep from falling into Satan's trap is to speak out loud about the deliverance of The LORD. Psalm 91 says, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will

I trust. Surely he shall deliver [me]...."

Notice that scripture doesn't say, "He will deliver me and then I'll go everywhere telling about it." No, it says, I'll *say* it and *then*, in response to what I've said, He will deliver me.

That's not just some super-spiritual idea either. It works. I know one soldier who, during World War II, survived a bombing raid by huddling underneath a bunk bed shouting out Psalm 91. By the time that raid was over, the bombs had destroyed the building he was in and everything in it, except that one little bed sitting right out in the middle of the room.

I have a close friend who did that same thing all through the time he fought in Vietnam. He was in hard infantry with guys falling around him left and right. But all the time, day and night, he held onto that 91st Psalm, saying right out loud, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee" (Psalm 91:7).

For two years he fought in the worst places with unbelievable danger all around him. But he was protected. He said of The LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress. He is my God, in Him will I trust. Surely, He shall deliver me!"

You can do the same thing those soldiers did. Take hold of that 91st Psalm. Say it to yourself so often that you absolutely know it by heart. Just go around muttering it again and again.

Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing, and hearing by The WORD of God. When you speak The WORD of God to yourself, your spirit hears it, and the more you hear it, the more your faith

grows. So, keep on speaking God's WORD of protection and eventually your faith in that protection will become so strong nothing will be able to shake it.

"Well, I don't know, Brother Copeland. That sounds like a lot of work."

You're right. It is a lot of work. But, that's what it takes to walk in the protection of God. It doesn't just come automatically. True, He's already provided it through His WORD and it's there for each one of us, but it's not going to leap on us from behind. We have to believe for it on a consistent basis or we'll miss it.

You see, even though The WORD of God is powerful, even though it's sharper than a two-edged sword, it can't do anything for you until you activate it. I don't care how many times you've heard The WORD preached or how many times you've read it, God says, until you mix it with faith, it profits you nothing (Hebrews 4:2)!

God's WORD contains the most powerful promises of protection on the face of the earth and it carries within itself the power to fulfill those promises, yet it won't do a thing in your life about protecting you until you make it the foundation of your faith.

It's like salvation. God has already provided it for anyone who will believe for it, act on it and receive it. But we have to use our faith to get in on it—and, like it or not, faith is labor. It's not some passive state you slide into accidentally. The book of Hebrews says we labor to enter into that rest of faith (Hebrews 4:11). We don't labor to fix the problem. We labor to enter into our rest with God.

What does that labor include? Sometimes it includes getting up out of your chair and turning off the TV and saying, "I'm not watching the world's news anymore. I'm tired of seeing this conflict through their eyes." It includes getting out your Bible and saying, "I believe that. I don't care what anyone else says. I don't care what the situation looks like. I believe God's WORD." It includes putting your faith first and protecting your mind instead of flooding it all the time with the things of the world.

Some people are afraid if they turned off the TV and buried their nose in the Bible, they'd be caught off guard by world events and they'd be unequipped to handle them. But the truth is, they'd be *more* equipped to handle them than ever before.

You see, the primary battles aren't taking place here on the earth where you can see them and hear them. They're taking place in the heavenlies. They're spiritual battles and you can't fight spiritual battles from a natural perspective. You have to get God's perspective. You have to put the spirit realm first.

What's more, the Bible says when you fight in the spirit realm, you don't fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places—and the weapon you use to fight with is The WORD. Ephesians 6 calls it the "sword of the Spirit" and it will fight the fight if you'll put it out there.

Follow the Rules of Faith

The third thing that will help you avoid the dangers the devil is trying to lure you into is this: Follow the rules of faith. In 1 Timothy 2:1-2 the Holy Spirit instructs us to offer "first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks...for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority." That means we're to pray not only for the good guys, but for the bad guys too.

If we're going to successfully fight this fight of faith, we're going to have to

obey God's guidelines. We can't jump up and start ranting and raving about what a maniac someone is.


Pay attention now. I don't care what dictator is doing what, keep your mouth shut and quit speaking out against him. Don't sing ugly songs about him or make up stupid jokes. Do what Proverbs 4:23 says and protect your heart against foolishness like that "with all diligence." I don't care how you feel about it. I don't care if your flesh rears up and gets mad. Put it back down and fight that battle in the heavenlies. Fight it with prayer and The WORD and keep your faith strong by guarding yourself against hate.

Hate will cripple your faith. It will cripple the power of God in you and you'll lose the spiritual ability to do what's necessary to protect the lives of those who depend on your faith.

That same thing holds true when you're actually the one doing the fighting. It doesn't matter whether you're in the cockpit of a fighter plane or in a foxhole, with a rifle in your hand or engaged in hand-to-hand conflict—you have to keep your faith first and stay out of hate.

You can't let hate for the man who's trying to kill you get inside of you. Even in a combat situation, the devil can't get to you if you're abiding by the rules of faith, covering your mind with The WORD and declaring the mercy of God. That was one of the secrets of David's success as a combat soldier. He fought his battles with God's power first and then his weapon—sword or stone and sling. Either one, backed by faith, could not be defeated.

Listen, my friend. No matter how much we try to ignore it...or how despairingly we cry about it, trouble *is* coming. It's constantly out there and it's heading right toward you every day, just like Jesus said it would.

But don't let that trouble trouble you. Instead, chase doubt out and settle the victory in your heart. Speak out the delivering power of The LORD and follow the rules of faith. You will surely see the salvation of God! 

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I remember when my wife, Phyllis, and I heard this for the first time. It seemed too good to be true. We’d always heard that “truly holy people” were poor because poverty and holiness go hand in hand. We’d been taught that being fully consecrated to God meant being poor—completely poor.



We weren’t alone in this belief. Millions of people believe this way even though it’s not biblical. Just look at what Ecclesiastes 5:19 says in regard to riches and wealth: “Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his

portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.”

Having riches and wealth is not contradictory to living for God. It isn’t against His will for our lives. In fact, this scripture shows us that He has given us wealth—and when the Lord gives us wealth, we can enjoy it. It glorifies Him!

Spreading the Good News

Jesus was dedicated to glorifying God. John 17:4 says, “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.” Bringing glory to God is

what we are called to do.

Jesus was also dedicated to destroying the devil’s works. First John 3:8 says, “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

Jesus came to glorify God and destroy the devil’s works.

One way to destroy the devil’s works is to refuse to focus on them—refuse to “advertise” for him. Instead, talk about all the good things that God has done. If people see how God has blessed us, they’ll begin to understand that He will do it for them too. It’ll open their spirits to

Keep in mind, the way you acquire something is more important than what you acquire.



the truth of His goodness and they'll be drawn to Him.

God is good, and He is *not* stingy. When blessing us, He operates in abundance. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The word *abundance* means "more than enough."

God is the One who blesses us abundantly. He is the One "that giveth the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:7). It's time that we, as His people, truly understand He is the net-breaking, ship-sinking, 12-baskets-left-over, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, cup-running-over, too much God! He's the God of increase and abundance.

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Abundance glorifies Him!

Questionable Means

Keep in mind, the way you acquire something is more important than what you acquire. The Bible mentions *unrighteous mammon* and *filthy lucre* which some translations of the Bible refer to as riches or wealth received by questionable means.

For instance, what would you think if a preacher took up an offering for an orphanage but spent it on a sports car instead?

You would rightly think that was *wrong!*

On the other hand, if a preacher sowed seed and believed God for a sports car and the Lord provided the money in an honest way, or someone gave him a sports car—that car would be a gift from the Lord. Right? There was nothing underhanded. There was only a man standing in faith and believing for God to provide a sports car.

God would get the glory for blessing that preacher.

What you have isn't the issue, it's *how* you get it and *who* is glorified.

Abraham understood that. In Genesis 14, when God delivered Abraham's family, the king of Sodom wanted to give Abraham some resources. But in verse 23 Abraham said, "That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet,

and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich."

Abraham knew he had a covenant with God and understood he was supposed to be rich. However, he knew

the king's way wasn't the right way. Had he accepted the king's offer, the king would have received the glory for making him wealthy. That wouldn't have been right. Abraham knew the riches he received needed to glorify God.

Confessions for True Prosperity

by
Gloria
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I walk in truth,
in the light of
God's Word,
according to His ways
and His wisdom. I
know the truth and
the truth makes me
free (John 8:31-32).

I prosper as my
soul prospers in
understanding of the
Word (3 John 2). I
live a godly lifestyle,
in obedience to what
God says is right.

Because I'm willing
and obedient, I eat
the good of the land
(Isaiah 1:19). Because
I fear the Lord, He
teaches me how to
choose the best and I
live within His circle
of blessing (Psalm
25:12-13, *The Living
Bible*). I separate
myself from darkness
and God is a Father
to me (2 Corinthians
6:17-18). His truth is
my shield and armor
(Psalm 91:4).

I believe; therefore
I say what God says
(2 Corinthians 4:13).
I am of faith, so I'm
blessed like faithful
Abraham (Galatians
3:9). The word of faith
is in my heart and in my
mouth (Romans 10:8). I
tell the mountains in my
life to be removed and
cast in the sea. I believe
that those things I say
shall come to pass, so
I have whatsoever I say
(Mark 11:23).

I honor the
Lord by
bringing
Him all the
tithe, so my
storage places
are filled
with plenty
(Proverbs
3:9-10). God
opens the
windows of
heaven and
blesses me
so there's not
room enough
to receive it
(Malachi 3:10).

I walk in
diligence and
obey God's
commands
and blessings
overtake me
(Deuteronomy
28:1-2). God
rewards me
because I
diligently
seek Him
(Hebrews 11:6).

I sow bountifully
so I reap bountifully
(2 Corinthians 9:6).
I give and it's given
back to me, good
measure, pressed
down, shaken
together, and running
over (Luke 6:38).

I walk in faithfulness and
I am blessed because
I constantly do what is
right (Psalm 106:3, *New
International Version*). I
receive what I ask from
God because I watchfully
obey His instructions and
habitually practice what
is pleasing to Him (1 John
3:22, *The Amplified Bible*).
I abound with blessings
because I am faithful
(Proverbs 28:20).

Don't limit your financial prosperity to only what you earn at your job. God has so many avenues, so many ways to get wealth and riches to you if you'll only believe in Him to do it.

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

God receives glory when He prospers us. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our condition is a reflection of our Shepherd.

To get a picture of how important it is to God that we prosper, I want you to imagine that you live in a part of the world where shepherds care for their sheep like they did in biblical times. Imagine that you grew up hearing many wonderful stories about a "good shepherd." One day you find out this good shepherd is visiting your village. You run to get a glimpse of him coming

down the path. *There he is. Wow—how noble he looks, you think. His garments are beautiful. Look at that ornamental staff and how regally he walks!*

Then you notice his flock following close behind. They're a pitiful sight... their ribs are sticking out and their wool is matted. Toward the back of the herd you see one sheep dragging its leg. It looks as if it's been broken for some time and has never been treated. The entire flock is in terrible shape.

Would you still consider this man to be a good shepherd?

No. You'd say, "I don't care what anyone says—he can't be a good shepherd. Just look at his flock!"

The devil, in all his craftiness, has endeavored to convince people that God is like this bad shepherd—that following Him means living like this flock. Sadly, he's been successful. For centuries, because of unbelief, God's flock has been in a miserable condition.

The Church doesn't understand why many people aren't interested in Christianity. But it's no mystery when God's people believe that Jesus, their Shepherd, is trying to teach them something through their poverty, or by their houses being blown down by tornadoes, or the cancer in their bodies. Why would anyone want to

follow a shepherd who allows his flock to live like that? Stealing, killing and destroying in no way gives glory to our Lord Jesus.

But when the flock is blessed, the Good Shepherd is glorified.

When other businesses are failing but yours is increasing—God is glorified. When your children are healthy while others' struggle with sickness all winter—God is glorified. When you live with this kind of abundance, people will ask, "Man, how do you do it?"

That's when you can say, "If you think I'm something, you ought to meet my Master. I've got a Good Shepherd who takes good care of me. He keeps my family from sickness. He keeps us from economic problems. He just keeps increasing us and by the way, He's still taking applications for His flock."

People want to serve a God like that! The goodness of God is what leads people to repent and come to Him.

It's the goodness of God that brings change.

Lord, Be Glorified

His goodness certainly includes material wealth. Haggai 2:7 says, "And I will shake all nations, and the desire

by Billye Brim

Victorious Christian Living



Speak words that will change your life

From the BVOV Archives: This classic teaching originally appeared in April 2000.

Not long ago, my son Terry had a visitation from the Lord that has since had a profound effect on both our lives where the words we speak are concerned.

He had gone to bed one night in total frustration—

both over some personal needs and some things we were seeking God about in the ministry—and cried out to God, "Do any of Your promises or laws work?"

His answer came quickly. At about 3 o'clock in the

morning, Terry was awakened and he heard God say: *God does not bless, or give to us according to what we deserve or what we may think is good, but by spiritual laws that He set into existence...These laws are powerful*

and active—so powerful and active they will keep a born-again Christian from receiving what God wants him to have.

God was talking to Terry about words, and how we use them. He reminded Terry that Peter

denied Christ three times before Jesus' death. Then, after His resurrection, Jesus asked Peter three times: "Peter, do you love Me?"

The Lord showed Terry that by asking that question, He was not questioning Peter's love but stopping the effects of the negative words Peter had spoken.

Before Peter ever denied Him, Jesus had said, "Whosoever therefore shall

confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33).

Jesus had to get Peter to counteract, or break the power over his negative words by speaking some positive ones. The Bible says, "For by thy words thou shalt be

of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.” When this scripture says “fill this house with glory,” it includes material wealth. Don’t limit your financial prosperity to only what you earn at your job. God has so many avenues, so many ways to get wealth and riches to you if you’ll only believe in Him to do it.

He so wants to bless us. Romans 9:23 says, “And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory.”

“Vessels of mercy” who have been “prepared unto glory”—that’s us! We are those who are destined to know “the riches of his glory.”

Begin to get this truth into your spirit. Acknowledge that God is the God of increase. Understand that He wants to bring abundance to your family, your home and your business. Believe that the Lord will be glorified through your finances. Then stand in faith for those around you, believing that they will see God’s goodness in your life and be drawn to Him because of it. As you do, God will be glorified.

If you want to glorify the Lord in your finances and other material areas, then pray this prayer with me: “Lord,

I pray that You will be glorified in my finances. In fact, Lord, I pray that You will be glorified in every material area of my life. Bring me into Your abundance in such a way that when people see or hear it, they’ll give glory

to You. I stand in faith for this to be manifest in my life and thank You for it. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

Remember—when the flock is blessed, the Good Shepherd is glorified! 🍷



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justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matthew 12:37) and, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21).

Take a moment to locate where you are concerning your words. If your words are not words of life, then they are words of

death. If you are not speaking victory, then you are bound for defeat.

God’s Word is sure. “Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed...and shall not doubt in his heart...he shall have whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:23).

What are you saying? 🍷



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by Gloria  Copeland

Change Your Words *and be healed*

Years ago, a man who'd been struggling with sickness made an absolutely classic statement to Ken. "I know God heals," he said, "I just can't figure out how to get Him to do it!" :: It seems a strange thing to say, especially since God has already provided healing for all of His children. Yet multitudes of believers can identify with it. They're confident God has the power to heal, and they've asked Him to do it.

But for some mysterious reason, they can't seem to receive.

If you ever find yourself in that situation, follow the example of the woman in Mark 5. She knew what it was like to have trouble getting healed.

"[She'd] had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse" (Mark 5:25-26). In other words, she was sick. She was broke. And she'd been that way for a long time.

If anyone ever had reason to say, "I can't figure out how to get God to heal me," this woman did. But she didn't take that attitude. Instead, she took a series of steps that connected her with God's power, and she



ended up hearing Jesus say, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole" (verse 34).

Faith, like God, is no respecter of persons. It works the same way all the time for everyone. That's why Brother Kenneth E. Hagin used to say, "If anybody will do the things that woman did, they can receive healing from anything."

I know that's true, not only from the Bible but from personal experience. So let's take a look at exactly what this lady did.

Hear It!

According to Mark 5:27, what first set her story in motion was this: She "*heard of Jesus.*"

Since faith comes by hearing the Word of God, it's no surprise that's how her healing miracle started. She heard the Word. If we're going to have faith to receive healing, that's where we'll have to start, too.

Exactly what Word did this woman hear that so ignited her faith?

Acts 10:36-38 tells us. It says: "The word which

God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ.... That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea.... How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Those verses capture, in a nutshell, the message of the gospel! They tell the good news about Jesus: that He has come to bring *peace*, which in Hebrew means "to be whole, with nothing missing, and nothing broken." That He has come to heal all who are suffering from sickness and oppression, which are works of the devil. That He's been sent by God to do us good.

Such news probably made a lot of sense to this woman.



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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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After all, she was Jewish. She'd most likely been taught from the Old Testament scriptures that God always wants to do good things for

people. As Psalm 145 says, "The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. You open Your hand and satisfy every living

thing with favor" (verses 9, 16, *The Amplified Bible*).

Isn't it great to know that when it comes to dispensing favors, the Lord has an open

hand? Aren't you glad it's His will for us to receive everything good?

"Yes," you might say, "but how can I be sure that healing is always a good thing? I've heard it preached that God occasionally uses sickness

to teach us something, and at those times it's a blessing."

That's not what the Bible says! In fact, it says the exact opposite!

It lists every kind of sickness and disease as a part of the curse, and

declares that Jesus redeemed us from that curse. (See Deuteronomy 28:58-61 and Galatians 3:13-14.) It tells us sickness entered the world as a result of sin and Jesus bore it on the cross—along with every bad thing—so we could go free.

Isaiah 53:5 puts it this way, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

That's an Old Testament scripture and the woman with the issue of blood probably knew it. She may not have understood it like we as New Testament believers do today, but one thing's for sure: She heard the word that Jesus was healing all who came to Him for help. And that report caused her to believe He would heal her too.

Say It!

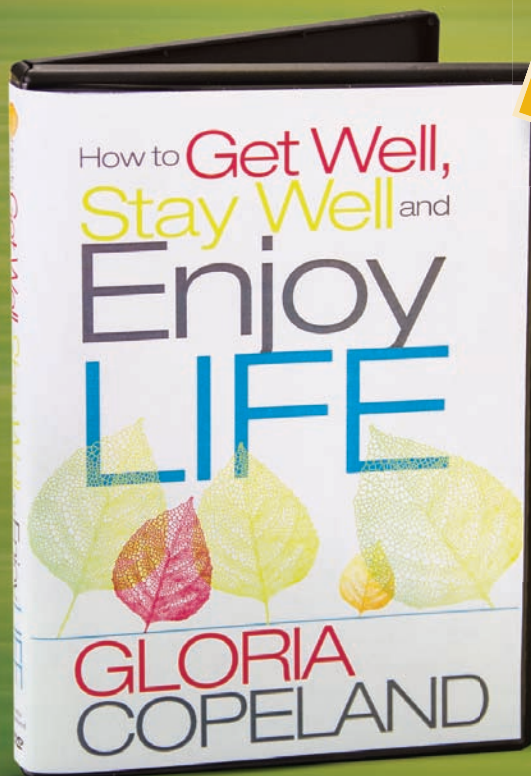
What did she do next?

She spoke words of faith. "She kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health" (Mark 5:28, AMP).

That's how faith always talks. It says what God says. So if we're going to receive healing like this woman did, that's what we'll do too. We'll speak the Word!

If we don't speak the Word, our faith is not put to work. That's why we need to spend time every day in the Bible. If we don't keep the Word in front of our eyes, and in our ears and in our hearts in abundance, we won't talk right. We'll talk like the world talks. When a flu epidemic hits town, they say things like, "Oh, I'm going to get that flu, sure as can be. I feel like I'm already coming down with it. I always catch whatever is going around."

If you've been saying those kinds of things, quit it! Instead, start quoting verses like Psalm 91:10 that promises no evil shall befall you, nor any plague or calamity come near your tent. Start saying things like, "I'll never have the flu because I'm healed by the stripes of



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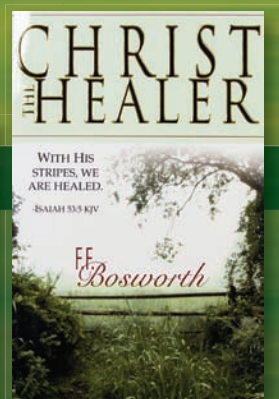
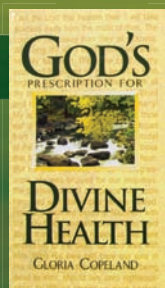
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Jesus. The flu is under the curse and I've been delivered from it. It shall not come near me!"

Don't be timid about it, either.

I used to be a little timid but I got over it. Now I'm bold about declaring the Word and resisting the devil! Ken and I are both that way. One day, we were in the airplane and a tornado dropped down out of a cloud in front of us. We didn't waste a second. We immediately spoke to that funnel cloud and said, "You get back up there, in the Name of Jesus!" Sure enough, that thing went—*whoosh!*—right back up into the cloud.

We do the same thing with healing. When we have a pain or a symptom, we deal with it. We aggressively use the authority that belongs to us in Christ. We say, "No you don't, devil! You're not putting that on my body. I'll have no pain, in Jesus' Name. I'm not taking it. Now you get out of my body!"

The Bible says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). As believers, that's our job. It's our responsibility to exercise our God-given authority over the devil by rebuking him with God's Word. So that's what Ken and I do—and you should too.

You don't have to call the prayer group or wake up the pastor in the middle of the night when trouble comes. You can talk to it yourself. Talk to those symptoms. Talk to the sickness and disease. Speak the Word!

Act on It!

Once the woman with the issue of blood heard the Word and said it, she went into action! She did what she knew to do. She pushed her way through the crowd that was pressing in around Jesus and touched His clothes (Mark 5:27).

In other words, she put feet to her faith. She behaved as if what she believed and said were true.

When I teach Healing School, I always encourage people to do this.

After they've heard the Word and I've prayed for them, I say, "Begin to do what you couldn't do before: If you couldn't bend over, then bend over. If you couldn't lift your arms, lift them. If you couldn't walk, walk in the Name of Jesus."

It's amazing what happens when people obey those instructions. Miracles take place, healings manifest—every time!

Actually, acting on and obeying God's Word is the key to being blessed in every area of life. It positions us to receive God's goodness in our spirit, soul, body, finances and everywhere else. As Proverbs 3:1-2 (AMP) says: "My son, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you."

That's the way Ken and I started getting things straightened out 45 years ago. We had more problems than we had any idea how to solve, but we got born again and we got filled with the Spirit. Then, we began to hear God's Word and act on it, and the Word changed everything in our lives for good!

"But Gloria," you might say, "I'm just getting started in these things. I'm learning as fast as I can but I don't know everything the Bible says. How can I be sure I'm obeying it?"

It's simple. Romans 13:10 says, "Love fulfills the requirements of God's law" (*New Living Translation*). As Christians, love is our law. So if we're walking in love, we can be sure we're walking in line with God's Word. Then begin to fine tune your walk and your love life. Obey God's Word in everything. Be quick to obey and make changes.

Right before Jesus went to the cross, He said it this way: "A new commandment I give unto you, That

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ye love one another; as I have loved you” (John 13:34).

Of course, we have to be born again to obey that commandment. If we were the same old, sinful creatures we used to be, we’d keep on doing the same old things and getting the same old results. But, praise the Lord, that’s not the case! Because Jesus is now the Lord of our lives, we’ve been made the righteousness of God. We’re partakers of His divine nature. We have the ability to obey His Word!

If we’ll do it, if we’ll keep God’s commands, Jesus said He’ll manifest Himself to us and make Himself to be clearly seen by us (John 14:21, AMP). That means He’ll show up and do us good. He’ll bless us and heal our bodies.

Acting on God’s Word, walking in obedience to the command of love, is everything when it comes to living free, living healed and prospering. I’m not saying we have to be perfect. We all stumble from time to time. When we do, we can just run to God, repent and receive His forgiveness.

Then we can straighten up and get right back up and keep walking in the light of love.

Take It and Tell It!

When the woman in Mark 5 acted on her faith and touched Jesus’ clothes, it was more than just a physical action. It was spiritual too. She actually reached out with the hand of faith and took (or received) from Him the healing she needed. That’s what made

her touch different from everyone else’s.

Any number of people had touched Jesus that day without receiving anything. But when this lady got hold of Him:

Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague (verses 30-34).

It’s one thing to reach out to the Lord hoping to get healed. It’s something else to take, by faith, the healing He has already provided. That’s why, when I’m ministering in Healing School, I tell people to say, “I take my healing now!”

I’ve learned from experience, once they say that, we’d better have the microphones ready because the testimonies are about to start. People will be coming to the front of the

auditorium to tell what Jesus has done for them.

I’ve heard it again and again.

“My back was hurting when I came today. I had a bulging disk in my spine. But now the pain is gone!”

“I was deaf in one ear when I came today—and now that ear is open. I can hear!”

“I had a lump under my arm when I came in today. The doctors said it was cancer. But now it’s gone!”

That’s the kind of thing the woman who was healed of the issue of blood said to Jesus. In front of the whole crowd, she told what He had done for her. She testified of her healing.

It’s been a long time now since I first heard Brother Hagin preach about that woman. It’s been more than 40 years since I heard him say that anyone who will do the things she did can receive healing from anything. In those years, I’ve seen it proven more times than I can count. As I’ve taught Healing School, I’ve seen people healed from almost everything imaginable, and keep their healing, by simply doing these things:

1. Hear and believe the Word;
2. Say it;
3. Act on it;
4. Take it;
5. Tell it.

Thank God, it’s a five-step plan that’s worked for thousands of years. If you’ll put it to work in your life, you too, will soon be giving testimony that Jesus still heals today! 🙏

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REACTION TOUR: Empowering Kids, Changing Nations



Kampala,
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The Reaction Tour team led by Courtney Copeland and Jordan Keiser, including elite worship leaders and sports trainers, recently returned from their first ministry trip to God Cares Orphanage in Kampala, Uganda. The group ministered to 387 children from the orphanage and neighborhood.

“We teamed with God Cares Orphanage and Pastor Bethuel Dongo to give these kids a camp where they not only had fun increasing their sports skills every day, but also experienced the power and presence of God in morning and evening worship services,” said Courtney, who is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. “The funds from everyone who joined us in prayer and support provided all the equipment we needed, as well as three meals a day for the kids, and a place to stay. It was so exciting to see these kids’ faces change from looks of ‘I need something’ to ‘I have something.’”

The Reaction Tour was established in 2012 as the fulfillment of a vision Courtney had to “reach kids with a camp experience like no other—with training in both sports and the Spirit.” Kenneth Copeland Ministries has teamed with Reaction Tour in their quest to “extend life to the

upcoming generation so they can fulfill God’s ultimate calling on their lives, as they react to the power of the Holy Spirit.”

When debriefing her grandfather, Kenneth Copeland, about the trip, Courtney and Jordan told of some kids they discovered rummaging through the camp’s trash heap. Jordan invited them to the camp, and they didn’t leave his side most of the week.

In response, Brother Copeland said: “Wherever you go, just like *you* join together to minister, there are angels joined together, starting to work on the mission in areas and realms we are not aware of.”

The team was thrilled that a Ugandan national newspaper picked up the news of their ministry and published a front-page article about their visit. With this story, God has set up the nation for inevitable change that will come from this week of sports and spirit camp with these kids in Uganda!

During the week of ministry, about




80 percent of the kids in attendance responded to the Lord for salvation, healing and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, said Courtney.

“In places in the world like this, where the people have a keen understanding of the spirit realm, they eagerly receive the message of Jesus and immediately begin to allow Him to help them in their supernatural warfare,” she said.

Reaction Tour plans to return to Uganda, and is seeking the Lord’s direction regarding other places and organizations around the world they can reach out to as they endeavor to empower this generation of kids who will ultimately change their nations!

“Thanks to everyone who supported our first Reaction Tour outreach,” Courtney

said. “Your faith and prayers were tangible as we ministered and witnessed the work of God with the kids. And your financial support made it possible... supplying EVERYTHING for these kids, including travel, accommodations, meals, equipment and outfits. This was truly ‘something’ they have never had before!”

You can find out more about Reaction Tour’s recent trip, and about the ministry, by going online to reactiontour.com. 

A Ugandan national newspaper picked up the news of their ministry and published a front-page article about their visit.



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