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Editor's Letter



Happy Birthday, Sir!

Steadfastness, commitment and integrity! These three words always come to mind when I think of our founder, Kenneth Copeland, who, on the eve of a historic 55th anniversary of this ministry, celebrates his 85th birthday this month! What an honor it is to partner with such a faithful, dedicated man of God who, along with his precious wife, Gloria, have committed their lives to going around the world preaching the uncompromised Word of God. Only God knows the number of lives that have been changed for the good, and the souls saved through their shared message that Jesus Is Lord!

I'd love to say those three descriptive words are my own. But in truth, I borrowed them from Kenneth and Gloria's son, John, who says it's the only way he knows to describe his parents and their ministry. KCM, John says, "is a ministry built on the Word of God and faith—one that represents steadfastness, commitment and integrity. You won't find any two people more sold out to God and His call on their lives than my parents. And you won't find a ministry more determined to fulfill its commission to preach the gospel to the nations than Kenneth Copeland Ministries."

In just a few months, KCM will mark its 55th year of ministry. That's 55 years of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, with the support of hundreds of thousands of Partners and Friends around the world, faithfully standing in faith that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God. It's been an exciting and rewarding journey, and we are thankful that you, our Partners and Friends, have been along to experience it with us. Beginning in January, BVOV will pay tribute to KCM by taking a look back and reminding ourselves of God's goodness and His faithfulness to this ministry. We'll remember some of KCM's historic moments, like the beginning of the TV ministry and this publication. And we'll remind ourselves and share with you some little-known facts in KCM's history, like how the slogan "Jesus Is Lord!" came to be.

As a prelude, I invite you to read the inspirational tribute to Kenneth on Page 10 from Oral Roberts that honored Kenneth on his 70th birthday and the 40th anniversary of KCM.

I hope you will join us in 2022 for an exciting, yearlong celebration.

Merry Christmas!

Ronald C. Jordan
Managing Editor



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—Gloria Copeland

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on to a family
member or friend.



When The LORD first spoke to us about starting the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, He said: *This is your seed. Give it to everyone who ever responds to your ministry, and don't ever allow anyone to pay for a subscription to it.*

For 48 years it has been our joy to bring you good news through the teachings of ministers who write out of living contact with God, and the testimonies of believers who took God at His WORD and experienced His victory in everyday life.

—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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Do you remember how easy it was to get born again? If you're a believer, I'm sure you do. You simply accepted Jesus as your LORD and Savior. As Romans 10:9 says, you confessed Him with your mouth, believed in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and—*just like that!*—you got saved.

It was the easiest thing you ever did.
Why was it so easy?

Healing Is Here

Because Jesus did the hard part a long time ago.

He took on Himself the sins of all mankind and died on the Cross to purchase our forgiveness. He went to hell in our place, defeated the devil and rose from the dead. Then, He went back to heaven and prayed for the Father to send the Holy Spirit, to deliver to us everything Jesus paid for us to have, so that we could receive it by faith—anywhere, anytime.

Talk about good news! This is the best news ever: Salvation is here! The Savior has come and it is so easy to receive from Him!

What's more, He hasn't come only to save us from sin. He paid the price for us to be saved from every work of the devil, including sickness and disease. As Isaiah 53:4 says, "Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains—he hath carried" (*Young's Literal Translation*)... "The chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole" (verse 5, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

It's just as easy to accept Jesus as Healer as it is to accept Him as LORD and Savior! Most Christians just haven't realized it because they've been taught wrong. They've heard things in church like, "Sometimes God heals and sometimes He doesn't. You just never know what He's going to do. You can always ask Him to heal you and then if you don't get any better, you'll know that healing isn't His will for you."

Every one of those statements is totally unscriptural!

We *do* know what God is going to do. He will do exactly what He said in His WORD—every time, all the time—for anyone who will believe it and receive it.

When it comes to the new birth, this is generally understood. No real Christian anywhere would say to someone seeking salvation, "Well, sometimes God saves and sometimes He doesn't. If you ask Him and you don't feel anything, then apparently redemption isn't His will for you."

We know better than that!

Salvation is God's will for everyone. Jesus has provided it and extended the

by Kenneth Copeland



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invitation: “Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17). By the power of the Holy Spirit, salvation is present in the very atmosphere. It may not always be received, but it’s always here.

The same is true about healing. We don’t have to wonder if it’s going to come when we pray for it. *The Healer has already come!* By the power of the Holy Spirit healing is present 24/7. It’s not always received but it’s always here.

“But Brother Copeland, how can healing be here without me being able to feel it?”

Just like the room you’re in right now—it can be full of television and radio broadcasts that you can’t see or hear. They’re right there all around you on the airwaves. You can’t perceive them with your natural eyes and ears. Yet, if you have a receiver (a radio, television, smartphone app or whatever) you can pick up those broadcasts whenever you want. All you have to do is turn on your receiver and tune in.

You have such confidence the broadcasts are there, if you get in your car and you can’t pick up any stations on the radio, it doesn’t even occur to you that the problem is with the broadcaster. You don’t call all the radio stations and say, “Hey, you guys need to fix your machines. You’re not putting out anything.”

No, you get your receiver fixed!

The No. 1 Way To Receive

Once you realize it’s already here, you can take the same approach toward healing. If you’ve been praying for it and it hasn’t shown up yet in your body, you can have confidence that the problem isn’t with God. You’re not waiting on Him to heal you. His healing program is complete, and it’s being broadcast 24/7. You just need to turn on your receiver and tune in.

How do you do that?

First and foremost, through The WORD of God.

There are other ways to receive healing, such as through the gifts of the Holy Spirit or the laying on of hands, but receiving by faith in The WORD of God is the best. It tops the list of ways to get healed because the gifts of the Spirit aren’t always readily available. Someone may not always be available to lay hands on you, but you can always believe The WORD. It will work for you no matter what your situation, just like it did in Mark 5 for the woman with the issue of blood.

Have you ever read about that woman? She didn’t have anyone to lay hands on her. A shut-in, she’d suffered from a flow of blood for 12 years and according to religious law she was untouchable. But when she “heard the reports concerning Jesus” (verse 27, *AMPC*)—who was anointed by God with the Holy Ghost and with

power, was going about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil—faith arose in her heart.

She believed the reports, gave voice to her faith, and the result was corresponding action. She got up out of bed, went to find Jesus, and pushing her way through the crowd that surrounded Him, she touched the hem of His robe.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that power had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?... And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.... And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague (Mark 5:28-30, 32, 34).

“We can’t get healed like that today!” someone might argue. “Things are different now. Jesus isn’t here anymore in a form where we can physically touch Him.”

That woman wasn’t healed by Jesus’ physical touch. According to Jesus, her *faith* made her whole!

Faith isn’t any different now than it was back then. Neither is Jesus. He is “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8). He’s still here on earth in the Person of the Holy Spirit, and “all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen” (2 Corinthians 1:20, *New King James Version*).

Notice it’s not just *some* of God’s promises that are yes and amen in Him. It’s not win a few, lose a few. In Him every healing scripture in the Bible is **yes!**

Exodus 15:26: “I am the LORD that healeth thee.” **Yes!**

Exodus 23:25: “Ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he [your angel] shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” **Yes!**

Psalms 103:2-3: “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.” **Yes!**

Malachi 4:2: “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.” **Yes!**

Matthew 8:16-17: “They brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken

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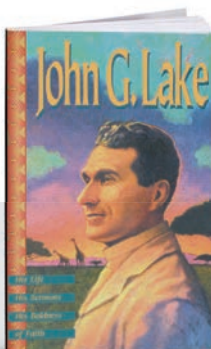
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by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." **Yes!**

1 Peter 2:24: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." **Yes!**

3 John 2 (NKJV): "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." **Yes!**

These verses alone are enough to fire up your faith—and they're just a few examples. The WORD of God is full of healing scriptures, and in Christ they're all yours. They're yours to believe with your heart and confess with your mouth. They're yours so that, as surely as the woman with the issue of blood, you can reach out and take your healing with the hand of faith.

Get Up Off the Couch

That's what LaShae McKinney did. If you've been to Healing School lately, you've heard her testimony. She was diagnosed a few years ago with lymphoma cancer. Just a young woman, she was told by doctors she had only 30 days to live.

"I was breathing like a 93-year-old woman," she says. "My liver and spleen were 200 times larger than they were supposed to be. I didn't have the energy or the breath to do anything. Walking by the mirror I saw the shadow of death and fear gripped my heart. I knew by the looks of things I wasn't going to make it."

A minister and a Partner of this ministry, LaShae knew what The WORD says about healing. She'd preached it. But overwhelmed by the diagnosis and the symptoms of the disease, all she did for the first couple of days was lie on the couch.

Then her father said something that got her attention. A minister and man of faith himself, he told her, "You're going to die if you don't get up from there. You are a minister of the gospel. The devil is fighting you because of what you are doing positive in the kingdom of God. Physician, get up, and heal yourself!"

LaShae got the message and grabbed her Bible.

"I'd heard from Gloria Copeland that we should take The WORD like medicine," she says, "that we should take it by mouth three times a day and if the situation gets worse to double the dosage. So that's what I did."

For 28 days, three times a day, she walked the floor quoting healing scriptures, prophesying them over her life. During those 28 days her body seemed unchanged. She didn't feel any different. On the

29th day, however, something happened. Faith kicked in and she knew in her spirit she was healed.

"I went back to the doctor, and had X-rays taken again," she says. "They brought in one specialist to look at them, then another and another. Eventually five specialists were there talking among themselves.

"Finally, one of them came over to me. He showed me the cancerous X-ray from 30 days before along with the new X-ray and said, 'Where is the cancer? It's not here!'"

Why wasn't it there? Because LaShae refused to stay on that couch and give in to it. She got up and fed her faith and refused to quit. She stayed in The WORD because she knew the Healer had come, and healing is here. She just needed to get her receiver turned on and tune in to it.

Another one of our Partners shared with us a similar story. A lovely young woman, she was having a lot of trouble with her body retaining water. Her condition was so serious the doctors told her she'd have to wrap her body in compression bandages the rest of her life just to be able to function.

It took her over an hour every day just to put on the bandages. Plus, they were so heavy they made her miserable. "This is no good," she said.

Then one day, watching the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, she found out about Gloria's healing package and ordered it. The CD in it so ministered to her, she listened to it over and over. As time passed and she kept immersing herself in The WORD that was on that CD, she started getting better, little by little. Eventually the problem she'd had with water retention totally went away.

"Wait a minute," you might say, "surely you're not suggesting that I listen to the same healing message over and over!"

That's exactly what I'm suggesting. You eat the same physical foods over and over, don't you? If you like eggs for breakfast, you eat them repeatedly. You don't have to have something different every single morning. You keep eating what you like.

Why not do the same with spiritual food? In addition to feeding on a variety of healing messages and scriptures, when you find one that really excites your spirit, keep going back to it. Keep letting it build your faith.

As you do though, remember you're not building your faith in order to get God to heal you. He loves you so much He provided healing for you a long time ago. He has already declared it in His WORD: "By [Jesus'] stripes you were healed."

Just as with the new birth, Jesus has done the hard part. He paid the full price for your healing and He's so easy to receive from. The Healer has come.

Healing is here!



SALVATION IN EVERY AREA IS HERE!

Dear Partners and Friends,

The good news of Christmas is this: Salvation is here!

The day Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God's plan for the salvation of all mankind began its final stage. Jesus would live a sinless life, die a substitutionary death, and be raised again to glorious life! And God's plan was that we inherit the full BLESSING of salvation—to be made whole spirit, soul and body!

From the day of Jesus' birth right up until now, God's salvation plan has been working throughout the earth. In every nation, tribe and tongue people are being saved, delivered, healed and totally set free from the works of the enemy. People are hearing God's WORD, believing it and declaring "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" (Acts 10:38). And salvation in every area is here!

Jesus fulfilled all God ordained for Him to do to secure salvation for mankind. And He has given us the mission simply to tell people what He has provided. We give them God's WORD, they believe it and speak it, and salvation is theirs!

As we go into 2022, we go with great expectation that the good news will bring salvation to untold thousands upon thousands throughout the earth. The LORD has impressed upon us that 2022 will be an extraordinary year of "Correction, Direction, Protection and Perfection In the Spirit and Soul—In Finances, In Churches and In Government." This will be our focus for the year, in prayer and in ministry. We are encouraged to know we have you, our Partners and Friends, in agreement with us in all these areas. Every day, we thank our heavenly Father that together, we are an anointed team of believers delivering the good news of Christmas to our world!

We will be praying for you and with you this Christmas season as we all celebrate Jesus, our Savior! The Copeland family will be enjoying time together, and you will be with us in our thoughts and hearts. We love you!

We declare the days ahead will be filled with the reality of salvation and all it includes. We declare the coming year to be one of great BLESSING to you and yours!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kenneth & Gloria



Editor's Note:

The year 2022 marks the 55th anniversary of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. It is also the anniversary of several historic moments that have taken place at KCM throughout the years—all of which will be featured in these pages next year. In December 2006, in honor of Kenneth Copeland's 70th birthday and the 40th anniversary of KCM, the late Oral Roberts, who was Kenneth's spiritual father, wrote the following congratulatory letter to Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

1966: Kenneth Copeland (center) ministers with Oral Roberts (far left), as Kenneth's parents, A.W. and Vinita Copeland (upper left) look on.

TRIBUTE FROM ORAL ROBERTS





Well, hello everybody. I just wish that I could be there with you today, to be there in person on this 40th anniversary of our beloved friends, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

Forty years ago, I guess back in one year, 39 years ago, they drove into the entrance of Oral Roberts University. They drove through the flags that represent the different nations where all of our students come from—more than 50 nations. And Kenneth enrolled as one of the oldest freshmen that we had. And later, the first brush I had with Kenneth was through my crusade associate, Bob DeWeese, who was also our pilot. And he said, “Oral, I need another pilot and we’ve just had a crack pilot enroll at ORU.”

“What’s his name?”

“Kenneth Copeland from Fort Worth, and I think your wife, Evelyn, knows his mother.”

And later I found out that Evelyn did know his mother and they were good friends.

Well, we hired Kenneth to fly us to our crusades and other places, and Kenneth ended up doing more than being a pilot. He became my driver from my hotel to the crusades, or if a city was near enough to Tulsa, we would drive. And Kenneth also became the one to prepare the invalids in a special place, a special tent that we had alongside the big 10,000-seat tent, for the ambulances and others that brought the sickest people you ever saw to receive prayer. And Kenneth’s job was, when I was preaching, to be listening. And at the end of it, while I was getting ready to come into that special tent and lay hands on each invalid, to get up and rephrase in about five minutes, maybe ten, what I had said and to tell them what I was going to do.

I was going to touch each one in the Name of Jesus.

And as the months went by, I saw that Ken was doing such a great job which, by the way, was the first experience he’d ever had in anything like this. I would know that Kenneth was always by my side, sometimes whispering something in my ear about a particular sick person. And I remember once, when we came to a severe cancer case and I turned to Kenneth and I said, “Kenneth, you lay your hands on this person.” And Kenneth had never done that, but he was courageous and he went over and prayed at that time the best he knew how and I wasn’t quite pleased with the strength and the enthusiasm of his prayer. So he remembers this: that in a very strong voice, I said, “In the Name of the lion of the tribe of Judah, rise up and be healed!”

He said that was one of the most impressive things for his life and for his future ministry.

Kenneth was like that. When we were driving from the hotel to the crusade and auditoriums under the big tent, he had been told by my men, “Don’t talk unless Brother Roberts addresses you,” because I had my mind on my message and on my attitude. Sometimes I did engage him. And if I had something burning in my heart, and I saw he was going into the ministry, I would lay it on him. I had no idea what a fantastic memory this young man had. I think Ken was maybe 28 or 29 at that time.

But I got to know Ken and Gloria. Later on in their life at Oral Roberts University, they came in contact with

the different ministries. Brother Hagin had a tremendous influence on them, and I remember Gloria telling me of the tapes she had gotten of this tremendous prophet of God and they would listen for hours, especially Gloria. And so they had a merging of my ministry, of the healing ministry, of the seed-faith ministry that I had introduced to the world, and Brother Hagin's fantastic ministry on faith and the Word of God. And there were other ministries that affected their lives.

Well, when it came time for them to leave and to go into their own ministry, we met. One time Evelyn and I went out to the little house that they were renting, which was far below the standards that they had been living in. But they made out because they had a purpose for their lives.

There's so many things I could say about Kenneth Copeland, and about Gloria, but I don't want to take a lot of time. I would like to say a couple, maybe three things, before I'm through.

It was two or three years after he left campus that I began to hear about his ministry. It was emphatic. He had a strong prayer voice. He and she had a passion for the healing of the sick. Their main emphasis was the Word of God. If God says it, that's it. And he went out to fulfill the Word of God and to get as many people as they could.

They got a young man, Jerry, saved down in Louisiana, who later joined their ministry. And the crusades started out small, just like mine did. But they began to grow, and after a while they became a formidable couple for the glory of God.

I met and knew their children...Terri, who later graduated from Oral Roberts University and married one of our male students, George Pearsons, who's now on the Board of Regents of ORU. He's a very, very close friend of President Richard Roberts. Kenneth called me down to the Southwest Believers' Convention in the auditorium in Fort Worth, which was packed to the rafters. And I preached and I watched him as he ran this great meeting for four or five days. It didn't take long for me to understand that here is a rising man of God. And a rising woman of God in Gloria, very quiet and conservative, who was able to take in what she heard, what she read in the Bible, and of tapes of Brother Hagin, of myself, and various others, and she was growing in the Lord. I didn't realize that someday she was coming to her own powerful ministry and would have healing schools in their crusades and conferences.

I think a turning point came in Kenneth's life after his ministry had become very strong and he had not caught on yet to the power of a letter—of writing a letter to the people who were becoming his partners, which I had done for many years, and he had gotten my letters and appreciated them. But once he and Gloria were spending days with Evelyn and me in the desert, and I took him in a room and sat down

with him and opened my Bible. And I said, "Kenneth, you've not yet seen the value of sharing your life and your ministry with the people that are involved in your ministry."

He said, "That's right."

"Well," I said as I thumbed through the New Testament, "do you realize what these books are?"

"Well," he said, "what do you mean?"

I said, "They're letters. They're the letters of the Apostle Paul who wrote maybe 12, 13, 14 of the books. Peter, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote various others. They sat down and they wrote, and these letters were read in the churches and other places. And that's what we have now as our New Testament."

I could see that Kenneth was not absorbing this, and we kept on talking and I could see that he wasn't really getting it. I've laughed about this many times. I had my Bible in my hand and I threw it at him. And he reached out and picked it up off the floor and I gave it to him. I said, "Kenneth, it's wrong to have a ministry as anointed and powerful as yours and Gloria's and not write letters to your people and share your heart and your faith and your compassion. It's wrong."

"Well," he said, "I'll pray about it."

A few months passed, and I received a letter and it was special. It was just like Kenneth—like listening to him preach or sitting down and talking with you. And to date I've told him this many times. There is no letter from any man of God that I've ever received that surpasses his letter. You who receive his monthly mail know what I'm talking about. It's special. It's anointed and it has taken their ministry to new heights.

Well, I love Kenneth and Gloria. I love their children—John, Terri and Kellie. I love their grandchildren, most of whom are at Oral Roberts University now. I love them as their family. Kenneth is one of the backbones of the Board of Regents of Oral Roberts University and so is his son-in-law, George. Kenneth has a strength, a solidity, a character, a knowledge of the Word of God, a spiritual faithfulness, a brotherly love. And Gloria, in her own quiet, beautiful way, is strong and loving and open to the Spirit of God.

I say to you, Kenneth and Gloria, I love you. I believe in you. I'm proud that you began your ministry and your life at Oral Roberts University. I'm proud, Kenneth, that you were our co-pilot. You were my driver. You were the one who handled my invalid room. I'm proud that you're my friend. And Gloria, I'm so proud that you and this man of God are so strong in our generation. The Lord bless you and the Lord anoint you more and more in the Name of Jesus. Amen and amen.

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The late Oral Roberts, founder and chancellor of Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla., is recognized as one of the most famous and influential Christian leaders of the 20th century. He was the author of more than 130 books and founder of the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association. Through the years, he conducted more than 300 healing crusades in more than 35 countries on six continents.

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It's time to rewrite your definition of success.



Despite what you hear in this world, it is the presence of God in your life that makes you a success. Success is not based on what you have. It's based on *who* you have. That's what I call "grace-based success."

In Genesis 39:1-2, we read a clear example of grace-based success: "And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down hither. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian."

At the time, Joseph was a slave, being sold on an auction block. He didn't possess any material blessings. And yet, Moses wrote that Joseph was a prosperous man. Why? Because "the LORD was with Joseph." He was prosperous and successful because of *who he knew*, not because of *what he had*. That's grace-based success.

I've come to believe that every issue in a person's life can be resolved through an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father. Second Corinthians 3:18 says, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

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You're transformed just by beholding Him. When you behold Him, believe Him, believe His love for you, and believe that He wants to see you successful, then you are in a position to receive. All your willpower, discipline and self-effort cannot do what the presence of God can do in an instant. That's where real success lies.

Mercy and Favor

When Almighty God is with you, you'll find grace-based success. Then good things happen in you, around you and through you.

Once again, let's look at the life of Joseph: "But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison" (Genesis 39:21).

Joseph had been betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery and relocated to Egypt against his will. He had every reason not to succeed, but he held fast to the presence of God. As a result, the Lord showed Joseph two things: mercy and favor.

It's the same for every believer. When the presence of the Lord is operating in your life, you're going to see mercy and favor. It's also where you're going to find success. For Joseph, mercy and favor were exhibited through the keeper of the prison.

"And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper" (verses 22-23). That success came because of the Lord.

Practicing His Presence

If grace-based success is found in the Lord's presence, then how do we practice His presence?

It starts with appreciating Him. That's easy to do when we consider all He has done for us. Galatians 3:13-14 says, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

That word *redeemed* means "delivered." Jesus set us free by becoming a ransom for us and redeeming us from the curse that was pronounced

on anyone who could not keep the Law. He became the peace offering to pay the price for sin. Through Him, mankind was offered redemption, deliverance and the blessing of Abraham.

The Law was performance based (Deuteronomy 28). It said, if you do this, then God will do that. If you don't do this, however, then you will be cursed. Then Jesus became the sin offering so that we wouldn't be cursed for being unable to keep the Law.

God wants us to walk in the blessing of Abraham. That's why He allowed His Son to be the sin offering. Understand, the blessing is not the house, the car or \$100,000 in your bank account. Those are the *results* of the blessing, but the essence of the blessing—the very core of the blessing—is an anointing and empowerment that's made available to those who receive it by faith.

When you see the leaves blowing down the street, that's not the wind. That's the *result* of the wind. It's the same with the blessing. The blessing, by its very nature, is an empowerment to have natural success. It's the blessing of Abraham on you that causes things to happen in this natural realm.

Look at Galatians 3:16, 29: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

The blessing is available to those who are in Christ. At one time, the Abrahamic covenant was the covenant of promise for those in Abraham's lineage. Through Jesus Christ, that blessing was extended to the Gentiles. Now that we are in Christ, we have access to the blessing and are joint heirs to the promise.

What promise did God make to Abraham? What do we have a right to inherit as joint heirs? Romans 4:13, *New Living Translation*, says, "Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith."

The phrase *heir of the world* means "an heir to all the world's goods, endowments, riches, advantages and pleasures." You're an heir to all the world's riches, advantages and pleasures. That's good news! That's grace-based success.

Of course, the Holy Spirit's objective is holiness. Nowhere in the Bible does it say we can sit back



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and welcome sin and act like fools. The objective of the Holy Spirit is to do what rule-keeping couldn't, to produce right living and morality.

Where Is Your Faith?

So God's promise to give the whole world to Abraham and his descendants was not based on his obedience to God's law. Verses 13-14 say, "Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless" (*NLT*).

Many believers have thought, *Well, we haven't been doing enough good. Or, We're not giving enough. That's why we're not walking in the blessing.* They put it on what they did or didn't do. Under the covenant of grace, though, we must have faith in what Jesus has already done—not in what we're trying to do.

Your promise of the blessing isn't based on your ability to keep something that Jesus died to free you from. Instead, it's based on whether you believe that when you received Jesus into your life, He made you the righteousness of God. You are made righteous because of Jesus alone. Nothing else. God is not good to you because you're good. God is good to you because *He* is good.

The blessing of Abraham for the new covenant believer is made void and of no effect when you try to earn and deserve it through your efforts (Romans 4:16). The secret to walking in the blessing of Abraham is to stop trying to deserve it. Instead, exercise your faith to believe you are righteous through Jesus' finished works. The Abrahamic blessing of being an heir of the world comes by trusting God's unmerited favor in your life.

Success Is Yours

Grace-based success comes from accepting what Jesus has done and practicing His presence. Through Him, you have access to the blessing and all the benefits that come as a result of it. Acts of obedience, like taking Communion, giving and praying, are good; but they don't cause you to earn God's blessing. That has been given because of who He is, not what you've done.

Simply receive it. Begin by giving thanks to Him for the complete victory—the grace-based success—He has provided. It was total and complete, and—glory to God—it's **YOURS!** 📌

Fact VS. Truth

Jesus commanded us to operate in the same God kind of faith He has. He also told us that anyone who did it would have the same results. After all, it's His faith that's in us. He put it there.

That being the case, how do we deal with the fact that so many Christians are being defeated by sickness, poverty and every other kind of problem? By understanding that those defeats are "fact," but they are not "truth."

You see, facts can be changed. Truth can't. Truth supersedes fact. Spiritual law supersedes natural, physical law.

The law of gravity, for example, is a fact. But there is a higher law than the law of gravity. Those in

the aeronautical industry know it as the law of lift. If you do certain things—make an airplane, build the wing right and engine powerful enough and so on—you'll be able to put the law of lift into motion and make an airplane fly.

How does that happen? Does gravity cease to be a fact? No. The law of lift simply supersedes it.

In the same way, sickness and disease are facts. But those facts can be superseded by the truth in Isaiah 53:5, "With [Jesus'] stripes we are healed." It's a truth that can never be changed. What's more, if you'll apply that truth, it will overcome sickness every time! Truth applied changes facts.

Applying it. That's the key. You can put on your finest traveling clothes, pack your luggage and go sit down in a perfectly good airplane...but you won't get 6 inches off the ground unless somebody turns on the engines and begins to put the law of lift into motion.

What we need to do is apply our faith just like Jesus did. We need to learn to supersede our natural circumstances by activating the supernatural law of faith. So apply the truth to your facts today. Speak Isaiah 53:5 to your body. Speak Philippians 4:19 to your needs. Speak Isaiah 54:13 over your children. And watch the truth change the facts! 📌





Enough Is Enough!

"THE DEVIL HAS PUSHED US FAR ENOUGH. IT IS TIME TO PUSH BACK. THE COVID-19 ATTACK HAS BEEN GOING ON TOO LONG. IT IS TIME TO SAY, 'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH' AND LAUNCH OUR OWN COUNTERATTACK."

Brother Copeland and I were returning from a meeting a few months ago. During the flight, we engaged in conversation. We talked about the status of some ongoing projects at KCM.

But the atmosphere significantly changed when we began discussing COVID-19 and the physical effects on some of our congregation and staff members.

I told him about the sermon I planned to preach the next day. We were going to launch a counterattack against the spiritual forces driving the pandemic. It was time for us to take our stand and take hold of our healing.

At that point, I could see the fire in Brother Copeland's eyes. He looked at me and said, "George, we are at war. We have been under attack from the devil and we need to become

more militant." I agreed wholeheartedly.

I replied, "Enough is enough. It is time to fight back!"

Recover All

During my sermon, I read the account of the attack at Ziklag. The enemy had burned the city and taken the wives and children while David and his men were away. They saw the devastation when they returned from battle.

First Samuel 30:6 in the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* tells us, "David was greatly distressed, for the men spoke of stoning him because the souls of them all were bitterly grieved, each man for his sons and

daughters.”

The verse continues: “But David encouraged and strengthened himself in the Lord his God.” We must do the very same thing during the times in which we are living.

Verse 8 says, “David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them? The Lord answered him, Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.”

The phrase “recover all” resonated with me. I told my congregation that Sunday, “If you or your family have been afflicted by COVID-19, it is time to recover all right now.” The very same thing goes for you. What The LORD said to David is what He is saying to us—RECOVER ALL!!

Redeemed From COVID-19

I have been declaring this phrase over and over again to our congregation: “Galatians 3:13 says we are redeemed from COVID-19!” Verses 13-14 say, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us... that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Jesus redeemed us from every sickness and disease, including COVID-19.

The word *redemption* comes from the word *redeem*. Very simply, it means “to buy back.” It is the price paid to rescue someone who is under the oppression of another. It means to pay a ransom note to obtain someone’s release.

This is exactly why Jesus was born into the earth. We need to keep this in mind as one of the primary reasons we celebrate Christmas. He came to pay the ultimate price to free us from the curse of death, poverty and sickness; and deliver us into life, prosperity and perfect health. First John 3:8 reveals that Jesus came to “destroy the works of the devil.”

While preaching this message, The LORD gave me a most unusual illustration. He reminded me of one of the *Rambo* movies. For those who are not familiar, Rambo was a character played by Sylvester Stallone (who also played in the *Rocky* series). In one of the *Rambo* films, there were some soldiers who were captured during the Vietnam War. But Rambo, a former military hero, left no one behind. At his own peril, Rambo went behind enemy lines to rescue the prisoners—but not before he shot up the enemy and left them running for cover.

It is a great illustration of Jesus. He went down

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into the pit of hell for us and took upon Himself the entire curse of the law, including sickness, disease and COVID-19. After He defeated satan, He was raised from the dead and raised us up to be seated with Him in heavenly places.

The price for our Redemption from the curse was enormous. First Peter 1:18-19 says, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” First Corinthians 6:20, *AMPC*, proclaims, “You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.”

Because we were bought with the blood of Jesus, we can boldly proclaim, “I am redeemed from COVID-19 and any other sickness and disease!”

Delivered From the Curse

So often, people read about THE BLESSING in Deuteronomy 28:1-14. They don’t want to read about the curses in verses 15-68. I actually like reading about the curses. Why? Because they expound everything I have been redeemed from!

For instance, look at Verse 22. It begins by saying, “The LORD shall smite thee....” Whoa, wait a minute before we go on. That is a mistranslation. It is not The LORD doing the smiting. It is the effect of the curse. That is why it would be better to read that verse by saying, “[The curse] shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.”

First of all, we have been redeemed from all of the above!

In Hebrew, the word *consumption* is a wasting disease of the lungs. We have been redeemed from that as well as from burning fever. From this scripture alone, we can say, “I am redeemed from every kind of lung disease, inflammation, breathing disability and fever—all manifestations of COVID-19.”

Bulldog Faith

The spirit of faith is aggressive. It is like a bulldog that seizes The WORD with a grip that cannot be shaken off. That is what each of us must do. We must take hold of The WORD of God and bite down on healing scriptures and not let go until we experience the full manifestation of the healing power of God in our body.



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In Christ, we are free, whole, delivered and redeemed. That includes from COVID-19. Psalm 91:3 says, “Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.” *Noisome pestilence* means “wicked plague.” It is anything that is toxic, injurious, noxious or hurtful. Shout out loud, “I am redeemed from COVID-19!”

Commence Firing!

How do we attack COVID-19? We act on Mark 11:23, which says, “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.”

We speak to our bodies and take authority over them. We make sure that the words we speak are filled with life and power from God’s WORD. We recognize that life or death is in the words we speak (Proverbs 18:21), and we respond accordingly.

No Weapon Will Prosper Against Us

We may be in this world, but we are certainly not of it. We have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and have been translated into the kingdom of God’s dear Son (Colossians 1:13). That is not a promise in store for us when we go to heaven. It is available to us right now here on earth.

Isaiah 54:17 is a scripture that Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have been standing on since the inception of their ministry in 1967. “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.”

No weapon—including COVID-19—will ever prosper against us. We receive this promise as our inheritance as servants of The LORD.

Resist the Enemy

Don’t let the devil push you around. Don’t allow him to intimidate you. James 4:7, *AMPC*, says, “So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.” One translation says he will run from you in stark terror.

I will conclude this article the same way Paul did in Ephesians 6:10-14 (*AMPC*).

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw

your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]. Put on God’s whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. Stand therefore [hold your ground].

Watch My Sermon

On Sunday, Sept. 5, I preached a message with the same title as this article, “Enough Is Enough!” Afterward, my wife, Terri, and I led the congregation in a faith confession from Pastor Keith Moore on “101 Things God Said About Healing.” We then received Communion together.

I encourage you to go online to our website at emic.org and watch that service with your family. I believe it will help you know how to stand in faith against COVID, and any other attack of the enemy. You can find the message by going to kcm.org/enoughisenough. As you gather your family this Christmas, declare: “Enough is enough!” over any attack you may be facing. Rise up and fight the good fight of faith! 🙏



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Healed and Prospering

After partnering with your ministry, God has blessed us financially. Jesus has also delivered me from cancer. I really enjoy the teachings from God's Word, especially the woman with the issue of blood, which I have applied to my life in faith. Like her, the issue of blood I had with other health issues, affected our finances with hospitalization, doctors and little relief.

Since faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, I am healed and finances have greatly improved. We can now be a blessing to others as God has turned things around. As "bulldogs," in tenacity, believing and receiving God's promises, we are overcomers.

Thank you for your faithfulness in preaching the Word of God—to Him be the glory.

E.M. | Fayetteville, N.C.

All-Around Blessing

Thank you for praying for my son. God provided the job he was asking for and housing. He now has a good-paying job and his wife can stay home with their newborn son—and, they are much closer to me. Thank You, Jesus!

K.T. | Austin, Nev.

'20/20 Vision'

In 2005 my eyes started to hurt, so I decided to get them checked. The doctor said there was a little cataract but, "If it doesn't bother you don't bother it."

In 2010 I became a Partner with KCM. Gloria said to be constant in the Word and keep confessing. I

held on to those words and confessed 20/20 vision every day. This year I got my checkup and the doctor said, "You have 20/20 vision." God answers prayers and works miracles. I give Him all the glory.

P.S. | Canada



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'True News'

I have Glorystar™ satellite and found you when *FlashPoint* was on, and later saw *America Stands*. I so appreciate true news. M.R. | Maryland

From Vision to Manifestation

My wife and I studied the series *Believing God for a House*, had a vision board and confessed the scriptures. The vision of it got so big inside us, we started buying furniture as soon as we were under contract and put aside extra finances that came for the down payment. We received exactly what we asked for, during the pandemic.

The enemy tried to discourage us throughout the process. The day before closing, we were \$2,000 short. But God! An hour and a half before closing, He provided it. We are enjoying our new home! Thank you for the teaching.

A.C. | Alabama

Healing Is Manifesting

I am listening to the CD series *Growing Your Faith* by Brother Copeland. While listening to one CD, I felt a presence in and around my head and could sense the presence of God inside. I knew healing was taking place! Now it is much easier to listen to teaching without getting so drained and tired. The teaching is manifesting healing in my body.

D.K. | Des Moines, Iowa

Prevailing Prayer

My husband fell on ice and hit his head. He blacked out; when he came to, he couldn't move and thought he was going to die. Then he was pushed onto his side and was instantly able to draw a breath and move. No one had touched him—his shoulder just lifted off the ice, then he was rolled on his side. (Before he went out, I prayed for angelic protection.)

When he got home, I called KCM. A prayer minister and I agreed in prayer that he didn't have any broken bones or brain injury. The swelling on his head started to go down. When the roads were clear, he got X-rays. The report was exactly what we had agreed: no broken bones or brain injury.

I appreciate so much that I learned to pray and expect victory in Jesus' Name by watching *Believer's Voice of Victory*.

N.O. | Flint, Texas

'Divine Recovery'

This is the Year of Divine Recovery. Someone stole the tools out of my truck in a store parking lot. A witness called the police and I got the tools back in less than an hour.

J.C. | Manteca, Calif.

Debt Wiped Out!

In 2010 I went to school at the cost of about \$22,000. The school has since been shut down. I had student loans on deferment until all accounts had been reviewed. I put in an application to have them

review mine in 2016 or 2017. When you had a telethon, I decided to give and name a seed of \$1,000 to get that student loan wiped out. I received an email last week stating that my student loans have been forgiven. Glory

to God—\$22,000 plus interest is going to be wiped out for me!

Thank you for your faithfulness to preach the Word!

K.S. | Pocatello, Idaho



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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—Gloria Copeland

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This Christmas... Be Led!

Christmas means different things to different people. But I believe these words from a song express what Christmas is truly about:

Great glories of God
danced through the sky
For the star of a King
had risen that night
Angels declared His
wondrous birth
While shepherds beheld God's
love in the earth

That first Christmas was spectacular! It was God who set the skies on fire to announce Jesus' birth. So, it stands to reason, Christmas cannot be truly glorious apart from God. During this season the whole world tries to duplicate the glory of that first Christmas. We spend hours decorating with shimmering lights, buying elaborate gifts, then wrapping them beautifully in brilliant colors. But all the spray glitter in the world can't capture or duplicate the glory of God. True, beautiful decorating can be a representation of His glory, but apart from Him, it's merely a work of the flesh rather than a work of the Spirit. And the glory will be missing.

A work of the Spirit means doing something that is born of the Spirit and led by the Spirit.

Like everyone else, I've had projects that have appeared successful but I knew in my heart they really weren't. Why? Because I wasn't led of the Spirit in doing those particular things so they weren't God's priority for my life. In the end, my family, my health or my peace was compromised because I had pursued something the Lord didn't lead me to do.

Everything that has *truly* been successful in my life has been a result of being led by the Holy Spirit.

Which Master Will You Serve?

Matthew 6:24, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, says, "No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve God and mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in)." It would be good to keep this



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scripture in mind during Christmastime. There is a deception in the world that says making your holidays memorable or successful requires spending lots of time, money and energy. Everywhere you look, there are more beautiful things to buy, more creative things to do, and pictures of someone else's family looking happier than yours unless you produce that glorious holiday experience they expect. This is materialism in top form! At no other time of year do we expect a great spiritual encounter to be produced by such natural "stuff."

Don't put yourself under pressure to measure up to what other people do. You're serving God, not mammon or things. Success is really measured by how much you are led of the Lord.

The whole point of maturing in your Christian walk is to be led by the Spirit of God. That requires getting your priorities in order.

It means not putting off what is important in favor of doing things that don't really matter. You won't have time to do everything, but you will have time to accomplish those things the Lord tells you to do.

God's Priority—People

Our responsibilities in the earth are so much more than decorating trees and wrapping pretty packages. It's far more important for us to be sensitive and obedient to the Spirit of God, and far more important for us not to miss our prayer cues.

If the Lord says, *Forget decorating. I need you to pray today*, will you be willing to obey? If you aren't, that's a good indication *things* have taken priority over *people* in your life. You see, when God asks you to do something it's always on behalf of other people.

When I worked in television, my schedule was so full it seemed I never got everything done that I desired to do. One Christmas a girl came to my door and said, "I'm going to wrap all your presents for you." She was being obedient to the Lord and came in double-holstered—with glue guns! When she finished, we had the loveliest packages under our tree! She did a much better job than I could have done.

Now honestly, my pride said *I* should have been

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doing the wrapping. But I put aside pride and was so thankful for the wonderful way God had blessed us. He sent help when I needed it, enabling me to take care of other responsibilities.

No Pressure

Don't have a predetermined mindset about Christmas. Find out what will truly bless your family. Once I asked my son, "What do you really like about Christmas?" He simply said, "I like the smells when things are cooking." He didn't care if his room was decorated. So I realized there was no good reason to bother with that.

Matthew 6:25, *AMPC*, says, "Therefore I tell you, stop being perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; or...what you shall put on." Don't worry about your Christmas tree, presents, Christmas wardrobe or even your Christmas dinner. "Is not life greater [in quality] than food, and the body [far above and more excellent] than clothing?"

Isn't it more important to provide a *home* of peace and love rather than a nicely decorated *house*? Now I'm not saying you shouldn't decorate. I love decorating. But the point is to find out what the Holy Spirit is saying. This year, you may want to try decorating a little differently. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in all you do this season. You can expect the manifest presence of God in your home when you follow His instructions (John 14:21).

If something looks fabulous but the Lord isn't in it, people may *ooh and aah*, but it will be about *you*. They may admire *your* stunning decorations, they may go on and on about what a delicious meal

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you've prepared, and how gorgeous the table looks. And in reality, that's probably what many of us are looking for. But the truth is, that is pride.

Instead, our reason for decorating and preparing for Christmas should be to glorify God. We should strive to create an environment in our homes where our family and others will sense the presence of the Lord and be blessed. When we exalt Him by looking to Him first, He will then honor us with His presence.

When all is said and done, it could be that your home will look exactly the same. But one way comes from a motivation of the flesh, or pride, and one from a motivation of the Spirit. It is always better to be led of the Spirit and sensitive to the Lord, rather than under pressure to do things. The Scripture says:

And who of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature or to the span of his life?... But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and green and tomorrow is tossed into the furnace, will He not much more surely clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear? (Matthew 6:27, 30-31, *AMPC*).

Arrest thoughts such as *How am I going to get all this done?* Instead, ask the Lord, "What do You want me to do, and how shall I go about doing it?" Verses 32-33 go on to tell us why: "For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for and crave and diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all. But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides."

Right now, make a quality decision that this Christmas you will seek first His kingdom—His way of doing and being right. Put *your* way of doing Christmas aside, and let the Spirit lead you. He is after all, the Spirit of Christmas! Your giving will be seeds of love, not obligations. Your energy will be refreshed instead of depleted. Your time will be invested instead of lost. Then, because you let Him lead, you will end your holidays reflecting on God's goodness to you and *through* you.

Reread this article a lot this month so you will remember this Christmas and every day of the new year, to be led of the Lord in all you do. His presence, His joy and His glory will be in it! 📖

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ALL THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE, GOD HAS ONLY ASKED ONE THING OF HIS PEOPLE: THAT WE HEAR AND DO WHAT HE SAYS.

HEAR AND DO. AS SIMPLE AS THOSE TWO WORDS MAY SOUND, THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THEY REALLY DO SUM UP GOD'S VICTORY PLAN FOR US.



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1

God operates by promise; He tells you what to do, what will happen if you obey Him, and what will happen if you don't, then He lets you choose.
(Deut. 30:19)

2

Even under the Old Covenant, God's people could prosper physically and materially, and be victorious by hearing and obeying God's Word.
(Deut. 28:1-2)

3

As a New Covenant believer in Christ, you've been redeemed from the curse and inherited THE BLESSING. How much of that BLESSING you experience still depends on you
(John 8:31-32)

4

Obeying God isn't legalistic, it's smart because His ways work.
(Isa. 55:8-9)

5

God's Word planted in the heart and acted upon consistently will inevitably produce a harvest.
(Mark 4:20)

In one way or another, He said it time and again in the Scriptures: "Listen to My Word and obey it... and you'll be blessed."

Think, for example, about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God blessed them and then gave them a command: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17).

God didn't say that to deprive Adam and Eve of something good and put them into bondage. Quite the opposite. He said it so they could remain free and continue to enjoy everything He'd provided for them in Eden.

They had an absolutely wonderful life there! Blessed beyond measure, they had a perfect place to live filled with an abundance of everything good. All their needs were met. They had peace, were clothed in the glory of God, walked in unbroken fellowship with Him, and had dominion over the whole earth.

God's will for them was to live like that forever! They could have, too, if they'd just listened to and done what God said. But they didn't. They chose to do things their own way and eat from the forbidden tree.

What happened? Exactly what God said would happen. They died spiritually, and ultimately died physically, as well, as a result of their sin.

It was a great tragedy, and it wasn't what God wanted for them. But He'd given them a free will and He allowed them to use it. He didn't intervene when He saw they were about to disobey Him. He didn't come slap the fruit out of their hand and say, "Remember what I told you?"

No, He let them make their choice, and when they did, He kept His word.

That's the way God has always operated with His people. He operates by promise. He tells you what will happen if you obey Him, and what will happen if you don't. Then He lets you choose.

God will never force you to obey Him. He won't make a slave out of anyone. He doesn't want slaves. He wants family. So, He simply lays out



the options for us in His Word, leaves it up to us to decide what we're going to do, and we experience the corresponding results—for better or for worse.

In Deuteronomy 28:1-2, speaking to the Israelites, God spelled this out clearly. He said: "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God."

Notice, God didn't tell the Israelites just to hear and do what He said on occasion or when they felt like it. He told them to *diligently* hearken to and act on His Word and promised if they did, His blessings "shall come to pass" in their lives.

The phrase *shall come to pass* in Hebrew, means "it is inevitable, fixed, predetermined." In other words, God guarantees it: In hearing and doing His Word there is always certain victory, deliverance and blessing. He also guarantees that apart from His Word, there is not. As He said to the Israelites in verse 15: "It shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee."

A Better Covenant With Better Promises

"Well," someone might say, "that was under the Old Covenant."

True. Which just goes to show how

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powerful God's Word really is. It even worked for people in the Old Testament, and they didn't have the advantages we have as New Covenant believers. They were God's people, certainly, but because Jesus hadn't yet come, they were spiritually dead. They couldn't have the kind of intimate fellowship with God that we do.

Yet even so, by hearing and obeying God's Word, they could live under the umbrella of His blessing. They could be protected from the curse and prosper physically and materially. They could live in the natural as the head and not the tail, above and not beneath, and no enemy could stand against them.

Wow! If hearing and doing God's Word could do that for them back then, think what it can do for us, as God's people today. We have an even better covenant than they did, with better promises (Hebrews 8:6).


Through the new birth we've been made new creatures. We're the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus and have God's nature and Spirit inside us. We're born to live for Him, plus we've inherited THE BLESSING of Abraham.

How much of that BLESSING we experience in our lives, though, depends on how much we get with God's program—and His program has been the same since the Garden of Eden. His blessing plan has never changed. Now, as always, the way we, as God's people, walk in the fullness of all He has provided for us is by hearing and obeying His Word.

In John 8, Jesus put it this way: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (verses 31-32).

I remember what it was like not to be free! In the first few years after Ken and I were born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, we didn't have much freedom or victory at all because we didn't have much revelation of the Word. We were financially broke, deeply in debt and nothing we did seemed to work. When we began to hear the truth about the power and integrity of God's Word, however, we made a commitment that changed everything. We said, "We're going to put God's Word first place in our lives. We're going to believe Him and do what He says whether it's easy or hard." We didn't really know much at the time about what the Word says when





we made that commitment. But we've held fast to it for well over 50 years now, and it has made all the difference in our lives.

I'm so grateful for God's Word! Nothing else can do what it can. It brings revelation and insight from God. It shows us what belongs to us, as believers. When we keep it in front of our eyes, in our ears and in our heart, miracles happen. Faith comes and an explosion of clarity and power goes off on the inside of us that enables us to do what God says and receive the blessings that are ours in Christ.

God's Word also simplifies our lives. You'd be surprised how many questions get answered and how many temptations you avoid just by making the one decision that you're going to listen to and obey God's Word.

Once you've made that decision you don't have to waste time trying to figure out, for example, when you're tempted to tell a "little white lie" whether it would be to your advantage. You've already settled the issue. Lying is not an option for you because it's contrary to the Word of God. (See Exodus 20:16.)

"But Gloria, isn't that being legalistic?"


No! It's being smart.

Think about it. If you tell a lie you have to worry about getting found out. You have to live in fear that someone will discover the truth and you'll wind up being embarrassed, or worse. That's a miserable way to live. It's how people in the world do things. They connive and sin, thinking they're doing themselves a favor. But then their sin backfires on them and they wind up paying a deadly price for it because, as Romans 6:23 says, "the wages of sin is death."

That's not what God wants for us. He wants us to enjoy "the gift of God [which] is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (verse 23). The word *life* there is the Greek word *zoe*. It refers to "the God kind of life."

What is the God kind of life? It's not just going to heaven in the sweet by-and-by. It's living like God does in the rugged here and now and enjoying "days of heaven on earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21).

God's Word teaches us how to live like God does! It renews our minds so that instead of continuing to think carnally (or "like meatheads" as Ken says), we learn to think and operate like God does. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as



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the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

God's thoughts and ways work! The more we listen to them and live accordingly, the more heavenly our lives become. The more we leave behind the low life of the world with all its turmoil, strife, fear, doubt, sickness and lack, the more we enjoy a prosperous, healthy God kind of life filled with righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Word Seed in Good Soil Produces a Harvest

To be clear, I'm not talking here about just reading the Bible. While Bible reading is vital, for the Word to produce results in your life, you must get it down into your heart where it can work in you. You must make sure that when you hear the Word you don't make the same mistakes the first three groups of people Jesus taught about in Mark 4 did.

Remember them?

They all had the seed of the Word sown into their lives, but the first group had hearts like hardened ground. The Word couldn't get into them because they didn't understand it. So the devil was able to come immediately and steal it from them.

The second group had hearts like stony ground. They received the Word with joy, but they didn't hold onto it long enough for it to take root in them. A soon as trouble or persecution arose on account of the Word, they got offended, stumbled and fell away.

They were like some people we see who get turned on to the Word at a Believers' Convention. They go home and put it into motion, then six weeks later if everything in their life hasn't changed, they get offended at God and say things like, "He doesn't care anything about me." Or "I've been believing for my healing for six weeks and it hasn't manifested yet."

Don't ever take that attitude. Even if you don't see results as fast as you want, stick with the Word. Keep listening to it and meditating on it. Give it time to take root in you.

Don't let the devil come in and dig up the Word you've planted in your heart. When he shows up with his little shovel of unbelief, cast him out!

Wave your Bible in his face and say, "I'm living God's way! I don't care what happens. I'm living to please Him, and faith pleases Him. So, I'm going to stay in faith!"

The third group Jesus talked about in Mark 4 had hearts like thorny ground. The seed of the Word got into them but then got choked out because their hearts were overcrowded. Too many other things held their allegiance. They had their priorities all messed up. They didn't put God and His Word first, so it didn't bear fruit in their lives.

You don't want to be like any of those groups of people! You want to join the fourth group Jesus talked about. He said, "These are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred" (Mark 4:20).

According to Luke 8:15, this group of people bore fruit "with perseverance" (*New American Standard Bible*). Perseverance is key. You must persevere in the Word to walk in the God kind of life. Everything He's promised is not going to come to pass in a day. Ken and I can testify to it from personal experience.

While things did start getting better for us as soon as we began hearing and doing God's Word, it took 11 months for the mountain of debt we'd accumulated to be totally removed from our lives. Other things we believed for took longer. But over the years we've learned that if we will continue to hear and do what God says, all His blessings will come upon and overtake us and everything He's promised us shall come to pass. For as Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come" (Mark 4:26-29, *New King James Version*).

You want to receive a harvest of blessing in your life? Keep planting the seed of the Word in your heart. Keep hearing and doing it and refuse to let the devil take it away from you. Keep following God's victory plan and—it's inevitable, fixed, predetermined, guaranteed—your harvest of blessing shall come! 🌱

Have a Shiny, Bright Christmas

Commander
Kellie's Corner

Merry Christmas, Superkid! I am so excited about this season.

Not just Christmas, which of course, is the best season of the year! But I'm talking about the times we are living in. While many hard things are going on in the world, the GOOD NEWS is that Jesus is HERE—the same message the angels gave the shepherds the night He was born. Before the big announcement, not only was it dark in the fields, there had been 400 years of silence from heaven. No prophet had been speaking to the people telling them how much God loved them.



In that dark time, Roman soldiers controlled Jerusalem, making it hard for God's people, who began to cry out to God for the Savior to come. And "**Suddenly**..." Luke 2:8-14, *The Passion Translation*, says:

"That night, in a field near Bethlehem, shepherds were watching over their flocks. **Suddenly**, an angel of the Lord appeared in radiant splendor before them, lighting up the field with the blazing glory of God, and the shepherds were terrified! But the angel reassured them, saying, 'Don't be afraid, for I have come to bring you good news, the most joyous news the world has ever heard! And it is for everyone everywhere! For today in Bethlehem a rescuer was born for you. He is the Lord Yahweh, the Messiah. You will recognize him by this miraculous sign: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in the feeding trough!' Then all at once in the night sky, a vast number of glorious angels appeared, the very armies of heaven! And they all praised God, singing: 'Glory to God in the highest realms of heaven! For there is peace and a good hope given to the sons of men.'"

You'd think EVERYONE would know that something spectacular and miraculous had happened, but no. People didn't realize that their prayers had been answered, because their Savior didn't look like they expected.

They pictured a king, a strong and mighty warrior who would save them from the Romans. The surprise twist is that Jesus came as a BABY, born in a human body to grow up, just like you. Why? Because Jesus didn't come to defeat just the Romans, but to defeat the real enemy, Satan—and He did! That's really the GOOD NEWS of the Christmas story! Yes, it was news to the shepherds that the Savior was finally come, but the biggest news was that He came as a baby! God could have sent someone to wipe out the enemy, but He was determined to see His love and glory come through His Son, Jesus.

As Jesus grew up, He told people of His Father's great love for them, preaching, teaching and healing them. Jesus was literally the Messenger sent straight from the Father. John 1:1-5 describes Him as the Living Expression from God!

"In the beginning the Living Expression was already there. And the Living Expression was with God, yet fully God. They were together—face-to-face, in the very beginning. And through his creative inspiration this Living Expression made all things, for nothing has existence apart from him! A fountain of life was in him, for his life is light for all humanity. And this Light never fails to shine through darkness—Light that darkness could not overcome!"

Since that time, He has been shining the Light of God in a dark and hurting world. He WAS the warrior king that people imagined He would be! He beat the devil in hell and won the victory for God's children, freeing them from Satan's control.

For thousands of years, He has been showing us who we truly are. We know that we are His children, and have begun to understand that we can be like Him. His light has grown brighter and brighter in us.

At the same time, the world has become darker, more confused and more hurt than ever before. Why don't they turn to the Light of Jesus? They may know the Christmas story, but they don't see the power in a BABY any more than people did when He was born.

In John 6, the people didn't recognize Him as the Son of God. He wanted to do great miracles for them, but they didn't believe in Him. He wanted to help them. He said several times, "I will raise them up in the last day." Who? Those who were hungry for Him, would BELIEVE in Him and DO what He said.

We are in that last day Jesus talked about—when He will SHOW Himself to the world again.

I used to think that meant Jesus would pour out His power, love and glory on the world, and they would turn to Him and get saved. Now I see that Jesus isn't coming to them like I thought. Instead, His power and glory will flood the earth through US! Jesus wants the children of Light to be His glory carriers!

Instead of just expecting miracles in a church service, we will see Him flow through US to help, heal and love people wherever we are. We are, after all, the BODY of Christ!

If Jesus is the Best Gift ever, and He is, then we are the GIFT WRAP people have to open to see Him!

The more we let Him lead, correct and heal us, the more we look like a gift the people around us will want to open.

So this Christmas, remember: Be the gift box! Shine forth His Light!

Merry Christmas to you, Shiny Bright!

Commander Kellie



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