

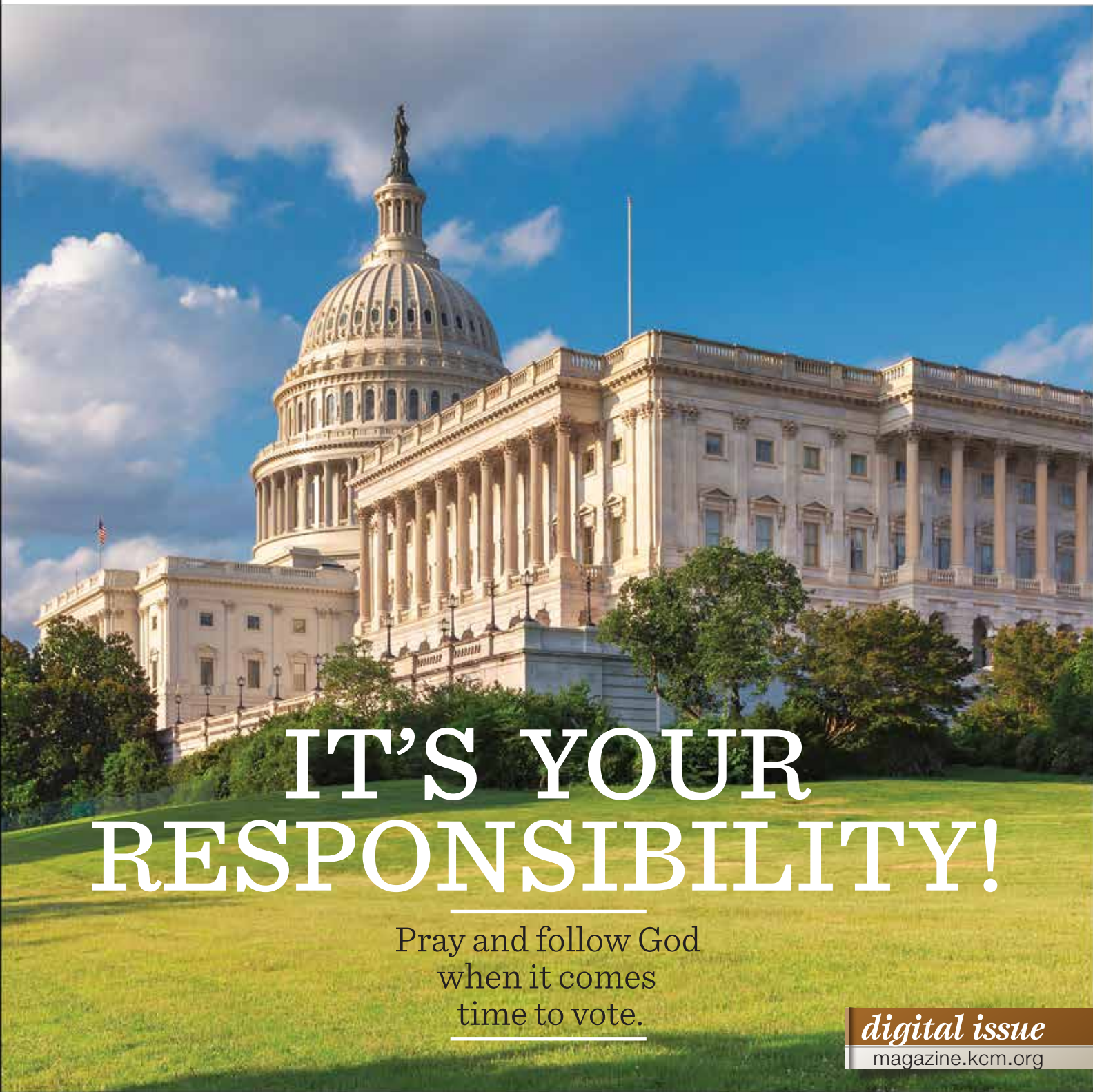
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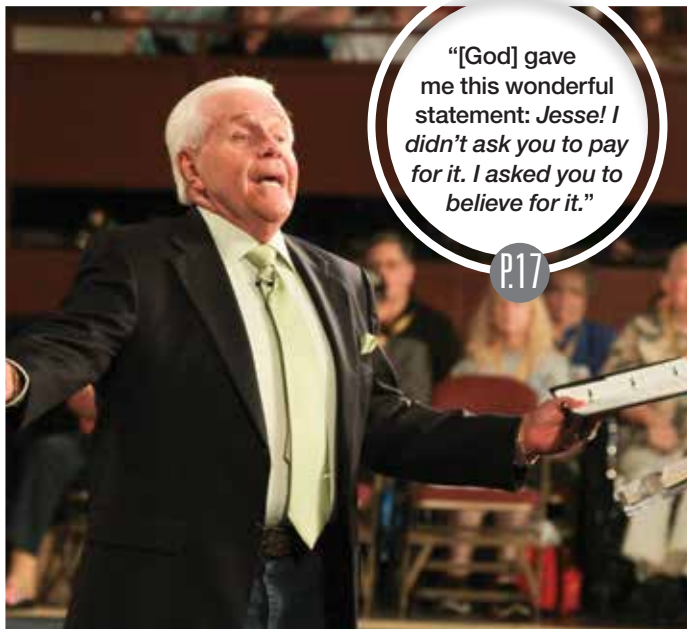
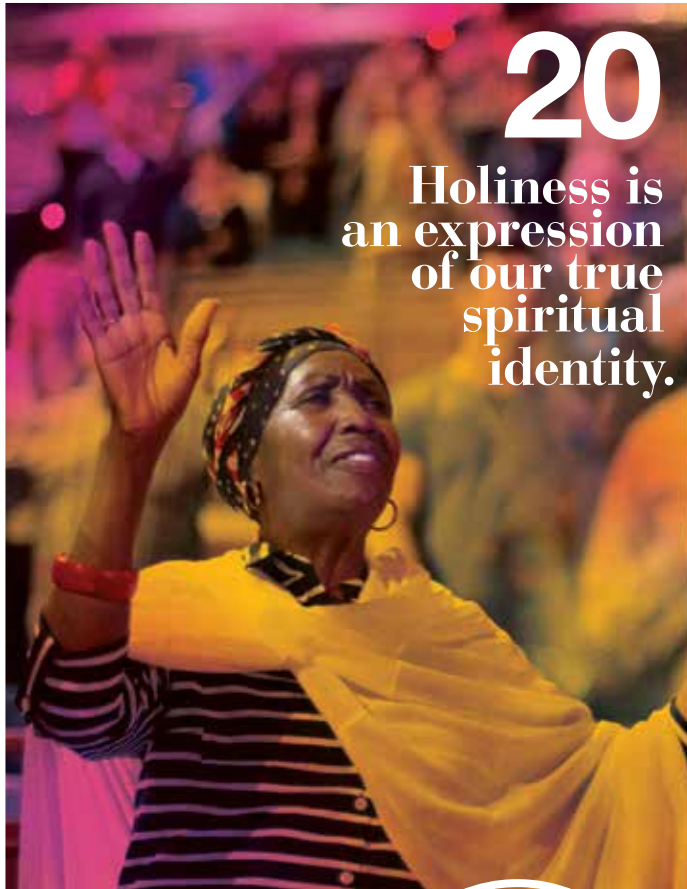
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A woman with long dark hair is looking upwards and to the right. The background is a collage of a city skyline at night, with lights from buildings and cars. Overlaid on the left side are several Nigerian 50 Naira banknotes. The title 'BREAK THE CHAIN OF WORRY' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. The words 'THE CHAIN OF' are smaller and positioned to the right of 'BREAK'.

BREAK THE CHAIN OF WORRY

A small, square inset image showing a person in a crowd, possibly at a church service. The person is wearing a white and black patterned garment. The background is a dense crowd of people.

*by
Kenneth
Copeland*

Having recently ministered at Bishop David Oyedepo's great Faith Tabernacle Church in Canaanland, Nigeria, I'm still rejoicing over the thrill of seeing 91,000 people crowd into a 6:30 a.m. service in the middle of the pouring monsoon rains. With 54,000 in the building and 37,000 more in the overflow tents outside, it was an awesome sight—and that was just the first service. By the time everything was said and done that Sunday, 394,000 people had shown up for church.

At Faith Tabernacle those kinds of numbers aren't unusual,

either. The believers there are seriously hungry to hear The WORD of God. They're so full of expectancy, God is moving among them constantly in signs, wonders and miracles—adding to the church daily as He did in the book of Acts.

What opened the door for all this to happen out in the middle of a Nigerian jungle?

One man got a revelation of his covenant with God and dared to step out on it. One man put worry behind him once and for all, and simply trusted God to do what He said He would do. Talk about a marvelous example of faith! David Oyedepo has proven The WORD will work anywhere for anyone who will believe it.

For years, he's called Gloria and me "Mom and Dad," because right after he went into ministry he read two of our books. Somehow, he got hold of *God's Will Is Prosperity* and *The Laws of Prosperity* and The LORD used them mightily in his life. During our recent visit, he told me again how it happened.

"As a young minister I'd already come to understand The WORD of faith about healing and so forth, but I didn't yet understand the prosperity part. So I took my Bible and those two books and spent some time alone—fasting and seeking The LORD about it. As I was reading *God's Will Is Prosperity*, I realized that prosperity is a covenant. It's promised in The WORD, and since all God's promises are yes and amen through Jesus, it belongs to every believer."

For David Oyedepo, from that moment on the matter of finances was settled.

"I have a covenant with Jesus!" he explained. "It says, 'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry...' (Matthew 6:33-34, *New King James Version*). Once I truly

GOD DOESN'T NEED THE EARTH'S ECONOMY TO GET THINGS DONE. HE HAS HIS OWN ECONOMY

and it will prosper anyone who walks by faith in His WORD!

understood that, I never worried about money again."

The results have been astounding. Right in the middle of one of the most financially poor places on earth, Jesus has added enough to Bishop Oyedepo's ministry to build—debt free, by faith, and without any American money—well over \$500 million worth of facilities, including not only a church but a major university. Literally hundreds of thousands of people are being taught The WORD of faith there. They're learning the laws of prosperity, putting them into action, and they're becoming what's being called "the new Nigerian middle class."

The initial 500 acres Bishop Oyedepo bought out in the bush country, which at the time was populated with nothing but a bunch of mostly unfriendly animals, has expanded to encompass more than 10,000 acres. Now called Canaanland, it's become a city. Thriving and prospering in the midst of a natural economy that's famous for poverty, it's a testimony to the fact that God doesn't need the earth's economy to get things done. He has His own economy and it will prosper anyone who walks by faith in His WORD!

Worry Is No Laughing Matter

"Well, Brother Copeland," someone might say, "Bishop Oyedepo is an inspiring example, but I'm just not wired like he is. I couldn't say like he did that I'm never going to worry again. My parents worried; my grandparents worried; and I've always followed in

their footsteps. Sometimes I just laugh about it and say, 'What would we do without good, old worry?'"

You wouldn't be laughing if you knew what worry was doing to you. Worry is stealing from you the abundant life that belongs to you in Jesus. It's an absolutely deadly habit. It's also a sin. According to Romans 14:23, which was written to the early Church to address the question of eating meat that had been offered to idols: "He that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Or, as *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, translates it, "The man who has doubts (misgivings, and uneasy conscience) about eating, and then eats...stands condemned [before God], because he is not true to his convictions and he does not act from faith. For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin [whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful]."

Think about that. Whatever does not originate from faith is sin. That means all doubt, all unbelief and all worry is sin.

"What?! Are you saying I can't worry about anything at all?"

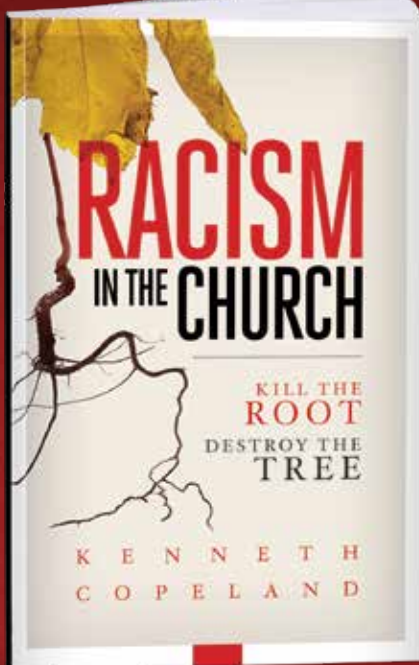
You can if you want to, but it's sin. Why? Because it's based on fear, and fear is of the devil. Just as faith comes from hearing and meditating on The WORD of God, fear comes from meditating on satan's lies. It walks hand in hand with unbelief and the Bible calls it *evil*.

I realize *evil* is a strong word, but I didn't come up with it. The Bible refers to it that way in the account about the

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10 spies Moses sent into the Promised Land. Numbers 14:37 says the report they brought back was an “evil report.” What made it evil? It was inspired by fear and not faith. Instead of assuring the Israelites the land was good and they could conquer it just like God said they would, the spies said, “Oh, the land is good all right, but it’s full of giants who are too big for us to fight. We’re like grasshoppers in their eyes!”

When you worry, you’re essentially taking that same attitude. You’re believing the devil’s evil report. Rather than standing in faith on God’s WORD, you’re giving in to unbelief and fear.

When it comes to operating by faith or fear, there is no in between. There is no neutral zone where we can just hang out and do our own thing. As human beings, we’re always agreeing with either God or the devil—and the one with whom we agree is going to determine the outcome of our situation. If we agree with God and His WORD, we’ll walk by faith, and whatever situation we’re facing will turn out good because God is out for our total, complete, supernatural health and wealth. If we agree with the devil, we’ll walk in fear and things will turn out badly because he’s the thief who’s come to “steal, and to kill, and to destroy” (John 10:10).

This is the reason it’s impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). It’s not just because He’s hardheaded about it. It’s because He loves us, and faith is what connects us with Him and enables us to receive His BLESSINGS. Fear, on the other hand, disconnects us from Him and connects us to the devil.

What we know today as fear was originally Adam’s faith. A potent spiritual force, it came into manifestation on earth when Adam sinned and the forces in his spirit were perverted, or twisted opposite to the way God created them to be. (The word *wicked* actually means “twisted.” That’s why furniture that’s made from twisted wood is referred to as *wicker*.) The first thing fear did when it came on the scene was separate Adam from God. It caused

him to run and hide from God and His WORD in his time of trouble, instead of running to Him for help.

If the devil had gotten his way, that would have been the end of the story. Mankind would have remained eternally separated from God and we all would have been trapped in sin and fear forever. But God loved us too much to let that happen. So He put into effect the plan He had made before the foundation of the world. He went to work to abolish fear, save us from the curse, and restore to us His BLESSING.

He made a blood covenant with Abraham and promised, “If you’ll walk with Me by faith, I’ll BLESS you and your seed and make you a BLESSING to all the families of the earth. I’ll make you heir of the whole world” (see Genesis 12:2 and Romans 4:13). Then, as a result of what Jesus did through the cross and the resurrection, He extended that same covenant promise to all who believe on Him.

For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.... Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.... And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise (Romans 4:13, 16; Galatians 3:29).

A High Price to Pay

If you want to see clearly how evil fear and worry truly are, just put yourself in God’s place for a moment and consider what He did to set us free from them. Consider the price He paid to sever our connection with the devil and the curse, and to re-establish our covenant connection with Him and His BLESSING. He sacrificed His own Son. He laid the sin of all mankind upon Him and Jesus received it. He bore our sins in His own body on the

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tree, redeeming us from the curse: “for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Galatians 3:13).

Jesus actually went to hell for our sakes! He went there as our substitute and suffered the pangs of death “that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Hebrews 2:14-15).

When you look at it in that light, you don’t have to wonder why God calls fear “evil.” Wherever we allow it into our lives—whether in the area of relationships, finances or health—it makes Jesus’ sacrifice of no effect in that area. It disconnects us from the immeasurably precious gift of God’s grace.

I once asked The LORD to define the word *grace* for me. He said, *It’s My overwhelming desire to treat you as if you’d never sinned.* When we choose to worry and doubt we frustrate that desire. Even though we’re born again and headed for heaven, fear will cause us to think like sinners and cut ourselves off from the heavenly BLESSINGS God intends for us to enjoy here on earth.

That’s why Jesus spoke so firmly to Jairus about it. Jairus was facing a life-or-death situation. He had only one daughter, about 12 years of age, and she lay dying (Luke 8:42). Believing Jesus could heal her, Jairus asked Him to come to his house and lay His hands on her. Jesus agreed, but on the way to the house, as a crowd of people pressed in around Him, He was delayed.

A woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone



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out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy

a messenger came from Jairus' house, saying to him, "Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master" (Luke 8:49). As a parent, I can't think of any words that would be harder to hear. For a father to get that news and still maintain control of his thinking would seem, in the natural anyway, completely impossible.

water? Just before he did that he was scared out of his wits. So were the other disciples who were with him in the boat. They not only had a stormy sea to deal with, as Matthew 14 tells it:

In the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come.

And when Peter was come

down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus (verses 25-29).

In that instance, the power of God's WORD not only destroyed Peter's fear, it carried him across water. Right out there in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, he walked on the word *come*, and never even got his feet wet. But then, he let his natural, carnal mind take over. He got his attention off The WORD, started worrying about the waves, and began to sink. He got into fear, it separated him from the power he was walking on, and he was immediately in trouble.

Fear Tolerated Is Faith Contaminated

A number of years ago, right after the 9/11 attacks in New York City, God dealt with me about stripping fear from the Body of Christ. He made it part of my mandate and said to me in a way that still reverberates inside me, *Fear tolerated is faith contaminated!* As Peter learned out there on the Sea of Galilee, when fear is mixed with faith, faith stops working. Fear weakens it and contaminates it so that it can't get the job done.

WHEN YOU WORRY, YOU'RE MINISTERING FEAR TO YOURSELF.

You're thinking about bad things and picturing them coming to pass in your life.

faith hath made thee whole; go in peace (verses 43-48).

The whole time all this was going on, Jairus was still standing there waiting... his daughter was still lying at home getting nearer to death...and satan, who was almost certainly using the delay as an opportunity to pressure Jairus to break his faith connection with Jesus, was probably whispering worrisome thoughts into his ear: *How long is this big-mouthed woman going to talk? Is she going to tell everything that's happened the whole 12 years she's been sick? Doesn't Jesus remember your daughter's at home dying?*

Jairus, however, apparently didn't give in to the pressure. He just kept quiet. The last thing he'd said to Jesus about his daughter was, "Come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live" (Mark 5:23), and he stayed with that confession. He listened to the woman's testimony about being healed of the issue of blood; he listened to what Jesus said to her; and since faith comes by hearing The WORD of God, his faith was strengthened and encouraged.

Then something happened he hadn't expected. While Jesus was speaking,

Yet that's what Jesus told Jairus to do. When He heard the little girl was dead, he answered by saying, "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole" (verse 50). Sure enough, Jairus did it. He obeyed Jesus and refused to fear. As a result, a few verses later we see that his daughter was alive and well.

"Brother Copeland, I know that story is in the Bible, but I just don't understand it. How could anyone stop fear from overtaking him in a moment like that?"

The power to stop fear is in The WORD of God!

Apart from His WORD, no one can stop it. They might be able to manage it or push through it, but they won't be able to come up with the power to stop it completely. To connect with that kind of power you have to hear and put your faith in God's WORD.

That's what Jairus did. He heard the words of Jesus: "[Your daughter] shall be made whole," and he believed them. He shut fear down with faith in God, resisted the temptation to worry, and everything turned out all right.

You can see another example of this in the life of Peter.

Remember when he walked on the

That's the reason worry is such a bad habit. When you worry, you're ministering fear to yourself. You're thinking about bad things and picturing them coming to pass in your life. You're envisioning yourself losing your job, for instance, and running short of money. You're talking about it and making fear confessions: "I'm just worried to death about all these dumb decisions the government's making. They're messing up the economy so badly I'm afraid my company is going to go under and I'm going to end up unemployed."

No matter what the government is doing, you, as a believer, don't have any business saying such things! It's counterproductive. It doesn't proceed from faith and, as we've already seen, whatever doesn't proceed from faith is sin.

"But getting rid of worry altogether just isn't realistic!" someone might say. "It can't be done."

Yes, it can. Jairus proved it. If he could

refuse to worry in the midst of what he was facing, anyone can do it, anytime—including you and me.

"Jairus had an advantage, though, Brother Copeland. He was in the presence of Jesus."

Sure he was. But I know people who, because they're born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, have Jesus with them all the time and they've practically made worrying a career. So it's not just Jesus' presence that makes the difference. It's His WORD, and when it comes to worrying, He's said the same thing to every believer He said to Jairus.

"Fear not, only believe!"

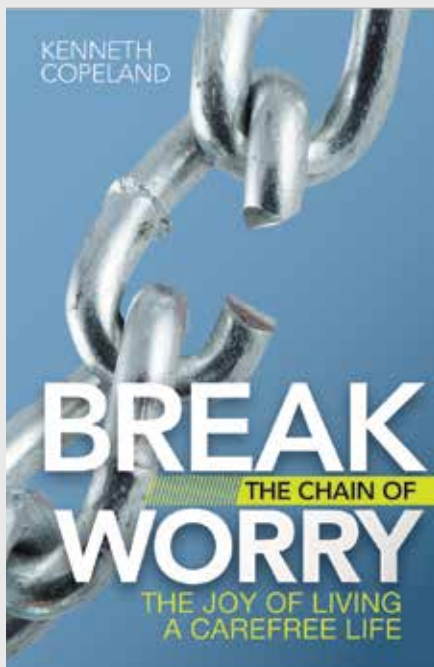
The fact that He commanded it means we can do it. If He commanded us to do something and left us without the ability to obey, it would be unjust. Therefore, anything He tells us to do He empowers us to do by giving us His WORD.

Look through the Bible and you'll see this is God's pattern: He always gives

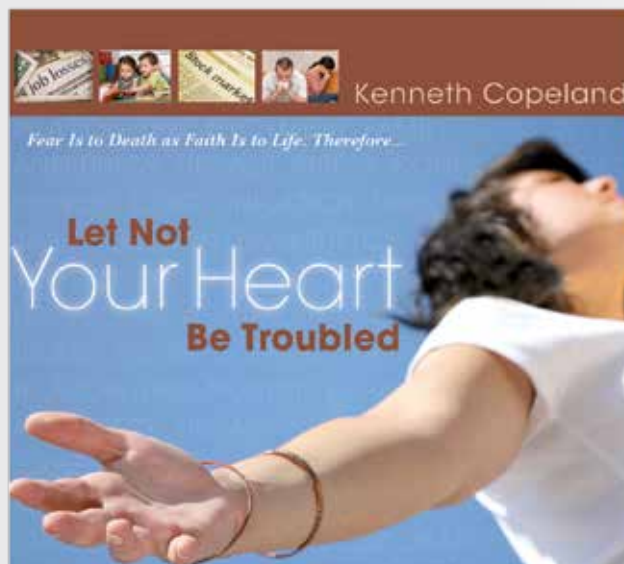
His WORD first, to bring faith, before He gives a command. Think again about how He dealt with David Oyedepo and you'll see what I mean. The first thing God did for him where prosperity was concerned was speak to him through the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Bishop Oyedepo received those words as a covenant promise, and they caused faith to arise in his heart. They empowered him to believe that everything he needed would be added to him. As a result, he was able to obey the command in verse 34, "Do not worry" (*NKJV*); and never worried about finances again. 📖

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PROTECTED WHEREVER WE GO

I had been watching the *BVOV* daily broadcast with Gloria Copeland and George Pearsons on the subject of protection. I downloaded the notes and studied with them. Then my husband and I left our home to go vote early. We were going down a road a couple blocks from our home when we heard several gunshots. We kept going but when we returned, several police and the crime scene van were on that street. We found out that we were only two to three houses away from where the bullets landed. Praise God! His protection covers us wherever we go!

Donna H. | Ohio

WE ARE FOREVER CHANGED!

We have learned so much in the past six months. We will continue to sow into your ministry and many others on BVOVN. We have it on Roku all day! I love listening over and over.

Your ministry led us to Kern Christian Center in Bakersfield, Calif., which is almost 90 minutes away. Pastor Billy Rash is dynamite and we are sowing into the new church. We also are coming to SWBC in July! We are believing to be debt free! We did not truly understand sowing, and

we realize now that our Lord has done it all, and loves it when His children prosper and are walking in health! Praise God for your ministry and everyone who preaches the word of faith on the network! We will forever be changed!

Kathleen F. | California

'RAISED TO A NEW LEVEL'

We attended the Living Victory Chicago pastors' breakfast in March 2016. Our lives will *never* be the same! We experienced love on a greater level. As Partners with KCM, we have always been blessed by the generosity of revelation, materials and prayer. Kenneth and Gloria have remained consistent in their commitment to their Partners. We have been raised to a new level of God in our marriage, family and ministry! The seeds of faith are sprouting in our lives. We are blessed to be an extension of KCM in Kenosha, Wis.

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I.K. | Frankovsk, Ukraine

EFFECTUAL, FERVENT PRAYER

It was truly by divine appointment that just this week I installed the BVOVN app, and got in on some of the SWBC, which included pre-service prayer on July 7. I joined right in as if I was there with the group! I was particularly drawn to your sensitivity to pray for not only the meetings, staff, etc., but how you expanded it ultimately to the surrounding areas and the police...this just prior to the horrific assaults on Dallas police and the loss of life.


It was, again, not by accident that I just happened to tune in again this morning in time for pre-service prayer. The tremendous power of God present in that time was so evident. Your admonition to us to be fervent, persistent in prayer, and the reference to Elijah: "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand" that we maintain our place, was powerful! You left us with, "Be so sensitive to Him that, with every word that is prayed, there is power behind it. Listen, watch for clues, for leadership of the Holy Spirit." It was a mighty prayer meeting! Thank you for your obedience. The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous one is powerful in its working!

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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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a home

filled with precious riches

God wants to fill the chambers
of your spiritual and natural house
with precious and pleasant riches.
Your part is to walk in His wisdom and
to hold fast to your faith in Him.

When I read through Proverbs 24, I come across verses that remind me of some spiritual landmarks in my own life where I “fought the good fight of faith” and won.

For instance, this chapter includes what I call my “house scripture”—a key passage that we stood on years ago to receive our first home debt free: “Through skillful and godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation], and by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches” (verses 3–4, *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). Isn’t that a marvelous Word from God?

So let’s look at some faith principles in Proverbs 24 that will help fill our homes and our lives with God’s precious and pleasant riches!

Believing for a Home

By 1968, Ken and I had never owned a home. Actually, we hadn’t even rented a home that was really desirable!

This was about the time we began

to learn how to apply the Word to our lives. This was also the time we found the scripture that says to “keep out of debt and owe no man anything, except to love one another” (Romans 13:8, *AMPC*). Kenneth and I had already made a commitment to obey God’s Word no matter what, so when we saw this verse, we immediately stopped charging any purchases or borrowing money.

Well, the one material thing in this life that I really wanted was a nice home. When I was a little girl I didn’t play with dolls much but I did play “house.”

In 1968, to buy clothes or to have a car without debt looked impossible for us. But to pay cash for a home? I had never heard of such a thing. My mother and dad never even owned a home of their own, and at this time I was in my mid-20s.

But I found scriptures to build my expectations and to make my stand for a home. And one of the main scriptures I stood on was this passage in Proverbs 24. This verse bought the house and then filled it up!

I’d tell the Lord, “By faith I see both our family and our house built by the wisdom of God! I see the



AFTER SIX YEARS OF
GROWING IN THE WISDOM
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WE PURCHASED OUR
FIRST HOME—WITH CASH!





knowledge of God filling every chamber with precious and pleasant riches.” When the situation looked impossible, I would hang on to that scripture. The devil would say things like, “You sure can’t ever have a new house now.” “Whoever heard of paying cash for a house?” “How could you ever get the money?” But I had also found another scripture: “And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always *and* under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]” (2 Corinthians 9:8, *AMPC*).

Because of this scripture I could say in faith, “God is able! I don’t have to know how He will get our new house. All I have to do is trust that He is able, and He will do it.”

For a long time it looked as if there was no way we could ever own a house. Until our decision to “get out and stay out” of debt, we had borrowed money for everything we bought. In the natural, paying cash for a home seemed so impossible.

But I kept confessing, “God is able. I see my house filled with precious riches!” I didn’t give up. In the meantime God provided us a good place to live, but it wasn’t ours.

Well, it took patience to stand in faith for that house. It didn’t happen in a year. It didn’t happen in two years. But after six years of growing in the wisdom and knowledge of God, we purchased our first home—with cash!

The first house took six years. The next house (principal residence) took three weeks (1980). At this writing we are preparing to build our dream home. Before the plans were finished, the money was there. **GLORY TO GOD—HE IS ABLE!**

For over 30 years this home has been prepared by faith in the Word of God and by sowing seed for it with words and money. Harvest time is here!

We didn’t go from a little rented house to a dream home in one step.



God has, over these 30 years of faith, given us every home we asked for, and we have been so blessed. In the walk of faith you can't despise small beginnings. Through faith and patience you inherit the promises (Hebrews 6:12).

Earlier, I discussed the law of gradual or progressive increase, and that law has been my and Ken's experience. You walk in progressive increase because you walk in progressive revelation. Your faith works according to the Word that *you* understand and live by.

Job's friend told him, "Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would greatly increase" (Job 8:7, *AMPC*). That is exactly what came to pass. "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job and restored his fortunes, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord

fact what is not revealed to the senses]" (Hebrews 11:1, *AMPC*).

Though we started small, now we are able to build according to Isaiah 54:2-3, *AMPC*: "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes, for you will spread abroad to the right hand and to the left; and your offspring will possess the nations and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

There are other house scriptures that you can stand on as you believe for the perfect home for your family. God promises that the seed of the righteous "shall be mighty upon earth.... Wealth and riches shall be in his house" (Psalm 112:2-3). He also says that "the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish"

In other words, we should be able to endure pressures and trials in faith until victory comes. We are to hold fast to the Word of God without wavering until we see our answer manifested in the natural realm. If we can't do that, then our strength is small.

But God's Word says we *can* do it! God promises in Psalm 94:12-13 (*AMPC*), to give us the power not to faint in the day of adversity: "Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whom You discipline and instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law, that You may give him *power to keep himself calm in the days of adversity*, until the [inevitable] pit of corruption is dug for the wicked" (italics mine). I have that passage bracketed and marked with stars in my Bible because it's so good!

It takes patience to stay calm through the days of adversity. When pressure comes, when impossibilities loom before you, when you hear discouraging reports—that is *not* the time to faint or cave in. That's when you

need to stand on the Word and depend on God's power to keep you calm until victory comes!

Don't Fret About Sinners

In order to stay calm in the day of adversity, you have to heed God's admonition to "fret not because of evildoers, neither be envious of the wicked" (Proverbs 24:19, *AMPC*). Psalm 37:1, 3 says the same thing. Don't fret about evildoers, but trust in the Lord and do good.

It will stir up your flesh and make you faint in your faith if you allow yourself to start thinking envious thoughts about sinners. For instance, at one time or another you may have thought, *Lord, just look at those heathen people. They live like animals, yet they have so much.*

Well, those people may have material possessions. But if they don't know God, they don't have peace and joy. So they can't truly enjoy even the material things they do possess.

Really, evildoers don't have anything

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WEALTH AND RICHES SHALL BE IN HIS HOUSE."

Psalm
112:2-3

gave Job twice as much as he had before" (Job 42:10, *AMPC*).

I'm convinced that God made this earth exclusively for His children. God has title deed to the earth except for that which He has already given. I believe it is important to Him that His children possess it. Remember that God wanted Israel, His covenant people, to possess the land. That was a major part of His BLESSING.

He didn't create this earth for the devil and his crowd. He made it for His family. His desire for us is to enjoy His provision and rejoice while we give Him all the glory.

By faith we are to: 1. Ask Him for what we desire according to His Word; 2. Believe we receive it when we pray; 3. Act and talk like our prayers were heard and answered.

"Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real

(Proverbs 14:11).

I saw two more house promises while working on this book: "Every wise woman builds her house" (Proverbs 14:1, *AMPC*) and "God places the solitary in families and gives the desolate a home in which to dwell; He leads the prisoners out to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land" (Psalm 68:6, *AMPC*). (This is also a great scripture for those in prison who are believing God for their future.) These scriptures will produce a harvest of blessing in your home and in your life as you hold fast to your faith and do what you know to do according to the Word. God will give you a home filled with the love of God and precious treasures.

A Word for Tough Times

Sometimes refusing to faint is a hard thing to do when you're facing difficult circumstances. However, God says, "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small" (Proverbs 24:10, *AMPC*).

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for you to envy. They may look good; it may seem as if they're having a good time. But if they don't belong to God's family, they aren't happy inside because there is no peace outside of God. God says that there is no peace for the wicked (Isaiah 57:21, *AMPC*).

Sometimes believers not only fret against evildoers, but they fret against the Lord because they think sinners are more blessed than they are—and they don't like it! When people fret against the Lord, God tells them, "Your words have been stout against me" (Malachi 3:13).

The Bible explains what kind of words God considers to be "stout" against Him: "Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance...? And now we call the proud happy...yea, they that tempt God are even delivered" (Malachi 3:14-15).

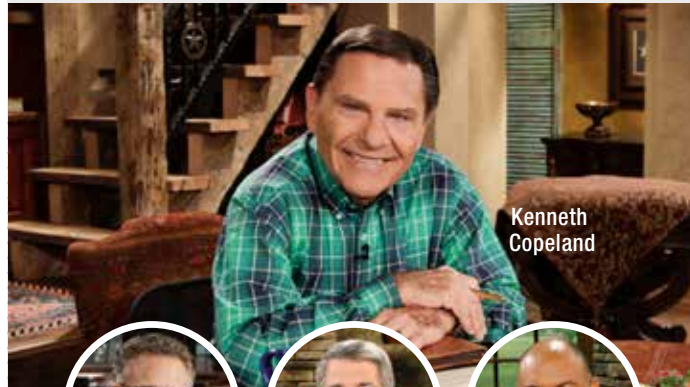
God doesn't appreciate your chiding Him for treating someone else better than you think He has treated you. That's not trust! So when you ask God, "What good is it to serve You?" He says, "Those words are stout against Me."

Then Malachi 3:16, *AMPC*, shows us the way we *should* act toward the Lord: "Those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who revered and worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name."

You see, the Lord hears us when we talk to one another. He doesn't just hear us in church. He is with us all the time. He hears stout words against Himself when we murmur and complain, or He hears words of reverence and worship.

Not only that, but God remembers what He hears. He never forgets to reward you when you walk in honor of Him and hold fast to your confession of faith in His ability and goodness. Your part is to keep walking in God's wisdom—what He says is right. God's commitment is to fill the chambers of your spiritual and natural house with precious and pleasant riches! 📖

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THE IMPORTANCE OF MORALITY AND RELIGION IN GOVERNMENT

How important was religion to the Founding Fathers of the United States of America? There are literally hundreds of founders' quotes documenting their beliefs that religion and morality in government were of primary importance. As you read these selections by several of the men who helped frame our Constitution and Declaration of Independence, you'll see it was foremost in their thinking.

Should it be any less so in our own hearts and minds?

JOHN ADAMS: Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Second President of the United States



[I]t is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand.

SAMUEL ADAMS: Signer of the Declaration of Independence



[N]either the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.

FISHER AMES: Framers of the First Amendment



Our liberty depends on our education, our laws, and habits...it is founded on morals and religion, whose authority reigns in the heart, and on the influence all these produce on public opinion before that opinion governs rulers.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: Signer of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence



I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men.... We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe ...that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages.... I...move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business....

BENJAMIN RUSH: Signer of the Declaration of Independence



The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.

JAMES WILSON: Signer of the Constitution



Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other. The divine law, as discovered by reason and the moral sense, forms an essential part of both. ⑦



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THE LIFE-GIVING GIFT OF BELIEF

I HAVE SOME NEWS FOR YOU TODAY: AS BELIEVERS, WE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE ON THE PLANET. WITHOUT US, THE WORLD WON'T MAKE IT! • THAT MAY SOUND LIKE A PRETTY BOLD STATEMENT, BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.

by Jesse Duplantis



THE TRUTH IS, out of the 7 billion people on the earth today, only 2.3 billion of them have their faith in Jesus Christ. The only Jesus people will see as they live their lives, is the Jesus in you and me. The only living, breathing example of God's Word is the Word you and I believe and live.

So, yes, I would say that makes us the most important people on the planet.

You see, without our living in faith, billions of people will not even get a glimpse of the God who loves them. The work God has for us is to live our lives in our neighborhoods

He gave me this wonderful statement:

Jesse! I didn't ask you to pay for it. I asked you to believe for it.

and communities, in our states and countries, to speak and act as His representatives and to demonstrate the life of faith He has given us. We simply tell the people He sends our way, why and how we believe and live like we do.

We have the greatest gift to give people. It's the gift that will produce life and blessing for them. It's the gift that will deliver the goodness and love of God to them. It's the gift that will bring change in them. It's the gift of believing!

The Gift Is for Everyone

Every person on earth has the ability to receive the gift of believing.

What blocks people's ability to believe God's Word and receive every promise He has made, is that they dissect and categorize it. They believe what they like and ignore what they don't like. Doing that decreases their ability to believe and receive, which leaves their lives lacking the full gift of God.

Whether or not we live the life God has in mind for us depends on whether we believe He means what He has said. And I'm here to tell you, *I do!* I believe everything He says, and my faith insists on possessing all His possessions in every area of life. Some people say I'm arrogant when I say that. No. I just made up my mind that I'm going to do what God said I can do, and have what He says I can have.

I believe Him!

God's Word covers every area of life—spiritual, emotional, physical, financial—all of it. His plan is for our faith to possess our possessions along with everything else He has provided, so we can live the life He has planned for us. In fact, He is very clear about the kind of life He has in mind for His people. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace [*possession of adequate resource; nothing broken, nothing missing*] and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (*New King James Version*).



Believing the Plan

Believing God is faith. And faith should not be an intellectual puzzle. You don't have to figure out how God is going to do something—all you have to do is obey. On every level of life, whether we are believing for daily provision or something long-range, we don't need to try to figure out His plan. We don't have to worry or get under pressure about the plans. That's because God has said, "I have a plan for you!" He knows what He's going to do, so don't sweat it! Believe it. Set your soul—your mind, your will and your emotions—to receive His plans.

Believing is the method God uses to bless our soul and our lives. It is His method of working out His plans in our lives so we don't have to.

when all he wanted was for me to obey. Childlike belief is the best way to grow up and become a mature child of God.

When you begin to experience God's unfolding plan for you, don't jump in and try to take over. Continue to listen to Him in the everyday details of His plan. Ask Him what your part is. Let Him show you how He is working on it. Keep your focus on Him and let Him develop the plan. You will grow in your faith and become strong in the Lord!

You will encounter people who may not understand the way you live your life. They probably won't realize you live in the hearing and believing mode, allowing God to tell you what to do and depending on Him to do what only He can. And the more you believe, the more you understand what Jesus meant when

condemnation but into life!

I have experienced a lot of "condemnation" over the years. But I refuse to be condemned because Jesus said I am not! Nothing anyone has to think or say can affect the life of believing God. And I make it my practice to go to the people I know are also faithful believers if I'm looking for agreement and insight into what I hear God saying to me.

What you and I have received from Jesus is life. Eternal life! Believing has given us the life of God. I'm talking about the life that receives a roof over your head, food for your body and fuel for your car. When God was preparing me for His plan to bring a jet into our ministry, for instance, He spoke something to me that changed my life forever. In 1978, I was driving past Lafayette Airport and a Citation jet flew over my head and the Lord said to me, *Look up, Jesse. I'm going to give you a jet.*

I thought, *He's done lost His mind. I can't even fill up this Toyota. How am I ever going to fill up a jet?*

Now, remember: God hears you when you think.

He gave me this wonderful statement: *Jesse! I didn't ask you to pay for it. I asked you to believe for it.*

That day was one of the greatest days in my life. When He said that, it went off in me like a shotgun. All the pressure left. He opened up my whole spirit to believe everything He said. Then He began to teach me, through believing teachers, how to stay in belief and receive His plan for the airplane—and for our blessed life!

A lot of people tried to talk me out of what I believed, but I had set my heart to live to please God, not people. Living to please people is exhausting, but living to please God is energizing.

The more God told me about His plan, the more I believed, and the more energized I became.

Living the Life

When we base our priorities on believing the glorious life God

WHEN WE BASE OUR PRIORITIES ON BELIEVING THE GLORIOUS LIFE GOD HAS PROMISED, WE WILL HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BELIEVE!

If you try to get involved, you'll beat yourself silly trying to work out the plan, pay for it and then manage it. You'll do everything your soul can think of, trying to do what only He can!

I like the hearts of children. They don't complicate faith. They just believe what mama and daddy say. And they never have to tell daddy what they need. They just know daddy will know, and that he will give them what they need.

Believe like a child. Keep looking and listening to Father and do what He says.

When I was a child, things at my mother and father's house were wonderful as long as I obeyed. Trouble came when I tried to figure out *why* Daddy wanted me to do what he did,

He said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Receiving the Life

Continually believing God to work His plan in your life, just like He did for Jesus, will make you what I call "mentally invincible."

When we develop the habit of believing, we forget all about our deficits and deficiencies. We get to the point where our belief is more interesting than what people think. We become fully aware of and walk daily in the truth Jesus spoke that we have *not passed into*

has promised, we will have every opportunity *to* believe!

Debt had been the way of life for Cathy and me until the day we heard the words, “Owe no man any thing, but to love one another” (Romans 13:8).

Did we believe it? We did!

We set our hearts and minds to owe nothing but love. The plans God had for us and our ministry were far beyond any debt we had ever owed. Buildings, television, books, magazines, meetings—all that takes money! We had to decide: Do we believe God or do we go down to the bank and get into debt?

Today we are free to love people and introduce them to Jesus because we said, “Yes, we believe God!”

Jesus said in John 6:35, “I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” We read those words, and believed them. Since the day we came to Jesus, we have never hungered. Since the moment we believed in Him, we have never thirsted. All our attention and every step we take are focused on Him. All our energy is directed to please our Father.

God has great plans for the blessed life of the Duplantis family and ministry. Every day, His plan unfolds and our habit is to believe Him. We look constantly to what He is saying to us, personally and as a ministry team. He says, *Come here. Go there.* And we obey. He says, *Say this. Declare that.* And we say exactly what He says to say. He says, *Give this waiter \$100. Give that ministry \$100,000.* We give it.

With every move we make and every message we preach, we have believed God and He has blessed our lives!

What about you? This life-giving gift of belief is for everyone who will take it.

Here are a few things to consider:

God has the blessed life planned for you, your family, your job and your ministry.

You have the ability to believe and receive because Christ is in you.

You have the ability to use your faith to possess your possessions in every area of life, because you are God’s child.

You have the mind and heart to receive God’s plan for your life, and realize you won’t be under pressure to perform the plan. Why? Because God said so!


You can become mentally invincible and be unconscious of any deficiencies in your life because your heavenly Father has

provided everything for your blessed life.

You can live to please God because you have His Word on it!

Now, simply believe it! Believe God!

Remember, we are the most important people on earth today! They may not be aware of it, but the world is depending on us to believe for them and for ourselves. When we believe, they will see Jesus!

God has given us the marvelous, life-giving gift of belief. Let’s receive it and bless our world! 



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THE HAPPIEST, HOLIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

Everyone gets excited about miracles, signs and wonders. Especially Spirit-filled believers! When we get together and someone starts preaching about the manifestations of God's power, and the outpouring of His glory on the Church, we always respond with great enthusiasm.



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE



God wants to prepare you to participate in His great last-days outpouring of miracles, signs and wonders. Keep growing in holiness and become one of the happiest, most glorious believers this planet has ever seen!

1

Jesus is coming soon and He's preparing His Church for His return.

Ephesians 5:27

2

As a part of that Church, you're called to depart from sin and prepare yourself to do the marvelous works of God.

2 Timothy 2:21

3

Holiness doesn't mean you never make a mistake, just that when you miss it you're quick to repent.

1 John 1:9

4

You have the power to walk in holiness because you have the Holy Spirit living in you.

Romans 8:11

5

In a world that's going with the devil and the flesh, it can be hard sometimes to obey God, but the struggle is worth it.

Romans 8:18

We get so happy we practically bring the roof down with shouts of "Praise the Lord," and "Amen!"

Over the years, however, I've noticed we don't always have the same reaction to messages about holiness. When someone starts preaching about that, quoting verses like Hebrews 12:1, which tells us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us," we can sometimes get a little quiet. Our shouts and amens can tend to taper off.

But that's not the way it should be.

Holiness should make us holler, "Hallelujah!" We should be excited when God

starts talking to us about it, because it means He wants to manifest more of His power through us. It means He wants us to get ready to work more signs, wonders and miracles. He wants us to rise up and be the kind of Church described in Ephesians 5:27: "A glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but...holy and without blemish."

Holiness and the outpouring of God's glory are connected! The Bible reveals it time and again. When God's people are walking uprightly before Him, He can manifest His glory through them in ever-increasing measure. But when they're walking in

disobedience and have sin in their lives, He has to keep the power turned down. Otherwise, it can have an adverse effect, like it did in Acts 5 on Ananias and Sapphira.

This is why the New Testament says: "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Timothy 2:19-21).

Being holy doesn't mean you never make mistakes.

It just means that when you miss it somehow and fall short of God's will, you repent and make things right.

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Sun	9	Jer. 1-2	Ps. 62
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Wed	26	Jer. 37-38	Ps. 81
Thu	27	Jer. 39-40	Ps. 82
Fri	28	Jer. 41-42	Ps. 83
Sat	29	Jer. 43-45	Ps. 84-85
Sun	30	Jer. 46-47	Ps. 86
Mon	31	Jer. 48-49	Ps. 87

Some Christians have the idea that it's up to God whether or not they become vessels of honor. They think He chooses some people to be golden containers of glory and others to be lowly clay pots. But according to the Scriptures, the choice is up to us. If we prepare ourselves by choosing to depart from iniquity, God can use us for "every good work."

I don't know about you, but I want to be prepared in this hour. These are the last of the last days. God is moving in unprecedented ways and I want to participate. When the Master purposes to display His power in some situation, I want Him to be able to do it through me.

"Gloria, that's what I want, too!" you might say. "But I just don't know if I can live the kind of holy life God is calling us to right now."

Certainly you can!

Being holy doesn't mean you never make mistakes. It just means that when you miss it somehow and fall short of God's will, you repent and make things right. You do what 1 John 1:9 says. You go to God, confess your sins, receive His forgiveness, and let Him wash you clean with the blood of Jesus.

If you fall into that sin again, you repeat the process. Even if you have to repent every 30 seconds, you keep doing it. Eventually, if you continue to repent of that sin every time it crops up, you quit giving in to it.

That's how I quit worrying many years ago, when I first began walking with the Lord. I saw in the Word that it was wrong and I repented. Every time I caught myself slipping back into it, I'd repent again and put that worry out of my mind. Since I grew up in a family of world-class worriers, the habit had been

pretty well ingrained in me, so it seemed for a while like I was repenting every few minutes. But I stuck with it and before too long I was worry free.

I still use the same strategy today. Whenever God corrects me through His written Word, or by the prompting of His Spirit, I'm quick to repent. I'm quick to make the change. I may not do it perfectly at first but I keep pressing on with God until, by His grace and power, I get the adjustment made.

A Walking, Mobile Temple of the Holy Ghost

You can do the same thing in your life!

How? By the power of the Holy Spirit. He's living on the inside of you just like He's living inside me and every other born-again believer. And as Romans 8:11 says, "If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Being a dwelling place of God's Spirit is awesome! In the Old Testament, the place where God's Spirit dwelled was the holiest place on earth. It was so full of God's presence and power that only the High Priest could go into it and survive. In the New Testament, that holy place is located inside God's born-again people. We have His power and presence inside us all the time.

Think about that. You're a walking, mobile temple of the Holy Ghost! The Spirit of Holiness Himself resides within you. He raised Jesus from the dead and He's well able to raise you from the dead. He can quicken your mortal body and equip you to live in dominion

over sin and anything else the devil tries to put on you. He can empower you to live on the outside like who you are on the inside—to walk after the spirit and not after the flesh.

You want to let Him do it, too, because as Romans 8:13 says, “If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” Notice, according to that verse, the only way we can really live is by cooperating with the Holy Spirit in mortifying the deeds of the body. When we do that we enter in to God’s high life.

You can forget what the world says about living the high life! They have it all wrong. They equate it with sin and self-gratification. They’ve been duped by the devil into believing that holiness is a downer. But holiness is not a downer!

For those of us who are born of God, living a holy life is living in heaven on earth. Holiness is an expression of our true spiritual identity and a part of our glorious destiny. It’s something we can press in to with full confidence and great joy because, as Romans 8 says: “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For...the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (verses 16-18).

“But Gloria,” you might say, “I’m not sure I can handle the *sufferings* referred to in those verses. What kind of sufferings are they?”

They’re simply the sufferings we experience in our flesh when we mortify the sinful deeds of the body. They’re the sufferings Jesus was talking about when He said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23).

This is the suffering we, as believers, are called to do. We’re called to crucify our flesh! Not to literally die on a cross every day, but to lay aside sin and ungodly desires. To walk in the spirit and deny ourselves the luxury of

indulging the disobedient inclinations of our natural bodies.

The reason this involves suffering is because we live in a world that’s going the other way. It’s constantly yielding to the devil and magnifying sin. It’s pushing people continually to gratify their lusts and live for their own pleasure. As believers, if we’re going to walk in the spirit and live in holiness we have to swim upstream, so to speak. We have to consistently resist the downward pull that’s all around us.

At times, that can be hard. It can involve suffering. But so what? According to the Bible, the little dab of suffering we do to be obedient to God won’t even compare to the glory that’s going to be revealed in us as a result.

It’s Your Decision: Who Are You Going to Serve?

I like what the Apostle Peter wrote about this in 1 Peter 4. He said:

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you (verses 1-2, 13-14).

Look again at those last two verses. Do you see how they connect the glory of God with the suffering involved in bringing our flesh under subjection? All through the New Testament those two run together.

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same time. You have to make a decision: Who am I going to serve?

Jesus said, “If any man serve me, him will my Father honour” (John 12:26). So choose to serve Jesus. Become a vessel of honor by putting His interests before yours. Keep your flesh under so that you’re fully prepared to participate in the glorious outpouring of God’s power that’s taking place in this hour.

“But you just don’t understand what a struggle that is for me,” you might say. “My flesh is really stubborn!”

I don’t care how stubborn your flesh is, it can be trained. It can be exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:14). If you’ve spent years practicing doing the wrong thing, it might give you a hard time for a while, but that’s OK. The more you walk in the spirit, the more your flesh will get in line.

This is one of the great things about being a New Testament believer! You don’t have to focus on fighting and struggling with your flesh all the time. Instead, you can keep your sights set on walking in the spirit. You can focus on fellowshiping with God in His Word and in prayer. You can make it your aim to present your body “a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:1-2).

When you’re transformed by the renewing of your mind, even your physical body is affected. It starts developing godly habits. It can even get to the point where it actually radiates God’s power. That’s what happened to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. The glory of God in His spirit radiated from Him with such force that His face

glowed like the sun and His clothes became as white as light.

I’m not saying, of course, you’re going to walk around 24/7 shining like a lightbulb. Even Jesus didn’t do that. The glory of God mostly flowed through Him in other ways—often in the form of healing. In Mark 5:28-29, for instance, God’s healing power so permeated His body that a woman with an issue of blood just reached out in faith and touched the hem of His garment and she was instantly made whole.

The same kind of thing happened in Peter’s ministry in the book of Acts. God’s power radiated from him to the point that if even his shadow fell on people they could be healed.

Can those kinds of miracles happen in 2016 through believers like you and me?

Yes, they can! Jesus said, “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive)” (John 7:38-39).

The same Holy Spirit who was in Jesus—the same Holy Spirit who was in Peter—is the same Holy Spirit who is dwelling in us. When we cooperate with Him and get the hindrances out of His way, His power can flow through our natural bodies like electricity. His rivers of living water can minister not only to us, but to other people as well.

This is why God is speaking to us about holiness! He wants to manifest His presence more fully through us in this hour. He wants to reveal His glory in us and do things for us and through us that will cause sinners all over the world to fall on their faces before Him and get saved.

Talk about something to get excited about! There’s nothing else that can even hold a candle to what God has in mind for us in this day. So let’s get on with His program. Let’s grow up into the happiest, holiest, most glorious Church this planet has ever seen! 🙌

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SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

I have a secret to tell you, Superkid.

It's one I learned about when I was your age: You are God's favorite! Yes, you are and so am I! Does that sound impossible? Maybe you think God can only have one favorite and it must be Jesus. You may be like my daughter, Emily. She often asks me, "Am I your favorite kid?" To which I have to answer, "All my kids are my favorite." Your parents have probably said the same thing to you if you have siblings. As a parent, I can absolutely confirm that it is possible to have as many favorites as you have kids! I am just an earthly parent, so how much more can our heavenly Father have many favorites! He is Love Himself and He sent His Son, Jesus, to make it possible for us all to be His favorite sons and daughters.

Aren't you glad? I am FOREVER grateful to my Big Brother, Jesus, for making it possible for me to be a daughter of God. I asked Jesus into my heart when I was only a toddler. Jesus and I have been together a long time, but when I was your age, I learned about FAVOR WITH GOD and how to walk in it. I want to share a few truths with you about God's favor.

God loves me. The Bible says so, doesn't it?

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him" (1 John 4:9, *New Living Translation*).

"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1, *NLT*).

To even begin to receive the favor of God, you have to start by believing that He loves you.

God favors me. To favor means "to like someone, to show

kindness to or treat them well, to put someone ahead of another." Even though God loves everyone, He favors His children.

In Numbers 6:25-26 He tells His children, "May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace" (*NLT*).

When I read this verse, I think about God smiling at me like a big yellow smiley face. In fact, every time we see a yellow smiley face, let's let it remind us that God loves and favors us! I see those almost every day! So now I will think of God and His favor over my Superkid Cadets!

God makes things work out for me! One of my very favorite promises in the Bible is in Romans 8:28, "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them" (*NLT*).

Superkid, I know this verse describes you! When someone lives their life for Jesus and His plan for them, they can have God as their partner, working things out for their best outcome! That is another way to say "favor"! This is a great word for us to stand on for our lives, for our future and our destiny but it isn't just for the someday, adult, serious things! Superkid, God wants to show you His favor, NOW! He wants you to learn to walk in it every day, in fun and silly things as well as the big things. He wants to show you that you are His everyday favorite!

Let me tell you what happened to me a few months ago. I went with friends and family to a big amusement park. You know how that can be, midsummer, on a Friday, lots of crowds and usually long lines to ride the best rides. Usually. That morning we all prayed over our day,

telling the Lord that we were His and we would do whatever He wanted us to do. We prayed over our protection and safety. Then we asked the Lord for His favor over us all. Well, knowing our wonderful heavenly Father, you can guess how the day turned out! We had the best day ever at an amusement park! The blessings were so evident and so many that I thought, *Oh Lord, today has been so amazing! I want to do something for You!* We all thanked Him over and over again. Through one miracle after another, we had the most amazing day, we rarely stood in line, and we rode every ride we wanted to ride. We even rode the most popular ride in the park twice! On our second time (after just a five-minute wait 😊) something even more wonderful happened.



The Lord let us bless Him back. He led us to a young man and woman who were ready to hear about Him. We told them about Jesus and that He loved them and they asked Him into their hearts, right in the middle of the amusement park! That was by far the best thing that happened all day! When God's favor is on us, it does more than just bless us, it causes us to GLOW, to shine His light on others.

Superkid, I could go on about the favor of God for pages and pages! I pray this makes you want to start asking the Lord for His favor, AND that you will be hungry to know more. He will certainly show you more if you ask Him!

You can start by saying this today:

Father, thank You for loving me! I thank You for making me Your child. Today, I offer myself and my life to You. I ask You for favor with You and with others. I will shine today. I will GLOW with Your presence, and others will want to know YOU because they see YOUR FAVOR on me.

Superkid, you have favorite-kid status! Do something with it today! ❤️

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