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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
DOING WITH YOUR LIFE? HAVE YOU EVER LONGED TO KNOW YOUR DIVINE CALLING?

If so, pay close attention because I'm about to tell you. In the next few pages, I'm going to show you straight from the pages of God's Word not only what you are called to do but how you are supposed to do it. Are you ready? OK...here goes. | You are called to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. That's right.

You have been divinely commissioned to be a worldwide blessing.



BY KENNETH COPELAND

I realize that sounds like an impossible job, but biblically there's no way around it. As born-again children of God, that's exactly what you and I have been called to do. It's the purpose Jesus had in mind for us when He went to the cross. It's the reason He cleansed us with His blood and made us joint heirs with Him. He did it all so "the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14).

Usually, when we hear about the blessing of Abraham, we think of how God poured out His goodness on Abraham personally, how God met his needs and empowered him to prosper. But actually that's only half the picture. When God blessed Abraham in Genesis 12, He didn't just say, "I will bless thee." He also said, "and thou shalt be a blessing...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (verses 2-3).

The Power to Get the Job Done | "But Brother Copeland," you might say, "how can I possibly be a blessing to all the families of the earth?"

You can do it the same way Jesus did. As the true Seed of Abraham, He lived out the Abrahamic covenant in its fullness. He truly became a blessing to the whole world. Most people think He was able to accomplish such a feat strictly because He is the Son of God. They assume His world-changing ministry was a result of His divinity.

But according to the Bible, that's not the case. It says Jesus laid aside His divine privileges when He came to earth. It says He humbled Himself and came in the likeness of man. How then was He able to do the miraculous things He did? He said it was because "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me..." (Luke 4:18).

Jesus' entire ministry was a result of the anointing that was on Him. He was able to do everything He did because "God anointed [Him] with the Holy Ghost and with power" (Acts 10:38).

According to Isaiah 10:27, it's the anointing that frees people from the oppression of the devil. It's the anointing that removes burdens and destroys yokes of bondage. Because Jesus was anointed, when someone who was burdened with sickness reached out to Him in faith, they were healed. When someone who was in bondage to a demonic spirit came to Him for help, the anointing on Him cast out that demon. When the multitudes were burdened by hunger, the anointing multiplied the loaves and fish, and fed them.

Most important of all, the anointing empowered Jesus to preach the gospel to people, to declare to them the good news that He, the Messiah, had come with the power of God upon Him to set them completely free from sin and every other work of the devil.

Talk about being a blessing to all the families of the earth! Jesus absolutely fulfilled that divine commission, and when He was finished, He passed it on to us.

We Have the Same Anointing | Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-18 and you'll see that for yourself. In those passages, Jesus essentially said, "All authority both in heaven and earth has been given to Me, now you go and make disciples, teaching them what I've taught you. You go and preach the gospel. You go and lay hands on the sick so they'll recover. You go and cast out devils. You've been blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places, now you go and be a blessing to all the families of the earth."

Of course, there's no way to do all that without the anointing. So, through the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Jesus made it available to us and gave us the power to get the job done.

Now we, as believers, are the Body of *Christ* on the earth. The word *Christ* means "anointing or anointed One." Therefore we are now the Body of the Anointing.

"Surely, you're not saying I have the same anointing Jesus had!" someone might argue.

I don't have to say it. The New Testament said it for me. First John 2:20 and 27 plainly tell us that the anointing we have received *from Him* abides in us now. Who gave us that anointing? The Holy One, or in other words, Jesus Himself.

That word tells us that Jesus gave us His Anointing; and if it's His Anointing, it will do the same thing through us it did through Him.



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The Miracle of Spiritual Partnership | That would be hard to believe if it weren't for the fact that we see examples of it in the lives of New Testament believers. Take the Apostle Paul, for instance. Acts 19 tells us God worked unusual miracles by his hands, "So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them" (verse 12).

Doesn't that sound like the things Jesus did? People were healed and delivered by touching His clothes, too. The anointing worked through both Jesus and Paul in the same way.

"Yeah, but that was the great Apostle Paul!" someone might say. "He had a special grace and anointing that's not available to other believers."

That's what a lot of people believe, but according to Paul himself, that wasn't the case. He indicated that the people who supported him with their faith, prayers and finances shared that anointing with him. He said in Philippians 1:5 that he and those folks had "fellowship in the gospel." The Old English word *fellowship* in that verse doesn't refer just to enjoying one another's company, it speaks of "partnership."

A partnership is formed when people get together to accomplish what one person can't do alone. In partnership, the resources of each partner become available to the others to achieve a common goal. In financial partnerships, the partners share their finances. In intellectual partnerships, the partners share their knowledge. In spiritual partnerships, the partners share their supply of the Spirit. They

become partakers of each other's anointing and grace!

Paul left no doubt about that. He told the Philippians clearly that because they'd been his partners through thick and thin, "both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace" (Philippians 1:7).

That's Shouting Ground! | I'm convinced that statement was shouting ground for the Philippians. After all, they knew what the anointing on Paul could do. Their church actually got its start the night the anointing on Paul exploded through the Philippian jail, where he was being held for preaching the gospel, and blew the locks off the doors. That anointing broke the place wide open, stopped the prisoners from running away, and got the jailer and his whole family born again. The story was well known among believers in that city because the jailer eventually became the pastor of their church!

The Philippians also knew about the signs and wonders that followed Paul everywhere he went, confirming the Word as he preached it. They knew the kind

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of divine power that backed him when he had to stand up and defend the gospel with his own life.

Can you imagine what it meant, in the light of all that, to hear Paul tell them that as his partners in ministry they had access to the anointing that was on him? It probably made the hair on their necks stand straight up! They must have been absolutely thrilled when they heard him say, "And my God shall supply all your need..." (not just *God*, but *my God*, the God who supplies me with all the power you see operating in my ministry!). "*My God* shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Because of their partnership in the gospel, Paul and the Philippian believers were not only blessed, they were able to be a worldwide blessing. That's important for us to know because partnership works the same way today. When we partner up for the purpose of preaching the gospel and being a blessing to all the families of the earth, we become partakers of each other's grace.

The anointing that's on you to pray, believe and give to advance the kingdom of God becomes available to me and helps me do what God has called me to do—which is to preach the uncompromised Word of God from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around. In return, the anointing that God has given me becomes available to you. Every gift of the Spirit I operate in becomes accessible to you to help you personally do what God has called you to do.

What's more, as we become partners in being a blessing to the world, and start believing for everything necessary to get that job done, our own needs get swallowed up in the process! We don't have to worry about them at all because they get met according to God's riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

It Really Works | I'm not just talking theological theory here. I've personally seen it happen time and time again. I've seen it in the lives of Partners like the little widow down in southern Louisiana who took me on years ago as her personal prayer project. Because she knew my dad, she'd call him occasionally and ask about something she'd been picking up in prayer.

One time she phoned him and said, "What's the matter with Kenneth's stomach?"

Dad didn't know so he called me and relayed the message. "Mrs. So-and-so said you had a bellyache," he said. "Is that right?"

"Yes, I had one last night," I answered, "but it's gone now." That little lady probably prayed it off me before it could cause any problems. She had an anointing to do that kind of thing and, since we were Partners in ministry, I became a partaker of her grace.

In return, God met her needs in miraculous ways. She had no natural source of income except some money she'd received when her husband passed away. But God continually provided for her. For example, she told me about one time she decided she should have some of the timber cleared off the property she owned. Before she could do anything about it, a man knocked on her door and said, "I don't know why, but I just thought you might need some trees cut down."

She ended up making \$20,000 off that wood! Things like that happened to her all the time.

Another one of my Partners, who later became a very close friend, was working as a church janitor when he first joined up with us. He got so excited about the Word we were preaching he decided to do everything he could to help get it out. He didn't have much money, but he started praying and believing God for enough to buy some of our tapes and a battery-operated recorder.



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Once he got them, he started getting little groups of people together and playing the tapes for them. Afterward, he'd pray for those who needed to be healed and saw tremendous results. After a while, the Lord told him to leave the tapes at home and preach the messages himself. He didn't think he could do it, but he was my Partner in ministry and, sure enough, he told me later, "I preached all those tapes at once! They just started flowing out of me!"

Before long, he was ministering full time and didn't have time to be a janitor anymore. Today that one-time janitor has a jet and preaches the gospel all over the world!

Set Your Sights Higher | Do you know what excites me about those two Partners? They took advantage of the blessing that belongs to them through their partnership with this ministry.

If you're a Partner, you can do the same thing! You can rise up by faith and become as much a part of this ministry as Gloria and I are. As far as God is concerned, it doesn't matter whether you're the one who goes out preaching the gospel or you're the one who sends the person who preaches. If we're working together we all have access to each other's anointing and we all receive the same rewards.

Once you understand that, you'll realize you actually *can* be a worldwide blessing. In fact, if you partnered with us this past year, you already are! You've helped put *Believer's Voice of Victory* on more than 600 TV stations, where 83 million households in the U.S. can see it. And you've put it on a cable satellite station in Hong Kong that can be seen by 75 million people in 20 countries—including Bangladesh, India, Singapore, Indonesia, Nepal and Cambodia.



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Copeland's

Partner Letter

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You published gospel materials in French, German, Chinese, Italian, Russian, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Hebrew and Farsi. You helped Gloria and me preach in Italy at the International Charismatic Praise and Worship Conference, where one priest got so excited about the Word he jumped up on the platform just as I finished preaching and shouted, "This is the best stuff I've ever heard in my life!"

Yet, with all that, you still have a lot to believe for. You need to believe for the money to double your television ministry. You need to release your faith for your Internet ministry that blessed a half million people last year, to bless a million this year. You need several million dollars to build an airplane hangar and buy helicopters, airplanes, food and supplies for Angel Flight 44, your international aviation outreach that helps the needy in times of disaster.

"What? I don't have a television ministry!" you may say. "I don't have an Internet ministry or an aviation outreach to the needy!"

Yes, you do. Those aren't just outreaches of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. If you're a Partner, they're your outreaches too. So start wrapping your faith around them. Get your sights set above your own personal needs and set them on meeting the needs of the world.

Take up your call to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Become a worldwide blessing! I can promise you on the authority of God's Word, your own needs will be swallowed up in the process and you will be abundantly blessed.

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"Years ago, God called me to write a letter to my Partners every 30 days for the rest of my life on this earth. He called me to pray in the Holy Spirit until I receive an anointed letter that will encourage and strengthen them in their daily faith walk. It was one of the most powerful things I've ever done, and I began to discover what Paul meant when he wrote to his partners, 'I have you in my heart, I'm interceding for you and I will not let you fail!'"

—Kenneth Copeland

It was Oral Roberts who pointed Kenneth Copeland to a deeper revelation of the covenant partner relationship when he held up his Bible and exclaimed, "That is letters!"

Upon hearing those words, the revelation flashed through Brother Copeland's spirit like a bolt of lightning as he realized: *The New Testament is mostly letters from the Apostle Paul to his partners in the churches at Ephesus, Philippi, Galatia, Corinth, Rome, Colossae and Thessalonica—letters written to encourage them and help them overcome every obstacle!*

When the Lord instructed him to make his Partners his No. 1 priority, one of the first things Brother Copeland did was to sit down and write them a letter. And since penning that first letter in February 1986, Brother Copeland has faithfully fulfilled his commitment to write a Partner letter every 30 days, year in and year out.

Today, the Partner Letter is one of the most important ministry tools that extends from Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Each

month, Brother Copeland prays in the spirit about what to share with his Partners—seeking the Lord for a word that will encourage and strengthen them in their daily faith walk.

"Each [letter] represents hours upon hours of prayer on my part," Brother Copeland says. "Through them I share personally the things the Lord is teaching me. And my heart's desire is that they will strengthen and encourage all who receive them."

God is truly changing lives through these letters, and each month as they are sent out to our Partners and Friends all over the world, they are indeed serving as a source of strength for many. We receive thousands of testimonies from around the world—amazing stories of salvation, healing, deliverance, restoration and increase.

Throughout the years, we have seen that partnership is indeed dynamic. But partnership is not a one-sided relationship. By definition, *partnership* means "to take a part in." As the Apostle Paul said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now...because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace" (Philippians 1:3, 5, 7).

The Partner Letter Brother Copeland writes each month is very dear to his heart, because his Partners are dear to his heart! And because of his commitment to the Lord to never stop writing them, the connection between you, our Partners and Friends, and Brother Copeland will never be broken. **VICTORY**





BY DR. CREFLO A. DOLLAR

Billboards for the Glory

You may have heard a lot about God's blessing and how it has flowed into the lives of believers. | I'm not talking about a new car, a house or even increase. Those are the *results* of the blessing. The blessing is an *empowerment* for you to have success in *every* area of your life. For instance, when you don't have the ability to accomplish something, the blessing is what shows up in your life and enables you to do it.

When you yield completely to the blessing in your life, the Philistines of this day will envy you.

In Genesis 26:12, Isaac received the blessing from Abraham. It says Isaac sowed in a land of famine and drought, "...and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him."

If you are familiar with seedtime and harvest, you know that in normal circumstances, famine and drought won't yield a harvest. But when the blessing is operating in your life, natural conditions cannot stop it.

In Genesis 26:13-14, you'll see even more results of the blessing. "And [Isaac] waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants..." Notice that the blessing also causes you to increase in material goods. In fact, Isaac prospered so much the Philistines envied him.

Friend, when you yield completely to the blessing in your life, the Philistines of this day will envy you, too. Imagine them saying, "They're happy. They're peaceful. They have the joy of the Lord. They're prosperous. They've got their family together." It happens when the blessing is operating in your life!

THE GLORY SHALL BE SEEN

When the blessing is on your life, others will take notice. That's exactly what happened to Joseph when he was working for Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh.

"The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him..." (Genesis 39:2-3).

Now, how did Potiphar know the Lord was with Joseph? Because verse 3 says "...the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand." He saw that everything Joseph put his hands on prospered. Potiphar saw the result of the blessing and he couldn't help but acknowledge it.

When you operate in the blessing, people will see the results in your life, too. Isaiah 40:5 says, "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it..." The glory is the result of the blessing. When people see the glory manifest as healing, financial increase and material things in your life, they are a witness that the Lord's presence is operating.

The fact is, *you* are God's advertising tool. Much like a billboard that proclaims His glory! God can use your life to demonstrate the results of His blessings. Others will notice the difference in your life. Now is the time for you to show others that the Lord is with you; that you are prosperous and everything your hands touch prospers!

PROSPERITY AS EVIDENCE

Isaiah 61:9 is a powerful verse that emphasizes how prosperity is evidence of the blessing. Referring to God's people, it says, "...All who see them [in their prosperity] will recognize and acknowledge that they are the people whom the Lord has blessed" (*The Amplified Bible*).

In this passage, it is evident *why* the devil wants to talk you out of your prosperity. He doesn't want you to be a billboard for the glory of God. The world has seen Christians in poverty, in sickness and in defeat. They've seen us at our lowest point. But they can now see us in our prosperity! They will recognize and acknowledge that we are the people whom the Lord has blessed!

God says prosperity is going to be the manifestation of the glory and He wants the



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world to see you prosperous and whole. He says it's important for the world to see those manifestations; the blessings flowing in and through your life. Don't concern yourself about what others think when God prospers you. God desires for you to excel!

BLESSED BY ASSOCIATION

The blessing doesn't affect only you. It also affects those around you. For example, in Genesis 30:27 Jacob is getting ready to leave his father-in-law, Laban. "And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake." In other words, Laban said, "You can't go! I know the only reason things are working for me is because of the blessing that's on *your* life."

This should be the testimony of all those around you. Every time you go on vacation, your employer and co-workers should notice! And when you're there, the blessing should be evident. Imagine employers calling local churches saying, "Send us more blessed people to work for us! No degree required or necessary, their presence alone brings us increase!"

ALREADY BLESSED

How do you access this *blessing*? I've got news for you: *You've already got it!* Abraham had it, he passed it to Isaac, Isaac passed it to Jacob, and down the line to Jesus.

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."

Jesus knew exactly why He had to go to the cross; so the blessing could pass on to the Gentiles and all who made Jesus Lord of their lives!

Ephesians 1:3 clearly explains this: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

The Word says "who hath"—past tense—"blessed us." In other words, He has already done it. If He has already blessed us, then we are *already* blessed!

THE RESULT IS COMING

Having the blessing is your right as an heir of Abraham (Galatians 3:29). You may be waiting for the result of the blessing to show up in your life, but don't give up!

Remember Joseph in the Old Testament? "He was there in the prison. But the Lord was with Joseph..." (Genesis 39:20-21). Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph interpreted it. Because of this, Joseph became the second-most powerful man in Egypt.

After everything Joseph had gone through, he had no idea he was only 30 days away from becoming the Prime Minister of Egypt. He probably didn't know the blessing was just around the corner. After all he had faced, even being one day away from such a powerful position, he didn't quit. When he was just on the other side of the blessing, he could have walked away. But he didn't.

I don't know how far you are from receiving your breakthrough, but I do know that you must not give up! Keep believing, sowing and doing what God has purposed for you to do until the manifestation comes. The blessing will work things out. If you don't give up you will walk in the result of *your* blessing!

When it comes, others will see—a mighty billboard of the glory—and know that you are blessed! Their lives will be richer, because of the blessing working in you. **VICTORY**

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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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Oral Roberts and Kenneth Copeland inside the invalid tent 1967.

The following is the transcript of an interview conducted with Dr. Oral Roberts in honor of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and the 40th anniversary of Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

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 freshman 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 who 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 10, 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!”

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There is no *letter* from any man of God that I've ever received that surpasses his letter. It's *special*.

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 and 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 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.

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Kenneth's First Partner Letter

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 who 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."

And 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 and Terri and Kellie. I love their grandchildren, most of whom are at Oral Roberts University now. I love them as their family and Kenneth is one of the backbones of the Board of Regents of Oral Roberts University, and so is his son-in-law, George. But 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, 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.

Oral Roberts
Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Partner,

Recently the Lord has given me a new and deeper calling to minister directly to you, my Covenant Partner, through my letters to you. In the light of God's Word, I've seen those letters in a new and powerful way. And no matter how much of my time and prayer it takes, I'm going to do my very best to get an anointed, faith-filled letter to you each month to help you live that month in greater victory. This is my commitment to you.

Ever since the Church began, letters have been a powerful tool in God's hand. He entrusted His precious gospel to be communicated by letters. These letters by Paul, John, Luke and others carried the Word of His Power to His people. They still do.

In Paul's letters, he referred to the times he spent in prayer for the people and then wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. That means the letters of Paul and the others God inspired to write are the Holy Scriptures. The letters you will receive from me will always be based on and subject to those inspired letters of God's eternal Word. As I intercede in prayer for you, I expect the Holy Spirit to anoint me with an anointing that is greater than your needs. Out of that anointing will come my letters to you.

So pay close attention to them. Treat them with great respect, for the anointing will be on them. After they have ministered to you, don't just forget about them. Continue to think on them. Give God the opportunity to continue to use them in your life as seeds of my faith for your prosperity.

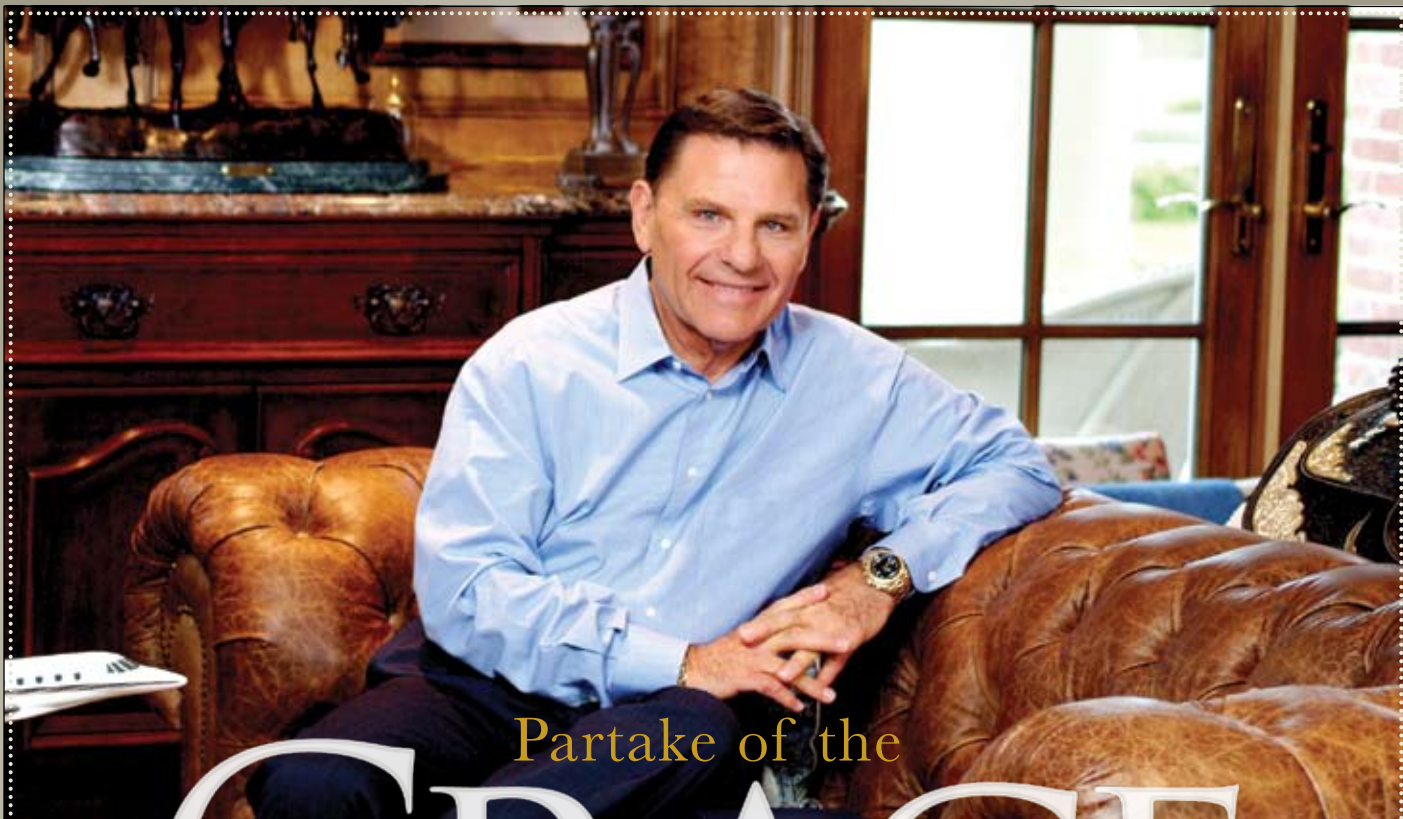
You have my word, that everything I say I will do for you in these letters, I will actually do! You know I'll keep my word.

I'm working on your next letter now. I am charged with God's power. Be expecting it. I can hardly wait for you to read it. I believe it will be almost like talking face to face. Until then, remember that Gloria and I love you—and Jesus is Lord!

Your Covenant Partner,

Kenneth Copeland

Ever since the Church began, letters have been a powerful tool in God's hand.



Partake of the GRACE

NEAR THE END OF MAY LAST YEAR, TORNADOES RIPPED ACROSS CENTRAL TEXAS, CAUSING MASSIVE DESTRUCTION. ONE TORNADO HIT THE LITTLE TOWN OF JARRELL AND NEARLY WIPED IT OUT—AND I DON'T SAY THAT JUST AS A FIGURE OF SPEECH. SEVERAL BLOCKS OF HOUSES, INCLUDING SOME BUSINESSES, WERE LITERALLY FLATTENED.

In fact, just to give you an idea of how violent this tornado was, as meteorologists from the National Weather Service tracked it, they had originally classified it as an F4, which meant it was a whirlwind of destruction going somewhere to happen. Later, however, they reclassified it as a level F5 tornado—a severe storm that is rarely ever seen. The funnel-shaped cloud was calculated to be more than half a mile wide, and had surface winds greater than 250 miles an hour. I'm telling you, *that* was a tornado.

Of course, when any sort of local or national disaster like this happens, one of the first things our KCM staff does is pray. But we also check our computers and get on the phones to find out if we have any

Partners who have been affected by the disaster, especially pastors and churches. We make every effort to find out what we can do to help them, as well as their communities.

In this case, we learned that we had a Partner right in the middle of that tornado's wide path of destruction.

It took some time, but when we finally got a call through to our Partner in Jarrell, this is what he said: "Tell Kenneth and Gloria we're all right. That tornado got within half a block of our house and we took authority over it. We just started talking to it, and it went around us and on to downtown where it wiped out all the others."

BY KENNETH COPELAND

Thank God we have His Word and His powerful Anointing. But also thank God we have each other.

We Need Each Other! | My friend, if there ever was a generation that needed to live and walk in faith and love every moment, it's the generation in which you and I now live. Thank God we have His Word and His powerful Anointing. But also thank God we have each other. We need each other! We need each other's faith. We need each other's prayers.

In these days especially, it is important that we be hooked up with anointed, praying people, because—as we are about to see—our individual anointings and our individual prayers of faith flowing in one direction are far more powerful than any one of us alone could ever be. They're certainly more powerful than any storm the devil might throw our way, which is how God intended it to be.

Gloria and I are privileged and honored to have more than 200,000 anointed, praying and believing Partners around the world who have joined their faith and their love with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. These are believers who are committed to support KCM in every way the Spirit of God leads them.

I don't mind telling you it's a great source of joy and strength just knowing that all 200,000 Partners are out there standing strong with us, wherever we might be in the world, facing whatever storms we might have to face. After all, it takes far more than what Gloria and I have in order to get the message of victory in Jesus into the hands of God's people. It takes partnership!

For the past 31 years of ministry, we have been like the Apostle Paul, who, when he wrote to his partners, said: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. In every prayer of mine I always make my entreaty and petition for you all with joy (delight). [I thank my God] for your fellowship (your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership) in advancing the good news (the Gospel) from the first day [you heard it] until now" (Philippians 1:3-5, *The Amplified Bible*).

Sure, the list of KCM Partners is long—and actually, it's about to get even longer, because the Spirit of God recently told Gloria and me that we will have 1 million Partners—and *we will!* But that list of names, however long it may be, is not set up to be some tool for us to use when we decide to mail something.

Spiritual Principles | No, that list of names represents real, flesh-and-blood, Holy Ghost-anointed people who are in covenant with us—and with each other—helping us serve the God of covenant. Gloria and I hold these precious souls in our hearts every moment of every day. Not a day goes by that we don't pray for our Partners, using a list of specific scriptures the Lord has given us to pray, *and believe*, on their behalf.

You see, when Paul wrote this letter to his partners in Philippi, he wasn't just scratching out some nice words to make them feel all warm and good about themselves. No, he was explaining some very important spiritual principles where ministry was concerned. He was explaining the exchange, or two-way flow, of God's grace and power in partnerships established for the purpose of ministry.

Certainly, prayer is a major part of this partnership exchange, and it is the focus of our study. But Paul was saying that there was even more being transferred in the exchange. We read about it in Philippians 1:6-7: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace."

Basically, Paul was telling his partners, "Hey, we're in this together. And the grace—or anointings—that God put on me, He has put on you by having joined us together. So expect every



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anointing and blessing that I have operating in my life to operate in yours as well!"

Remember our Partner in Jarrell, Texas?

There's no telling how many times I prayed for that one Partner as I lifted my hands toward heaven and said, "Father, I pray for my Partners...", and then went

through all the scriptures I pray, and ended by praying in other tongues.

In fact, one of the scriptures I pray for my Partners is Psalm 91, which says, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee" (verse 7).

Do you see the benefit of that scripture prayed for this man and his home?

But it doesn't stop there!

Think of all the other 200,000 Partners around the world praying for this man. Think of all the KCM staff around the world praying for this man—all of us praying, agreeing and joining our faith with scriptures such as Psalm 23... "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (verse 4); Psalm 103... "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction" (verse 4); Isaiah 54... "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper" (verse 17).

Just imagine that F5 tornado whirling itself right up to our Partner's street in Jarrell, but then having to go around it because of the 200,000-strong prayers, anointings and faith, standing in its way.

I guarantee you that partnership—corporate prayers, corporate anointings, corporate faith—is what turned a storm of that magnitude away!

My point is, it is important for us to understand, where covenant partnership is concerned, that when you pray for me, you're praying for Gloria. When you pray for Gloria, you're praying for me. When you pray for us, you're praying for a Partner in Jarrell, Texas, and others around the world. And when Gloria and I pray for them, we're praying for you.

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Do you see the exchange and flow of prayer and anointing? Do you see the strength of it?

That's how God designed it. That's what partnership is all about. It's about partaking of each other's grace.

Behind Every Good Preacher...

As we study the wealth of spiritual instruction Paul left behind in his writings to his New Testament partners, I believe there is a subtle mind-set from which we must guard ourselves. I say *subtle*, yet, over centuries it is a mind-set that has developed into a stronghold of religious tradition.

The mind-set I'm referring to is the one that says, "Oh, sure, Brother Copeland, it's nice to think we can partake of each other's grace. But, let's face it, back then, that was *the Apostle Paul*, handpicked by Jesus Himself."

In other words, we must guard ourselves from putting Paul—or any other Church leader, for that matter—up on a spiritual pedestal and labeling his life and ministry as "Unrealistic for Me Today." Let me show you what I mean.

Again, let's pick up with Paul's letter to his partners in Philippi by reading Philippians 1:19-20: "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ [the Anointed One], according to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ [the Anointed One and His Anointing] shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."

Here, it's obvious to us that Paul earnestly expected his partners to pray and stand with him, so he could do what he had been called by God to do. He expected his partners to covenant with him, to join with him and undergird him with prayer. It was those prayers that were so vital to Paul's ministry because they were his connection to an even greater supply of the Spirit—a greater supply of anointing which was necessary to get the job done. The prayers of all those believers who were Paul's partners were his connection to their corporate anointings.

Prayer, Anointing Hindered

Consequently, if Paul's partners did not pray and daily hold him up the way he was holding them up daily, there was a definite possibility that failure could be at his doorstep. The exchange, or flow, of prayer and anointing would be hindered.

You mean to say that Paul could have failed?

That's right. Paul could have failed.

By writing what he did to the church at Philippi, he was acknowledging that, without the prayers and support of his partners, "I will be ashamed before God because I won't be able to complete all that I am supposed to do. By myself I will fall short."

Now, to prove even further this point of Paul's reliance upon the prayers and support of his partners, let's take one aspect of Paul's ministry to see how this partnership exchange applies. Let's look at his *boldness*.

When we think of the Apostle Paul, we might often think of the boldness demonstrated throughout his life and ministry. After all, we see in the New Testament that he was a very bold man. There were times when he would get right up in the faces of kings and high officials, point his finger at them and say, "You will not get away with this!" And they didn't.

Certainly, we could attribute Paul's boldness to his keen awareness of his position of authority as a born-again child of God in the Anointed Jesus. Nevertheless, there was something uncommon about his boldness.

So, where exactly did he get this uncommon boldness?

To answer that question, let's read a portion of a letter Paul wrote to another group of partners. It's found in Ephesians 6:10-20:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and

If Jesus needed the prayers and support of His partners, if the Apostle Paul needed the prayers and support of his partners, Gloria and I certainly need the prayers and support of our Partners to complete what God has called us to do.

the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

First, notice the connection Paul makes here between prayer and boldness. He tells his partners to put on the whole armor of God and assume a position of offensive attack through prayer. Then he tells them, “And while you’re praying, pray that I might have *boldness* and utterance.”

Expected to Pray

Notice, too, that once again Paul is asking his partners—this time, the church at Ephesus—to pray for him to have boldness. And again, he is acknowledging that the prayers of his partners have everything to do with his anointing to speak boldly the mystery of the gospel. There is definitely a pattern here—but there’s even more.

Have you ever noticed that every one of Jesus’ partners in ministry was a businessman? Every one of them. They knew nothing about ministry.

As with his partners in Philippi, Paul not only asked his partners in Ephesus to pray, he *expected* them to pray. And by their prayers, he fully *expected* the Holy Spirit to supply him with all the boldness he needed. It was no different than his fully expecting to be supplied with all the finances he needed. It was no different than his fully expecting to be supplied with all the anointings he needed.

For Paul’s boldness to be at the level he needed it to be in order to declare the mystery of the gospel in any situation, at any time, he needed his partners’ prayers. Of course, the actual boldness came from the Spirit of God, but it was his partners’ prayers of agreement that helped magnify that boldness to a higher level.

Paul knew that his partners’ prayers were the key to his success.

No Spectators Here!

In all my years as a believer and as a minister of the gospel, I have observed how the Church has had a tendency to stand back and let the *anointed ministers of God* bear most of the weight of responsibility in

carrying out the commandments of Jesus. Too often we’ve sat back like an audience, or room full of spectators, and watched as the pastors, evangelists and so on, did the work.

My brother and sister, that has never been God’s intention. That is not His way.

Even when Jesus came to this earth to minister, He came needing help. He came looking for assistance *and* assistants.

When Jesus of Nazareth came up from the waters of the Jordan River, having been baptized by John the Baptist, in that moment the Spirit of the Lord came upon Him and baptized Him for public ministry (John 1:29-34; Luke 4:18-19).

Jesus walked this earth bearing all the anointings of God, being the fullness of God manifest in the flesh. Yet, when He went up from the banks of the Jordan and began His earthly ministry, He chose 12 partners with whom to get started.

Have you ever noticed that every one of Jesus’ partners in ministry was a businessman? Every one of them. They knew nothing about ministry, but Jesus needed partners and they were willing to leave the business world to serve Him.

But now let’s take that thought a step further. Not only did Jesus need their partnership, He also needed their prayers, just as we saw with the Apostle Paul’s ministry. In Matthew 26 and Mark 14, it is recorded that Jesus went to the garden in Gethsemane, along with His disciples—His partners—to pray.

In perhaps His greatest hour of need, Jesus looked to His partners for their support. He needed their presence. He needed their prayers. Three different times during that spiritual night watch, He indicated that He needed their help. As it turned out, it also happened to be one of the disciples’ greatest hours of need, but they gave in to their flesh. They slept.

Today is no different. You and I are in the middle of a night watch, waiting for the return of Jesus, and the Church is in perhaps its greatest hour of need.

If Jesus needed the prayers and support of His partners, if the Apostle Paul needed the prayers and support of his partners, Gloria and I certainly need the prayers and support of our Partners to complete what God has called us to do.

My friend, the Bible says one of us can put a thousand to flight, and two of us, 10,000 to flight (Deuteronomy 32:30). Just imagine what 200,000 KCM Partners are doing right at this moment.

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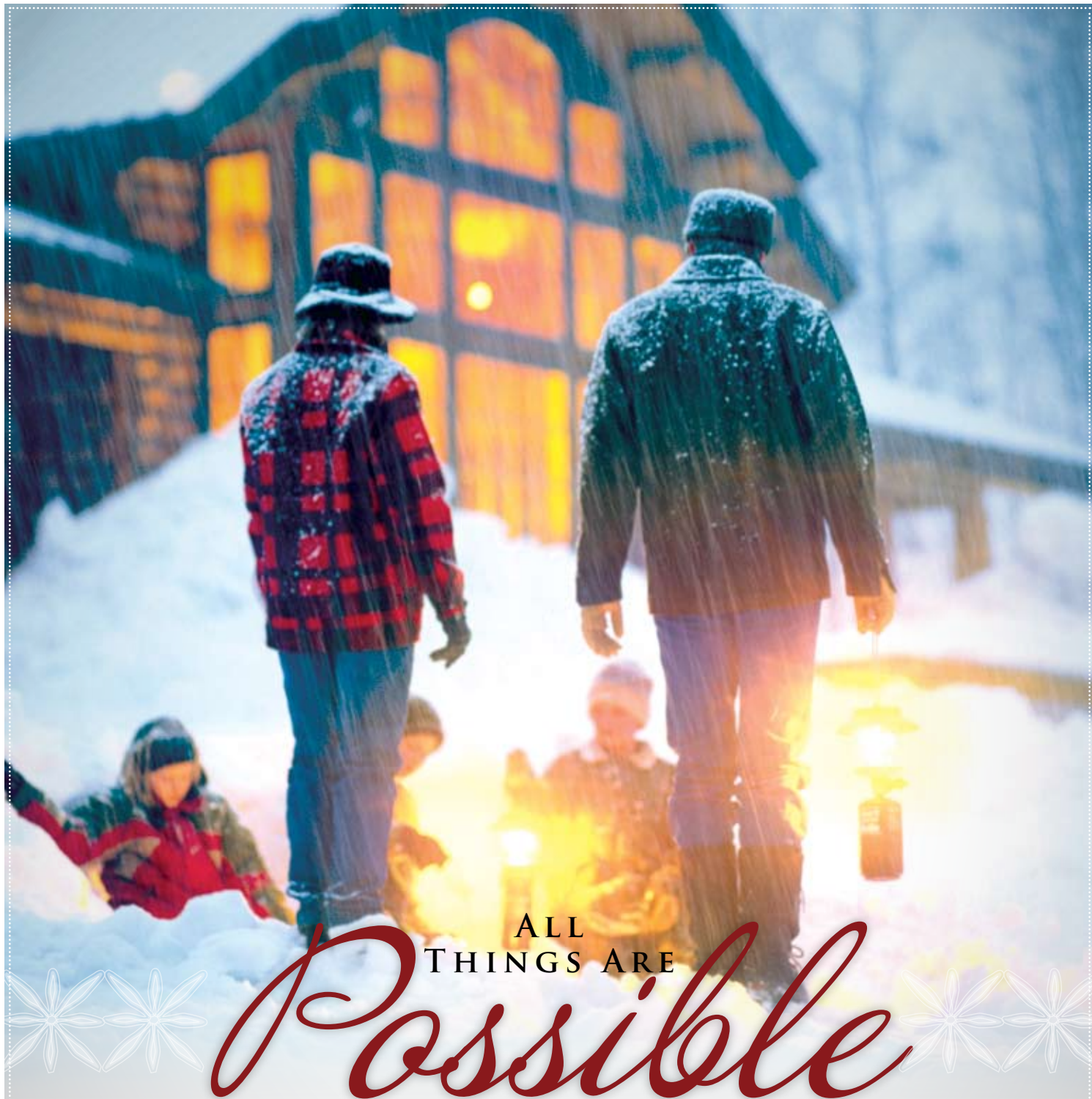
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A FLASHING RED LIGHT CAST AN EERIE GLOW OVER THE SNOW AS THE AMBULANCE SLID TO A STOP NEXT TO A WRECKED CAR. WENDY MOORE JUMPED OUT OF THE AMBULANCE AND WENT TO WORK—CAREFULLY TRYING TO FREE THE MAN INSIDE FROM THE TWISTED METAL THAT HAD ONCE BEEN HIS VEHICLE. HER BREATH HUFFED INTO WHITE CLOUDS IN THE FRIGID AIR. IT WAS A FRESH WRECK AND A FRAGILE LIFE, BUT AFTER FIVE YEARS AS A PARAMEDIC, WENDY KNEW THE DRILL WELL.

Making sure they kept the man's neck and back properly aligned and immobile, she and her partner moved him onto a backboard. Bending her knees deeply, she squatted low, grabbed one end of the backboard and signaled her partner to lift. "Let's go!" she said, flexing her quadriceps to stand. | One end of the backboard rose, but Wendy's end did not. | *Not again!* Willing her muscles to work, she struggled to stand. Turning to the ambulance driver, she offered a crooked smile. "Could you lend me a hand here?"

BY MELANIE HENRY

What's wrong with me? Wendy thought as the ambulance screamed its way to the hospital. At home that evening, Wendy sat on the floor playing with her son, Jacob. When Jacob toddled off after a toy, she tried to stand up. Once again, her thighs felt fatigued and didn't respond to the command.

Wendy scheduled an appointment with a neurologist who ordered an MRI, an electromyogram (EMG) and took a muscle biopsy of her thigh.

"There's nothing clinically wrong," the neurologist explained.

He prescribed antidepressants.

A few weeks later, Wendy answered a 911 call to a residence. Trudging up the snowy stairs to the front porch, her muscles failed her again and she had trouble navigating the steps. There was just one thing to do. Since she could no longer trust her ability to handle the physical challenges of her job, Wendy cut back her hours as a paramedic and began working primarily as a 911 dispatcher.

The muscle weakness continued into June of 2000 when Wendy became pregnant with her second child. By February 2001, her condition had deteriorated to the point that she could no longer squat and stand, so her physician referred her to the University of Michigan for a neurology exam.

"Your muscle weakness is so severe we don't think you'll be able to push during delivery," the neurologist explained after his exam. "You'll need to have a C-section. Come back after the baby is born and we'll do more invasive tests."

On March 15, 2001, Wendy gave birth to her second son, Zachary. A few weeks later, on April 17, she, her husband, Steve, and her parents arrived at the University of Michigan neurology clinic.

After conducting several tests, the chief neurologist sat down with Wendy and her family. "The disease you have is called ALS, which stands for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease," she said. "It's a progressive neurodegenerative disease that attacks the motor nerves in the brain and spinal cord. The nerves die, making it impossible for the brain to signal the muscle to move. When the nerves can no longer send impulses to the muscles, the muscles waste away."

Tears streamed down Wendy's face. "Am I going to die?"

"Do you really want to know?" the doctor asked.

"Yes! My sons are only 2½ years old and 5 weeks!"

"The disease is almost invariably fatal," came the answer. "Fifty percent of patients diagnosed with ALS live only two to five years. You'll be fully disabled soon. I suggest you go on Social Security and spend what time you have left with your children."

"My children will never know me!" Wendy sobbed in her husband's arms as they left the clinic.

The Shadow of Death | "I was only 27 years old when I got the diagnosis," Wendy recalls. "Back home, I cried night and day. I felt as though a dark shadow had settled over me and I couldn't fight my way out of it. Although she was scheduled to return to work following her maternity leave, Wendy told her boss she might not return at all. He supported whatever decision she and Steve made.

Doctors prescribed only one drug for Wendy. It cost \$700 a month.

"I was told it might prolong my life by three to six months," Wendy said. "I took the drug for a while, but it had a negative effect on my white blood count so the doctor discontinued it. There were only 14 ALS Centers in the whole country, and one of them was at the University of Michigan. If anyone could have offered medical help, they were the ones.

"My family was particularly distraught because one of my dad's relatives had died of the same disease 10 years before," Wendy said. "The symptoms progress until the patient trips, falls, has slurred speech and loses motor control. When the nerves can't signal the lungs to breathe, you suffocate."

Both Wendy and Steve's families were Christians, and they rallied around her with emotional and physical support. But Wendy's Aunt Jan went one crucial step further.

"This isn't God's plan for Wendy!" she declared. "This disease is from the devil. God's got a lot of promises for healing, and you've got to learn them."

Taking a Stand | Jan picked up the phone and called a local Bible school she'd attended and found out that the school was just beginning a teaching on healing. Steve stayed home with the children while Wendy attended the school.

"I wasn't just encouraged to go," Wendy recalls. "My whole family—mother, father and two brothers—all enrolled with me! Each week for three hours, we sat as a family under in-depth teaching from the Word of God... we learned what the Bible had to say about healing.

"We learned that Jesus was bruised for our transgressions and by His stripes we *were* healed at Calvary. We learned that the full meaning of salvation includes wholeness, health, peace and prosperity.

"In addition to Bible school, Dad recorded Kenneth Copeland's television broadcast each day. Every night the whole family gathered to watch it. My family put



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me on prayer lists at KCM, John Hagee Ministries, the 700 Club and many other ministries nationwide.

"After a few weeks in Bible school, I felt the first glimmer of hope as I started getting God's Word in my heart. I learned to be very careful about what I said. I also learned that faith without works is dead. I realized that if I was going to walk by faith I couldn't sit home and collect disability."

Wendy went to her boss and announced, "I'm coming back to work. I'm standing on the Word of God that says I'm healed. I don't want anyone feeling sorry for me. I don't want a pity party. I expect to pull my weight. If I need help, I'll ask."

Engaging the Enemy | Wendy had been thrust into a fight for her life, and the worst part of the battle wasn't physical—it was mental. It seemed as though Satan had gotten wind of her faith stand and was determined to undermine it.

To fight back, her family printed pages of healing scrip-



Zachary, Steve, Wendy and Jacob

tures which Wendy taped on her bathroom mirror and on the refrigerator. They wallpapered the house with the Word of God. Day after day, Wendy confessed God's Word over her situation. Family members posted the same scriptures in their homes, and con-

fessed them over her situation as well.

When Wendy began suffering muscle twitches, she agonized, knowing they were a sign she was worse. The first time she tripped and fell, she sobbed in despair.

Although the slurred speech, muscle twitching, tripping and falling continued, with her family's strong support, Wendy continued to stand, refusing to leave work or give in to her symptoms.

After three months, Wendy returned to the University of Michigan for a follow-up exam. "You're doing well," they reported. "You're stable, although you've lost some strength. How are you coping?"

"I'm back at work full time," Wendy explained. "I'm also attending Bible school. We believe that by Jesus' stripes I am healed."

"You're working full time?" the doctors asked incredulously. "You're working a 40-hour week?"

"Yes, plus going to Bible school and taking care of my children."

"Well, whatever you're doing, keep doing it."

The Stalker | The biggest foe in Wendy's life wasn't ALS. It was fear. Fear stalked her every waking moment. It covered her life like a shroud. It met her in her dreams and dogged her every step.

The spirit of fear reminded her of the family member who'd already died from the disease. It reminded her of all the good Christians who die prematurely.

She countered with the Word. "My people perish daily for a lack of knowledge," she said. "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

She meditated daily on 3 John 2, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (*New King James Version*).

"That scripture meant so much to me," Wendy remembers. "In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus instructed us to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. There is no sickness in heaven, and those scriptures make it clear that it's not God's will that we be sick. The more I meditated on these scriptures the stronger my faith grew.

"One of my most fervent prayers was that my healing would be verified by the doctors and that they would reverse their diagnosis."

Dogged Faith | Wendy's one-year checkup in April 2002 proved she was still stable. Her mother asked the doctors to repeat their original tests.

"There's no need," they explained. "All of Wendy's tests were conclusive for ALS. We would never give that diagnosis if we weren't sure."

Wendy and her family continued speaking and meditating on the Word. They continued to attend classes at the Bible school, to watch the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, and to stand dogged in their faith. Wendy also continued her work schedule on the job, as well as being a mother to her sons and a wife to her husband.

Wendy Moore didn't merely stay alive—she *lived*.

Eventually the slurred speech and muscle twitching stopped. Wendy stopped tripping and falling.

In August 2003, more than two years after her original diagnosis, Wendy reported back to the University of Michigan for her exam. Once again, she was stable.

The following month, she arrived home and found a message on her answering machine. "You have an atypical case of ALS," the message said. "We would like for you to come back and repeat the original tests."

A Breath of God's Love | Oct. 20, 2003, Wendy rubbed moist palms on her slacks as needles were stuck into her back, head and the rest of her body. Electrical currents ran painfully through the needles to her nerves.

She was peppered with questions, probed and thoroughly tested. Sitting up after her ordeal, she saw the whole team staring at her.

"So, what's going on?" she asked.

"Wendy," the chief neurologist said, "you don't have ALS."

Wendy felt the words wash over her like a breath of God's love.

"We don't understand what's happened here. Although the original nerve death we observed is still there, your nerves aren't dying off anymore. You look like someone who had polio 50 years ago and whose body has healed."

The nurse sobbed. "I'm so happy for you! We never get to tell people this!"

When Wendy's family was ushered into the room, they found her sitting with her head in her hands, sobbing. "What's wrong?" her dad asked.

Wendy lifted her head and said, "I don't have ALS."

In His Presence | The family became so emotional the medical team left them alone to rejoice. Steve would have his wife by his side to watch each milestone in their children's lives. Her parents would have their daughter. Her children would have a mother.

"I've never felt so close to heaven as I did at that moment," Wendy says. "The presence of God was so incredibly tangible. It seemed as if the Lord was saying, 'You stood on My Word and now I'm showing Myself to you.'"

It's been five years since Wendy Moore was diagnosed with ALS. Today, she is a 911 supervisor, while Steve works as a police officer and a paramedic. Jacob and Zachary are now 8 and 5 years old. After working her grueling 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. shifts, Wendy cheers on the sidelines during each football game, karate practice, wrestling match and baseball inning.

"Kenneth Copeland Ministries showed me how to walk by faith," Wendy says. "They taught me that trials will come, but Jesus will bring us through them all triumphantly."

Perhaps the most important lesson Wendy learned is the one that is printed on her checks and written on the tablets of her heart.

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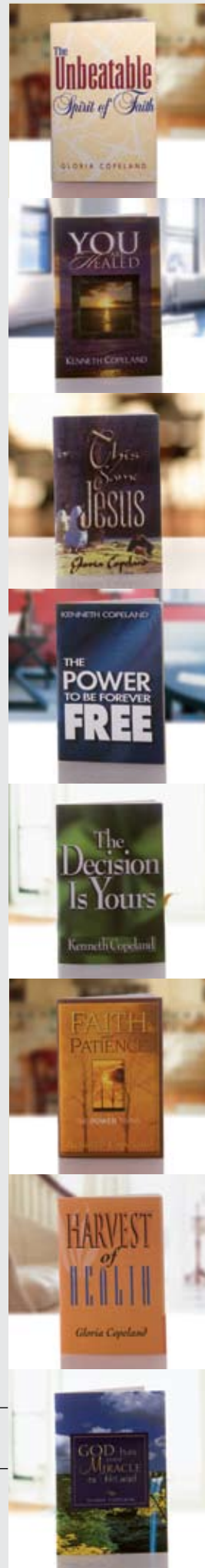
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BY GLORIA COPELAND

the uncluttered heart

I had a special room in my previous house. It was a room most company never saw. It was called an exercise room, but to my knowledge no one ever actually did much exercise in there. ❀ In the beginning, it did have some pieces of exercise equipment in it. And I used them, too. I used them to stack boxes on. I used them to prop things up. (Have you ever noticed how the handlebars of a stationary bike make a perfect place for hanging things?) ❀ Eventually, that room became my official place to put “stuff.” Boxes and boxes of stuff. ❀ I couldn’t tell you what all was in there. Occasionally I would go in there looking for something and come across a “treasure” I’d forgotten I even had. ❀ Perhaps you have a room or closet like that in your home. A place where things accumulate. A cluttered place. ❀ Do you know your heart can be such a place? It can. And when the heart of a child of God becomes cluttered, it stops being good soil for the Word. Let me show you what I mean.





It cannot produce the fruit of healing, prosperity or deliverance God desires to bring into our lives.

The Overcrowded Heart

In Mark 4 Jesus used four types of soil as a picture of the four categories of hearts that are exposed to the Word of God. The first two categories—the pavement-like heart and the stony-ground heart—never even come close to bearing any fruit. Contrast these people to those in Jesus' fourth category—the good-soil believers who bear fruit—30, 60 and a hundredfold. These are the ones who see God's kingdom manifest in their lives. They see His heavenly provision of healing, abundance, miracles and power manifest right here on earth.

But what about that third category of believers? It's here I believe we find the majority of Christians today. Let's look at what Jesus said about them. In this group are those who allow "thorns" to choke the Word: "Other seed [of the same kind] fell among thorn plants, and the thistles grew and pressed together and utterly choked and suffocated it, and it yielded no grain" (Mark 4:7, *The Amplified Bible*).

Did you notice the end result? This kind of soil "yielded no grain." Jesus is describing a heart that ultimately produces no fruit. There is no harvest—no transfer of provision and blessing from the heavenly realm to the earthly realm.

A few verses down, Jesus elaborates on this type of heart for His disciples: "And the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the Word; then the cares and anxieties of the world and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless" (Mark 4:18-19, *The Amplified Bible*).

As I've said, the sad truth is most Christians live here in Category 3. They're saved. If you asked them, they'd tell you they love the Lord. Yet they live "fruitless" lives. Why?

According to Jesus it's because, like that "exercise" room in my house, their hearts have become too cluttered.

The Clutter of Care

An overcrowded heart cannot produce the kingdom of God in the earth. It cannot produce the fruit of healing, prosperity or deliverance God desires to bring in to our lives.

As I search the Word and look at my own life through

the eyes of the Spirit, I see there are basically three kinds of clutter that tend to accumulate in our hearts.

The first thing Jesus cited in His description of the Category 3 heart was "the cares and anxieties of this world." And with good reason. You can't be worried and walk in faith. You can't be in fear and in faith at the same time.

If you want to cultivate a heart that produces hundred-fold harvests, you must come to grips with worry and drive it out of your life.

You wouldn't know it now, but I used to be a world-class worrier. In fact, I came from a long line of worriers. In my family, they thought worrying was a virtue. You were irresponsible if you didn't!

I can still remember the time in my life—earlier on in my walk with God—when I discovered that worry wasn't of God and that I needed to make a decision to walk in faith rather than fear. I learned that I needed to cast my cares upon the Lord (1 Peter 5:7).

Of course, it wasn't easy at first. Worry, to me, was like drink to an alcoholic. In the beginning I was seemingly taking worry-thoughts captive every two minutes. An anxious thought would pop into my mind and I would rebuke it. A few minutes later I would find myself having another worried thought and I would take it captive. I would say, "No, I refuse to take the care of that. Jesus, in accordance with Your Word, I roll the care of that over on You because I know You care for me."

The good news is, if you'll be diligent to fight that battle against worry by keeping the Word in your heart and in your mouth, the time will come when that Word and the knowledge of God's faithfulness is so big on the inside of you, you won't have to fight it anymore.

That "peace of God, which passeth all understanding" will be guarding your heart and mind through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

No, you don't *have* to clutter your heart with worry. You don't *have* to let the thorns of anxiety and fear choke the Word out of your life. These aren't, however, the only things that cause your heart to become too cluttered.

The Clutter of Folly

Another all-too-common reason precious, born-again people don't produce fruit or receive abundant harvests of blessing is also found right there in Jesus' explanation

of the people with a Category 3 heart. He talks about “the distractions of this age.”

I came across a verse in Proverbs the other day that pretty much characterizes this kind of clutter. I can paraphrase Proverbs 15:14 this way: A fool feeds on folly.

Nobody likes to be called a fool. In fact those are

“fightin’ words” back where I come from in Arkansas. But the Word makes it plain—if we spend a lot of time feeding on folly, we’re being foolish.

What is folly? The *King James Version* uses the word “foolishness” and the *Strong’s Concordance* defines the original Hebrew word as “silliness.”

I’m convinced that one of the primary reasons most Christians aren’t seeing the kingdom of God manifest in their lives in greater power, is because they are spending too much time feeding on folly.

Where do believers find folly to feed on? It’s pouring out of every television set in the land. It fills every movie theater. You’ll find it strewn across your radio dial and filling every magazine stand.

Here in the media age of hundreds of cable channels, VCRs, DVD players and, of course, the Internet, there is an unlimited supply of foolishness on which to feed.

When you spend more time consuming worldly entertainment than the Word of God—when being amused takes a higher place in your priorities than fellowshiping with the Father—your heart begins to become cluttered.

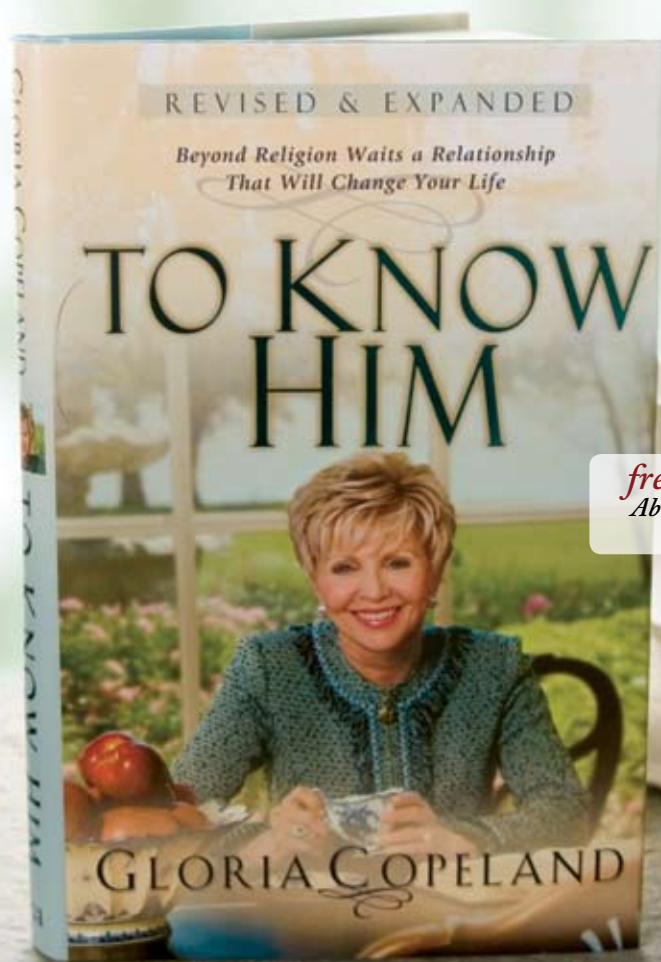
But Gloria, you might be thinking, doesn’t God want us to enjoy life?

Of course He does. Jesus told us the very reason the Father sent Him was to empower us to have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). He wants us to have fun with our families. He has given us “richly all things to enjoy” (1 Timothy 6:17)! But He—not entertainment—must be first place in our lives.

Spend too much time feeding on the mindless nonsense that pours out of your television set most of the time, and you’ll have a heart so cluttered and overcrowded that the seed of God’s Word will be choked out.

Jesus called these things “the

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distractions of this age” and warned that they will keep you from bearing fruit in God’s kingdom.

The Clutter of Deception

The third thorny thing Jesus warns us about is what the *King James Version* calls “the deceitfulness of riches.” This, too, is an area in which many Christians allow their hearts to become cluttered, and thus, unfruitful.

Religious people look at this part of the verse and say, “Aha! See there, God doesn’t really want you to prosper.” These are the same people who misquote 1 Timothy 6:10 by saying, “Money is the root of all evil.”

Of course, we know that verse really says, “The *love* of money is the root of all evil.” And the same Jesus who issued this warning is the One who said, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again” (Luke 6:38).

Where wealth is concerned, it always comes down to priorities. As Jesus said in Matthew 6:33: “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

If you’re going after things instead of going after God, you’re not going to experience true, Bible prosperity. God’s laws of abundance have a built-in protection against abuse. They do not work unless you are giving God first place in your life.

Those who are seduced by what *The Amplified Bible* calls “the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches,” will not experience supernatural increase.

There is a certain glamour associated with the kind of counterfeit prosperity the world offers. But it is a false glamour. It never satisfies. It never brings peace. It promises to make you happy but it never does. That’s why Jesus called it “deceitful.”

This kind of deception will clutter your heart. It will fill it with greed, envy and covetousness. It will ultimately crowd out the seed of God’s Word and render you unfruitful.

We must put God first. He must be our highest desire. When we have Him, we get everything else.

Clearing Out the Clutter

In the passage of Scripture we’ve been examining, Jesus warns us about the three types of “thorns” or clutter that will choke the Word and keep you from becoming a hundredfold bearer of fruit. Let’s look at it one more time: “And the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the Word; then the cares and anxieties of the world and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless” (Mark 4:18-19, *The Amplified Bible*).

He warns us about (1) the cares and anxieties of this world, (2) the distractions of this age and (3) the deceitfulness of riches.

Notice that after these three, the Lord mentions something that I believe sums up all the others. He warns us about “the craving and passionate desire for other things.”

All clutter of the heart ultimately springs from putting things before God and His Word. An uncluttered heart that is good soil for the seed of God’s Word—a heart that bears fruit—30, 60 and a hundredfold—is a heart in which God, and God alone, is on the throne.

God is raising up a generation of people who have such hearts. He is creating a people who cooperate with Him and bring His will to pass wherever they go. People who naturally manifest the kingdom of God wherever they go.

I plan to be part of that generation. I know you want to be part of it, too. And as we dedicate ourselves to God’s plans and purposes—as we put Him first place in our lives—we will be.

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