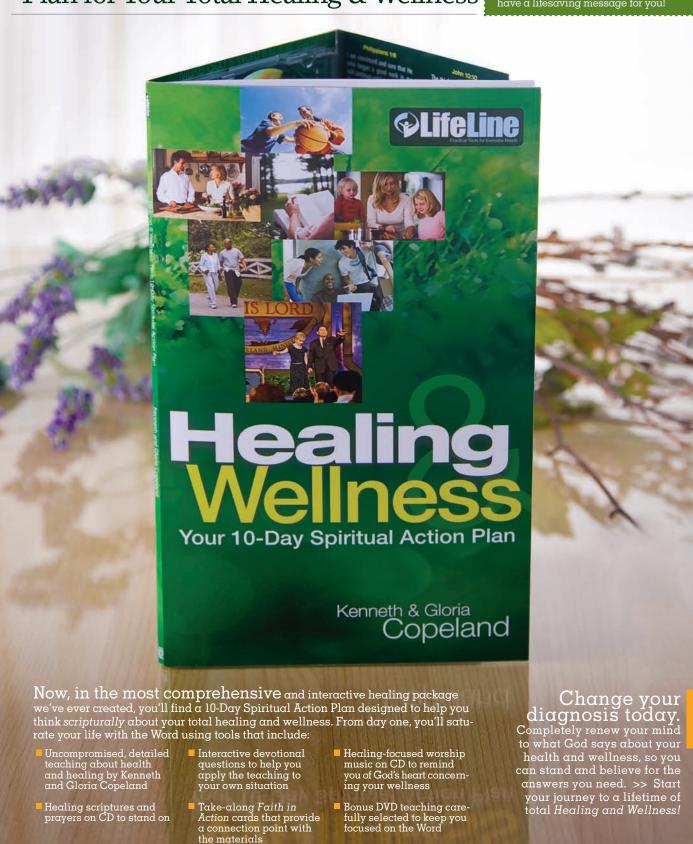


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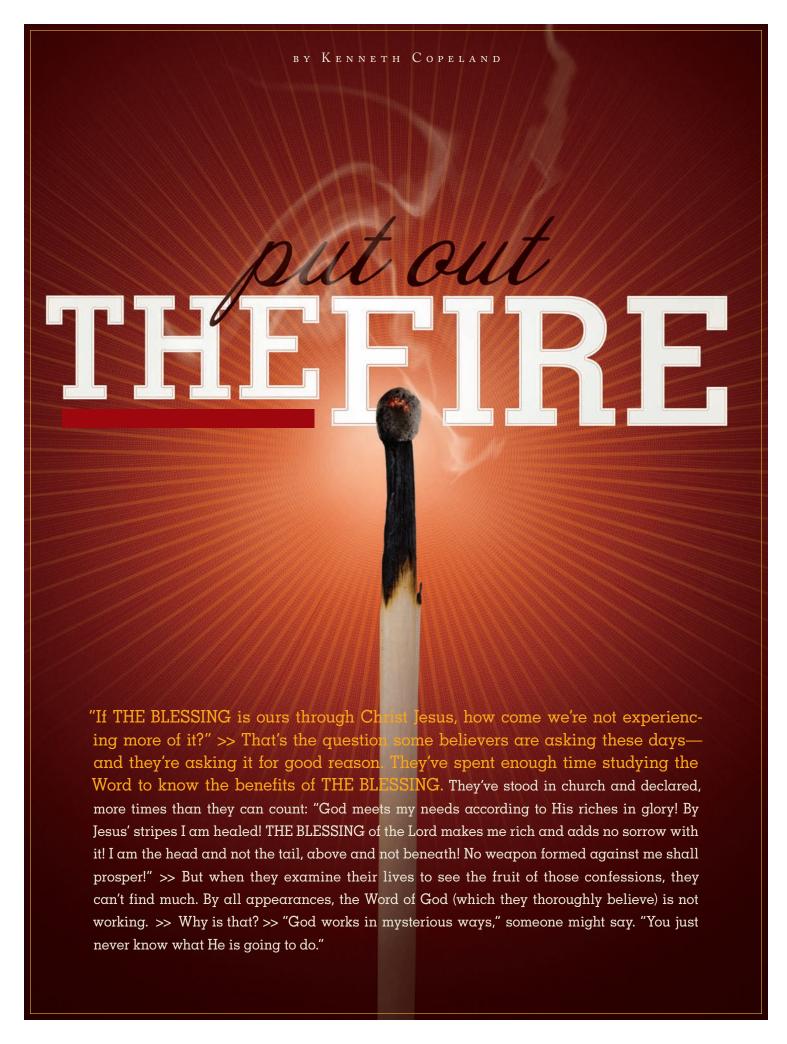
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# Fill your mouth with the Word until it gets down into your spirit and starts flowing out of you like a fountain. If you'll do that, you won't have to bite your tongue when someone acts ugly toward you.

Forgive me for being blunt, but that's a bunch of baloney. I know many people think that's in the Bible, but it isn't. In Matthew 13:11, Jesus said, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven," and Romans 11:25 says we should not be ignorant of the mysteries. When it comes to how He treats His children, God is the most *un*mysterious Person you'll ever meet. He always does for us exactly what He said in His Word. So whenever we need to find out why something He promised is not happening in our lives, all we have to do is go to the Bible.

Everything we'll ever need to know about THE BLESSING is there. God didn't leave anything for us to figure out on our own. He spelled out in such simple and straightforward terms how to live a blessed life that we can sum it up in one sentence: *Live by faith and walk in love*.

Gloria and I learned a long time ago that those two things—faith and love—are the keys to victory in every situation. We found out that if we would go to the Word and believe what God has said, and if we would keep the law of love, we could triumph over any challenge. We could experience God's goodness in every area of life.

Once we understood that, we made some quality decisions that we have honored ever since. Among them was the decision to keep strife out of our lives at all costs. Settling that one issue has done more to keep us in THE BLESSING than almost anything else.

Forty years ago, when Gloria and I sat down together at the kitchen table and declared that we would never allow strife in our home or ministry, we didn't know many of the things we know now. We didn't have as much revelation of THE BLESSING and how it operates as we do today. We simply knew the Bible says, "Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work" (James 3:16), and that was enough to convince us it was no longer an option for us.

Because strife opens the door to every evil work, as far as we were concerned, indulging in it would be like turning a rattlesnake loose in the house. That was something we simply would not allow.

#### Fussing Away the Anointing

Over the years, I've never once regretted that decision. In fact, the more I study the Bible, the more I see how dangerous strife actually is. The Word of God reveals it from Genesis to Revelation: Strife stops THE BLESSING and activates the curse.

"Well, Brother Copeland, I just don't see why a little strife is such a big deal. It goes on all the time."

It's a big deal because it's a direct violation of the one commandment that we, as New Testament believers, have been given by the Lord. It's a violation of the law of love. Strife is the exact opposite of the lay-down-your-life-foreach-other kind of compassion in which Jesus told us to walk. It's a manifestation of selfishness and hate. All you have to do is skim the book of Proverbs to see that. It says:

- Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. (Proverbs 10:12)
- A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife. (Proverbs 15:18)
- A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends. (Proverbs 16:28)
- An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression. (Proverbs 29:22)
- He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat. (Proverbs 28:25)

The last verse in that list is particularly interesting. It uses the word *fat* to refer to anointing oil. So it's telling us that the person who trusts the Lord shall be *anointed*. The one who stirs up strife, however, will not! It is also translated *opulent* meaning "to have a large estate or property or wealth." So the person who trusts the Lord is anointed to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18).

That's something the Christians in Corinth found out firsthand. They argued and fussed away the anointing until they got to the point where they couldn't understand spiritual things anymore. According to 1 Corinthians, strife reduced them to the condition of unsaved men. Even though they were born again, the discord among them so darkened their minds they couldn't hear the voice of God.

What Jesus warned about in the parable of the sower actually happened to Corinthian believers. They got offended with one another and that spirit of offense robbed them of their revelation of the Word (Mark 4:17). They became such spiritual babies that the Apostle Paul had to write them and say: "I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).

# Don't Let Strife Rob You

Let me ask you something. Is being able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit a big deal? Is being able to understand the Word of God a big deal? Of course it is! We can't live a successful Christian life without those things, and strife robs us of them. Look at John 16:13 to see what we miss by engaging in strife.

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What's more, strife hangs around in very bad company. The New Testament calls it a "work of the flesh" and lists it with such things as: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, wrath, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness and revellings (Galatians 5:19-21). Most of us have enough sense to run from that kind of stuff. We don't pal around with folks who live in adultery or practice witchcraft and we don't buddy up with murderers or drunkards.

We should be the same way about strife carriers. We should turn a deaf ear or just walk away when someone comes up to us and says, "Now, you know I love Pastor, right? But I've been wondering why he's been spending so much money lately. I've been wondering why he's made this decision or that one."

That kind of talk leads to strife and it will bring THE



BLESSING to a screeching halt in our lives. It will mess us up before we realize what's happening. We don't have any business wondering about other people's motives and decisions—much less gossiping about them. The minute we catch ourselves doing it, we should stop and repent on the spot, right in front of the person we're talking to.

The Word of God commands it. It tells us to avoid "foolish and unlearned questions, knowing that they do gender strifes." It says, "The servant of the Lord must not strive..." (2 Timothy 2:23-24). Notice that doesn't say strife is OK sometimes. It says we must not engage in it. Do you understand *must not?* It means never, ever, ever do it. Instead, "... be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves *[or get into strife]*; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves

out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (verses 24-26).

It's serious business to be taken captive by the devil to do his will! When you're in that condition, Satan has access to your innermost counsel and God can't get through to you. If you stay that way long enough it won't just cost you THE BLESSING, it will cost you your life.

# THE TONGUE STARTS THE FIRE

"Oh, Brother Copeland, surely a few words spoken when we're upset can't cause that much trouble."

Oh yes, they can. When offended tongues start to wag, the fire of hell itself breaks loose. According to the book of James, words of strife work like kindling wood. They seem small but they start big fires.

If you're not familiar with fire-building, let me explain that you can't start a campfire by sticking a match under a log. Big logs don't burn that easily. You have to gather up some brush or little, dry sticks and use them as kindling to ignite the rest of the wood. One of the best sources of such kindling is an old pine-tree stump. The sap in those stumps turns to a kind of turpentine that's extremely flammable. If you dig a few sticks out of it, you can put a match to them and they'll burn in a heartbeat. They'll start a blaze that, if you keep stoking it, will get bigger...and bigger...and bigger...and bigger...and bigger...and

The Apostle James wrote: "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth

the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell" (James 3:5-6).

Words can light fires that will absolutely destroy people's lives. They can kindle a bonfire so big that no natural force can stop it. The tongue is what ignites the fire. It's what starts breaking up the marriage before you even know it's in danger. It's what puts things in your life on a downhill slide. That's why hell is after it.

If the devil can get your tongue, nothing in your life is safe. You can spend hours and days and years building your faith in THE BLESSING. You can confess that you're blessed every hour of every day. But if you go around starting fires of strife with your mouth, those fires will eventually burn up the good things THE BLESSING brings your way; and if you don't repent, one of these days you'll find yourself sitting in an ash heap wondering what hit you. The power and authority of life and death is in the tongue!

# Make the Word of Love Your Priority

Of course, most Christians think that could never happen to them. They figure, because the good things they say outweigh the bad, it will all balance out and they'll be all right. But that's not how it works. According to James, a few words of cursing ruin everything. When we say loving things one moment and strife-filled things the next, it's like pouring bitter water and sweet water through the same fountain. The bitter will contaminate the sweet and ruin the whole stream.

"If that's the case, I'm sunk!" you might say. "I can't possibly hold back every unkind word."

No, in your own natural strength, you can't. Neither can anyone else and here's why: "Every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (verses 7-8).

Don't let those verses throw you. They aren't saying the tongue can't be tamed at all, just that it can't be harnessed with natural forces. It can't be managed with fleshly power like an animal can. It takes spiritual power to control the tongue. It takes the power of Love.

"But I don't have enough of that power to get the job done." Sure you do. When you made Jesus the Lord of your life, Love, Himself, came to live in your spirit. If you're a bornagain believer, God's own love is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5). You just need to develop it and bring it to a place of maturity. You need to strengthen your spirit to the point where love rules your thoughts, words and actions instead of allowing your old, carnal flesh to control you.

How do you do that?

By putting the Word of God first place in your heart and mind. According to 1 John 2:5, "Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected." So if you keep the Word alive in your heart and mind; if you keep it in your

mouth and make obeying it your first priority, God's love will become the governing principle of your life.

#### How to Have Heaven on Earth

Fill your mouth with the Word until it gets down into your spirit and starts flowing out of you like a fountain. If you'll do that, you won't have to bite your tongue when someone acts ugly toward you. You'll be ready to reach out to that person in love. You'll be able to respond with "the wisdom that is from above." Go right back to what we read in James 3:7-8, only read on down to verses 14-18. The Word is that wisdom from above which also "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. The fruit of righteousness...sown in peace of them that make peace" (James 3:17-18). Make the quality decision to be a maker of peace and the Word will rise up and do the rest.

I've learned from experience, you can turn the most irritating situations into heaven on earth when you do that. A group of us saw it happen when we were on a motorcycle trip some time ago. We walked into a restaurant and the waitress started grumbling at us before we could even sit down. When we asked for a specific table, she took offense and started jerking chairs around, just making things miserable.

In a situation like that, your fleshly knee-jerk reaction would be to just cut her off. But don't give in to that. Just wait a minute. Be gentle. You don't know what she's going through. She may really be hurting.

When the waitress came to take our order, I was aware of that so I said, "You're really having a tough day, aren't you?"

"You have no idea!" she said. The next thing I knew she was telling me all about it. As it turned out, she wasn't upset at us. She was in strife about something else altogether, and she didn't realize that by yielding to it she was going to mess up her business and finish the day without any tips.

That's what would have happened if we had gotten irritated with her, but we didn't. Instead, we said, "Hey, can we pray with you about this? We believe the Lord can work it out."

"You know, I believe He can, too!" she said.

After that, she was the nicest person you've ever seen. It was amazing.

The only one who left the restaurant in strife that day was the devil. He went away in a huff because we refused to let him take us captive to do his will. By walking in love, we shut the door in his face and helped that waitress get out from under his control.

When the meal was over, we left that dear lady with a smile on her face and a tip in her hand as big as Texas so she'd know we really cared about her. Then we rolled on down the road laughing, loving, enjoying each other and living in THE BLESSING of God. VICTORY



David Rothman sighed with contentment as he maneuvered his car into traffic for the drive home from work. A native New Yorker, he relished every moment in Southern California—the cool evenings and balmy days, the ocean breezes and the lack of snow and ice. But it wasn't just the weather that made life so good; it was going home to his wife, Vicki; daughter, Alexandra; and Alex's pet bunny, Rusty, which David considered a perfect metaphor for their home: warm and fuzzy.

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Glancing on the horizon, alarm rippled up David's spine. A thick plume of black and orange smoke snaked into the sky like a finger of doom. David shivered, remembering the fire that had swept across the area four years earlier. He and Vicki had packed the car for a quick evacuation, but the fire had turned and they'd been spared. Now David watched the smoke billow into the sky as he turned on the radio. The fire, an announcer explained, was in an area 30 miles from David and Vicki's neighborhood of Rancho Bernardo, a suburb of San Diego, and it was moving away from them.

There's no place like home. Every time David turned in to his driveway he felt like the most blessed of men. Built in a hilly, wooded area, their 30-year-old home sat nestled on an acre of land. The house was a southwest tri-level with terra-cotta tile. A deck off the family room drew visitors to the pool. Inside their home, rich cherry floors and new carpet accented the marble fireplace.

David and Vicki settled onto the sofa to watch the news of the fire. They were not being evacuated. The relief they might have felt was muted by their knowledge that Santa Anna winds blew in from the desert in fall and winter, triggering fires, whipping them into a frenzy and turning them on a dime. No one in Southern California would rest easy until the last ember had died out.

#### FACING AN INFERNO

"I woke at 2:30 in the morning to the smell of smoke," David recalls. "I woke Vicki, and we went outside. We couldn't see fire or ash, but the winds were gusting up to 60 mph and had blown our heavy, metal patio furniture into the pool."

Concerned the furniture might become flying missiles, David and Vicki pulled it out of the pool and secured it on the patio. Then they turned on the news.

The fire department had created a fireline near Wild Kingdom, an animal park about five miles from where the Rothmans lived. But the fire was moving the other direction and they were not being evacuated.

"I had a strong unction that we should pack just to be prepared," David recalls, "but Vicki suggested we pray for the Holy Spirit to protect us, which we did. Finally, we went back to bed."

David fell into a deep sleep as soon as they went to bed. Minutes later, however, Vicki heard sirens and bullhorns screaming, "Get out! Evacuate immediately!"

Vaulting out of bed, David raced for their daughter. "I'll get Alexandra!" he yelled. Vicki ran downstairs and opened the garage door. Seconds later her screams pierced the night air. The scene before her was a firestorm. Palm trees 50 feet from their front door looked like giant Roman candles. Huge fireballs fell from the sky, landing on roofs with explosive force. Police lined the streets, pounding on doors and pulling people out of their homes.

David and Vicki looked at their two cars for a split second and realized they didn't want to chance being separated in the mass of people fleeing for their lives. "We'll leave one here," David said. After rushing Alexandra and Rusty, their rabbit, into the car, they paused to look back at their home. "God, give us a testimony!" Vicki cried.

# CHASED BY FIRE

David gasped at the sight before him. Their quiet neighborhood looked like a fiery scene from a movie. He flinched as fireballs fell like meteors. Thank God they had a Savior—they would need Him to survive.

"We drove well away from the fire to a friend's house," Vicki explains. "Listening to the news, we realized the original fire had not turned toward us. During the night, four or five new fires ignited and our neighborhood had been ground zero for one of them. I remembered how David had had an unction to pack, but I'd wanted to just pray God would protect us. God had been protecting us by giving David those directions. I realized you can't use your faith against the unction of God. If we'd followed His leading we would have gotten out with more than a couple of pillows, my briefcase and the rabbit. We didn't even have a toothbrush—but we were alive!"

In a turn almost too bizarre to believe, one of the fires jumped the interstate and headed to the neighborhood where David and Vicki had taken refuge. When that neighborhood was evacuated,

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"As we sifted through the rubble, we found a Lenox cross that hadn't melted." —David Rothman



The Rothman's home was burned beyond restoration.

the fires limited their escape route. Raging infernos kept them from going north or east. They tried to go west, but fire approached the

lanes already crammed with cars moving at a snail's pace trying to escape. Turning south, they drove to their pastor's house.

"It was now daylight, Monday morning," David remembers. "They were starting to put addresses of burned-out homes in the news, and ours wasn't listed. Because of the massive damage in the area we knew we would need accommodations for a protracted stay, so we went downtown to a hotel. It was a strange sight in the lobby. The place was filled with evacuees and their pets.

# Approaching the Bench

"By Tuesday, we hadn't heard anything about our house so I called the vice president of our homeowners' association. The news wasn't good."

David took Vicki to a private place away from Alexandra. "Honey," he said, "the house is gone."

Vicki went still. "The whole house?"

"The whole house."

After years of working in marketing, Vicki had watched in dismay at the deterioration of church rights, particularly in preaching the gospel. Unwilling to stand by and do nothing, she'd gone back to school and earned a law degree, with an emphasis in Christian Constitutional Law. Now, knowing her home and everything in it had been destroyed in the fire, Vicki knew she wasn't just standing in a hotel filled with barking dogs, squawking birds and disgruntled people.

She was standing before the court of the Most Supreme Judge. Her Counselor—the Holy Spirit—was prepping her to approach the bench. You're going to give life to whatever comes out of your mouth now.

Those words sent shock waves of warning through her spirit, soul and body. Approaching the Highest Judge, Vicki made her declaration.

"We're going to praise God," she said. "Circumstances don't change the Word. We're going to praise God and put pressure on the circumstances."

When they told 11-year-old Alexandra that their home had perished, she looked at her parents and simply said, "We're going to trust God."

That night, they went to church and told the congregation, "We're not victims; we're victorious!" A little girl in

the congregation gave Alexandra a beautiful stuffed animal. David and Vicki knew it wasn't just a toy—it was their first sign of restoration.

# PUTTING THE TEST IN TESTIMONY

"Thursday afternoon we were finally allowed to see our property," Vicki says. "Firemen estimate the temperature in the house must have been between 2,000 and 3,000 degrees. It burned down only 15 to 20 minutes after we escaped. As we walked the property, the Holy Spirit warned again that what we speak is what we would get. When I opened my mouth to speak, I said, 'Father, I'm going to believe the promises You gave me.'

"The primary scripture we stood on was Psalm 34:10, 'The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

The Lord said it and the Rothmans believed it, but in the natural they lacked *everything*. A couple of hours later, one of their cell phones rang. It was a gentleman from Kenneth Copeland Ministries. "We're in San Diego to minister to our Partners who lost their homes. We'd like to meet you at your property and pray," the man said.

David and Vicki were stunned. "You've got to be kidding me," David said. But they weren't kidding. When the two men from KCM arrived, they walked the property and prayed. They gave David and Vicki each a word from the Lord, and then they gave them a love offering.

"As we sifted through the rubble, we found a Lenox cross that hadn't melted," David says. "We found a ceramic Holy Spirit dove and a little Lucite heart with Alexandra's name on it. And we found the family Bible, singed but not burned. A reporter from the Union Tribune dropped by and talked to us about it. They ran a story in the newspaper quoting me saying, 'The Word of God survives even the fire.' That newspaper had a circulation of a million people, and I knew God was answering Vicki's prayer that He give us a testimony."

# BE STILL AND LISTEN

Days later, David and Vicki moved to an extended-stay hotel. Everyone there was frantic, scurrying to rent houses. "You've got to rent a house fast!" they warned.

Instead of joining the frantic search, David and Vicki knew the Lord wanted them to be still and wait on His direction. In addition, everyone warned, "You're going to have a nightmare dealing with your insurance company."

"No, we won't," they countered. "The Bible says we have favor and God goes before us."

There were four parts to their insurance policy, and the Rothmans discovered they had less coverage on their dwelling than they owed on their mortgage. According to their policy, they would get more money if they rebuilt.

The initial adjustor said, "We're prepared to give you a check for Schedule A."

"That may be the way it's normally done," Vicki said, "but that's not the way it's going to be done this time. Hold off on the check and we'll talk in a couple of days."

Soon after, Vicki was back at their homesite and found that her granite countertops had turned to talcum powder. As she sifted the powder in her hands the Lord spoke. *Daughter, you're done here. Don't come back.* 

Stunned, Vicki told David, "We're not supposed to rebuild! God said not to come back here!" But if they weren't supposed to rebuild, what were they supposed to do?

#### BEYOND RESTORATION

"That afternoon, a realtor called," Vicki remembers. "The day before the fire we'd looked at a house that was for sale. It had been way more than we could afford, but when we left, David said, 'Oh Lord, if I had this house I wouldn't miss the one we have now."

Those words now seemed strangely prophetic. Yet, if they hadn't been able to afford the house before, how could they consider it now? But the Lord told the Rothmans to clear off their lot and list it for sale.

"Are you crazy?" someone asked. "Do you think you can sell a burned lot in this depressed real-estate market?"

In the natural, probably not. But David and Vicki were not dealing in the natural. God was doing a supernatu-

ral thing for them. They could sense it. In three days, their lot sold. The Rothmans used the money as a down payment on their dream home. When they told their adjustor they were buying a house, he said, "We've valued the replacement cost of your house at \$300,000 more than your structural coverage, so here's a check for that amount." Then he wrote them another check for the cost of what they'd lost in the house and added 7 percent for tax.

"Less than 90 days after the fire, we were living in our dream home," David explains. "Our old house was on an acre of land—this one is on an acre and a half. Our old house had a small pool—this one has an 80-foot pool and a 15-person Jacuzzi. Our old house had two orange trees—this one has an orange grove. Our new house is 4200 square feet, modern and beautiful.

"It's been more than a year since the fire and many people are still trying to prove to their insurance companies what they lost. In our old neighborhood many burned-out lots are still for sale. We know beyond any doubt, if we'd gotten into grumbling and complaining we would have tied up our blessing."

Every day when David and Vicki awake in their dream home, they are reminded that God's promises are true: They lack no good thing.

"We're living in perilous times," Vicki says, "and that's why the Body of Christ must stand together. That's also why we partner with KCM. Their prayers would have been enough, but they were also there for us. That's the heart of Christ."

God not only gave David and Vicki Rothman a testimony, He honored their words. Today they are not

victims; they are victorious.

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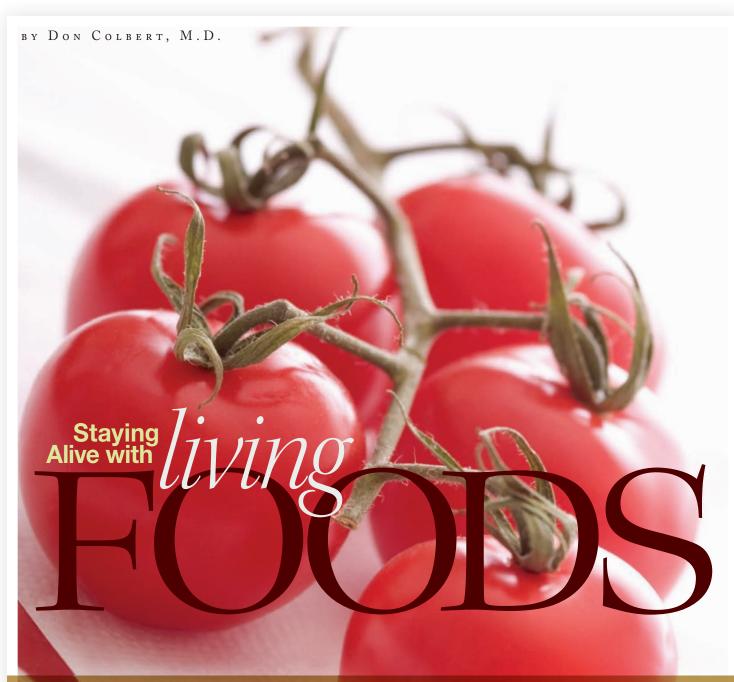
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When I wrote the book *The Seven Pillars of Health*, I introduced people to the seven basic pillars of a healthy lifestyle. I believe that by living out the seven principles I shared in that book, anyone can become stronger, healthier, more energetic, younger looking, wiser, smarter and more disease resistant.

As a medical doctor who is board certified in family practice and anti-aging, I have dedicated my life to helping

people become healthy. Because I have spent more than 20 years treating patients, the advice I give is based on years of experience with real problems and real people.

One area of health I commonly address when treating patients is their diet. Why? Because research has shown over and over again that too many Americans are eating their way to

an early grave! The key is to know what foods to eat heartily, what foods to eat in moderation and what

foods to avoid. Wouldn't it be great if there were a road map to help you navigate the often-treacherous territory of healthy food choices?

In the Old Testament, God gave the Israelites a choice. He said, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19, New King James Version). That was thousands of years ago, but I believe we still have a life-and-death choice before us today.

We can choose to eat unhealthy foods that bring about degeneration and accelerate the aging process, or we can

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choose to eat living foods that help protect our bodies from disease and give us more vitality.

Imagine yourself standing at a crossroads. In the middle is a road sign with two arrows pointing in opposite directions. It tells you that if you follow one arrow, you can "eat this and die," but if you follow the other arrow, you can "eat this and live." My hope is you will choose the path that leads to life.

And by life, I don't mean mere survival. Unlike some authors of books about nutrition, I believe God has given us food, like life, to enjoy.

# All Food Is Not Created Equal

Imagine you have two shelves in your pantry, one says "dead food" and the other "living food." On the "dead food" shelf is a label that reads: "These foods will increase your risk of developing degenerative diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and arthritis; and make you overweight. They will also make you more prone to fatigue, hypertension and high cholesterol."

But the "living food" shelf's label reads: "These foods will help your body arm itself against cancer, heart disease, degenerative diseases and obesity; and they will sharpen your mind, energize and enliven you."

Which shelf are you going to choose?

Those shelves are not imaginary. They are real. In your pantry, freezer and fridge right now are foods that lead to life and death. They are probably all mixed together—live foods next to dead.

All men are created equal, but all foods are not! In fact, some foods should not be labeled "food" but rather "consumable product" or "edible, but void of nourishment."

Living foods—fruits, vegetables, grains, seeds and nuts—exist in a raw or close-to-raw state and are beautifully packaged in divinely created wrappers called skins and peels. Living foods look robust, healthy and alive. They have not been bleached, refined or chemically enhanced and preserved. Living foods are plucked, harvested and squeezed—not processed, packaged and put on a shelf. Living foods are recognizable as food.

Dead foods are the opposite. They have been altered in every imaginable way to make them last as long as possible and to be as addictive as possible. That usually means the manufacturer adds considerable amounts of sugar and man-made fats that involve taking various oils and heating them to dangerously high temperatures so the nutrients die and transform into something completely different—a deadly, sludgy substance that is toxic to our bodies.

Life breeds life. Death breeds death. When you eat living food, the enzymes in their pristine state interact with your digestive enzymes. The other natural ingredients God put in them—vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients, antioxidants, fiber and more—flow into your system in their natural state. These living foods were created to cause your digestive system, bloodstream and organs to function at optimum capacity.

Dead foods hit your body like a foreign intruder. Chemicals—including preservatives, food additives and bleaching agents—place a strain on the liver. Toxic, man-made fats begin to form in your cell membranes; they become stored as fat in your body and form plaque in your arteries. Your body does its best to harvest the tiny traces of good from these deadly foods, but in the end you are undernourished, overfed and overweight.

If you want to be a healthy, vibrant, energetic person rather than someone bouncing between all-you-can-eat buffets and fast-food restaurants, take your diet seriously. Now is the time to make the change to living foods.

# A Remarkable Work of Art

Before the finger of God touched the oceans with creative power, God envisioned you in His heart. You are His masterpiece, designed according to an eternal plan so awesome that it's beyond man's ability to comprehend. Your body is an amazing creation—something far superior to anything developed by man. Only God Himself could have created such a remarkable work of art. You not only have a body that functions with billions of parts, but you are also blessed with feelings and

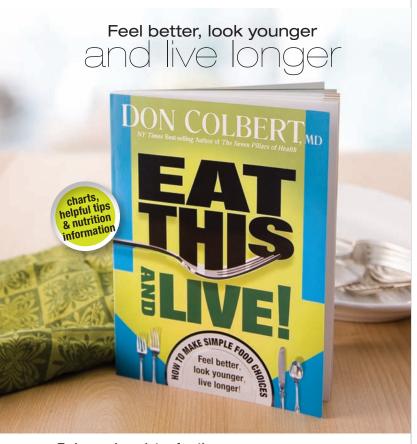




emotions. The psalmist wrote, "Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it" (Psalm 139:14, *New Living Translation*).

You were not placed on Earth to be anemic, feeble and helpless. God wants you to live "more abundantly"—disease free and in maximum health. Your physical body is precious and was created as a dwelling place for your Creator. Yet most people pollute their temples by eating too much and eating the wrong foods.

The 2004 movie *Super Size Me* chronicled one man's switch to an all-McDonald's diet. In just 30 days he went from 185 to 209 pounds, his cholesterol went up a whopping 65 points, and his body fat jumped from 11 to 18 percent. That's not even including what he suffered from mood swings, high blood pressure and symptoms of addiction. His was an experiment, but many people treat their bodies that way regularly.



**Today we have lots of options** when it comes to the foods we eat. But all foods are not created equal.

In Eat This and Live! Dr. Don Colbert provides a road map to help you select the foods that are best for you, no matter where you are. Presented in an easy-to-access, full-color format, you'll enjoy this practical guidebook of "Dr. Colbert Approved" foods and restaurant menu choices, with helpful tips, charts and nutrition information.

Free yourself from deadly "Franken-foods." Discover tasty, nourishing choices that will make it easier for you to stay healthy and lose weight now!

If you say, "Everyone around me eats 'bad' food, and they all look fine," consider that maybe everyone around you is unhealthy, in the process of becoming overweight and disease-prone.

Maybe you have felt hopeless or even said, "Why try now when I've already tried everything?" You said it—you tried. The good news is that you are not alone. Start practicing temperance, moderation, portion control and self-restraint when it comes to food. Then, when you make positive changes to your diet, it will have a real and lasting effect on your health.

# **The Mind-Body-Spirit Connection**

Many times people who struggle with unhealthy eating habits or weight problems experience self-loathing, loneliness, low self-esteem, depression, guilt and shame—especially the latter two. Over the years, I have treated numerous patients and found that whether their issues with food result in being overweight or underweight, almost always the root cause is emotional. The moment they eat something they shouldn't, they feel guilty and ashamed, and feel like quitting.

In my medical office, we know we need to treat the patient's body, mind (emotions) and spirit. We give them scriptures to confess aloud daily and meditate on so they begin to change their mind-set from a negative to a positive state. The Word of God gives them hope.

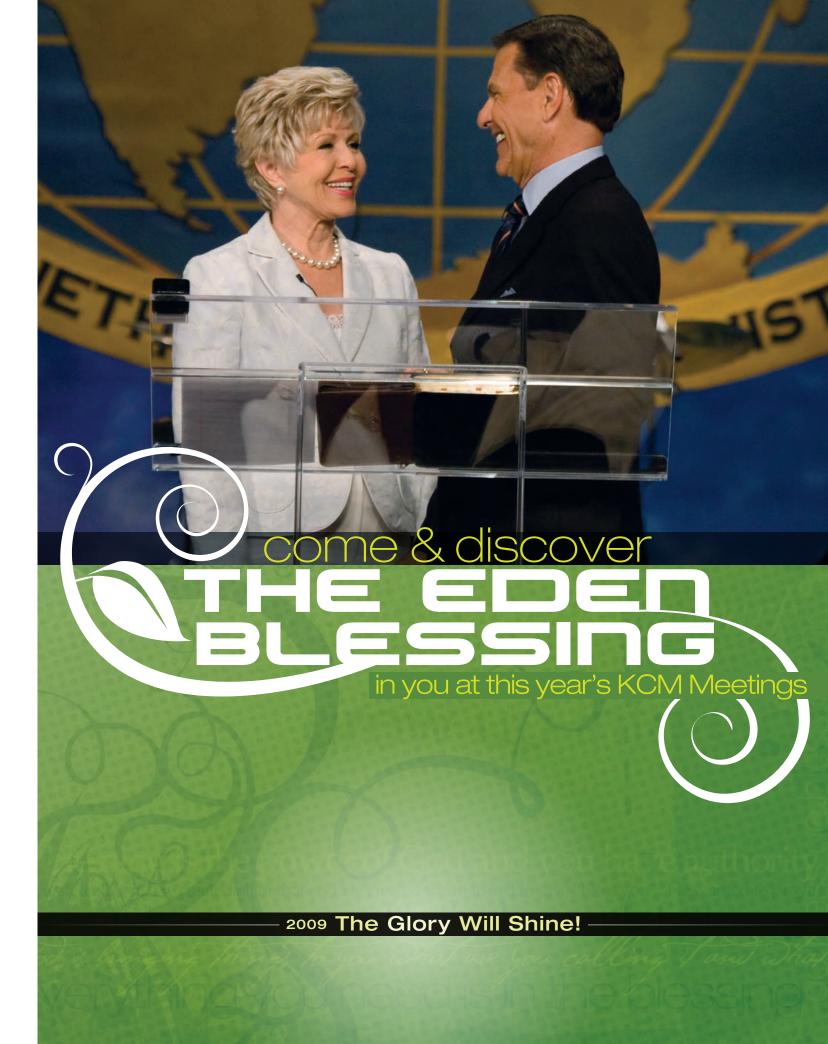
Often I take these patients through something I call forgiveness therapy, which enables them to forgive themselves as well as others. When they forgive themselves and begin to love, respect and accept themselves, it breaks the vicious cycle of negative feelings and emotions. Then, and only then, do we address the patient's physical needs by making lifestyle changes like eating living foods and exercising.

Perhaps reading this has struck a chord deep within you. For the first time, you may be realizing the connection between some unresolved issues in your past and your current struggle to control your eating habits. You must be willing to start loving yourself and forgiving yourself. In so doing, you can begin to exercise self-control over your physical body and its cravings. I encourage you to read my book *The Seven Pillars of Health* to learn more about the power of forgiveness.

I am praying for God to give you the determination and willpower to follow through on new eating strategies. Not only will you lose weight and feel better, but you will also be taking care of your body—God's temple—and beginning to live a full and abundant life. VICTORY

(This article is adapted from Dr. Don Colbert's new book, *Eat This and Live!*)

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# America's Heritage of Christian Education

American education, like the country itself, was founded on biblical principles. Most early American Christians lived by Deuteronomy 11:18-19, obeying God's command to "lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul.... And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." They considered it their responsibility to teach their children to read the Scriptures so they could apply them to their everyday lives. They believed that the Word of God is our one sure foundation in life.

Christians in early America also believed it was their responsibility to teach others to read so their lives could be established on the foundation of God's Word, and so the gospel could go forth.

The first free common schools in America were established as a result of their convictions. Massachusetts and Connecticut even passed a law called the Old Deluder Satan Law of 1647, the preamble of which stated in part: "...one chief purpose of that old deluder, Satan, [is] to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures," therefore, every township with at least 50 families was ordered to appoint a teacher and set up a school. And the first American reading textbooks. such as the New England Primer, contained rhymes from Bible stories in addition to the alphabet.

By 1776, the degree of literacy in the colonies was between 70 and 100 percent. Virtually every child was educated.

# Founding Father and a Schoolmaster

Perhaps no one has influenced American education more than Noah Webster, the "Founding Father of American Scholarship and Education." An expert in grammar and literature, he spent his life producing books such as his American Dictionary of the English Language and Webster's Blue-Backed Speller which sold more than 100 million copies.

He called the Bible "America's basic textbook in all fields" and believed "God's Word...has furnished all necessary rules to direct our conduct."

The Rev. William Holmes McGuffey was referred to as the "Schoolmaster of the Nation." His Readers are some of the most widely used of all time. In the preface to one of them, he wrote: "From no source has the author drawn more copiously, in his selections, than from the sacred Scriptures. For this, he certainly apprehends no censure. In a Christian country, that man is to be pitied, who at this day, can honestly object to imbuing the minds of youth with the language and spirit of the Word of God...."

# Higher Learning

Nearly all early colleges and universities in America, including Harvard University, The College of William and Mary, Yale College and Princeton University, were founded on the Christian faith and established to train ministers. They held tightly to the precepts of the Bible.

It's hard to believe how drastically education has changed over the years. School used to be a place where prayer was the first order of the day—where children could safely explore the world, receive a fundamental education and develop social skills.

Years ago the most common juvenile offenses involved chewing gum, cigarettes or an occasional fistfight on the playground. Today drug use and violent crime are the major concerns. A skyrocketing rise in serious juvenile offenses can be traced back to a 1962 Supreme Court decision that prohibited state-mandated prayer in public schools, and another decision in 1963 that ruled mandatory Bible-verse recitation unconstitutional. These and other court decisions have fostered confusion about what is legal in our schools, causing most educators to ban prayer and the Bible from their campuses.

Children are no longer being taught biblical principles in most public schools. So what can we do about it?

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That means we have the responsibility to teach and train our children in the things of God. Only the Word can give them a sure foundation for life. So no matter where they attend school-private, public or home-make sure their education includes a solid foundation in the Word of God. Make sure they know the difference between right and wrong-that they are not taken captive through philosophy and empty deception (Colossians 2:8).

We should also pray for the public school system. First Timothy 2:1-2 says we should pray for all those in authority that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life. In prayer, we can refuse to give up any more ground spiritually and stand in faith to see our Christian heritage re-established in public schools.

As we teach our children the precepts of God, pray for our schools and do our part, we are not only affecting the future of our families but also that of our nation, for we are training the leaders of tomorrow.

Finally, we can stay informed and get involved with our local school boards.

Abraham Lincoln stated it best when he said: "The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next."

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No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (money). Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than rai-

body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than

they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles

seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:24-33).

In these verses of scripture, Jesus states the primary goal of the successful Christian life: Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

What exactly is the kingdom of God? Some people think it is heaven, but the kingdom of God in its literal sense is not heaven. Heaven is the place where God resides, but the kingdom of God involves more than that. The kingdom of God is basically God Himself because He cannot be separated from His kingdom. He *is* the kingdom. Without Him, the kingdom would not even exist.

The kingdom of God includes more than heaven, just as the kingdom of earth is more than this planet. The kingdom of earth includes the atmosphere around it and the laws that govern it. The kingdom of God is the world of the spirit. It is governed by God and by the laws of God.

As Christians, we operate by spiritual laws—the same laws that govern God's kingdom. In Romans 8:1-2 the Apostle Paul wrote, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." We are to live on this planet, in this time and hour, by the law of life that governs the world of the spirit, rather than by the law of sin and death that governs the world of the natural.

When you made Jesus the Lord of your life, you were reborn from death to life. First John 5:1 says, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." Being born of God entitles you to citizenship in the kingdom of God. In Luke 12:32, Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." You don't own a *part* of the kingdom of God, you own it all!

# Two Things to Seek

But Jesus names two things in Matthew 6:33 that we are to seek. He told us to seek (1) the kingdom of God and (2) His righteousness. Knowing we are citizens in the kingdom is tremendous, but without a revelation of righteousness, we will never know the reality of our kingdom rights.

Righteousness is right-standing with God. It is a free gift that is received by faith. Romans 3:21-22 says righteousness has been made manifest by the faith of Jesus Christ. It has already come.

# Looking Through God's Eyes

Let's look at this through God's eyes. God sees the believer through His Word. He sees us in Christ Jesus. He doesn't look at us the way we look at ourselves. We need to see ourselves the way God sees us, then we will be able to act like what we see. What God sees is what we really are. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, we have been made the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. We may not feel like it or look like it, but nevertheless it is true. We are the Body of Christ in the earth today—one spirit with Him, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh, filled with His mighty Holy Spirit.

It is strengthening to realize we have a right-standing with God. It causes us to expect results when we pray. I have

learned to put confidence and faith in my right-standing with God—not because of anything I have done, but because of what Jesus has done for me.

# Your Prayer Attitudes Will Change

As you develop a righteousness consciousness, your prayer attitudes will change. You will become aware of the new birth and what Jesus has provided for you. You will realize that the Father has invited you to come boldly (confidently, without fear) to the throne of Grace with your needs and requests.

The Bible says that when we pray according to His will, we know He hears us and we know we have the petitions we desired of Him (1 John 5:14-15). When we pray in the Name of Jesus, we immediately get the ear of God. First Peter 3:12 says, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." James wrote: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

# THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

In Ephesians 6:10-18, the Apostle Paul describes the armor of God. He says to use it when "praying always with all prayer." This is prayer armor, used to fight "against principalities, against pow-

ers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." To take on this kind of prayer fight, you must put on "the breastplate of righteousness." It is one of the most important pieces of the armor. It covers the vital part of the Christian's identity—his right to the authority provided in Jesus Christ.

The following is an example of a prayer by a believer who realizes his place of right-standing and has on his breastplate of righteousness: "Father, I see in Your Word that I have been made the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. He has provided certain rights for me and healing is one of these rights. I receive it now in Jesus' Name and I thank You for it. Your Word also says that You are faithful and just to forgive me of my sins when I confess them, so I take this opportunity to confess this sin and get it out of my life, in order to maintain my complete fellowship with You. I receive Your forgiveness now in the Name of Jesus. I may not feel righteous, I may not feel forgiven, but Your Word says I am, so I am. Satan, I now put on the breastplate of righteousness and come against you with the sword of the Spirit-God's Word. Healing belongs to me. My body belongs to the God of this universe. I have given it

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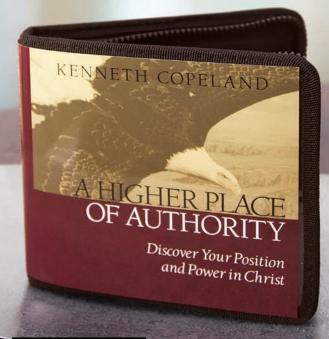
to Him. So in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, take your sickness and disease and get out!"

You have a *right* to expect your heavenly Father to answer. You have not prayed in your name, you have prayed in Jesus' Name. His righteousness (right-standing with God) is yours! With a reality of being the righteousness of God, you expect God's Word to be true and you plan for success.

# An Impact in the Realm of the Spirit

This kind of prayer is tough in the world of the spirit. It will bring results in the physical world. After you have prayed to God and taken authority over Satan, you should take authority over your physical body. Speak to it in the Name of Jesus and command it to conform to the Word of God that says it is healed by the stripes of Jesus (Isaiah 53:4-5). I have done this and had my body shape up immediately. You see, the world of the spirit controls the world of the natural. A Spirit created all matter—His Name is Almighty God

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and He is our Father! The righteousness of God is what it's all about!

# You Have Been Given the Kingdom

You have been given the kingdom of God and you have a standing in that kingdom that is equal to Jesus' own standing. God loves you as much as He loves Jesus. The Bible says, in God there "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). He does not vary. He is the same today as He was 2,000 years ago. He loves you and me right now with the same love, the same dedication, the same devotion that is beyond all human understanding. He loves you with that abounding, abundant, powerful love with which He loves Jesus.

In Ephesians 2, we can read a magnificent description of God's love toward His Church. Verses 6-7 state that He has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places with Jesus for *one* reason: "That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Verse 10 says we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. We need to allow our place in Christ Jesus to take its place in us.

#### God's Will for Us as Believers

It is God's will for us to own the kingdom. Remember what Jesus said: "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

It is God's will for us as believers to live above this present, evil world. Colossians 1:12-13 says, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (or able) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

It is God's will for us to walk in newness of life and in the likeness of Christ. Paul wrote the church at Galatia: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (Galatians 4:19). We are predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son.

# We Have Rights and Privileges in the Kingdom of God

As citizens of the kingdom of God, we have been given rights and privileges and freedoms to enjoy—everything right-standing with God will provide—not as servants, but as sons (Galatians 4:7). Romans 8:16-17 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."

Our citizenship is in the kingdom of God. We are not citizens of this world. We are *in* the world, but we are not *of* it. Living in the kingdom of God is a pleasure

and privilege that is almost more than the natural mind can comprehend. God didn't have to bring us into His kingdom. He didn't have to send Jesus to the cross to die for us. But He did! And we will be able to spend eternity with Him. Praise God!

# THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR TEACHER

Jesus said in John 16:13-15, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." This is an open invitation for the Spirit of God to show you the very insides of God Himself.

Man was created in God's class and we are capable of receiving revelation and knowledge directly from God. By living in His kingdom, away from the authority of Satan, with Jesus as our Lord, we are open to the teaching and training of the Holy Spirit. The nature of man is trainable. His spirit is trainable, his mind is trainable and his body is trainable. He was created that way so he can expand his ability. God created the human being with the capacity to increase in productivity. We are capable of developing God's unlimited capacity of success.

# LEAN HARD ON YOUR RIGHT-STANDING WITH GOD

When you discover who you are in Jesus, your entire existence—your health, your financial life, your social life—will take on new meaning. The storms of life will be stopped as you exert pressure on them with the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within you. You are to reign as a king under your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth! Praise God!

God sees you this way. He expects you to take your rightful place and live this kind of life, above the beggarly elements of the world. As a believer, He has given you the power and the strength of the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Jesus Christ as your Lord and High Priest to change nations and governments around the world. Begin to take the New Testament seriously. Begin to believe it and walk in the light of it. Begin to lean hard on the righteousness which God has freely given you and walk as a citizen of His kingdom. You will realize then that all things are possible to you as a believer.

It is a magnificent blessing to be a citizen of the kingdom of God and have such a close relationship with the Father. He is the God of the universe and we are His very own children! He wants to bless and prosper us as His family, so we can go forth in His power through the might of the Holy Spirit—not only to rule over the evil in the world, but to feed the world.

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. When you do this and realize your place in Christ Jesus as a new creation and walk in the light of the Word, "all these things shall be added unto you." VICTORY



There is nothing—absolutely nothing—that is more important than learning to love. Every other spiritual force derives its action from love.

First Corinthians 13:4-8 paints a perfect picture of how love behaves:

kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrongl. It does ness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakenbecomes obsolete or comes to an end] (The Amplified Bible).

Love never fails. Nothing works without it, and there can be no failure with it. It takes faith to believe love's way will not fail. The natural mind cannot understand that because the natural man is ruled by selfishness. He believes if you don't look out for No. 1, no one else will. And, in a sense, he is right. No one else can look out for him. His selfishness shuts the door to the love of God, and he winds up on his own.

But when you practice love by faith and refuse to seek your own, you put the Father into action on your behalf. He will allow no man to do you wrong (1 Chronicles 16:22). No weapon formed against you will prosper. No one even has the power to hurt your feelings, because you are not ruled by feelings but by God's love.

This love is revolutionary. If we fully understood the great return from living God's love, we'd be competing with each other, each of us trying to love the other more. And without a doubt, everyone would emerge from that competition a winner! VICTORY

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(1 Peter 3:12)

## Living in Heaven's Economy

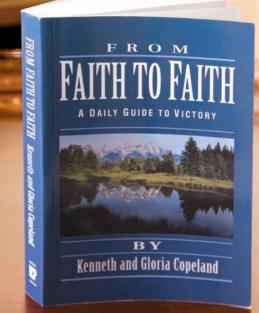
During this financial crisis God reminded me to send you and your ministry a big "thank you" for your obedience in teaching us God's economic principles. Ever since we connected with your ministry in 2000 you have been faithfully teaching us about getting out of debt, and God's economic principles of sowing and reaping through tithes and offerings. We are so glad God put you and your ministry in

We don't have to walk in fear the eyes of our understanding through your daily teachings. We are happy to

say we are not in a mountain of debt like we were, and we

don't have to walk in fear despite the financial crisis the world is facing. We continue to believe God will help us be completely debt free from our one debt: the house mortgage. We love you and we pray for you, your family and ministry.

Sandeep and Maria Singh :: Kansas



# No More Offense

In April 2005, Kenneth came to Brighton. I had just become a Partner a few days before. He taught about love and how it's the foundation of it all. During that time I was a graduate working in a call centre; I was poor. Although not physically sick, I was emotionally sick.

But God kept thinking of me! He kept turning things until it became my turn... He sent Kenneth to liberate me! I took Kenneth's story about the man who was trying to hang curtains on a rod, and I meditated on it and accepted it! I was immersed in this "love bubble" and suddenly offenses became lighter, sneers were not regarded, insults dissolved before penetrating and strife was gone. I refused to let them in. Even to this day, if I notice strife coming on, I stand against it in the Name of Jesus.

Since that time I have received my master's in neuroscience and got a rewarding job where I earn five times more than I did at my last job. And last March I signed documents for my own house! God is faithful to His Word.

O.O. :: United Kingdom

#### **Constant Provision**

THE BLESSING is working! My husband and I had gone through a very difficult time last year. He lost his job, our only car broke down, our bank accounts were almost empty and our charge cards were at their limits. However, through prayer and spending time with the Lord, my husband discovered he needed to change careers and go back to school. We had absolutely no idea how we were going to pay for his tuition, but the Lord showed us the way and He provided for us.

When our car broke down, He led us to the one we needed to buy and we bought it for less than the advertised price. A few days later we received a cheque from a family member that covered almost the entire cost of the car! We've also received other unexpected gifts from family members and friends. We are standing on God's Word and we know we are living in THE BLESSING!

O.M. :: Canada

# From Faith to Faith Provides Freedom

I have been so blessed by the *From Faith to Faith* book. I can't begin to tell you the countless times I've prayed about something and God answered me through your book.

Last June my dad was going to the hospital for a heart catheterization. The night before the procedure I called the prayer line and one of the ministers prayed for my family and me. The next morning my parents and I arrived at the hospital and while we waited for the doctors I opened my *From Faith to Faith*. The devotion for the day was "Free From Fear." As I shared with my parents we began to praise God, trust Him and not worry about the diagnosis that my dad would need a triple bypass. Praise be to God there was no bypass surgery and my dad's arteries are fine.

Not only was I able to share God's Word with my parents, but one of the nurses, too. She took down your information and wanted a book for herself. Thank You, Jesus. Look how the good news is spreading!

R.G. :: Connecticut

# Comfort in Time of Need

In August 1991, my son died of kidney failure. We are partners with a few other ministries, but your prayer department was the only one who sent us such heartfelt and sincere words of sympathy. That was amazing going beyond the call of duty.

I have been tremendously blessed by your faith, life of integrity, *BVOV* broadcast, books and tapes.

D.S. :: Virginia

# Gift of Salvation Blesses Family

In 2003, just after my wife and I were married, we were praying for our families' salvation. The Lord showed me a vision of a pebble being dropped into something that looked like a still lake. The pebble caused ripples to form and the Lord spoke and said, *Your* 

prayers have caused ripples in the spirit realm and your families will be saved.

A year later we received another word from the Lord that, "Out of our mouths a trumpet will sound and bring our families into the kingdom." That put a spring in our step and we continued praying for our families until March 2008. I was watching the New Year's Eve service where Brother Copeland ministered at EMIC. Near the end of the service he said something that grabbed my attention. He said, "Stop worrying about your kinfolk, stop wrestling with it, stop your work and enter into His finished work." Then he gave an example of prayer that should be said concerning families.

The next day I got out my prayer diary, wrote down that prayer, brought it before God, declared it and entered His rest regarding their salvation. Two days later my wife's aunties and grandmother came to our house. They all had complaints about various illnesses and knew of my faith in believing for healing, prosperity, guidance and trusting in what the Lord has said in His Word. The Holy Spirit told me to read Mark 2 where Jesus heals the paralytic through the faith of his friends. I told them that just as the paralytic's friends had used their faith, I

was going to use mine and they would have to take immediate action and believe they were healed—regardless of what their bodies might say through pain, etc. I also said that receiving their healing but still ending up in hell would be a shame and they should think about their eternal salvation. As I was praying the Lord said to me, *Ask them if they want to be saved*, so I asked if anyone wanted to give Jesus a chance and invite Him into their lives. One by one they raised their hands and were led from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light! I'm resting in God's finished work and my whole family is saved. Jesus is Lord!

J.H. :: United Kingdom

God Is Good to me

I was watching an evening satellite service and Brother Kenneth mentioned there was someone dealing with rejection. I started to cry because 18 years ago my children's father left me for another woman, and I knew Kenneth was talking to me. I have been restored and I feel happy again. Brother Kenneth also said, "God has something good for you." I believe that was for me. Thank you so much for all of your prayers.

S.S.:: Canada

# **God Opens Financial Doors of Blessing**

I became seriously ill and went to the local emergency room. After the doctor ran all kinds of tests to find out what was causing the fever, I told my attending physician I had a history of uterine fibroid tumors and as of late they seemed to be under control. To my surprise the

CT scan revealed they had become grossly enlarged; on the left side of my uterus was an abscess infection. A total abdominal hysterectomy was inevitable.

I just can't stop praising His Name.

I trusted God entirely. During this time I was terminated from my job due to illness. This was devastating but my trust had to remain in God, no matter what.

Because I was fired, my health insurance was terminated. After being home for a few weeks the medical bills started pouring in. I organized them, which totaled \$66,052.28, opened my Bible to Proverbs 3 and said, "Lord, You told me to trust You with all my

heart and in all my ways acknowledge You and You would direct my paths. Because I have a covenant relationship with You, You are obligated to take care of me. And I'm believing You for money to pay these bills and restore my finances."

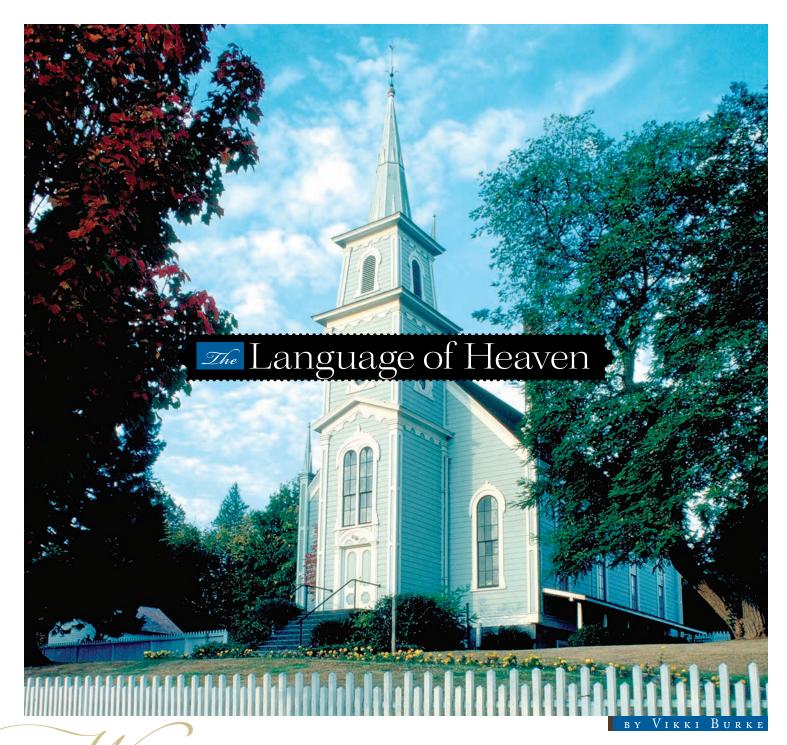
God opened up a financial door and I'm telling you the two hospital bills (one for \$16,938 and the other \$42,296) have been paid in full! The other medical service bill of \$1400 has been paid as well! My Abba will provide the finances for the balance left. I just can't stop praising His Name.

E.R. :: Virginia

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WHILE JOHN THE BAPTIST was in prison, he heard about the many miracles Jesus had performed and sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah to come. Jesus said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me" (Luke 7:22-23, New King James Version).

From outward appearances, it sounds like Jesus changed the subject, doesn't it? He started out talking about miracles and ended up warning them about offense.

Actually, Jesus didn't change the subject at all. He was purposefully warning John—and us—to avoid the pitfalls of

offense. Jesus knew that offense would hinder our access to the blessing of God. He didn't want one of us to miss out on all God has planned—a life that lacks nothing.

We find a perfect example of offense hindering divine blessing when Jesus visited His hometown of Nazareth: He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, "Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?" Then they scoffed, "He's just the carpenter's son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?" And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family." And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief (Matthew 13:54-58, New Living Translation).

Isn't it amazing that these people recognized and acknowledged both Jesus' wisdom and the power to perform miracles that was working through Him, yet they became "deeply offended" simply because they were familiar with Him? Offense worked so forcefully against them that it limited the miracle-working power that flowed through Jesus in city after city throughout the surrounding region. In fact, Jesus was limited to only a few miracles in Nazareth because the people of His hometown "refused" to believe.

# Hindering God's Blessings

What a staggering thought! When we're offended, we become our own worst enemy because offense is the forerunner to "refusing to believe." Offense, no matter how big or small, can hinder God's blessings from flowing freely in our lives. Yet although offense has the power to prevent us from experiencing God's blessings in our lives, there is a much greater force that paves the road to His blessings and makes them accessible to us. Whereas offense can prevent miracles, this godly force can enable them.

What is this prevailing force? It is nothing less than the power of forgiveness.

Let me give an example from my own life. When my father died, I was just 16 years old. Only three weeks after his death, I came home from school to meet my mother's boyfriend, a married man she lived with for the next 30 years. I was already very angry about my father's death, but this man's unexpected presence in our home pushed me over the edge. As an unbeliever and a grieving teenager, I made my disdain for this man clearly known. Things in our home went from bad to worse as I expressed my hatred for him, and for my mother.

As you can imagine, our home was emotionally charged by enormous difficulties that fueled my ill feelings for both my mother and this man I saw as an intruder. But after I became a Christian, the Holy Spirit began His transforming work in my life. My feelings gradually moved beyond my own pain and anger to compassion as my eyes were opened to the guilt, shame and misery these two people suffered.

Thirty years later when this man was about to die, the Lord revolutionized my thinking through a vision He gave me. I saw both of my hands extended in front of me, cupped together as though they were holding something. After a moment, this man's heart appeared in my cupped hands. And this is what I heard: You have the power to crush his heart and allow him to continue suffering the guilt and shame of his sin. Or, you can forgive him and release him from the prison of his lifelong bondage.

Suddenly my eyes were opened to the life this man had lived and the guilt and shame that had isolated and imprisoned him. And I possessed the keys that would open his prison doors and set him free! It was overwhelming to know the degree of authority and power I possessed over another person's soul. It wasn't the kind of power that fed my ego or my flesh the way fame, fortune or influence might do. It was the kind of power that resonates from heaven. It was the power to influence another human being's destiny.

With all the wrong that had been done, I could have chosen to allow this man to suffer what I felt he deserved. But as I contemplated that alternative, another revelation hit my heart: Even though I hadn't deserved to be forgiven, God had forgiven me nonetheless.

# The Message of Forgiveness

Isn't that the message of the gospel? Jesus bore the punishment that I deserved. How could I do anything less than what was done for me?

The realization hit me that if I completely forgave this man—holding nothing against him—I would be exercising the power I had always imagined was reserved for God alone. I held in my hands the divine ability to release him from his lifelong prison—the guilt of his past, the shame of secrets, and the fear of being exposed and rejected.

This is the very message that Jesus spoke to His disciples after His resurrection. He commissioned them with this message: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven'" (John 20:21-23, New International Version).

Jesus gave the authority to forgive sins to those present at the resurrection—and to us as well. Forgiveness not only frees us to receive the blessing of God personally, but it also releases others from the guilt and torment that sin produces.

Paul used this same authority. "When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit, so

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that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes" (2 Corinthians 2:10-11, *NLT*).

Don't be surprised if people get very angry about this scriptural truth. After all, they got angry with Jesus! When a paralyzed man was brought to Jesus to be healed, Jesus told him, "...Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven" (Matthew 9:2, NIV). Once again, Jesus connected the miraculous with forgiveness. The religious leaders who heard this were infuriated with Jesus, accusing Him of blasphemy. In response, Jesus simply replied, "Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'?" (verse 5, NLT). Obviously, the answer was that both are equally miraculous!

Supernatural power is released in our lives when we choose to forgive. Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come" (Luke 4:18-19, *NLT*). The same anointing that was on Jesus to release captives is available to each of us as believers. When we forgive those who have wronged us, God's supernatural power is released to set us free and keep us free—to heal us personally and to heal all our broken relationships. Forgiveness gives us access to heaven's unlimited resources.

Power is also released in our lives when we choose *not* to forgive; either way, supernatural power is released. Unforgiveness, however, gives the kingdom of darkness the power to take us captive and then keep us in bondage.

Unforgiveness is one of the open doors Paul warned about that enables Satan to gain access into our lives. We don't want to relinquish the power of God to the enemy by refusing to forgive. Anytime we hold something against someone, we give Satan the advantage over us. Holding a grudge is not worth forfeiting the supernatural power of God in our lives.

# The Power to Forgive

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Forgiveness is not an occasional habit; it is a permanent attitude. We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love." Martin Luther King Jr. had experienced his share of injustices—certainly enough to rationalize harboring unforgiveness; nevertheless, he chose to release every hurt and offense.

The truth is, we've all been wronged and hurt at some point in our lives. We've all been unjustly accused and called hurtful names. And we've all experienced betrayal in one form or another. That's why we all need to walk in the supernatural power of forgiveness. We must learn to forgive here on earth so we can experience God's blessings in this life.

Think about forgiveness from this point of view:

The language spoken in Heaven by the angels and

the redeemed is the language of forgiveness. It will be the only language spoken there. No other language will be understood. It will be spoken by the seraphim and the cherubim and the whole angelic host as they praise God, the Author of forgiveness and of eternal salvation. It will be spoken by all the redeemed as they greet one another on the banks of the River of Life and gather around the throne of the Lamb and sing their song unto Him who loved them and washed them from their sins. But no one can learn that language after he gets to Heaven. It must be learned here upon earth—in this world, and in this life (author unknown).

If you find this "language of heaven" somewhat strange, think again. The language of forgiveness was spoken in heaven before man even existed. With such intense love for the family yet uncreated, our heavenly Father designed a fail-safe plan to ensure that nothing would hinder His blessings from being enjoyed by humanity. The plan of redemption—forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus—was thus conceived in the heart of the Father, accomplished by His Son, and now received by whosoever will.

Once you've received forgiveness for yourself, you then have the power to forgive others and thus gain access to the supernatural power of God working in your life. Many of the problems you're struggling with today would turn around if you simply forgave your offenders. You could be set free from guilt, shame, condemnation, fear of rejection and a sense of worthlessness. And your forgiveness could be the instrument of divine release for those offenders who are trapped in the prison of their own self-made bondage.

Forgiveness is one of the characteristics that transforms you more and more into God's image. And contrary to what you might believe, forgiveness is not weakness.

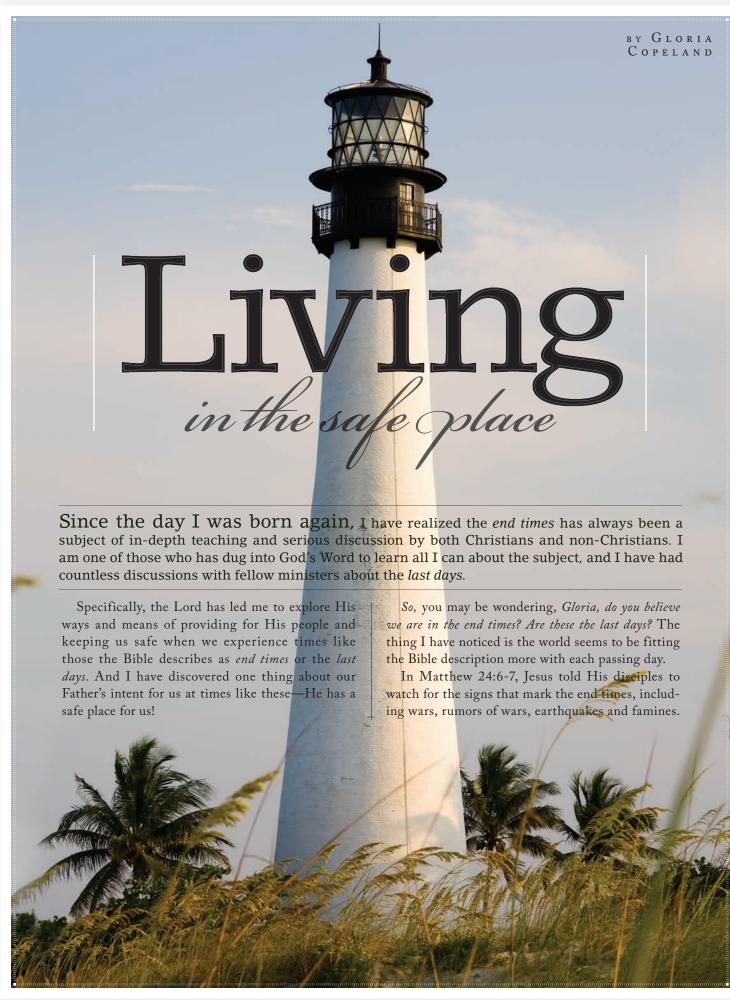
As I showed you with the example of the man who had wronged our family, you are never more powerful or stronger than when you forgive. In doing so, you're not conceding that the offender was right or that forgiveness was granted because it was deserved. Rather, you're saying that you are releasing your offender from the sin that was committed against you and transferring the right to discipline that person into the hands of the Lord.

So, have you learned the language of forgiveness yet? Remember, it must be learned here upon earth and in this life. It's the only language spoken in heaven. No other lan-

guage will be understood. VICTORY



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We don't have to look hard to know these things have increased throughout the world in our generation. And they are likely to get much worse before the very last days. But, we can have comfort in knowing we will not be around for that great tribulation. The Bible says Jesus will return right on time to take us out of this world. In the meantime, we know God has everything under control, and He will protect and provide for His children.

He has shown me one thing *for sure*, and I've said it many times: "These may not be *the* last days, but they are *my* last days. And I will live out my days—long and strong—in God's safe place."

# Safe Throughout Our Days

Yes, I said I know *for sure!* I am sure I will live out the days of my life and fulfill God's plan for me in His place of safety and protection. And you can know for

sure, too, no matter how tough times get, you can live out your last days in the safety of God's protection!

Scripture is filled with God's promise of protection for His children. He will not fail to do His part to fulfill what He promises. And He has made it clear what our part is in living in His safe place. The big question for each of us is: Will we do our part?

Psalm 91 is a scripture we can all take as our foundational promise of God's sure protection. The whole chapter gives a great picture of the protection God provides His people. Take a minute to read it out loud right now to see just how farreaching our protection is.

#### Psalm 91

New King James Version

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. 4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. 5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall tram-

ple underfoot. 14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

Look again at verses 1 and 2. This is basic instruction for staying in our place of protection. This is our responsibility—our part. "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."

Throughout our days, our safe place of God's protection is found in two words—abide and say.

## STAYING PUT

Dwelling in the secret place of our Most High God requires our decision to place our whole being—spirit, soul and body—under His protection. He *is* the secret place and perfect hiding place for His people. Nothing is higher than the Most High. Paul said in Colossians 3:3 that because we are in the Body of Christ, our life "is hid with Christ in God."

When we decided to take our place with Christ in God's secret place, we walked through the door to our *abiding*. *Abide* means "to

remain or stay put." It also means "to live or lodge in the place." It's the place where we reside—where we build our whole life!

I like to say, "Abiding is obeying." We can receive everything God has for us as we abide in Him, hearing and obeying what He says to us through His written Word and by His Spirit within us.

Spending time in His Word is the first step to our safety in His hiding place. When we sit down to spend time with Him—reading, studying and meditating on His Word—every moment spent with Him builds our faith and establishes us solidly in the place where nothing can by any means harm us.

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know

as your Savior & Lord,

simply pray the following

prayer in faith, and Jesus will

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

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 prom-

ised, and for being Lord over

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my life. Amen.

tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

be your Lord!

We position ourselves in this safe place with Him where He can speak to us and teach us directly. As we put ourselves in this place, His will becomes our will and abiding becomes our way of life.

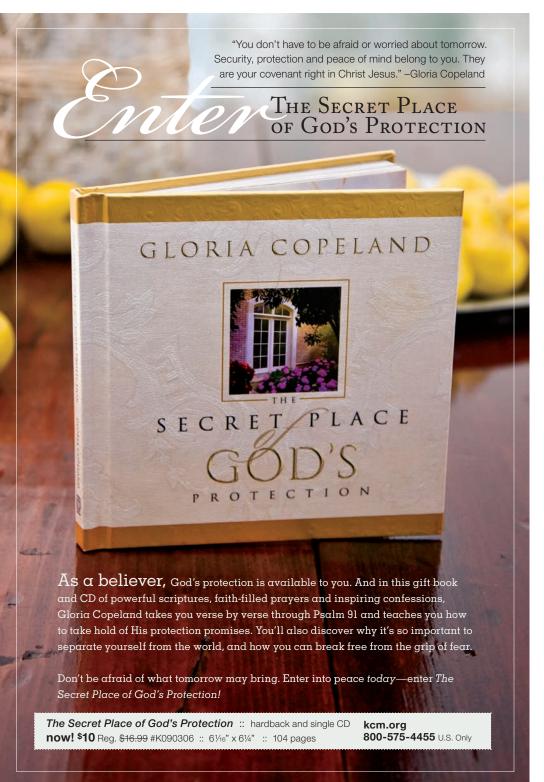
# SAFETY IN YOUR SAYING

When we add our *saying* to our *abiding*, we actually close and lock the door of the hiding place to any successful attack the devil might be planning to launch against us. We say boldly of our God, "He is our refuge, our fortress, our God, and we trust in Him." This abiding faith of words and action thwarts every work of any enemy.

Our saying in faith declares we are in agreement with God's Word about Himself and His relationship with us, His children. We are saying, "I have received God as my protector just like I took Him as my Savior. He is my safety. He is my security. He is my provider. I live in His safe place!"

So, we talk about our deliverance. We talk our protection. We don't talk fear or doubt. Any thought that comes to our minds that is based in fear or doubt, we must cast down and rebuke. Those thoughts have no right to even knock on our door, and we will certainly not get up from our place of safety to open the door.

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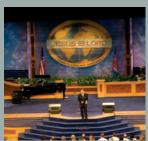


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It's been that way now for more than 40 years, as Brother Copeland has declared "Jesus Is Lord!" over the world and its nations time and again. He has confessed it over families and individuals. He has boldly declared it over national elections and government leaders on every level. He has used his faith year after year to profess Jesus is Lord over every kind of sickness, disease, famine and global calamity.

It began when, as Brother Copeland was reading his Bible in his bedroom, 1 Corinthians 12:3 exploded with meaning in his heart: "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." At that moment, Brother Copeland decided he was going to declare those words all the time, and over every situation. The rest of that afternoon he walked around declaring the lordship of Jesus: "Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord over my body. Jesus is Lord over my mind. Jesus is Lord over my spirit. Jesus is Lord over this bedroom. Jesus is Lord over my clothes. Jesus is Lord over my car. Jesus is Lord over this ministry. Jesus is Lord over anything that has to do with me, because I make Jesus the Lord over my life." He wrote "Jesus Is Lord!"



every time he had a pen in his hand, and ended his letters with the same confession. He even had a plaque made for the front door of his home, announcing to every person who stepped onto the porch, "Jesus Is Lord!"

"Iesus Is Lord!" not only became the theme for his ministry, it was the theme for his life.

The Bible says every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11). The day is coming when evervone. Christian or not. will bow and confess Jesus is Lord. He is the undisputed Savior of the universe.

Every person on earth can be saved by believing and making that declaration now! We hope each of you has had your own personal moment when you came to the same conclusion Brother Copeland did more than 40 vears ago.

The entire staff of KCM joins Kenneth and Gloria in declaring: God loves you. We love you. And. JESUS IS LORD! VICTORY

come up—health issues, financial challenges, weather warnings, relationship trials—none of them has the power to take you out of your place in God. You don't have to go over on the fear side of anything. You trust in God's ability to bring peace and reconciliation to every situation in your life. That's His safety plan for His children.

We don't have to let circumstances and situations overwhelm our lives. We speak to them the truth of God's Word in the Name of Jesus. The moment I am faced with a bad situation, I have learned to refuse the fear, rebuke the threat and immediately start saying, "I dwell in the secret place of the Most High. I abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I say of the Lord, He is my refuge. He is my God. I trust in Him!"

Build your very own list of safety and protection scriptures. God's Word is filled with them. Have them ready. Just get in there and dig out His Word on protection. There is so much comfort in scriptures like Psalm 27:5: "For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock" (The Amplified Bible).

God's Word is our arsenal of weaponry against the attacks of the enemy. Jesus set the example for us by speaking only the Word in response to the enemy's attempts to draw Him out of God's place of protection (Luke 4). It's the same with us, no matter the trial or trouble; when we speak only God's Word we are kept safe! The enemy is forced to get out of our way!

# SAFE—AT ALL TIMES!

The world is experiencing some of the greatest days of trouble our generation has ever known. And, yes, I believe the end times are knocking on our door. But God has promised to keep us covered during troubled times.

If you have not developed your faith by getting alone with God and spending time with Him in His Word, there's no better time to start than today. He is the only sure hiding place any of us will ever have.

Put your relationship with Him first. Abide in Him, and let Him teach you from His Word. Hear Him clearly and obey His direction. Keep your faith ready by daily spending time in God's Word. And continually speak His promises boldly over yourself and your family. I guarantee you'll find this to be your true and sure place of safety.

So, are these the end times—the last days? I believe so. How long? I don't know. You and I may not know the answer to that, but one thing we can know for sure: These are our last days, and we can live them

out securely and safely. We have nothing to fear. We can live out His plan for our lives. When we stay in His hiding place, He keeps us covered, and we are safe at all times! VICTORY

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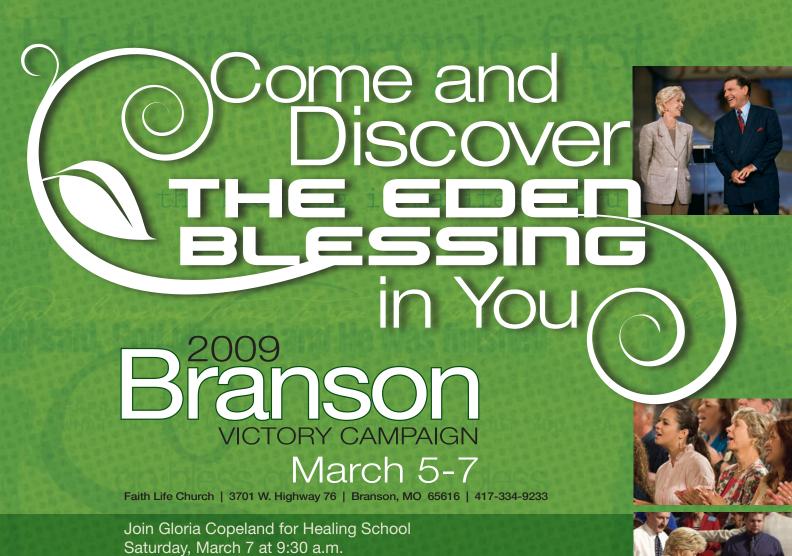
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