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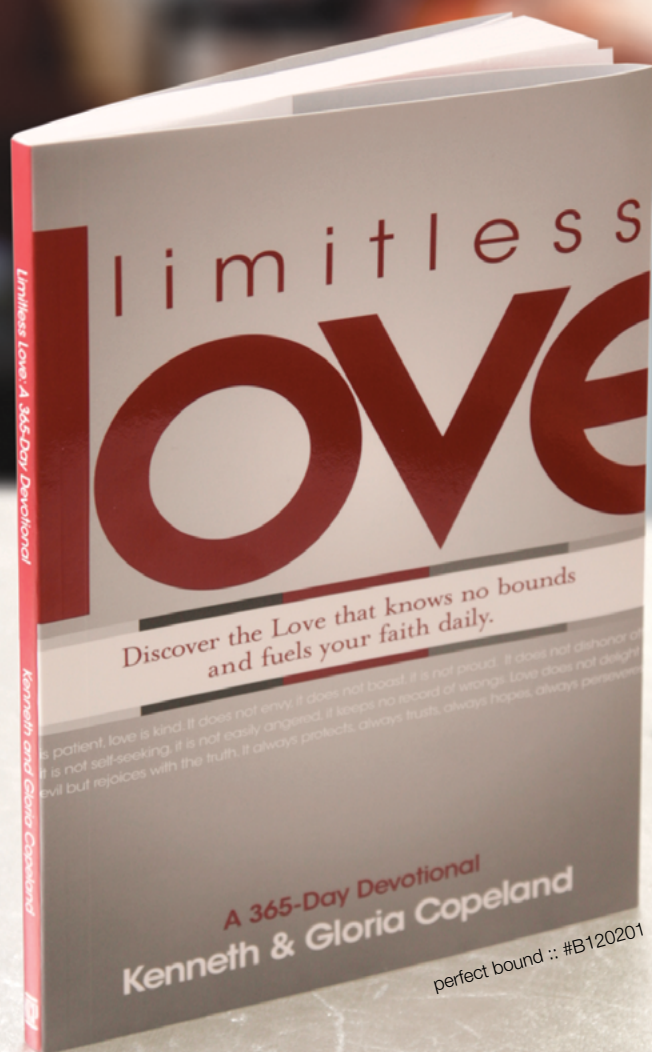


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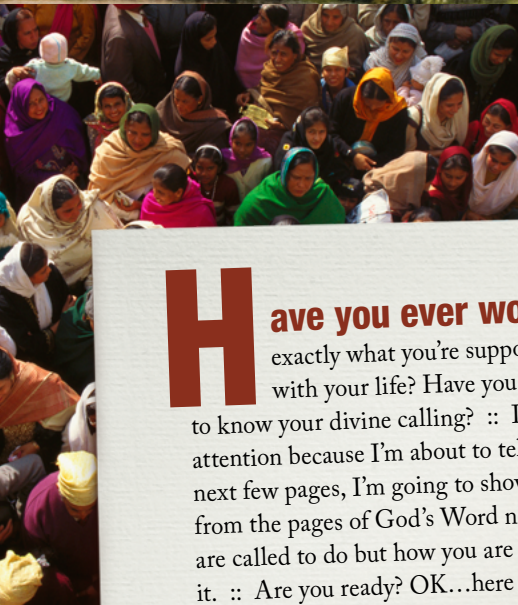
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Becoming a Worldwide

BLESSING

I realize that sounds like an impossible job, but biblically there's no way around it. As born-again children of God, that's exactly what you and I have been called to do. It's the purpose Jesus had in mind for us when He went to the cross. It's the reason He cleansed us with His blood and made us joint heirs

with Him. He did it all so "the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14).

Usually, when we hear about THE BLESSING of Abraham, we think of how God poured out His

BY KENNETH COPELAND

I'm not just talking theological theory here.

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

The Power to Get the Job Done

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "how can I possibly be a BLESSING to all the families of the earth?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

We Have the Same Anointing

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

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

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

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

I don't have to say it. The New Testament said it for me. First John 2:20 and 27 plainly tell us the anointing we have received *from Him* abides in us now. Who gave us that anointing? The Holy One, or in other words, Jesus Himself. That word tells us Jesus gave us His Anointing; and if it's His Anointing, it will do the same through us it did through Him.

The Miracle of Spiritual Partnership

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

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

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

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

enjoying one another's company, it speaks of "partnership."

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

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

That's Shouting Ground!

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

The Philippians also knew about the signs and wonders that followed Paul everywhere he went, confirming The Word as he preached it. They knew the kind of divine power that backed him when he had to stand up and defend the gospel with his own life.

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

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

The anointing that's on you to pray, believe and give to advance the kingdom of God becomes available to me and helps me do what God has called me to do—

which is to preach the uncompromised Word of God from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around. In return, the anointing God has given me becomes available to you. Every gift of the Spirit I operate in becomes accessible to you to help you personally do what God has called you to do.

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

It Really Works

I'm not just talking theological theory here. I've personally seen it happen time and time again. I've seen it in the lives of Partners like the little widow down in southern Louisiana who took me on years ago as her personal prayer project. Because she knew my dad, she'd call him occasionally and ask about something she'd been picking up in prayer. One time she phoned him and said, "What's the matter with Kenneth's stomach?"

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

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

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

She ended up making \$20,000 off that wood!

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

Once he got them, he started getting little groups of people together and playing the tapes for them. Afterward, he'd pray for those who needed to be healed and saw tremendous results. After a while, the Lord told him to leave the tapes at home and preach the messages himself. He didn't think he could do it, but he was

my Partner in ministry and, sure enough, he told me later, "I preached all those tapes at once! They just started flowing out of me!"

Before long, he was ministering full time and didn't have time to be a janitor. It wasn't long before that one-time janitor had a jet and was preaching the gospel all over the world!

Set Your Sights Higher

Do you know what excites me about those two Partners? They took advantage of THE BLESSING that belongs to them through their partnership with this ministry.

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

Once you understand that, you'll realize you actually *can* be a worldwide BLESSING. In fact, if you were a Partner with us this past year, you already have been! You've helped put *Believer's Voice of Victory* on more than 660 TV stations, where 66 million households in the U.S. alone can see it. And you've put it on a Spanish-language satellite network that reaches over 60 million homes and more than 240 million viewers across the U.S., Mexico, Central and South America, and Spain.

You published gospel materials in French, German, Chinese, Italian, Russian, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Hebrew and Farsi. And you helped Gloria and me preach in Italy at the International Charismatic Praise and Worship Conference, where one priest got so excited about The Word, he jumped up on the platform just as I finished preaching and shouted, "This is the best stuff I've ever heard in my life!" And you helped us minister in other places like Australia, Canada, China, Nigeria, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Venezuela.

Yet, with all that, you still have a lot to believe for. You need to believe for the money to double your television ministry. You need to release your faith for your Internet ministry that BLESSED a half million people last year, to BLESS a million this year. You need several million dollars to build an airplane hangar and buy helicopters, airplanes, food and supplies

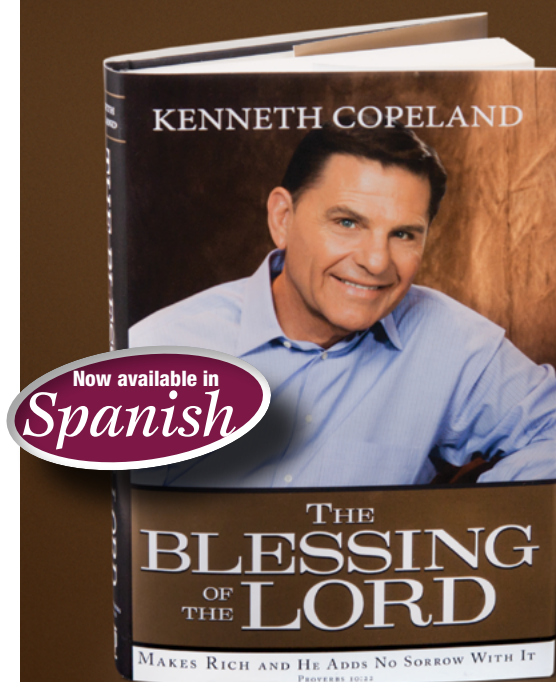
for your international aviation outreach that helps the needy in times of disaster.

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

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

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

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GuardianNine



Sneaking between the rocks and rugged war-torn terrain, spring took Afghanistan by surprise. Sergeant First Class **Tracey Baker** looked out the window of his vehicle and caught his breath at the sight of a field of poppies lifting their faces to the sun. Too bad the Taliban would harvest them to make opium.

by Melanie Hemry



I was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2006, and in addition to

praying Psalm 91

over myself and my men each day, I knew Alice, Januari, our families and our entire congregation were praying for me.

From what he'd seen of the country, it seemed as though they took everything good, everything beautiful, and ravaged it. >> As leader of the security platoon, Baker and his team were responsible for keeping the troops at various locations supplied with ammunition, fuel, food, water and medical supplies. That made them high-value targets for the Taliban. If the Taliban could stop the resupply, it would disable the troops. In addition, the Taliban wanted to get their hands on U.S. ammunition and use it against them.

This mission was a new route—nothing more than a dirt path clinging to the side of a mountain covered with rocks, vines and weeds. The vehicles in the convoy churned up the steep incline, trying to hug the mountain.

Looking down the precipice to the drop below, Baker fingered the card in his pocket. The loose dirt and rocks were famous for causing landslides.

Falling rock clattered down the mountain as the right rear tires of a fuel transport slid off the road. In the space of a heartbeat, it teetered, the front grasping the path and the back tipping toward the abyss.

The convoy ground to a halt as Baker ran to the scene. The two-and-a-half ton cargo vehicle sat skewed with its backside hanging off the mountain. The driver and passengers looked at him with knowing eyes. There could be no sudden moves as they climbed out.

Loaded with a 500-gallon diesel fuel bag, the weight pulled the truck down, threatening to tip it off the mountain.

"We need to lose the fuel," Baker said.

Losing a vehicle worth upward of \$80,000 was not an option. Checking with headquarters, the decision was made.

Someone had to climb on top of the teetering vehicle, crawl toward the fuel bag and cut it loose. One wrong move meant certain death. If a hand or piece of equipment got

caught, a man could be pulled down along with the fuel.

If the whole truck didn't slide off the mountain.

Baker talked with his lieutenant. "I won't risk any of my men," he said. "I'm doing it myself."

Standing on the Promises

"My wife, Alice, and I were raised in Christian homes and that's the way we've raised our daughter, Januari," Baker explains. "However, our spiritual lives changed after I was assigned to Fort Drum, N.Y. In 1999, we met Chaplain Albert Downing. We settled into his services and became part of his staff.

"He taught us about the protection in Psalm 91 and introduced us to Kenneth Copeland Ministries. A few years later, Chaplain Downing asked the congregation to stop each evening at 8 and pray for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We set our alarms and prayed wherever we were.

"I was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2006, and in addition to praying Psalm 91 over myself and my men each day, I knew Alice, Januari, our families and our entire congregation were praying for me. That's why I figured if anyone had to climb out on that truck, it should be me."

Even so, sweat poured off Baker's body and his mouth felt dry. Kenneth Copeland had been to Fort Drum and handed out Psalm 91 cards to the troops. The sergeant

carried one in his pocket. He alternated between praying Psalm 91 and praying in the spirit.

Climbing on top of the truck, Baker looked down. It was a *long* way to the bottom. Despite mild temperatures, sweat dampened his shirt and poured off his face as he crawled toward the fuel bag.

“We’ve got you, Sarge!” the men called, holding tight to the cord that tethered him.

Descending to the Depths

Reaching the fuel bag, Baker wiped sweat from his eyes and sawed the straps with his knife. The moment of truth had arrived. Leaning away from the bag, he severed the final strap. With bated breath he watched it bounce down the mountain and burst, thankful it didn’t trigger a landslide.

Backing off the truck, Baker let out a sigh of relief when his feet touched ground. After using the wrecker to move the truck back onto the path, they now had to retrieve the ruined fuel bag.

Tying himself to chains connected to the hoist, Baker dangled like a fish on a hook while his men lowered him down the mountain. Reaching the fuel bag and spilled fuel, he disconnected from the hoist and sent it back up.

After two more men were lowered, the three chained the bag to the hoist and sent it up. Then, one at a time the men were hoisted up. Swinging midair as he sought a foothold on the rocky terrain, Baker held tight as his men reeled him up the mountain.

Giddy with relief, he walked back to his vehicle and looked at the scriptures he’d placed there. Mounted on the gun shield was Psalm 91. The scripture on the door quoted the words of Jesus from Matthew 28:20, “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

Thank You, Lord!

Terrorist Plot

Assigned to take supplies from the forward operating base in Sharona to Ghazni, Baker briefed his men on the route, the last known location of the Taliban and the uniforms they were wearing—black or red turbans, and how his team would handle medical emergencies. After the briefing, he prayed over his men and the mission, excusing anyone who didn’t wish to participate.

This route was one they’d taken often, passing through villages comprised of mud huts and dirt roads. Little boys playing soccer raced to wave at the convoy. Mothers and daughters washed laundry while others butchered goats.

“This doesn’t look right,” the driver of the lead vehicle radioed as they entered one of the villages. It looked like a ghost town—a sure sign the Taliban was planning an

attack and the villagers didn’t want to get caught in the crossfire.

Pressing farther into the village, a burning vehicle sat in the middle of the road. The Taliban used burning cars to force a convoy to stop—it was easier to shoot a stationary target, and the black smoke blinded the men in the convoy.

Expecting an attack any moment, the men checked to make sure the burning car wasn’t booby-trapped. It wasn’t, so they moved it off the road.

No firefight ensued, and the convoy started moving again. An Afghan man crossed the road in front of Baker’s vehicle.

The two men made eye contact.

He’s one of them, Baker thought.

Something’s wrong! You should be dead! the man’s expression said.

Passing through the village, the convoy made it to Ghazni without incident. Once there, the radio crackled to life. Another convoy passing through that same village was under heavy attack.

“I know they set fire to that vehicle because they planned to attack us,” Baker says. “We had such protection that their plot didn’t work against us. I am so grateful Brother Copeland’s Psalm 91 cards, his booklets and his teaching on divine protection were available through chaplains in the area.

“I took a U.S. flag with me on each mission and connected it to the antenna on my vehicle, which was the highest point. At 21 different locations, I flew the flag for three minutes. One minute for the Father. One minute for the Son. And one minute for the Holy Spirit.”

Terror by Night

Toward the end of Baker’s tour, U.S. forces began partnering with the Afghan National Army. Putting the ANA in the lead on missions helped prepare them for the day when U.S. troops returned home. An additional benefit was that the Taliban might think twice about attacking them as many were family members.

On one such mission, the ANA led Baker and his men through Jalalabad, a city Osama bin Laden once called home. As they were about to leave the city, the ANA stopped. Through an interpreter they explained that they had been called to deal with a crisis. Proceeding without them into the black night, sniper fire erupted.

“Sniper fire is a diversionary tactic,” Baker explains. “They may fire on the right to divert your attention from the primary attack on the left. We were taking fire from both sides and our gunner was exposed from the waist up.

“We stepped on the gas and sped on, refusing to give them a stationary target. When we reached our destination, no one had been hurt, not even our gunner.

Our vehicles sustained no more than an occasional broken headlight or taillight. I believe the ANA knew we were about to be attacked and called their troops away.”

Destruction at Noonday

Following his tour of duty in Afghanistan, Baker spent a year at Fort Hood, Texas, before being deployed to Iraq in 2008. Outside the southern city of Tallil, in the ancient town of Ur, Baker stood before the monument honoring Abraham’s birthplace. Preparing for a mission from Nasiriyah, Baker prayed and then pulled out right on schedule. Just then, his navigational system went out. It showed a blank screen and no power.

After spending 20 minutes trying to get it to work, Baker’s commander decided to have him change vehicles. The delay put them 45 minutes behind schedule.

Leaving the city, the convoy was about to cross the bridge over the Euphrates River when the lead vehicle stopped.

“Guardian Nine,” he said using Baker’s radio code name, “we’ve got lots of Iraqi ambulances and firetrucks ahead.”

Using a translator, Baker asked what had happened.

“A suicide bomber was here waiting to attack a U.S. convoy,” the interpreter said. “But the bomb went off prematurely. It happened 45 minutes ago.”

The hair raised on the back of Baker’s neck as his gunner turned to him with wide eyes. “If your navigational system hadn’t quit working, we would have been on schedule—*right here*—when it happened.”

Back at the base, Baker checked with the mechanic. “Hey, what’s the deal with my navigational system?”

The man gave him an odd look.

“You know, Guardian Nine, the strange thing is that it started working again on its own about 10 minutes after you left. We never touched it.”

Baker used that navigational system for the remainder of his tour in Iraq. It never malfunctioned again.

A Flag Unfurled

Because Chaplain Downing had taught him about divine protection, Baker presented him with the U.S. flag he had flown in Afghanistan. In October 2007, Chaplain Downing presented the flag to Kenneth Copeland.

“The first time Brother Copeland spoke at Fort Drum, Alice and I agreed we would partner with KCM. What we have received in return goes far beyond divine protection.

“God prospered us while I was deployed. The military offers bonuses and incentives for re-enlistment until you’ve been in the service for 10 years. By then, you’re considered career military. However, the Army realized they were losing their most experienced men and women. When I re-enlisted for four years, I was given \$40,000 tax free!

“If that weren’t enough, in 2009, from Sister Gloria’s teaching on healing, we applied the Word of God and Alice was healed of breast cancer.”

During the Southwest Believers’ Convention in July 2011, Kenneth Copeland asked Tracey Baker to share part of his story. Afterward, Brother Copeland said, “Sgt. Baker got hold of the 91st Psalm and just dared anyone to kill him!”

What God did for Tracey and Alice Baker, He’ll do for you. **VICTORY**



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Since the day Sergeant First Class Tracey Baker learned of God’s protection promises in Psalm 91 from the ministry of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, he counted on those promises and the prayers of his family, friends and KCM Partners. Throughout his tours of duty in Afghanistan, Iraq and wherever he served his nation, he knew he had Partners who stood with him and his family in faith—for protection in every area of their lives.

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New Life Fellowship: June 3-5

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hhcconline.org

The Master's Touch International Church: September 16

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THE GLORIOUS POWER OF Partnership

**EVER SINCE
the year 2000,**

it seems to me the Spirit has been getting the world ready for the most irresistible display of God's glory since the day of Pentecost. The glory has been here all the time and has manifested in many ways, but seldom has it been seen by everyone—sinner and saint alike—at one time. That time has come.



A Look Back

Let's look back for a moment to the day of Pentecost. That day, the followers of Jesus waited as partners, praying and expecting to receive the promise Jesus had made to them.

And then, as promised, God poured out the Holy Spirit onto the sons and daughters of the earth, young and old.

The power to witness of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world was a complete power. Every word and deed that would be

required to convince the world God loved them was present in this group of partners. Each one possessed a particular part of the whole anointing—the part each would need to reach his assigned place and people with the good news.

That world-changing power was abounding—first in the 120 partners gathered in that room and then in everyone who joined them—with every gift both to tell the good news and demonstrate the goodness of God. And change the world, it did! First in Jerusalem, then in Judaea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

That day was the first day of the manifestation of the

sons of God in the earth. It was the day the glorious power of anointed partnership was first placed into the earth. God and man were partners!

Back to the Present

When A.D. 2000 began, the world sat on the edge of its seat to see if man in all his technological power had worked us into an inescapable disaster. Many prepared for the worst. When we woke up on January 1, some breathed in relief and others in disappointment that “judgment day” had not arrived. Remember those days?

No, it was not judgment day. But it was the beginning of some remarkable days on earth. The earth has suffered much since then. At the hands of many misguided humans, and in the path of tumultuous natural disasters, the earth, and our relationship to it and one another, have changed a lot in the past six years.

In response to all that has gone on in these few years, the Lord has delivered physical supplies and emotional help around the world. Whether organizations were faith-based or not, Christian or not, people from all over the world have stepped up to help with goods and services in extraordinary ways. The needs have been great, and only a world working together could meet them.

Shared Anointing in Partnership

During this time, we have experienced fulfillment and overflow. The seed that has been sown for generations has been coming forth as harvest. While judgment has come in many ways to stop the works of unrighteousness, and while the enemy has worked overtime to bring loss of life and hope, God has delivered His love and mercy through His partners.

In times of war, turmoil and disaster, history has proven that people are more open to the gospel than at any other time in their lives. Is it because their physical needs are so great? Of course it is. Is it because their souls are filled with despair? Absolutely. But mostly it is because they are faced with their own mortality, and they become desperate to be assured of their eternal future. And because of the circumstances, they open the door and the Lord walks right into their lives!

Now, this is where it gets good. In all that has taken place in the earth in recent years, the power of partnership has been proved over and over again. You see, that’s the heart of partnership. God partnered with us 2,000 years ago. We each said yes to the call to cooperate with Him, and He connected us with one another to reach our world!

He joins us to the exact people with whom we will be most effective in giving the world the good news of His love. He knows how the anointing of the Holy Spirit in each person, and within an organization, will work

together to complete the work of the ministry He has prepared for us to do.

Through the power of partnership God has established Christian churches, ministries and organizations. Not only do we step up to meet physical and soulish needs, but we come with our hearts full of love and arms filled with Bibles and books and tapes and magazines! We bring the good news over the airwaves and through cyberspace. We come prepared to share the gospel!

We have had great opportunities to see the glory of God work through this ministry over the years, because we are established on the principle of covenant partnership. We have asked the Lord for specific direction about our part in meeting the great needs that have been presented around the world. He has given us specific instructions and we have shared them with our Partners.

And, praise God, you have responded to every plan the Lord has laid out for us. You have joined us in fervent prayer. You have invested millions upon millions of dollars in reaching the world. And you have ministered right where you are. You have sowed precious seed of all kinds and the Lord has brought harvest both to your lives and to lives in every corner of the earth.

I am so thankful for our Partners and for God’s principle of partnership.

If we had been out there individually during these years of such great need, certainly we could have and would have responded. But, because we were in this partnership, we were able to respond together. And God has used us to make a huge impact wherever He has sent us.

Days of Glory Ahead

When God partnered with mankind on the day of Pentecost, He gave His Spirit of promise without measure. Without measure! Talk about exceeding abundantly above more than we can think or imagine—can we dare to imagine it? I say, “Yes, we can!”

That’s the glorious power of partnership. We’ve made what seem to be huge advances in God’s plans for partnership in the Body of Christ. But I am convinced that in the days and years ahead, we’ll look back and today’s steps will appear small compared to the glory we’ll be walking in then.

In my heart I know we will see people from all walks of life, from all religions, from all cultures—we will see them seeking the Lord with all their hearts. They may be driven by the troubling sound of some mighty rushing wind. They will be looking for the source of peace and relief from the world’s pressures. They will find the Body of Christ and hear us declaring the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:11). They will shout, “What must we do to be saved?”

Their hearts will be open, and we will be there to introduce them to the Savior of the world! **VICTORY**

Kenneth's *partner letter*



“The Lord has blessed me with many good friends over the years, but the best friends I have are the people who have partnered with me in this ministry. Those are the people I write letters to every month.”

And every month since penning the first letter in February 1986, Kenneth Copeland has faithfully fulfilled his commitment to write a letter and send it to all his Partners, year in and year out, without fail. It's timely, it's real and it's personal...because as far as Brother Copeland is concerned, he's writing to his closest friends.

A Lifelong Commitment

Kenneth Copeland learned the importance of letter writing from his spiritual father, Oral Roberts, years ago when the two met early one morning at Brother Roberts' request to have Kenneth “help him” write his own partner letter. Sitting across the desk, Brother Roberts held up his Bible and asked Kenneth a pointed question:

“What is this?”

“That's The Word of God.”

“What *is* this?” Brother Roberts asked again.

Kenneth knew he hadn't given the right answer, and he tried again.

“Well, it's the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.”

“What *is* this?” Brother Roberts asked a third time.

“It's the Bible.”

Wham! Without warning, Brother Roberts “shovel-passed” the Bible across the desk and hit Kenneth right in the chest with it, nearly knocking him over in his chair.

“Those are letters!” he said, the anointing all over him. “And they're just as anointed today as they were the day they were written!”

Letters!

The word reverberated to Kenneth's core. He thought, *The New Testament is mostly letters from the Apostle Paul to his partners in the churches at Ephesus, Philippi, Galatia, Corinth, Rome, Colossae and Thessalonica—letters written to encourage them and to help them overcome every obstacle!*

Then, Brother Roberts spoke again:

“I'm going to ask you to make one of the most serious commitments you've ever made in your life,” he told Kenneth. “I want you to commit to God that every 30 days, for the rest of your life, you will pray in the Holy Ghost until you have something anointed to write to your Partners, just the way Paul wrote to his.”

That day, Kenneth made a lifelong commitment. The Lord then led him to study Philippians—a letter from Paul to *his* ministry partners—as an example of how the Holy Spirit could use him to write his own letters.

“From that time until now,” says Kenneth, “I've written a letter every month to my friends who are in partnership with me. They aren't money-raising letters. I don't write them for that reason. God is my Source, and *He* meets all my needs. I write the letters because I want to bless my Partners. Since they are partakers of my grace (Philippians 1:7), I want to share with them the revelations God has given me.”

And they aren't off-the-cuff revelations. Each letter represents hours upon hours of prayer on Brother Copeland's part. Through them, he shares personally the things the Lord is teaching him with a desire that they will strengthen and encourage all who receive them.

“I agonize over those letters,” says Kenneth. “I pray...and pray...and pray...and pray. Then I go back to prayer until I hear what's on God's heart. Sometimes it comes to me in the middle of the night. But one thing's for sure—I wait until I hear from heaven. I don't just sit down and put something on paper.”

Perhaps no one knows better the time and commitment Kenneth spends each month writing his Partner Letter than members of his own family.

“Mother and Daddy have always been committed to our Partners,” says daughter Kellie Copeland Swisher, who remembers growing up watching her dad handwrite the Partner Letter each month.

“As kids, we were always aware of the Partners because our parents talked about them and prayed for them all the time,” says

Kellie. "There was always a sense of the presence of the Partners in our home. Their love for and commitment to the Partners settled in our hearts as well, and as we grew up that awareness became its own connection in us as adults."

Kellie also remembers how her dad routinely spends hours, with pen and legal pad at hand, "praying over the Partner Letter until he hears from the Lord."

"We would go on vacation, and if it was time for the Partner Letter, Dad wouldn't do anything until it was written. He wouldn't ski. He wouldn't go to the lake. He wouldn't budge from his chair until it was finished. It was like the Partners were on vacation with us.

"And when he had finished writing, if he couldn't hold that letter up and say from his heart to the Lord, 'This is what You're saying to the people, and this is to get their needs met—not mine,' I don't care how great a letter it was, he would wad it up, throw it on the floor and start over again."

The Heartbeat of Ministry

Since its inception, Kenneth Copeland's Partner Letter has been not only an encouragement to Partners, but also a source of truth and victory. For instance, when a recession hit Canada several years ago, one Partner there remembered the instruction the Lord had given her through Brother Copeland's Partner Letter in February 1992: *Don't join the recession!* So she didn't. After heeding that word, the Holy Spirit instructed her to take it a step further and pray the recession would work *for* her and not *against* her.

Brother Copeland recounts, "The first thing that happened was, instead of being a victim of downsizing in her company as a result of the recession, she was promoted to a position in human resources." Soon after, she was given the opportunity to finish her education. "As the world around her was going through a recession, she chose to participate in THE BLESSING of provision and promotion in God!"

Moreover, Kenneth Copeland's Partner Letters have become the heartbeat of the ministry itself. "I would estimate that 85-90 percent of what I preach in meetings...I receive the revelation of it while I'm writing that letter," Kenneth said. "I've been doing it for a number of years and it's a constant flow and a constant fountain of revelation for me."

Today the Partner Letter, which is mailed to nearly 300,000 people worldwide each month, is one of the most important ministry tools extending from Kenneth Copeland Ministries. It travels the world, from the top to the bottom and all the way around, providing strength and resulting in thousands of testimonies of salvation, healing, deliverance, restoration and increase.

Though most material by KCM takes several months to produce, the Partner Letter is considered top priority and takes only a matter of days from conception to completion.

"These letters have changed lives—my Partners' and mine," says Kenneth. "Thanks to God, and to the Holy Spirit working through the Apostle Paul and Brother Roberts, we have all been blessed!"

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

If you are not receiving Kenneth Copeland's Partner Letter, see the ad on Page 13 in this magazine to find out more about partnership, or visit kcm.org and click on PARTNERSHIP. **VICTORY**

1986

February

Kenneth's First Partner Letter

Dear Partner,

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

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

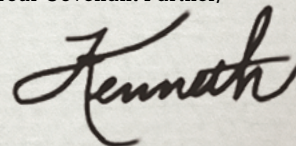
In Paul's letters, he referred to the times he spent in prayer for the people and then wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. That means the letters of Paul and the others God inspired to write are the Holy Scriptures. The letters you will receive from me will always be based on and subject to those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

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

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

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

Your Covenant Partner,





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GoodNewsGazette

God Prepared a Place

Crisis appeared in our city unexpectedly. In January everything was all right and the next December there was no money. My daughter and I prayed, using the prayers we received in Partner Letters. One day the Holy Spirit said: *You are on the way. You are going to the rich place prepared for you.* In March my daughter got an inheritance. The miracle is that everything was done by people who were used by God. A relative whom we didn't know found us. He did all the necessary things and my daughter got her part of the inheritance. We believe this is only beginning. God's special blessing is prepared for everybody in these hard days.

Z.G.O. :: Russia

Divine Protection

My son, who is a Partner with KCM, is stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan. Recently there was activity going on around the compound, but he and his entire unit are safe.

T.B. :: Wisconsin

“O continue Your loving-kindness to those who know You, Your righteousness (salvation) to the upright in heart.” (Psalm 36:10, *The Amplified Bible*)

Thankful for KCM

Fifteen years ago I was diagnosed with colon cancer. Because of the teaching of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, I knew exactly what to do, and never “looked back.” Today I’m cancer free.

My husband retired last year. Initially, it looked as though all was lost. But, because of God's favor, his company held his job until he was ready to retire and offered him a package that had never been offered before. We went out “fully loaded,” and were able to maintain two households so we could visit our family in Oklahoma for eight months and help a friend in financial difficulty. I am so grateful for the teaching of this ministry and glad to be a Partner.

M.B. :: Washington

The Powerful Blood of Jesus

I'm a Partner with this ministry and I would like to give all glory and praise to God for His protection over my family. The riot that started in Tottenham was near my and my brother's homes, and on the same road as my grandmother's house. There was complete disorder and violence, but in the midst of all this my God protected and has continued to protect all of my family and our homes. People have been constantly asking about my grandmother, but the amazing thing is that at 80 years of age she has perfect peace. In fact, she said that she heard all the sirens but went to bed and paid no attention to it!

The day before, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and told me to visit her and plead the blood around her home, something I do around my home every day, sending the ministering angels to surround her home.

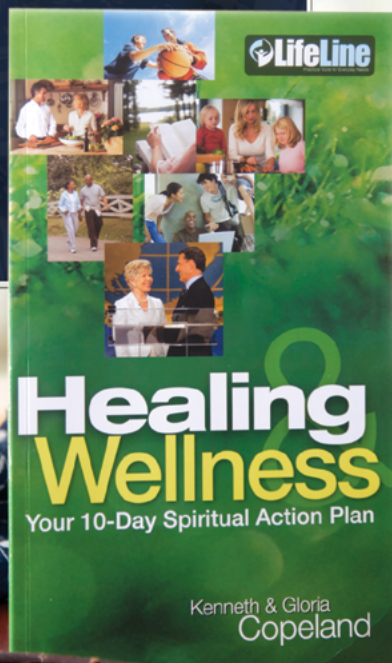
I can testify that nothing but the blood saved our lives and our homes. God is awesome! I encourage all *BVOV* Partners and Friends to read the Word, yield to the Holy Spirit, always give thanks and don't get distracted. Use the blood of Jesus every day and in every situation. God is awesome and the blood of Jesus never fails. I give all thanks to God for His love, protection and grace and I thank God for this ministry.

A.B. :: United Kingdom

The Goodness of God

I sent you a request for prayer agreement for God's provision for a piece of land where we could establish a home for our ministry. I am glad to inform you that we received the land in April 2011 in such an amazing manner. We are so thankful to God for His goodness. Thank you for standing with us. We ask you to continue standing in faith with us as we believe God for the necessary structures to take shape.

J.E. :: Africa



Cancer Free!

After listening to Gloria's Healing LifeLine Kit over and over, I am in total remission from stage four ovarian cancer. I am grateful to Gloria and this ministry for standing with me. I will continue listening to the healing teachings. KCM agreed with me that I am totally cancer free and it will not return to my body a second time.

S.C. :: California

Living a Blessed Life

I recently downloaded a book titled *The Force of Righteousness* and I'm glad to report the book is powerful! I have learned a lot and the way I look at myself has changed. My faith has grown and my prayers are different.

The book is filled with so much insight and revelation and I feel blessed to read it. Because of how much it has blessed my heart, I have decided to email it to as many of my friends as I can. This is the kind of Word we need if we are to live fulfilled lives as Christians.

Thank you for your ministry and for availing such deep and sweet revelation free of charge. May the good Lord Himself bless you and extend your sphere of influence. Thanks again, I am so blessed!

C. :: Zambia

A Quick Work

God has blessed me with a job today after being unemployed since August. It all fell into place quickly after I began tithing to your ministry and requested prayers for a job. Praise God! Bless you and your ministry! I continue to confess my finances to be healed, debt free and lack nothing so that I can give generously to others. May God continue to flood you and your ministry with blessings.

E.B. :: Canada

Thanks and Praise for Healing

Thank you so much for your *BVOV* magazine. I agree with you regarding our health if we forgive. I have forgiven the person who poisoned me and I am living in newness of life.

Recently I was taking tablets for my high cholesterol and blood pressure, but unfortunately the tablets did not agree with me and I had terrible pains in my stomach. I stopped taking the tablets and now I am healed. My blood pressure has come down to normal and I give all the thanks and praise to Jesus who healed me.

I stood on the Word of God to heal me and He has done just that. So I give Him ALL the thanks and praise for healing me. Thank you so much for your prayers for me, I do appreciate it.

Q.C. :: South Africa

Believed and Received

A while ago, I watched one of Sister Gloria Copeland's DVDs, *Be Made Whole*. She gave a teaching on healing, then prayed and said to do whatever couldn't be done. I had very bad pain in my ankles. I praised God as I thanked, believed and received my healing. Since then, I have not had any more pain! Thank you, Brother Copeland, and everyone at KCM for your teachings, products, love, prayers and seeds sown into my life. God bless you with a hundredfold harvest!

D.R. :: South Africa

Panic Attack Flees

We called the KCM prayer line on a Saturday night. They prayed with us and the panic attack left my husband—he felt it leave. Praise God! Thank you so much for the KCM prayer line.

N.M. :: Washington

My Life Was Turned Around

I'm so glad God sent KCM my way. I came across your messages on a radio station. I called in for more information, and three weeks later I received a 2010 *BVOV* magazine which turned my life around from smoking 40 cigarettes a day for 13 years, to being a self-aware creature.... Now I'm volunteering in my community orphanage where children come first. Also I've been given the opportunity to study management and administration with Centurion College. The Lord's grace is taking me a day at a time. Thank you so much for the monthly magazines.

K.D. :: South Africa

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Abundant Restoration

We called in several months ago for prayer of agreement regarding a legal matter and for some money we were trying to get back—\$23,000. Praise God, we got all the money back and sold a house that was on the market for a while. Thank you, KCM, for standing in agreement with us for restoration!

M.D. :: Minnesota

God Loves Me

I was bound in alcohol and drugs. I heard Brother Copeland say on the *BVOV* broadcast that God loves me just the way I am, and I have been able to receive that and believe God has a plan for my life. I'm not where I want to be, but I have come a long way. Thank you, Brother Copeland, for sharing God's love with me and giving me hope for a future.

J.G. :: Mississippi



The Extraordinary

GOODNESS *of* GOD

“How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men, on those who take refuge in you”

(Psalm 31:19, *New International Version-84*).

HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN someone you consider to be a truly good person? Someone whose motives are pure with no hidden agendas. Who never seems to think about himself and whose only desire is to do good for others. A person who continually displays the heart of God’s love, compassion and goodness?

Several months ago, the Lord led me to read Gloria Copeland’s book *Blessed Beyond Measure—Experiencing the Extraordinary Goodness of God*. As a result, I taught a three-week study based on it in church. “The Goodness of God” is also one of the topics Gloria and I teach this



BY PASTOR
GEORGE PEARSONS

The goodness of God should
flow through us
to others in the same way it flowed through Jesus.



month on our *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast series—*10 Marvelous Days of Prosperity*.

In her book, Gloria describes a man she considered to be “a good person”—her grandfather Alger Neece.

She writes, “Often, when I think of how good-natured God is, I am reminded of my grandfather. All of his grandchildren called him ‘Pop.’

“Pop was a truly good, kindhearted man, and he loved to do good things for everyone—especially his grandchildren. We quickly figured out that he would say yes to almost anything we asked him to do. I never remember him saying no.

“Even before I had my driver’s license, he let me drive his pickup around the Arkansas countryside. I remember times he even let me take it to the movies in a nearby town. If my grandmother had not been there to stop him, I think Pop would have given us anything we wanted. Although it has been many years since he passed over, every time our family gets together, we talk about Pop. It makes us happy just to remember how good he was to us.”

The goodness of Pop is a picture of the goodness of God.

God’s motives are pure. He has no hidden agendas. He never thinks about Himself. His only desire is to do good for His children. He continually displays His love, compassion—and goodness.

Just How Good Is God?

God is absolute good.

He is good to the furthest extreme possible.

There is no bad in Him.

The Hebrew for *goodness* is “good in the widest sense of the word.” *Good* is who God is and *good* is what God does. As Gloria states in her book, God could be called “Jehovah the Good”—for that is who He is.

While preparing for my first Wednesday night service on this subject, I was meditating on how to define the magnitude of God’s goodness. I wanted to communicate how good God is in the simplest phrase possible. At that moment, the phone rang. It was my daughter, Aubrey. I asked her how she would define the goodness of God. Without hesitation she said, “The goodness of God is the greatest good man could ever think of—only greater!”

I immediately responded with Ephesians 3:20 (*The Amplified Bible*): “Now to Him Who, by the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers,

desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].”

Think about the greatest good God could do for you. Don’t hold back.

Picture the most wonderful thing that could happen in your life. Do you have that image in your mind? Now, think about this—His goodness is greater still! No matter what we desire, the goodness of God will always “do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts or dreams.” That is how good God is to us. The goodness of God is meant to overwhelm us because He is good all the time!

No Limit to His Goodness

The goodness of God covers the entire spectrum of whatever we need. There is no limit to all He has and no limit to all He wants to do.

God showed His goodness to Moses in Exodus 33:18-19. “And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee.” At that moment, all of God’s goodness—the glory of God, the presence of God heavy with everything good—passed by Moses. Exodus 34:6 says, “The Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.” God is “abundant in goodness.”

God’s protection comes from His goodness.

Psalm 31:19-20 (*NIV-84*) says, “How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.”

God’s provision comes from His goodness.

Psalm 107:8-9 says, “Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.” Psalm 34:8 says we are to “taste and see that the Lord is good.” It goes on to say, “The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing” (verse 10). The word *goodness* in Hebrew also means, “prosperity, good things, goods and property.” Psalm 65:11 tells us that God crowns our year with His goodness. Another translation states, “You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance” (*NIV-84*).

God’s forgiveness comes from His goodness.

Psalm 86:5 (*AMP*) says, “You, O Lord, are good, and ready to forgive [our trespasses, sending them away, letting them go completely and forever]; and You are abundant in mercy and loving-kindness to all those who call upon You.” Romans 2:4 also tells us the goodness of God leads us to repentance.

God’s redemption comes from His goodness.

Psalm 107:1-2 says for us to “give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.” Because of His goodness, we have been redeemed from the curse of the law. For instance, sickness is a curse. God, in His goodness, sent His Word and healed us and delivered us from our destructions (verse 20).

God’s power comes from His goodness.

Psalm 107:15-16 reveals, “Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.” The weapons of our warfare and

the armor of God are all part of His goodness. The goodness of God has provided us with Jesus’ Name and the blood of the Lamb to overcome the kingdom of darkness.

Fellowship with God comes from His goodness.

James 1:18 (*New Living Translation-98*) says, “In his goodness he chose to make us his own children by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his choice possession.”

Everything we need comes from His goodness.

James 1:17 (*AMP*) tells us, “Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light.” There is no limit to His goodness!

God’s Goodness Through Us

The goodness of God does not stop with us. We are not the only beneficiaries of His goodness. You and I are to demonstrate the goodness of God to others in the same way

Pop showed goodness to Gloria and her brothers and sisters.

First Peter 2:9 proclaims, “You are a kingdom of priests, God’s holy nation, his very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light” (*NLT-98*). The Apostle Paul told the Romans, “I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness” (Romans 15:14). *The Amplified Bible* says, “Personally I am satisfied about you, my brethren, that you yourselves are rich in goodness.”

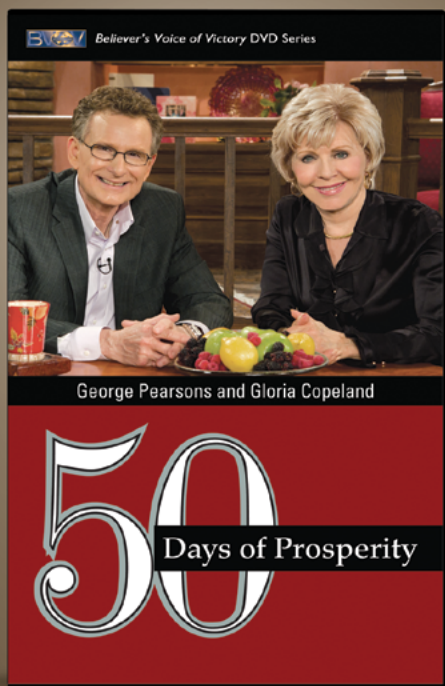
Acts 10:38 reveals “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” The goodness of God should flow through us to others in the same way it flowed through Jesus, “because as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17).

Receive the goodness of God. Receive from Him all He wants to do and all He has provided. And then, take His goodness one step further. Be determined to allow His goodness to flow through you to others.

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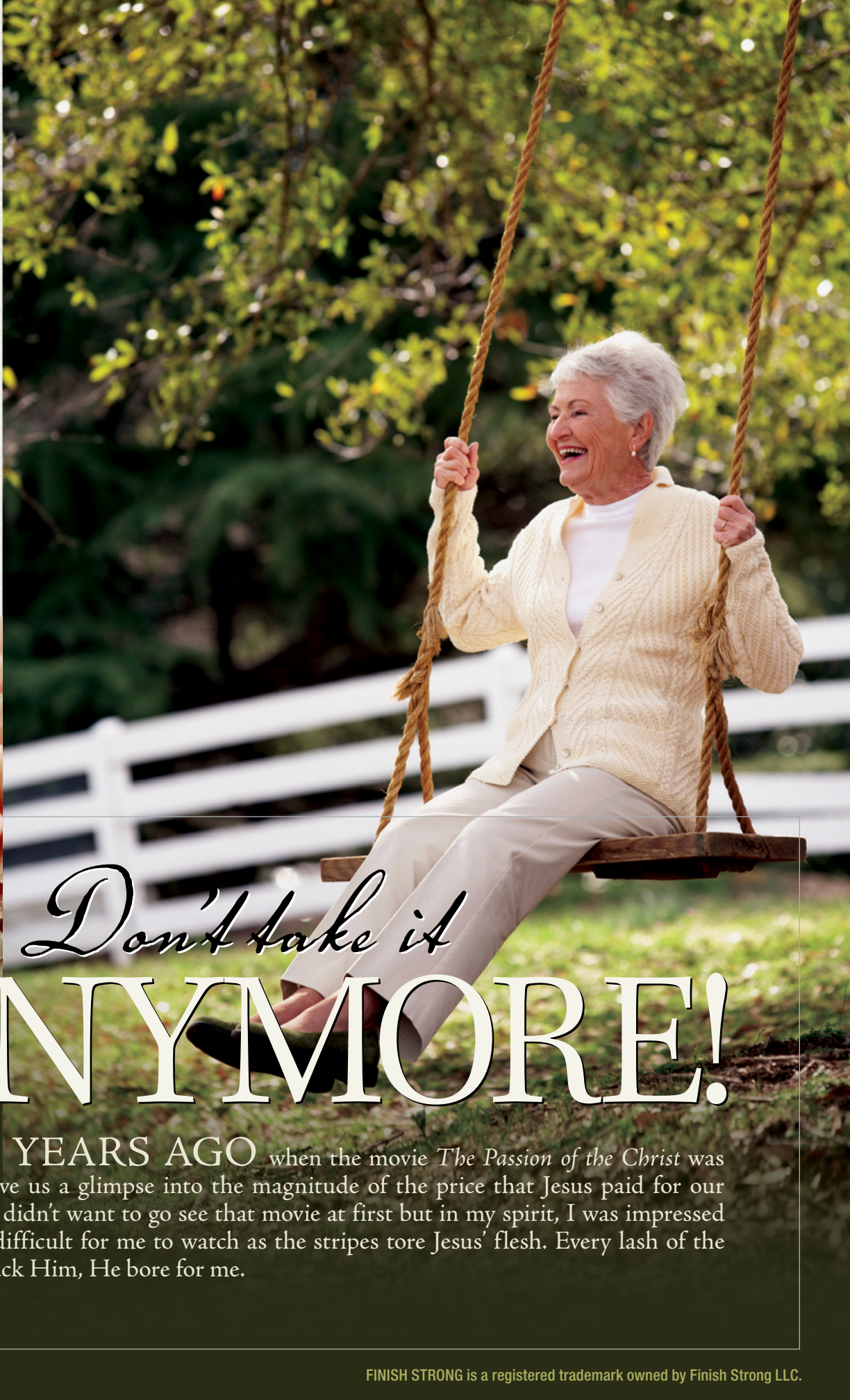
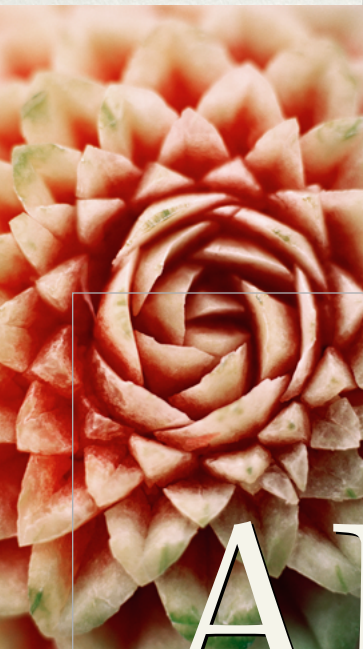
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Don't take it **ANYMORE!**

A FEW YEARS AGO when the movie *The Passion of the Christ* was released, it gave us a glimpse into the magnitude of the price that Jesus paid for our redemption. I didn't want to go see that movie at first but in my spirit, I was impressed to go. It was difficult for me to watch as the stripes tore Jesus' flesh. Every lash of the whip that struck Him, He bore for me.

Some people complained about the brutality of the movie, but as shocking as it may have seemed, it didn't convey the fullness of Jesus' suffering. It didn't show the spiritual price He paid. It didn't show Him in hell taking our place and punishment there. Even so, it had a great impact on me. It stirred my faith and my zeal to walk in the fullness of the redemption Jesus bought for me. I believe it increased my determination to stand against sickness and say, "No! I'll not take sickness because Jesus has already borne it for me. I will honor His sacrifice for me by receiving the healing He paid so dearly for me to have!"

Of course, you don't need to see a movie about the Crucifixion to develop that attitude. All you have to do is read the Word. When the truth of it dawns on you, it will set your faith on fire. It will affect you the same way it did one elderly gentleman who attended Healing School a few years ago in Milwaukee. I'll never forget that man. He was a little, gray-haired fellow who, under other circumstances, might have been quiet and reserved. But he got so inspired after hearing what the Bible says about healing and being redeemed from the curse that after the service he marched forward to give his testimony with a boldness that let us know he meant business.

I don't remember all he said about his healing, but I do remember he let us know in no uncertain terms that he'd not only been healed, he meant to stay that way. He'd realized that because of what Jesus did at Calvary, the devil had no right to put sickness on him, and he began to declare, as he walked around, "I'm not going to take it anymore! I'm just not going to take it anymore!"

When he started shouting, it set the whole congregation on fire. We all started shouting with him! We decided *we* weren't going to take it anymore, either. We saw, just as he did, that it doesn't matter how old we are—it doesn't matter if we're 150—we've been redeemed from the curse and we don't have to put up with it anymore. We have a blood-bought right to stay strong and healthy all the days of our lives.

A Full Assurance

I'm sure that man must have had much the same experience in Healing School that Ken and I had when we first heard Kenneth E. Hagin preach "by Jesus' stripes we were healed." That message changed our lives forever.

Until then, when sickness would come, we would pray and ask God to heal us, but we weren't sure if He would. We knew He *could* do it because Ken worked for Oral Roberts and he saw all kinds of miracles in his meetings. But we didn't know that our healing was a done deal. We didn't know that we could lay hold of it by faith because it already belonged to us. So when we'd get a fever or something, we'd say, "Hmmm...I'm sick. Where are my pajamas? I'll pray and if I feel better, I'll get out of bed."

Once we realized healing was part of the finished work of redemption, however, we began to see sickness in a different way. When it tried to come into our house, we didn't cooperate with it. We didn't say, "OK, it's the flu season again. I guess we'll get the flu." We learned to align our words with the Bible. We learned to say, "No, flu. You're not coming here." Because we realized that the devil was behind all sickness and he had no right to put it on us, we resisted sickness just like we'd resist sin. Sure enough, it would flee from us just like the Bible says.

We learned back then (more than 40 years ago) that we cannot talk sickness and disease and walk in health. We can't have it both ways. When someone asked, "How are you today?" we didn't say, "Oh, I'm hurting all over. I feel sick as a dog." Sure, there were times when that's what we wanted to say, just like everyone else. When we feel bad, we naturally want to tell someone so they can sympathize with our misery. But, we were determined not to do it. We'd discovered for ourselves what many other people who've walked by faith discovered before us. You cannot tell people about your disease and your pains (moan over your troubles), without damaging your fellowship with your heavenly Father. Such talk grieves His heart because it gives the devil glory. Since Satan is the one behind all sickness, pain and trouble, when we declare



that he has succeeded in putting those things on us, we are confessing he is master and has gained the supremacy.

When we talk about our troubles, we magnify the work of the devil and our troubles grow bigger. When we confess our sicknesses, they get a stronger hold on us. Instead of making us feel better, our pleas for sympathy make us feel worse. We get far better results when we give up our confession of Satan's supremacy, and declare instead that Jesus has borne our sickness and by His stripes we were healed. That's why we must break the habit of talking about symptoms of sickness to anyone who asks, and establish the habit of doing what the Bible says: "...hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering" (Hebrews 10:23).

That's what my friend Dodie Osteen did. (Dodie's son is Joel Osteen.) More than 28 years ago, she was diagnosed with liver cancer and given only a short time to live. Since there was nothing medical science could do to help her, Dodie and her husband, John, left the hospital, went home and sought the Lord about what to do. He revealed to them that Dodie should put together a list of healing scriptures and go over it faithfully, reading and confessing each scripture daily.

After Dodie and her husband prayed and received her healing by faith, she and her family spoke and acted as if she were healed. In other words, they lived like the Bible is true. Although the symptoms lingered for a while, Dodie continued to daily read and confess what the Word says about healing. Eventually, her health returned.

In October 2009, Dodie turned 76 years old, and she looks younger every time I see her. That doesn't surprise me, however, because she still reads and confesses those healing scriptures daily. She says she'll do it every day for the rest of her life on earth. (You can read the whole story of Dodie's healing in her book, *Healed of Cancer*.)

Some might say that God did a special miracle just for Dodie—but He didn't. Dodie was healed for one, simple reason. She obeyed the instructions in Proverbs 4:20-22. She believed the Word and acted on it. She refused to let God's Word depart from her eyes and she kept it in the center of

her heart. As a result, it became health and healing to her flesh, just as the Bible said it would.

The Hebrew word *marpe*, which is translated "healing" in Proverbs 4:22, can actually be used to refer to medicine. So you might say that Dodie was healed because she took God's medicine as prescribed. She proved, when taken according to the directions of the Great Physician, God's Word will cure even the most deadly diseases.

Seize Divine Health

Not only will God's medicine cure you when you're sick, if you keep taking it like Dodie did, it will keep you in divine health. Healing is good, but divine health is even better. I'd rather be protected from sickness and disease and never suffer from it at all than to fall prey to it and then receive healing, wouldn't you? I'm believing to stay well so that I don't have to waste one day living in weakness or pain. Really, that's God's perfect will for us. He didn't say in Psalm 91 that when pestilence came on us and made us ill, He'd heal us (although if it does, He will). He said no pestilence or plague would even come close to us. He said, "Thou shalt not be afraid for... the pestilence that walketh in darkness.... It shall not come nigh thee.... There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (verses 5-10).

We're living in the times Jesus was talking about in Luke 21 when He said, "There will be mighty and violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues: malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases which are deadly and devastating)..." (verse 11, *AMP*). I've decided rather than believe for healing from those kinds of diseases after I'm sick, I'll believe to avoid them altogether. That's why I'm glad God's health plan is a wellness plan. It's designed to keep us healthy from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet all the time. If we'll live according to that plan, it will keep sickness away from us. It will keep us feeling good, pain-free, worry-free and walking in divine power. I love God's health plan. His health plan leaves nothing out. There are no deductibles and no exclusions. Better yet, it's free because

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know

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as your Savior and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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Jesus has already paid for it. All it costs us is faith.

To have the kind of faith it takes to get in on God's health plan, however, we can't be lazy. We must exert the effort to do what Proverbs says to do. We must keep the Word of God in front of our eyes and in our ears so that it stays in the midst of our hearts. Our faith can't be strong for healing if we don't feed regularly on the Word. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). If we want to stay well, our faith must be strong because the devil will challenge us.

He comes to steal, kill and destroy. He is always trying to rip off some believer's health. When he comes knocking at our doors, we must be ready for him. We must be *strong in the Lord and in the power of His might* (Ephesians 6:10). When Satan shows up at our houses with symptoms of sickness, we can't afford to be weak and wimpy from lack of the Word. We must have the spiritual energy and faith to resist him and say, "Get out of here, in the Name of Jesus. I'm not listening to your lies. I've been redeemed from sickness and I refuse to receive it."

I can tell you from experience, that's not always easy. It takes real inner strength because sometimes sickness and pain can seem overwhelming. When our bodies are hurting and feeling weak, we can be tempted to give in to them. "I feel too bad to read the Word," we might say. "I don't have enough energy to go to church or make healing confessions."

If we want to live long and healthy lives, however, we can't lie down and let sickness run over us. We can't just breathe a prayer and beg Jesus to heal us. We must back up our prayer with words and actions of faith.

Wash Your Mind With the Word

Some years ago, for example, our granddaughter Lyndsey contracted neisserian meningitis. By the time

they got her to the hospital, she was delirious. The doctors told us that several children had been admitted with the same disease before she arrived and they died. "The next 24 hours will tell the story of whether she'll live or die," they said.

How do you think we responded to that news? Did we

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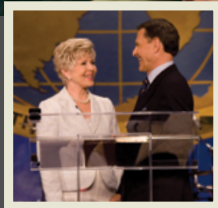
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just sit in the hospital waiting room and play cards, or wring our hands and hope God might intervene?

Certainly not! We did what the Bible says. We took our stand on the Word of God and resisted the devil. We rebuked death. We said, "You're not taking one of our own!"

We knew we'd been delivered from the curse of that sickness. We knew it wasn't God's will for Lyndsey to die young. The Bible made that clear. So we fought the fight of faith on her behalf. Even Lyndsey herself began to make declarations of faith as she drifted in and out of consciousness. She was just a child, but she had the Word of God in her heart and it started coming out of her mouth.

Today, Lyndsey is alive and well. She has a ministry call on her life and is going strong because we all stood together on the Word of God and seized her healing.

"But Gloria, my faith for healing isn't that strong," you might say. "I don't have what it takes to stand against the symptoms coming against me right now."

Then, get out your Bible and get some more faith. Do what Dodie Osteen did. Put together a list of healing scriptures, then read and confess them day and night. Get a copy of the Bible on CD and listen to it at night when you go to bed. I've done that many times when I felt symptoms of sickness coming against me. I'd listen to the Bible as I went to sleep and all through the night. Almost every time, I'd wake up in the morning healed.

If the manifestation of healing doesn't come that quickly for you, don't get discouraged. Don't quit. Don't think, *This isn't working for me. God must not love me.*

Those kinds of thoughts come from the devil, and he is a liar. God does love you! He sent Jesus to the cross to deliver you from the curse of sickness. So you can rest assured, He is not withholding healing from you. He is the One who said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

According to that verse, our souls must prosper for health to come. We must renew our minds with the truth of God's Word. If the symptoms in our bodies have been talking to us, trying to brainwash us with lies by saying, "You're not healed. You're sick. You're hurting. You'll never receive your healing," we must turn the tables on them. We must go to work washing our minds with what God has said about the situation by doubling up—or tripling up, or quadrupling up—on our daily dose of the Word. Remember, that's how faith comes (Romans 10:17)!

Also remember, the Word is God's medicine and can do what no natural medicine can do. It's alive and full of power. There's no pill, no natural prescription, no drug—legal or illegal—that can inject life into your body like the Word can. So make God's Word the biggest thing in your life. Believe it, confess it and act on it.

When you do, it will put the devil on the run. It will send symptoms scurrying in every direction. No matter how young or how old you are, it will make you well and keep you well. God's plan is the most magnificent health plan the world has ever known. **VICTORY**

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the Power of a Grateful Heart

I was mad at my legs. I was mad at the devil and anybody who came near me. And I hadn't slept in days. :: It was just after Labor Day 2004, and I was at the height of one of the most intense battles for healing I've ever fought. A few days earlier I had ruptured a disc in my back. It felt like a toothache that was 4 1/2 feet long—from my hip to the tips of my toes. :: During my life, I have been beaten up, shot, thrown off horses and run over with cars...but never had I hurt as bad as I did at that moment. All I wanted to focus on was the pain and getting free of it. :: God met me in it, but in a very different way than I would have imagined.

Back Porch Praise

There I was on the back porch facing another sleepless night. One heating pad was wrapped around my calf. Another was wrapped around my thigh. Each was held on by a bathrobe sash. The heat was turned as high as I could get it. But nothing seemed to help—I was still lying there on my back crying.

I didn't feel very grateful. I certainly didn't look very grateful.

Right in the middle of all that pain, though, the Spirit of God dropped it in my heart to begin shouting out my gratitude for all my heavenly Father had done for me.

"Oh, Father, I'm so grateful to You! I'm grateful that my other leg doesn't hurt. I'm so grateful my arms aren't hurting, my fingers are all working well, and my head doesn't hurt—it is sleepy, but it doesn't hurt!"

In the midst of all that pain, by an act of obedience I expressed gratitude to God...

...by faith!

More Praise—Less Pain

Being grateful *by faith*...

Not by feeling. Not by temperament. But by a deliberate act of faith, I did something I'd done many times before. That night on the porch I decided I would no longer talk about the way I felt, my flesh or its condition.

Instead of focusing on the pain and hurt, I filled my thoughts and mouth with gratitude for my life, my family, for all the years I've been in ministry, and for every other good thing that arose in my spirit.

I started praising and thanking God and the more I praised Him, the less pain I had in my leg.

And as I was expressing my gratitude to Him, God began talking to me.

The more He talked, the better I felt. Each day I progressed; not one day was as bad as the day before.

There were a number of things that brought me to the place where complete healing manifest in my body. Thousands of my Partners; many believers from Spirit-filled churches; faith-talking, true healing-believing doctors; my family and friends; all added their faith to mine.

Nothing, however, had more impact than what began that night on the porch. The moment I began thanking God for all that was going right in my life,

If you don't redirect your focus, the problem will consume your life.

I was on my way out of the problem.

Redirected Focus

If you'll think about it, we only have two real options in times of extreme pressure. Those options are to focus either on the problem...or the gratitude. You cannot do both at the same time.

For instance, what happens if you have one sore finger? You may have nine fingers, toes, arms, ears, and numerous other body parts that are working perfectly, but that isn't your focus. No. All you can think about is how you are going to get that one finger healed. You begin confessing healing scriptures and try to decide what else you need to confess or do, to stop the pain.

But if you don't water those confessions with praise and thanksgiving, your focus on the one sore finger—or whatever *problem*—will continue to dominate your thinking.

If you don't redirect your focus, the problem can consume you. So start giving God thanks for everything that is working right. Praise Him for all the good things He has done in your life. As you do, you'll come to a place where you can release your faith and receive your answer.

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, you don't know what has happened to me."

You're right, I don't. But I do know you're breathing—not pushing up grass!

So just start thanking God for your life! Remind yourself that no matter what your circumstances are—it could be a whole lot worse. You're not dead yet!

And this principle applies to far more than just receiving healing. Expressing gratitude by faith will change everything around you. It will change the whole complexion of your life.

Shouts Silence the Devil

I'm not saying the challenges will be over when you start filling the atmosphere with shouts of praise and thanksgiving. In fact once you begin praising God with purpose, you'll become a prime

target for the devil. Why? It'll scare the daylights out of him when you begin operating in gratitude... and he'll try to stop you.

He'll use the only tactic he possesses. He'll try to steal that word out of you by stirring up your flesh. Mark 4:16-17 tells us, "These are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended."

The enemy will try to get you to become offended. But that will only work if you have no root—if you're not grounded in the love of God.

However if you are loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind (Matthew 22:37) and expressing your gratefulness for all He has done, you are becoming rooted and grounded in love. That's what Paul wrote to the Ephesians. He said:

I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God (Ephesians 3:17-19, *New Living Translation*).

Become so filled with His love that offense can't come near you. Praise Him for His marvelous love. Praise Him, and as you do the enemy will be stopped cold because praise "stills the avenger" (Psalm 8:2).

Fill your mouth and the atmosphere with gratitude—thank God for all He is, for all He has done and is doing in your life. You and the world around you will change! **VICTORY**