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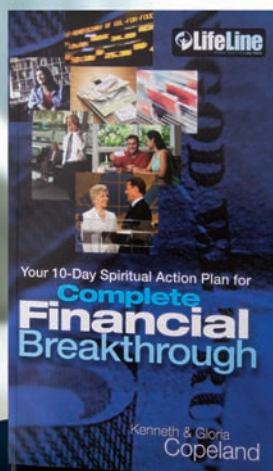
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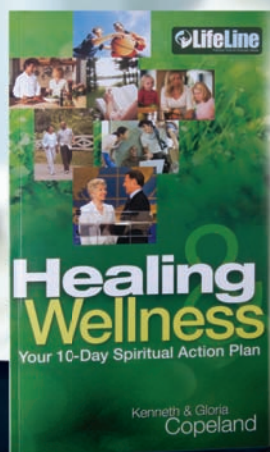
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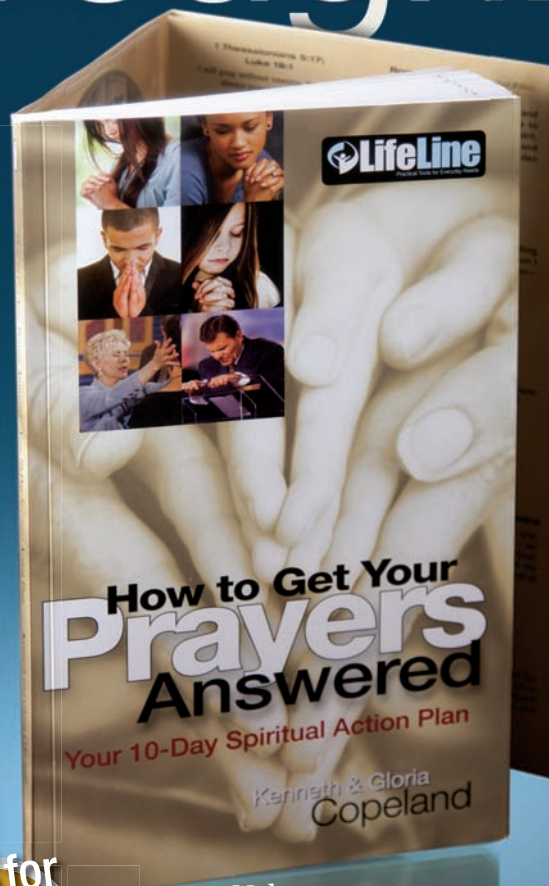
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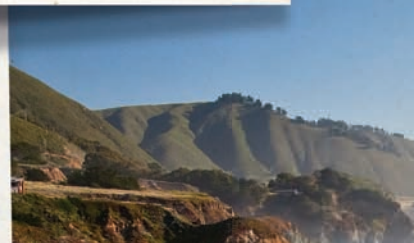




BY KENNETH COPELAND

# Living

*in manifested love*



## FOR YEARS,

spirit-filled Christians have gone to great lengths to convince Jesus to manifest Himself in their lives. They've cried and begged. They've prayed and fasted. They've sung Hymn No. 247 countless times. (Once when Grandma sang it Jesus manifested Himself and they're hoping He'll do it again.) They've jerked and kicked and run the aisles of the church. :: For a long time I was right in the middle of it all. So I can tell you firsthand what happened as a result. :: Nothing.





# *None of that stuff ever did any good*

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None of that stuff ever did any good because Jesus never told us to do it. He never said, “I’ll manifest Myself to those who cry the loudest or fast the longest.” What He said was this: “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him” (John 14:21).

Those verses make it plain that Jesus desires to reveal Himself to us. He’s not withholding Himself in any way. He’s made Himself totally available. So, if we’re not enjoying His manifested presence and power in our lives there can only be one reason: We’re not doing what He said. We’re not keeping His commandments.

Why aren’t we?

For one thing, a lot of Christians aren’t completely clear about what commandments they need to keep. The only ones they know much about are the 10 listed in the Old Testament. But Jesus had much more than that in mind. When He told us to keep His commandments, He was talking about everything He tells us to do in the written WORD or by direction of the Holy Spirit—including what He said in John 13:34: “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

That particular command is especially vital. It’s at the heart of all Jesus said and did because He is love. Therefore, to keep His commandments is to live in manifested love.

“Oh, Brother Copeland, that sounds hard! I couldn’t possibly do it!”

Yes, you can. I can too, and here’s why: God has called, equipped and empowered us to do it. He’s put His own love on the inside of us (John 17:23). He’s shed His love abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5).

God never planned for us to try to keep any of His commandments on our own. He intends to keep them for us, with us and through us by the power of His Spirit dwelling in us. And He is well able to do it! He

is able to fulfill the command of love through us just like He did through Jesus.

## Sent to Bring THE BLESSING

As Jesus’ disciples, we have the same spiritual equipment He had when He was on earth. He didn’t have any special, supernatural advantage. Like us, He was completely dependent on the power and Anointing of God. “I can do nothing of Myself,” He said. “The Father who dwells in Me does the works. I only say what I hear My Father say. I only do what I see My Father do.”

So let’s think about this for a moment. Exactly what was it that Jesus saw and heard from the Father that made Him the perfect manifestation of love? What was the primary direction He received from God about His mission on earth?

Simply this: He was sent to bless us.

Acts 3:25-26 confirms it. There Peter, preaching about Jesus to the Jews in Jerusalem on Pentecost, said this: “Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And *in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed*. Unto you first God, *having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you*, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities” (emphasis mine).

According to those verses, THE BLESSING has always been paramount in God’s mind. (As He told me one day, that’s why it’s on Page 1 of the Bible.) From the very beginning, His purpose for Abraham’s seed (meaning Jesus) was to bless all the families of earth.

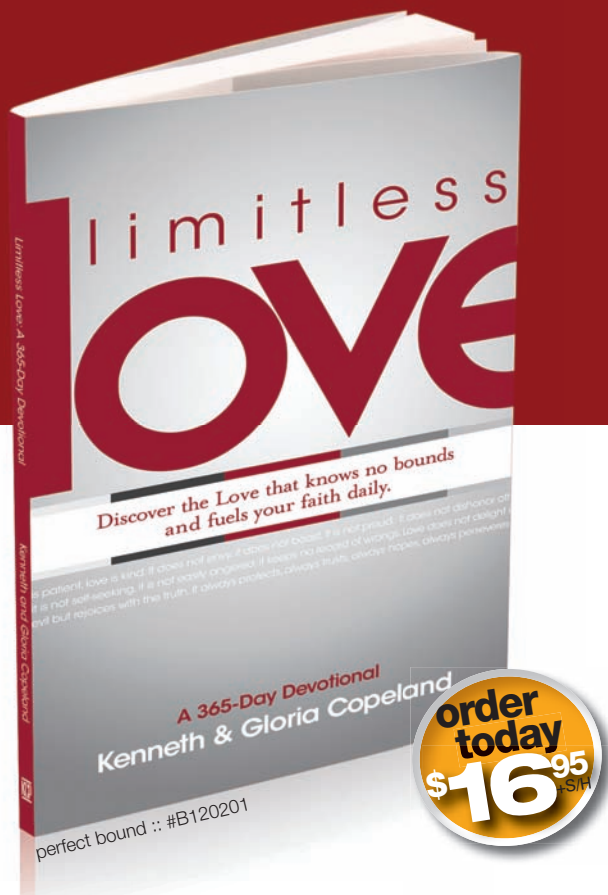
Jesus knew that! He’d seen it in the Scriptures. He’d heard His Father say to mankind in the book of Genesis, Be blessed! “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion” (Genesis 1:28). THE BLESSING was Jesus’ assignment. He’d been sent by God to restore what had been lost in the Garden of Eden through Adam’s sin. He’d been sent to bless us!

Do you think Jesus did anything apart from that assignment?



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No! Every breath He took, every word He spoke, everything He did was done in the light of what God sent Him to do. That's the reason He went to the Cross. He did it to redeem us from the curse...that THE BLESSING of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Him (Galatians 3:13-14).

### Alert: Blessing Robbery in Progress

Keeping in mind that Jesus' mission is to bless, let me ask you something. Why would He say what He did in John 14:21? Why would He command, order, direct or tell us to do anything?

I'll tell you why. Because He's called us to carry on His assignment!

That's right. Everything Jesus tells us to do is for the purpose of causing the empowerment of THE BLESSING to excel in us. His every command is given so that THE BLESSING will manifest through us because that's the way He manifests Himself.

Take, for example, the instructions in Matthew 18:15: "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." Why did Jesus give us that command? Because this is a blessing-robbing situation in progress. The devil has lured someone into sin and the curse. Jesus' assignment, and ours, is to restore THE BLESSING to that brother. So He told us how to go about it.

"Yeah, but I don't feel like blessing that jerk," you might say. "I'm still mad at him."

This doesn't have anything to do with your feelings! If Satan can get you to follow your feelings, he'll take hold of your emotions and kill you with them. He'll make you act like the people Jesus talked about in Matthew 13:15 whose "ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted...."

As a believer, you don't belong in that spiritually blind and deaf group! You belong in the group Jesus described in the next verse. You're one of the people He was talking about when He said, "But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear."

What is it you're seeing and hearing?

God's WORD—The WORD of the Kingdom (verse 19). It causes you to be blessed because when you hear it and open your heart to it, you are converted. You change! At least, I hope you do. I made up my mind 45 years ago that I would. As a result, The WORD of God has changed



the way I think and speak. It changes the way I act. It changes the way I look at things.

Once I know what God says I should do, I do it, in Jesus' Name. It doesn't matter if I like it or not. This isn't about what I like. This is about manifesting Jesus!

### Unusual Attitude Recovery Training

Don't get me wrong. I'm not suggesting that God sets out to make us do things we don't like. He's not trying to beat us up and make life hard for us. He's out to help us.

That's what His WORD is all about. According to 2 Timothy 3:16, it's "given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for... correction." The word translated *correct* in that verse means "to set right again, to put straight."

As a pilot, I go to recurrent flight training a couple of times every year. One of the Federal Aviation Administration mandated exercises I go through is what they call Unusual Attitude Recovery Training. It teaches pilots to deal with unintentional upsets of the airplane.

Such upsets happen when a pilot gets distracted and the plane does something he didn't mean for it to do. Say, for example, the pilot starts looking down at the area he's flying over, trying to find a particular landmark. He takes his eyes off the instruments that indicate his speed. Because he's in the air, he doesn't sense that the plane is slowing down. To make things worse, he's inadvertently pulling back on the yoke while he's looking outside. He puts the plane in an upward bank, or nose-up attitude, where it can stall at a higher speed than if it were level.

Sure enough, that's exactly what happens. The aircraft stalls, flips up and goes into a spin. The pilot is caught off guard because he didn't expect it to happen. By the time he realizes what's going on, the plane is too low. He doesn't have enough altitude to recover.

Recovery training teaches pilots how to handle that kind of situation and survive. It prepares them to respond to the upset in a way that straightens out the airplane and sets it right again.

God's WORD does the same thing. It straightens you out when some unexpected circumstance upsets you and everything goes haywire. It teaches you how to set things right when you're cruising along, thinking you've learned how to walk by faith and love, and someone says something ugly to you. Suddenly, you're fighting mad and feeling a vengeance you didn't know you were capable of. You're thinking, *One more word from you, Jack, and I'll lay hands on you so hard you won't know what hit you!*

At times like that, you're like the pilot we talked about. You can't trust your senses. You can't act on what you feel because your feelings are wrong! So what do you do? You disregard your emotions and act on the commands God gave you in His Training Manual. You call on the Name of The LORD Jesus Christ, get hold of your emotions and fly by The WORD.

## Position and Relationship Equal Power

Did you know that if you're born again, you can pray powerful prayers and see results like Jesus did? It's true.

James 5:16 says: "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available—[dynamic in its working]" (*The Amplified Bible*).

We know this was true of Jesus' life. Because of His sinless life, Jesus walked in perfect dominion. His prayers made power available and God did what He asked, not because He was God's Son, but because He held the position of a righteous man.

The good news for you and me is that through believing on Jesus, we've been given the same position of righteousness with God that He has (2 Corinthians 5:21). We "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). We have the right to come boldly before God's throne and obtain help (Hebrews 4:16).

But remember: Position is not enough. We must also have relationship.

We see an example of this in Mark 9:14-29. Though



Jesus had given His disciples authority over devils, they were unable to cast one out of a little boy. When asked why, Jesus explained, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting" (verses 28-29, AMP). Lack of communion with God had made them ineffective.

Time with God is essential to answered prayer. Jesus fellowshiped with the Father until He knew exactly what the Father would say and do. He knew God's heart and His ways.

Through prayer you, too, can develop a relationship with the Father. You can learn to walk with Him, commune with Him and become one with Him just as Jesus was. Then, Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23). Now that's power! **VICTORY**

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"But Brother Copeland, what if the circumstances keep getting worse?"

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Have you ever read what Job said when the devil slammed him into a tailspin? At the worst moment of his life, with boils on his skin, having lost his wealth and his family, listening to his wife tell him to curse God and die, he said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15).

Job didn't have nearly as much revelation as we do. He didn't know the devil had become so furious about THE BLESSING that was on his life. He had no idea he'd become Satan's target. Job didn't even realize he was in the middle of a spiritual war.

But, even so, when he said those words, he won. When he made the decision, "I'm going to serve God no matter what happens," he got the victory. THE BLESSING that had once made him the richest man in the world went back to work and made him twice as rich as he'd been before—in every way.

If Job could make that decision, how much more can we? We have the Name of Jesus, the power of the Holy Ghost, the blood of the Lamb, and the written WORD of God! We have a Lord and Savior who's been sent by God to bless us!

Everything He says and does, everything He directs and commands, every correction He gives us is meant to bring THE BLESSING into greater manifestation in us and through us. Jesus is so consumed with blessing us that in His last moments on earth as He ascended to heaven with His disciples watching: "He lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:50-51).

Think of it. Jesus was still preaching and pronouncing THE BLESSING as He departed earth and went through the gates of glory. He was still saying, "Be blessed! Be fruitful! Multiply! Replenish the earth with My goodness! Manifest Me by manifesting THE BLESSING to every creature in every nation on earth!"

We don't have to cry and beg Jesus to manifest Himself to us and through us. That's what He came to do. It's why we're here. So let's get busy fulfilling our purpose. Let's keep His commandments and commit ourselves to staying in love with one another no matter what. Let's walk in manifested love and bring THE BLESSING to a planet full of people who are in desperate need of it.

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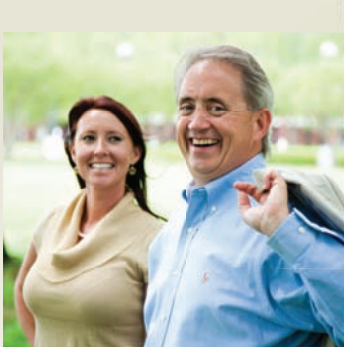
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on this scripture  
and trust You,  
Wayne prayed.”



*Chanelle Carter & Wayne Smith*

# TURNING HEARTS

BY  
MELANIE  
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Wayne Smith stood inside his parents’ home, staring at his father’s easy chair. He’d give anything to see his dad’s eyes crinkle with smile lines and hear his voice. In the months since his death, Wayne had spent a lot of time thinking about the kind of man and father his dad had been.

## “Partnership with this ministry has been a lifeline.

It means that no matter what storms come in life, there are people of genuine faith who will stand with you. We are not alone.”

First and foremost, he loved and honored God. Every Saturday night of Wayne’s childhood he had watched his father write his tithe check so it would be ready to offer Sunday morning. The youngest of five children, Wayne suffered with a debilitating stutter. Patient and kind, his dad had taken him to nearly every renowned speech center in the country.

Wayne sank into the easy chair, which had molded to his father’s form. Rubbing his hands over his face, he wished he had molded himself into the kind of godly husband and father his dad had been.

To his everlasting regret, he had not.

Turning his back on the God of his father, Wayne spent 15 miserable years without any peace. He hadn’t been the kind of man his dad had taught him to be, nor the kind of father God had created him to be.

He’d finally reached the end of himself, finding a future without God too bleak to contemplate. He had sat down with his wife and explained that he couldn’t run from God anymore.

“I’m going with God,” he said, “and I hope you’ll go with me.”

Taking a stand for God had not worked out the way Wayne had hoped. It cost him his wife, his marriage and his family. Now he sat in his father’s easy chair, wishing his dad could tell him what to do. After a while, his sister, Carole, phoned.

“Turn on the television right now! There’s a man you need to hear!”

Flipping to the channel, Wayne watched a man named Kenneth Copeland. Picking up the newspaper, he listened with half an ear. A few minutes later he dropped the newspaper.

Staring at the TV screen, Kenneth Copeland’s blazing blue eyes pierced Wayne.

“You, sitting in that easy chair with the *King James Bible* on the table beside you! Open that Bible and see if everything I’m saying isn’t in it!” Brother Copeland said.

Shocked, Wayne looked at the little table beside his father’s easy chair. On it sat a *King James Bible*.

“I said *pick it up!*” Brother Copeland’s voice resounded.

Wayne picked up the Bible and turned to the scripture he saw at the bottom of the television screen. Verse by verse, he followed along as Brother Copeland finished his message.

He taught on faith, and every word was in the Bible just as he had said it was. Wayne had never imagined God might answer his prayers by having a preacher speak to him through the television.

God had his attention.

### A New Man

“The very next day I called Kenneth Copeland Ministries and became a Partner,” Wayne recalls. “They sent me a booklet, which I devoured, and a tape that I almost wore out. The divorce had been devastating for all of us, but it was hardest on my daughters, Apryl and Chanelle, who were 12 and 7 at the time. By the time I got filled with the Holy Spirit, I wasn’t the same old boy. They knew I’d gotten radically saved and they knew I’d changed for the better. But they looked at me like, ‘Who are you and what have you done with our daddy?’”

Wayne spent time with his daughters and established himself in the Word of God. He recorded the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* television broadcasts, listened to tapes, read books and studied the Bible. He was learning, growing and maturing in the Lord while teaching his daughters to follow God.

To his great joy, when his oldest daughter, Apryl, turned 14 she chose to live with Wayne. That left her sister, Chanelle, in the middle of a difficult situation. Wayne wanted nothing more than to have both daughters with him, but he didn’t want to force either of them to have to choose between parents.

Chanelle chose to stay with her mother, and Wayne continued seeing her on a regular basis—enjoying every moment he spent with her.

### The Enemy Steals the Word

“When Chanelle was about 13, she went to a youth event in Little Rock,” Wayne recalls. “When it was over she called and said, ‘Dad, I just got filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues!’ I wanted to shout, but in my excitement I forgot that the Bible says Satan comes immediately to steal the Word. Within a short time, all kinds of things came against her. Hurt and disappointed, she stepped away from God and decided she



didn't want to see me anymore. She didn't even want to talk to me. I was devastated."

In 2000, when Chanelle graduated from high school, Wayne attended her graduation.

"It was awkward, and after graduation she was even more distant," Wayne recalls.

That same year, Wayne was remarried to a woman full of faith. His new wife, Pat, discovered Wayne's stash of teachings by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and other ministers like Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis and Creflo Dollar, and immediately the two began feeding on the Word together.

The following year, Wayne stood at the kitchen sink looking out the window. He had a wonderful wife who served God and supported him in every way. His relationship with Apryl had grown more precious as she matured into a woman. Everything in life was good—except for the aching void that only Chanelle could fill. Wayne missed his daughter and desperately wanted her in his life.

"Lord," he prayed, "if You'll show me what to do, I'll do it."

Glancing down, he looked at the flip calendar on the window sill. The verse that day was Malachi 4:6, "And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers" (*New King James Version*).

"Lord, I ask that You turn my daughter's heart," Wayne prayed. "I believe Your Word will not return void, so I'm going to stand on this scripture and trust You."

Led by the Lord, Wayne wrote a poem based on that verse and sent it to Chanelle, certain it would touch her and her heart would turn.

It didn't.

### The Key of Obedience

"We had been attending a word of faith church in Arkansas," Wayne recalled, "but in 2002 the Lord told us to start attending Keith Moore's church in Branson, Mo. I tried to debate it but God said, *Son, if you'll honor Me in this, I'll honor you.*"

From then until February 2004, Wayne and Pat drove 300 miles round trip from Russellville, Ark., to Branson—every Sunday! Then, God directed them to move to Branson.

"Also in 2002, God told me to prepare to write a book and instructed me to register the Internet Web domain names, 'turntheheart.com' and 'turntheheart.org,'" Wayne said. "In 2003, I wrote the book titled *Turn the Heart*. I had learned that everything produces after its kind and I believed that what you make happen for other people, God will make happen for you.

"Of the first 500 books I ordered, I sowed about 450 into the lives of people who were experiencing some kind of issue in their lives where restoration or a 'heart turn' was

needed. The results were astonishing. One man hadn't seen his daughter for 30 years, but after reading the book and praying, they were reconciled. I knew what God had done for him, He would do for me. Then in 2004 I got news, but it wasn't the news I'd been waiting to hear. Chanelle was getting married—and I wasn't invited."

It was a rainy day in November and the weather matched Wayne's mood. Overwhelmed that he wouldn't get to give his daughter away and was missing yet another milestone in her life, Wayne went for a walk in the rain. Tears streamed down his face.

*Maybe people will think it's rain*, he mused.

But the truth was he didn't care what anyone thought. He was suffering. He hadn't seen his daughter for nearly five years. No one except his wife knew what Wayne was going through. He was giving his book away as seed, and he prayed for other people and had seen great results. But what he so desired to happen in his own life, the one thing he was believing so strongly for, just was not happening.

Back home after his walk, Wayne picked up his Bible and read Malachi 4:6. That's what he chose to believe. He didn't believe his emotions. He didn't believe the circumstances. He refused to be moved from his place of faith.

God told Wayne to drive to where Chanelle worked, to give her a card, a rose and a copy of his book and then leave.

After driving 150 miles, Wayne arrived at Chanelle's workplace. Entering the office, he found everyone had gone to lunch—except Chanelle.

"Hi, Babe!" Wayne said to his surprised daughter.

"I love you and wanted to congratulate you on your wedding. Here's a rose, a card for you and your husband, and a copy of our book."

Then, he turned and left.

### The Place of Faith

Several months later, in the summer of 2005, Wayne was checking his email when the name of one of the senders caught his eye. It was a message from Chanelle: "Dad, I love you. I've always loved you. I'm not mad at you. I want to have a relationship with you. I just need more time."

God was turning her heart!

Another year passed, and in 2006, Wayne was called to his sick brother's hospital bedside. The hospital was in the same town where Chanelle and her husband lived.

While there, Wayne called Chanelle and invited her to lunch but she declined. When he and Pat left the hospital, Wayne heard the Lord telling him to go to a particular store and buy a gift card for Chanelle and her husband.

Wayne drove directly to the store, and when he walked in, there was Chanelle.

"Hey, girl! What are you doing?"

Surprised, Chanelle looked up to see her father.

"Hey, Dad!"

The next thing Wayne knew, he and Chanelle were wrapped in each other's arms.

"Daddy, I love you."

"I love you, too, sweetheart."

"It was my first hug in nine and a half years," says Wayne.

"I remembered that I hadn't bought a housewarming gift for you and Jon," Wayne told his daughter. "I came here to buy you a gift certificate. Instead of mailing it to you, let me just hand it to you."

"That's why you're here?"

"Yes."

"Did you know I was here?"

"No."

"Then how..."

Realization dawned on Wayne. If he didn't know his daughter was at the store, either their reunion was a huge coincidence, or the Lord had led him there.

Another year passed and, although they had at least talked on occasion, there still had not been any reconciliation between Wayne and Chanelle.

In the fall of 2007, Wayne asked the Lord why it was taking so long.

*Son, it's just like when people turn to Me. They don't turn until it's time and they don't turn until they're ready.*

Wayne and Pat had planned to travel back to Arkansas, so he called to ask Chanelle and her husband out to lunch. Jon had to work, but Chanelle agreed to meet with Wayne and Pat. When she arrived at the restaurant, Chanelle had brought the photo albums from her wedding. Over lunch, she showed Wayne all the pictures and filled in the blanks to all the questions he had about things he had missed.

When Wayne told his daughter how much he appreciated her sharing that part of her life with him, Chanelle responded: "Well, I only have one daddy. It was time, and I was ready."

In January 2010, the Lord instructed Wayne to rewrite his book, this time including his own story and testimony. In June of that year, Wayne told the Lord he would like to celebrate Christmas with both his daughters.

*Why wait? Father's Day is this month.*

The idea made Wayne want to weep with joy.

*Call them!*

Wayne called Apryl, and he called Chanelle. And in June 2010, for the first time in 15 years, Wayne Smith celebrated Father's Day with both of his daughters.

"This wouldn't have happened had a man not pointed his finger at me over the television and said, 'Pick up that *King James Bible* and see if what I'm saying isn't in there!'" Wayne says. "Partnership with this ministry has been a lifeline. It means that no matter what storms come in life, there are people of genuine faith who will stand with you. We are not alone. God loves families! They were His idea! And partnership is one way of celebrating the family of God."

When Chanelle was a child, she used to make Wayne a new ornament each year for Christmas. In December 2011, Chanelle and Jon joined Wayne and Pat for their first family Christmas in 17 years. Sitting around a roaring fire, Chanelle pulled out a gift for Wayne. She gave him a new Christmas ornament with a single word across it.

*Dad. VICTORY*

Pat and Wayne Smith



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# Nothing to Lose!



**SO MANY CHRISTIANS** are afraid to give themselves totally to the Lord because they think they will be deprived of some pleasure in this life. What they don't realize is that the things they would be giving up are only killing them anyway. The wages of sin is death.

Satan would have you believe that he can really make your life worth living. But God says, "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him" (Isaiah 3:10-11).

Yielding completely to the Lord will only cause you to live life to its fullest! This world doesn't have any reward for you. But if you walk in the spirit, the glory and power of God can rest upon you to bless, heal and deliver you

and everyone around you. God is love and He has such wonderful things to add to our lives if we will only yield to Him by obeying the written Word and obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our spirits.

In Jeremiah 7:23, God said, "But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you." God can't be sovereign in your circumstances if He is not sovereign in your heart. Disobedience

ties His hands and prevents Him from blessing and delivering you in the way that He desires. But as you totally yield to and obey Him, God can cause you to prosper in every area of your life.

The Bible says that it is only our reasonable service to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice unto God. The natural man thinks that is unreasonable, but it's not, because Jesus has already paved the way for us by giving up His body as a living sacrifice. Now, through faith in Him and in His sacrifice, we can be born again of His Spirit and take on the nature of God. With His nature abiding within us, it should be more natural to live for God than it is to live for ourselves.

Jesus' earthly life is a perfect example of a life totally yielded to God. Let's look at His ministry while He was on earth and see if He was blessed or deprived. His example will always be living proof that godly living brings peace, blessing and life—not death or deprivation. Isaiah 1:19 promises good things, not bad things. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Jesus was not only obedient, He was willing to obey God; therefore He ate the good of the land.

As we look at several scriptures, we will see Jesus' attitude and how He lived His life on earth with the single motive to please His Father. In John 5:19, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." Then in verse 30, He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." Jesus could have leaned to His own understanding and He could have done His own will while He was on earth. Yet, He followed the will of His Father because He had yielded Himself to obey God.

Jesus not only obeyed the written statutes and ordinances of the Old Covenant, He also obeyed the voice of the Father coming to Him in His spirit. There were many voices coming to Him just as there are many which come to us. But He was able to discern the voice of His Father because He had already yielded His will to the Father.

The Master also spent a great deal of time in prayer and fellowship with His Father learning to hear His voice. This is how He received His direction from day to day. Obeying the voice of God as well as the written ordinances was part of Jesus' heritage.

From the very beginning of the nation of Israel, God spoke to His people and told them to keep His commandments and to obey His voice. He kept them from harm and led them into victory over their adversaries when they lived in obedience. Of course, when they disobeyed, the Israelites had to pay the consequences for their disobedience—not because God wanted to punish them, but because He showed them the way out of trouble and they chose another way.

Jesus never chose His own way. He said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). Jesus didn't live for Himself, He lived His life loving God with His whole heart, soul and might. According to John 8:29, He did nothing except that which pleased His Father.

Do you think that because He didn't seek to do His own will that Jesus was unhappy? Do you think that He was deprived of anything? Think about it for a moment. The only things that Jesus missed out on were those things which would have killed Him anyway. Sin...just think...Jesus never sinned! Well, He didn't miss out on very much there! Sin only sets a person up for further problems.

Let's see if Jesus was blessed or if He was deprived. In John 14:30, Jesus stated one of the benefits of His obedience. He said, "...for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." Jesus lived a life which gave no open door for the devil to come in and steal, kill and destroy. He walked in total victory over Satan at every turn.

In John 3:34, Jesus stated another benefit. "For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message], God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit!" (*The Amplified Bible*). Because Jesus was totally yielded to the Father, God was able to manifest His presence without measure.

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# DRIVE OUT Unforgiveness

Forgiveness. Lots of people talk about it. But many fail to actually do it. Oh, they try...and try and try. But trying just doesn't get the job done. You can come around and talk to those "try-ers" years later, and they're still carrying around hurts and resentments. They're still saying, "Well, I'm trying to forgive that person, but what they did to me was so bad that I just haven't been able to do it."

That's why The WORD of God doesn't say anything about "trying" to forgive. It simply commands us to forgive one another, "even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Since God has never commanded us to do anything without providing us with the ability to do it, we can be sure He has given every believer the power to forgive in any and every situation.

You may think it is

hard to forgive. It's not. Nothing you do by the power of God is hard. You can make it hard by trying to do it in your own strength. But if you'll learn to rest in God through faith in His WORD, the struggle will disappear.

You see, if you'll trust God's WORD, that WORD will fight for you in any area of life. You won't have to wrestle your problems to the ground and solve them with your own great willpower. All you'll have to do is open your Bible and start speaking out God's WORD about the situation. Release your faith in that WORD and it will conquer any problem—including unforgiveness.

That's right! God's WORD will fight unforgiveness for you. If you'll find out what God has to say on the subject—and believe it—it will drive unforgiveness completely out of your life. **VICTORY**

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God is not trying to deprive you of anything; He is trying to bless you and fulfill you.

Everywhere He went, Jesus made the blind to see, the lame to walk and the deaf to hear. Having the Spirit without measure, He was able to deliver the madman of Gadara and many others who were demon possessed. He raised the dead and went about doing good, healing all those who were sick and oppressed of the devil. That sounds like a pretty good life to me. All Jesus missed out on was the devil getting dominion over Him.

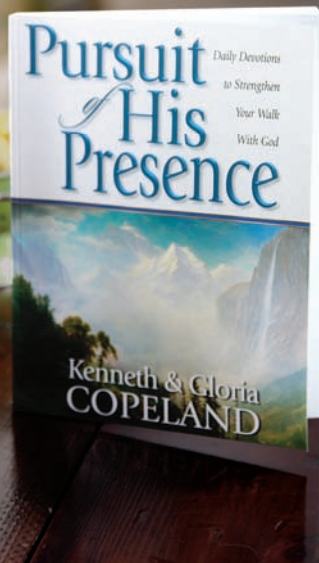
Do you think you would miss out on a lot if you lived as Jesus lived? Well, you wouldn't. You could walk in the same power and anointing and the same glory of God that Jesus did. Jesus said that whoever gave up his lower life would find the higher life. God is not trying to deprive you of anything; He is trying to bless you and fulfill you. And obedience is the way blessing and fulfillment will come to you in full measure.

Philippians 2:5-8 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Jesus already went to Calvary and shed His blood so that you could be born of His Spirit and receive His nature. As a born-again believer, you have the ability to live a life that is pleasing to the Father. All you have to do is to let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

Offer yourself today as a living sacrifice unto God. You are His co-laborer on this earth. He needs your hands to be His hands extended to a sick and dying world. He needs your feet to carry His gospel of peace to every creature. Make pleasing Him your top priority. Cleave to Him with every fiber of your being. Make your lifestyle one of continuous communion with the Father so that He can instruct you in the way you should go.

Don't be afraid to lay more and more of your natural desires and ambitions down for the gospel's sake. You don't have anything to lose, and you have everything to gain. God loves you, and He wants you to experience the rewards of a yielded life. **VICTORY**





BY JOHN COPELAND

# THINGS *I've Learned* from My DAD

## Steadfast and committed!

Of all the things I could say about my dad, Kenneth Copeland, those two words really stand out, because that's the only way I've ever known him to be. I can say the same for my mom, as well. They have always been steady in whatever they've done, and in whatever they've believed. They've never changed from being steady in God's Word, and they've never compromised. And that's what I am most proud of about them.

Even in some of their most difficult times, some of which included enduring my years as a teenager, they always stood firm.

Growing up, I was an independent spirit. So even though Dad and Mom were there to teach and guide me, I always had to figure things out on my own. One of the things I figured out, and I'm glad I did, was that they were *right*.

It's a story of the *older* you get, the *smarter* your parents become.

As I reflect on this month, and Father's Day in particular, I can't help but think how true that really is when it comes to my dad and me.

I think back over those days, as I was growing up, and I recall some of the mistakes I made and the valuable lessons I learned from those mistakes. I also think about the things I learned from my dad—things that helped me grow up and mature. For instance, he taught me about faith and how I should never waver in my trust in God and always let The Word be my foundation. And he taught me about fear—and how *never* to allow it in my life.

What powerful lessons those two things alone have

been! But they only scratch the surface of what I have learned from Dad down through the years. I have learned both spiritual and natural things, and they all have made me a better husband, father and provider—a better man! And today, my wife, Marty, and I are passing those same lessons on to our children.

There has never been two sides to my dad. He has always practiced what he preaches. And that has probably impacted me more than anything else. I was inspired just watching how he and Mom lived, never wavering in their faith and trust in God, and always letting The Word be their foundation.

If my dad had not been that way when I was going through those difficult times in my youth, and if he hadn't truly believed in what he was doing as a minister of the gospel, and been steadfast and committed to what he believed, I honestly do not believe I would be where I am today.

I'm grateful to God for my dad, and all that I've learned from him. And now I'd like to share some of those things with you. I hope they will bless you and that, just as Marty and I are doing, you will share them with your children.



A photograph of John Copeland, CEO, standing in a kitchen-like setting with shelves of dishes in the background. He is wearing a blue and white striped button-down shirt and has his arms crossed.

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Never put pressure on people. They are not your source. When you have a need, turn to The Word and find a scripture that addresses that need. Then stand on that scripture.

Don't seek revenge. Wait on the Lord and He will deliver you.

Never borrow money. It's not a sin, but it is not God's best and it causes you to become a servant to the lender.

Always tithe! If you don't it will seem as if you have a bag of money with holes in it.

Give, especially when you are in financial trouble.

When God tells you to do something, obey Him and do it *then*. He is trying to get something to you.

Never make rash, knee-jerk decisions when the pressure is on. Relax and roll the care of it over on God.

Always put others first.

Respect law enforcement officers and the military. Buy their dinner and thank them when you see them.

Pray for the president and all our leaders—on all levels.

Don't give heed to what people say about you—good or bad. Don't listen to the bad stuff because you might start believing it. Don't listen to the good stuff because you might start believing it.

Always tell the truth. There is no such thing as a white lie.

Keep your word even to your own hurt.

Always believe the best of people.

“[God] satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's” (Psalm 103:5, *NIV*-84). Speak over yourself and say, “My youth is renewed like the eagle's.”

It is better to give the wrong man a break than to break the wrong man.

Always be on time.

Never say, “I can't afford it.”

Don't allow strife to exist in your life—ever!

Never make a decision based solely on money. Do it based on what the Spirit of God says.

Do what is right. Do it because it is right. And then, do it right—even when no one is watching.

Don't spare the rod. “He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him” (Proverbs 13:24, *NIV*-84).

Love people, and let them live their lives. We should not judge, and it is not our place to correct them.

John Wayne is pretty much the best actor ever! **VICTORY**

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# Prestigious Flight Award

Although engineers Orville and Wilbur Wright spent their early years during the late 1800s experimenting with kites, gliders and other flying machines, their true desire was to someday create a powered machine that could carry a man aloft. Their first successful flight, with Orville at the controls, took place at Kitty Hawk, N.C., Dec. 17, 1903, when a plane they designed took to the air, traveling a total of 120 feet and lasting an amazing 12 seconds.

Others had flown in balloons and gliders, but this event was a first. The Wrights' creation had become the first manned, motor-powered, heavier-than-air craft. The short flight made history, and the Wright brothers became America's first flight instructors—subsequently teaching the rest of the world how to fly.

Over the next few years, the brothers refined their design and eventually sold the first airplane to the U.S. Signal Corps, a division of the U.S. Army. In the early 1900s, they traveled to Europe to demonstrate the flyer and returned to Dayton, Ohio, as heroes. From there, they would go on to manufacture airplanes and train pilots. Along with other pioneers of aviation like Glen Curtis, Henry Farman, Betsy Coleman, Katherine Stinson and Charles Lindbergh, the Wright brothers became the first generation of aviators. The second generation of flyers took to the skies in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Today, it has been more than 50 years since they began flying.

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizes pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years. To qualify as a recipient, a candidate must be a U.S. citizen and have at least 50 years of U.S. piloting experience since the date of his or her first solo, and must have held a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority or Federal Aviation Administration pilot certificate with 50 or more years of civil flying experience. Up to 20 years of U.S. military flying experience may be credited. And, the candidate's pilot records must show an attitude of compliance and safety throughout his flying career.

On Jan. 12, 2012, in a special presentation during a Ministers' Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, Kenneth Copeland joined an elite group of recipients when he was given the prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.



"This award is intended to recognize the highest level of professionalism, skill and aviation expertise—qualities consistent with what you would expect from someone who earns a Master Pilot Award," said FAA representative John W. McGraw upon presenting the award. McGraw serves as deputy director for the FAA's Flight Standards Service. "We have three-quarters of a million registered pilots in the U.S., and less than 2300 have earned a Master Pilot Award, less than one-half of 1 percent...Reverend Copeland has certainly demonstrated the qualities of a master pilot along with service."

As a boy in Abilene, Texas, Kenneth had a passion for airplanes. The sound of a plane flying overhead captured his attention and ignited his imagination, and he would imagine being in the cockpit looking down on the earth. But he never considered his desire to fly as a gift that would change his life.

Kenneth started flying in August 1959. His first FAA check ride was on Aug. 29, 1961. The doors of opportunity opened for him in 1967 when he joined the flight crew of the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association, and aviation became an integral part of his ministry. Since 1959, Kenneth has personally logged well over 10,000 hours of flight time. He is certified to fly a wide variety of aircraft including the Citation X, Citation Bravo, Baron, T-28, Stearman, Bonanza and Learjet. He has even held a hot-air balloon pilot license and has seaplane experience.

"In August 1961, a young man named Kenneth Copeland walked out to a Cessna 150...and marked an aviation milestone by taking it into the sky on his very first solo," said McGraw. "Less than a month later, he marked another aviation milestone by passing his private pilot check ride. He's never looked back since. And today it's an honor and privilege to recognize and celebrate yet another milestone that Reverend Kenneth Copeland achieved last summer when he completed his 50th year of safe flying. We mark that achievement with the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

"Reverend Copeland, you're an example of all that we seek to honor with a Master Pilot Award: the best of the best."

Today, we honor Kenneth Copeland for over 50 years of aviation excellence. **VICTORY**





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# GoodNewsGazette

## Everything Is Going to Be All Right

Thank you for your ministry and bless you all. Eighteen years ago my husband and I were married, he was a nonbeliever and my faith walk was small. Today, he's attending church, praising God, believing with me and turning to God about our circumstances. His favorite thing to say is "pray about it." I stood fast declaring him to be a man of radical integrity with a heart after Jesus. Through your ministry I've grown leaps and bounds and he's hooked on Jesus as much as I am. Everything's going to be all right and Jesus is Lord!

C.L.F. :: Canada

## "I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me...."

(Philippians 4:13, *The Amplified Bible*)

### A Miracle From God

I am thankful for the prayers prayed for me from your office during 2009-2010. Due to the economic down cycle and not being prepared for it, my husband's company was almost one quarter of a million dollars in debt in 2009. As seniors we needed a miracle from God.

In 2009, we just held our own from foreclosure. In 2010, so little had come in to repay the huge debt that it would have taken my husband 13 additional years without a salary to be able to repay the debt, laboring without sufficient staff. As we received prayer support from your office, believed God for a miracle and sowed liberally into God's work, the Lord began to bring in business. In 2011, we totally paid off our debts and had additional funds above that to tithe and to make a small profit. Thank you for being there with a prayer line and ready prayer support, and for your prayers of agreement. As Partners in this ministry we have lived to see God's miracle to us. God bless you all!

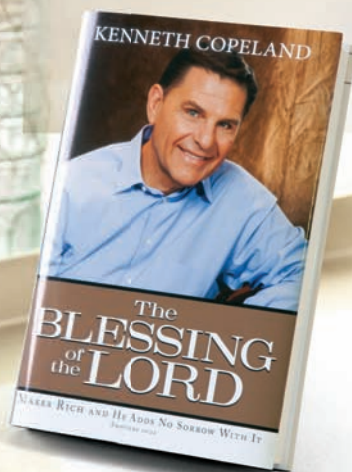
S.H. :: Canada

### Faithful to His Word

Just wanted to say thank you for all those years your ministry planted seed into my life while I was in prison. Today I'm serving Jesus in the free world, and have been faithful to God's Word in my life. Naturally, He honors His Word. My 11-year-old daughter attended church camp, and informed me the other day, "Daddy, I've accepted Jesus and He's filled me with the Holy Spirit." Praise the Lord! He broke a 20-year addiction to cocaine and alcohol in my life. Today I emphasize recovery through redemption—not AA or NA. Truly our help comes from His Word and not the help of the world! Brother, I'm just an old country boy who has discovered the truth held out in the gospel.

J.D.Y. :: Kentucky

## THE BLESSING Will Change Your Life



I have been filling in as pastor of a small church while they look for a permanent pastor. *THE BLESSING* book from Brother Copeland will change your life! I have been teaching out of it to the congregation every week.

The church was pretty far down in finances when I took over. I told the board that the church needed to honor the tithe, and they

began giving 10 percent from all that came into the church to KCM. When things began to get better and turn around, they increased the church giving to 15 percent to KCM. The last board meeting said the church finances had turned around. I am very grateful to the Copelands for their teachings and changing my life.

G.S. :: Missouri

## The Family I Always Desired

I write to give God all glory for His faithfulness toward my family. I got married in September 2001. At the time I was desirous of starting a family immediately and nothing was happening. I wrote the KCM office in South Africa and helpful material was sent to me.

In the course of time, fibroid tumors found during a scan had become quite big and I was advised to consider medical intervention. I left this option for some time because I was not ready, but had the surgery in 2009. I called the London office and they prayed with me. To God's glory the surgery was successful and I recovered well; however, I still could not get pregnant.

A consultant advised us to consider Assisted Reproductive Technology (IVF). By this time I had advanced in age and the odds were against me really, but we still trusted God, stood on the Word, paid our tithes, and sowed seeds to the church and into the lives of others. As God led me and guarded my heart, I watched the *BVOV* broadcast as much as I could and read the *BVOV* magazines—especially the testimonies. I also rejoiced with others, though this was quite challenging, but God helped because I knew within me that surely my own day of celebration would come. I also stood on Psalm 113:9 and Hebrews 11:11.

The procedure was quite expensive but the Lord provided the money for us. In March 2010, we had the first cycle and it failed. We were disappointed but knew it was not over, so we prepared again and made some adjustments, like letting God know our faith was not resting in the wisdom of man but in God's power. In September 2010 we repeated the cycle and on Sept. 17, I was confirmed pregnant. When medical science gave me no hope at 45 years of age, it was no small thing when a scan revealed a multiple pregnancy.

The Lord upheld us throughout the duration of the pregnancy. I relocated to the U.K. in February 2011 for better management of the pregnancy and myself—I was considered high risk medically. Toward the end, my blood pressure went erratic and I had to be hospitalized. In spite of all odds, medical and otherwise, April 15, 2011, our precious sons, David, Daniel and Paul arrived. Though born prematurely, they were perfect and only stayed briefly in the special care unit. They came two weeks before my 46th birthday to make it a very special year for me.

I thank you, KCM, for praying and standing with me every step of the way, all these years. To God alone be all the glory and honor for His faithfulness. **A.A.S :: England**

## Prayer Releases the Power

I believe the last 24 months have been significant in my prayer life and financial giving. After upgrading my prayer life recently with the LifeLine kit, *How to Get Your Prayers Answered*, it has helped me call out to God and release His power in my prayer time where I have seen amazing results!

My testimony is that my husband has given his life to the Lord after 29 years and used the *Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit* at the back of one of your many books. It was a very easy event and God used me as the laborer. What a privilege! My God is mighty and my commitment to Him increases day by day. Hallelujah!

Many thanks for all you do in the Europe office—I can honestly say there hasn't been one product that has ever let me down!

**K.C. :: England**

## God Is My Constant Source

My husband and I separated after many years of being married. He was not a good provider and I lost my job and have not been employed for about seven months now, but God has really been my provider, my friend, and my comforter, and He protects me and my children.

It was hard at first, but through your program and teachings I have purchased from your ministry. I have learned to cast all my care upon Him. And He is there for us each and every time a nasty problem appears. Through all of the stress I became ill and now He has also become my healer. I put Him first in my life and now He is everything I need. Thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for your powerful teachings and prayer. Your ministry has planted me in the love of God where there is nothing but success.

**T.H. :: New York**

## Jesus Has the Final Word

Last September my son was hit by a car while on his bike. In the hospital the doctors had to operate on him twice in the head. For 19 days they said he was going to die. After 19 days, all of our prayers that new life would be breathed into his dry bones and 100 percent perfect healing, my son opened his eyes! The doctors told us he would likely live in a vegetative state, but shortly after he opened his eyes, he also started to move his hands and legs. In fact, he moved so much that they had to tie him to the bed, because he wanted to leave!

After 31 days, doctors told us to be ready to receive a phone call, because they were going to move him out of there! These are the same doctors who said he had no hope. But Jesus had a different opinion! Thank you also for standing with us in faith and for your prayers and support!

**P.T. :: Greece**



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# 45 years

A Historic  
Moment:

Reaching the  
World Through

# Television

“Hello, everybody. I’m Kenneth Copeland and this is the *Believer’s Voice of Victory!*”

When Kenneth and Gloria Copeland could not figure out how God was going to get the ministry of His uncompromised Word on television, they trusted God to show them. They talked about it, and meditated The Word. They discussed it, but never talked unbelief. They just knew they had a commission from the Lord to preach on every available voice—and television was certainly available.

Then one weekend, on the way home to Fort Worth from a trip to Arkansas, they stopped for breakfast. They ordered their food, prayed, then as they ate, began discussing going on television. Suddenly something changed.

God’s *plan* for the television ministry dropped into Kenneth’s heart, and snapped in place like a piece to a jigsaw puzzle. He looked at Gloria and knew from the look on her face she had heard the same “snap.” He said, “Gloria, tomorrow is Monday. Let’s go home and get on TV.”

Gloria said, “OK.”

And they knew Jesus was saying, *OK, let’s do it!*

## A Confirming Word

Life had already begun to change for Kenneth and Gloria in 1967, after God had given them a word of direction that would alter history. He said: *I told you that I was coming so soon that I wanted this uncompromised message of faith on every available voice. I have not changed. I have not released you from that assignment.*

Twenty years later in 1988, He repeated the words that had put Kenneth and Gloria on a course toward destiny. But then He added a new and seemingly impossible direction, giving them an assignment that would be the biggest step of faith they had ever taken: *I want you to begin airing daily, 30-minute broadcasts through which you will teach believers who they are in Christ Jesus. Bring them from religion to reality.... Use these programs to teach, not preach. Continue your weekly broadcasts on Sunday and do your preaching there.*

They didn’t have the money to go on daily television.

They didn’t have the personnel, the equipment or a studio. But what they did have was that one word from God. And they had their faith.

That was all God needed!

## Don’t Block the Anointing!

Though daily television was a tall order for Kenneth and Gloria, television itself was not really a new medium for them. In fact, their first programs were taped in Dallas in the early ’70s—five tapings of *The Word of Faith* in 1971, and then 50 tapings of *The Prayer Group*, which aired between 1972 and 1978. The programs opened with a traditional hymn, but what followed was unexpected and refreshing: “The WORD will energize your faith, and faith will energize your prayers,” declared a young Kenneth Copeland.

By May 1979, those early programs had grown to become the *Believer’s Voice of Victory*, a one-hour, Sunday broadcast, taped during Kenneth Copeland Ministries’ Victory Campaigns and meetings which were taking place throughout the nation.

The Sunday broadcast was a pioneering production in every sense of the word. At that time, few television preachers were on network television for a full hour, and television professionals and equipment were, in many instances, the property of the major television networks. So developing a format and producing a major Christian television program that would be taped on location while actual ministry took place, was a large faith project.

“The key to success, we discovered through experience, was to avoid doing anything that would stop the anointing,” said Terri



Copeland Pearsons, the first director of television at KCM.

Following the first year of broadcasts, an article in the January *BVOV* magazine flatly stated, “The devil tried hard to stop us, so at times, the pressure in the studio has been almost unbearable. But, by prayer and faith, and the support of our Partners, we made it through.”

The broadcast originally premiered in just two cities, Augusta, Ga., and Houston, Texas. But in only nine months, this power-packed program had expanded to 36 stations and was changing lives all across America—as thousands of letters pouring into KCM testified. The truth about this far-reaching medium of television, originally dubbed the one-eyed demon in religious circles, was now indisputable: Television could actually transmit the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God. And that’s exactly what the *BVOV* broadcast did.

Those early efforts to get the uncompromised Word of God onto daily television were a resounding success, and laid a solid foundation for KCM’s television ministry.

Kenneth explains it so well: “So how did we jump from weekly television to a daily broadcast? By faith. We meditated The WORD. We confessed our success. We built our faith. We called those things that be not as though they were. We did all the same things you’ll have to do to reach your next faith goal...we looked to God. As always, God was faithful to His Word.”

Today, *BVOV* is broadcast a total of 1,769 hours per week all over the world to more than 600 stations, six days a week. It’s reaching areas like Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Puerto Rico, Eastern Europe, South America, New Zealand and, of course, the U.S.

Through the GOD Channel, *BVOV* is being broadcast to viewers in France, Italy, Portugal, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Norway and the United Kingdom. On the continent of Australia, the broadcast reaches 70 percent of the entire population. And, the *BVOV* weekly broadcast is being aired in Spanish all across Latin America and the U.S., as well as Puerto Rico, Spain and Portugal.

Television is powerful. Its signal knows no boundaries, it obeys no civil authorities. It reaches the darkest, most remote locations of the earth. And it transformed KCM.

God has displayed His glory through the *BVOV* television ministry. And Kenneth and Gloria, by their faith and the faith of their Partners and Friends, continue to preach and teach, bringing God’s people to their place of strength in this earth—from the top to the bottom and all the way around! **VICTORY**

*Did You Know?*

## ‘One Word From God’

The phrase “One Word From God Can Change Your Life Forever” is not one Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have ever taken lightly.

In fact, long before the Copelands began speaking those words into the lives of the hundreds of thousands they minister to each day through KCM, Kenneth had seen his own life completely revolutionized when he heard “one word” in a teaching by Kenneth E. Hagin titled, *You Can Have What You Say*.

In his quest for faith, Kenneth knew he needed to know more of what Brother Hagin preached, but he didn’t have the money to purchase tapes.

“What I needed next was every tape by Brother Hagin that I could get my hands on,” Kenneth recalled, looking back on that time in the late 1960s. “I drove my old car over to Brother Hagin’s headquarters. His son-in-law, Buddy Harrison, was his general manager. I’d never met him, but I introduced myself and

told him I’d been called to preach.”

“I need Brother Hagin’s tapes,” Kenneth told Harrison. “Here is the title to my car. I’ll send you every offering I get until I pay for them.”

Recognizing this young preacher’s hunger for The Word of God, Harrison did something unexpected. He refused the offer of Kenneth’s car as collateral, but graciously gave him copies of all Brother Hagin’s tapes.

Almost immediately Kenneth locked himself away for a solid week to study his newfound treasure—determined to hear from God.

“I knew my heart needed to be filled to overflowing with The WORD,” he remembers. “I took my Bible and my tape player to the garage and made myself available to God. I stayed out there for seven days. The first day, I listened to tapes for 13 hours. The second day, I was out there for close to 15 hours. From then on I averaged 18 hours a day.”

What followed was the beginning of a transformation in Kenneth’s life—a transformation that would be the catalyst for change in the lives of hundreds of thousands of souls for the Kingdom. Only eternity will reveal the abundance of that harvest, which began with a single gift, and “one word from God.” **VICTORY**

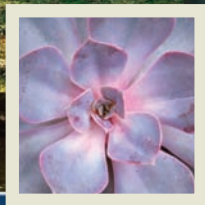
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# SIX SECRETS TO FINISHING YOUR RACE

We don't stop believing and doing what the Word of God says when we're under pressure.

*One* of the greatest fathers of the faith the Church has ever known once sat in prison writing a letter. He knew he only had a short time left on earth. His departure for heaven was at hand. So he wanted to put down on paper some final, heartfelt words of advice for a dearly beloved, spiritual son. :: He wanted to leave Timothy, the young pastor he'd trained in ministry, a letter full of instructions to help keep alive in his heart the things God had imparted to him. He wanted to make sure Timothy would

BY GLORIA COPELAND

If we sit there night after night  
watching adultery, stealing and killing,  
*it will damage our spirit.*

If we waste hours listening to profanity and God-mocking  
dialogue, it will weaken our faith.

continue to grow and fulfill the will of God long after he was gone.

Today the Apostle Paul's letter, as a part of the New Testament, belongs to all of us. So in honor of this Father's Day season, here are six vital instructions drawn from its wisdom-filled pages—six secrets that will help us all follow in Paul's footsteps and finish our spiritual race.

#### Number One:

*Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

—2 Timothy 2:1

If you've been saved more than a few months, most likely you've already discovered that the Christian life can be tough. It not only includes the blessings of God, it includes persecutions, difficult circumstances and pressures from the devil. To overcome such challenges, you must rely on the favor and power of God. You must be strong, as Paul says, in the "grace that is in Christ Jesus."

What does it mean to be strong in grace?

Titus 2:11-13 tells us. It says: "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

According to those verses, grace teaches us how to live godly lives. That's why the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Grace. He corrects us and instructs us. He tells us what changes we need

#### Salvation Prayer

If you do not know

# JESUS

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

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

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

If you have just prayed this prayer, please contact us and let us know of your decision. We have a **Free Gift** we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus! Go to [kcm.org](http://kcm.org) and type Salvation Package in the search box, check the box on the response form in the center of this magazine or call 800-600-7395 inside the U.S. or 817-852-6000 outside the U.S.

to make in our thoughts and actions to triumph in every situation.

To be strong in grace you must cooperate with Him! Don't resist the Holy Spirit when He tells you to change something in your life that's not pleasing to God. Don't feel like He's mistreating you or being hard on you. Everything He tells you is for your good. He is in you to teach you how to think, talk and act like God so you can live like God lives—in freedom, light and victory!

When He speaks correction to your heart or gives you instruction from the Word, be quick to respond. Repent and change. Say, "Yes, Lord! I'll do it!" Be strong in grace.

#### Number Two:

*Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

—2 Timothy 2:3

Soldiers don't cave in and faint when things get hard. They don't throw down their weapons and stop doing what they're trained to do just because they find themselves facing an enemy. According to Paul, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, we don't either.

We don't stop believing and doing what the Word of God says when we're under pressure. We don't fall apart when persecution and affliction come. We know those things are from the devil. They're the weapons he uses to steal the Word out of our hearts and gain access to our lives. So, instead of giving up on our faith when we encounter them, we do the opposite.

We double up on our Word time and our prayer time. We double up on the



confession of our mouth and speak what God says about our situation. As James 1:4 says, we “let patience have her perfect work.”

Patience is a force that does not yield to circumstances or succumb to defeat. It’s a fruit of the spirit. It’s a part of God’s own nature we received when we were born again. Because it’s inside us, we can put patience to work in our lives whenever we choose. The problem is, we don’t always choose.

We don’t always feel like being good soldiers. Sometimes we want to say, “I’m tired of fighting. I win one battle and there are a hundred more knocking on my door.”

Some years ago, a minister’s wife wrote and told us she’d said those exact words to the Lord. Do you know how He responded? He reminded her that as a believer she is part of His spiritual army and that the purpose of an army is to fight. *You will either be*

*fighting or retreating from now until I come and take the Church home*, He said.

That truth applies to every one of us. But the good news is we’re fighting an enemy who’s already been defeated. Our victory is a done deal if we’ll only endure!

### Number Three:

*No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

—2 Timothy 2:4

Many years ago, I discovered for myself just what can happen when you overlook this third word of advice from Paul. I let myself get so preoccupied with the natural activities and responsibilities of life that my desire for the things of God began to slip.

At the time, Ken and I had been living the faith life for several years. Our circumstances had improved to the point where we’d gotten comfortable. I didn’t have to believe God every time I went grocery shopping for enough money to pay the bill. We weren’t sick, broke or in any major trouble. The Word was working in our lives. So, no longer driven by desperation to focus so much on the Lord, I got busy with other things.

One night, I realized what I’d done. I was sitting in a meeting listening to Brother Kenneth E. Hagin as he was prophesying about the mighty end time army of God. “You can be a part of that army,” he said, “if you will only rise up and become on fire.” Suddenly realizing how spiritually lukewarm I’d become, I knew if I didn’t do something I’d miss out on what Brother Hagin was talking about. *Oh, no!* I thought. *I don’t want to be sitting on the back row of the church when God is doing great things through His on-fire people. I want to be on the front lines!*

Determined to make a change, I decided to set my heart blazing for God again by giving Him more of my time. From that day on, I spent the first hour of my day in prayer and the Word. I began stirring up my spirit by reading sermons by John G. Lake. I turned my attention toward the Lord, and since our desire follows our attention, my desire for the things of God soon came roaring back—and I never let it wane again.

Because of that experience, I understand very well why Paul said, “Don’t get entangled with the



affairs of this life!” I know what can happen when the busyness of life crowds God out. Most likely, you do too.

So see to it that God always has first place in your life. Don’t let anything—not your occupation, your hobbies or even ministry—get the top spot in your heart. There is only room in our lives for one priority, and by spending time with God first every day, you can make sure He always occupies that place.

#### Number Four:

*Constantly keep in mind Jesus Christ...risen from the dead.*

—2 Timothy 2:8, The Amplified Bible

If you want to live your life as a winner day in and day out, center your attention on this one, familiar fact:

*Jesus has risen from the dead.*

Obviously, as Christians we believe that. It’s foundational to our faith. But why does Paul identify it as one of the keys to continual victory? Why must we always keep it at the forefront of our mind?

Because when Jesus rose from the dead and conquered the devil, He did it for us. He didn’t do it for Himself. As the Son of God, He wasn’t subject to sin, sickness, poverty or any of the rest of Satan’s stuff. He wasn’t defeated in any way. But you and I were. So He came and won every battle on our behalf! He got the victory and gave it to us.

The Bible says that when Jesus rose from the dead we were raised up too. We were made to sit together “in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6). We became “joint heirs” with Him (Romans 8:17).

It’s amazing but it’s true: The resurrected Jesus is Lord! He’s supreme over everything! All authority in heaven and earth is His (Matthew 28:18) and He has given His authority to us!

If we constantly keep this in mind, the devil won’t be able to talk us into losing. When he tells us we’re going to fail, we won’t be able to pay our bills, we’re going to get sick and die, or some other horrible lie, we won’t believe him. Instead we’ll say, “Jesus rose from the dead, got the victory for me and I have it! I cannot be defeated because through Jesus I’ve already won!”

#### Number Five:

*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

—2 Timothy 2:15

When Paul wrote these words of instruction, Timothy wasn’t a kid. He wasn’t even in his 20s or 30s. He was a 40-year-old minister who’d been studying the Word for years. But Paul knew that if Timothy wanted to stay on course, he’d have to persist in studying the Scriptures. He’d have to keep the Word of truth in front of him all the time.

The same is true for us. I know it from experience. I’ve found that if I don’t continually feed on the Word, my thinking doesn’t

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# Always remember:

It's not what you know; it's what you do that brings victory in your life.

stay straight. I begin to let important truths and faith principles slip. Even though I've walked in them for years, they fade into the background and I fail to act on them.

Always remember: It's not what you know; it's what you do that brings victory in your life. When sickness comes your way, for instance, it's not enough to mentally understand it's God's will for you to be healed. You must act on that knowledge. You must believe you receive your healing when you pray. You must speak to the sickness and command it to leave your body. But you'll only do those things if you consistently study and keep the Word in your heart and mind.

That's why God said to Joshua when he was leading the Israelites into the Promised Land: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

The Word keeps your thinking right. When your thinking is right, your words are right. When your words are right, your actions are right. When your actions are right, you have victory!

So study the Word, not just to accumulate information but to assimilate the truth of it. Meditate on it until it becomes part of you. Integrate it in your heart until it influences your every thought. Then you will know the truth and the truth will make you free!

## Number Six:

*Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

—2 Timothy 2:22

This entire scripture is important. But the last phrase is especially crucial. It reveals one of the great secrets to

avoiding temptation and living a successful Christian life.

What is that secret?

Keeping company with "them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

The people we choose to fellowship with can make all the difference in the outcome of our lives. The companionship of strong believers helps us grow stronger ourselves. Their faith encourages our faith.

The reverse is also true. Fellowshiping with people who are living in sin is downright dangerous. They'll pull us into darkness. They'll tempt us to do things we know we shouldn't do and dampen our fire for God. "Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character" (1 Corinthians 15:33, *AMP*).

That's not to say we can't reach out to lost people. We can (and should) minister to them. We can bring them to church with us and share the Word with them. But we can't afford to come down and live on their level. We can't start going where they go, talking like they talk and making them our close friends. If we do, we'll wind up in trouble.

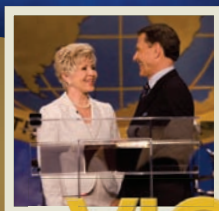
Familiarity with sin inevitably causes it to appear less repulsive. That's the reason television can have such a negative effect on our lives. If we sit there night after night watching adultery, stealing and killing, it will damage our spirits. If we waste hours listening to profanity and God-mocking dialogue, it will weaken our faith. It will make sin begin to look less sinful.

So let's follow Paul's counsel and surround ourselves with godly, Bible-believing, faith-talking people. Let's heed the wise counsel of this great father of the faith. Let's be strong in grace, endure hardness, put God first, keep in mind our resurrected Lord and continually feed on the Word. Then someday we too can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my race, I have kept the faith!" **VICTORY**

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