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It doesn't matter whether you're
pastoring a church or running a
lemonade stand, whatever you're
called to do is Kingdom business.

It's actually revealed throughout the Bible. But personally I think it was Mary, the mother of Jesus, who summed it up most concisely. At the wedding in Cana, after informing Jesus that the host had run out of wine, she turned to the servants of the household and said these seven words: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

Those are, without question, some of the wisest words ever spoken.

When the servants at the wedding acted on them, they stepped out of the natural realm and into the supernatural plan of God. They obeyed Jesus' command and filled the waterpots with water. He turned it into wine and transformed a disastrous situation into a divine success.

"Yeah, I know it," you might say. "That's the kind of thing that always happened in the Bible when Jesus got involved in a situation. I just can't figure out how to get it to happen for me."

It's simple: Whatever He says to you, do it.

That's the key to getting Jesus to manifest Himself and release the power of God—anytime, anyplace, in any area of your life. Jesus Himself confirmed it. In John 14:21, He said, "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."

If you haven't already, you ought to underline that verse in your Bible. Put little

stars around it. Make it stand out because it's extremely important and you need to be paying attention to it.

Most Christians aren't. They're just trying to figure out on their own how to get Jesus to manifest Himself to them. They're crying, they're fasting, they're lying on the floor begging Him to move in their circumstances, their families, their finances and their churches.

They're sincere about it, too. Yet nothing is happening for them because Jesus didn't say, "I'll manifest Myself to the person who cries the longest." He didn't say, "I'll manifest Myself to those who go the longest without eating."

He said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them...I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

God Has a Plan With Your Name on It

Exactly how do you go about *having* and *keeping* Jesus' commandments?

You do it by putting His WORD first place in your life and making it your final authority. You do it by listening all the time to what He's saying to you in the Scriptures and in your spirit, by continually

inquiring of Him about everything in your life and obeying every command He gives you.

"But Brother Copeland, I don't have time for that," you might say. "I have too many other things to do."

No, you've got it turned around. You don't have time to do anything else until you've inquired of The LORD. If you haven't inquired of Him, the things you're doing might be taking you in the wrong direction. You might be working the wrong job, living in the wrong place and coming up with the wrong plans. You might just be doing what makes sense to you in the natural.

That's not how believers are supposed to live! That's how worldly people live—and if you live like the world does, you'll get the world's results. To get supernatural results, God's results, you have to find out what His plan is.

He does have a plan for you, you know. He has one for every believer. The Bible leaves no doubt about it. It says: "We are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which

God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]" (Ephesians 2:10, *The Amplified Bible*).

It also says in 1 Corinthians 12:18 that God has set each one of us in the Body of Christ "as it hath pleased him." That means God has a place on this earth and in the Body of Christ with your name on it, and that place is where you belong. You don't belong anyplace else in this universe but right there.

I'm not saying God just wants you to stay in one spot your whole life. I'm saying your place is wherever He tells you to be. My place, for instance, is in the ministry and I inquire of Him all the time about where He wants me to go preach. He might tell me to be in London one day, Venezuela a couple of days later, and Chicago the next day. If He does, I'm on my way because I know that if I go where

He commands, then I'll be where I belong. What I do will prosper because He takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant (Psalm 35:27).

Kingdom Business Is Supernatural

This is the way the kingdom of God works—not just for preachers but for every believer.

It doesn't matter whether you're pastoring a church or running a lemonade stand, whatever you're called to do is Kingdom business. Since Kingdom business is supernatural, the key to succeeding at it is doing whatever Jesus says to do.

If He calls you to open a lemonade stand, He has a reason for it and a way He wants it to be done. He may want you to corner the lemonade market and pour millions of dollars into spreading the gospel. He may be planning to send the next president of the United States to buy a glass of lemonade from you so that you can pray for him, BLESS him and

change the future course of the nation.

Sadly, most Christians weren't raised to think about such things. They grew up being told, "Darling, you can just be anything you want to be."

No! Not in God's kingdom. If you're in His kingdom, He's already got a plan for you. That plan is where your church is. It's where your protection is. It's where your prosperity is. It's THE BLESSING plan.

Getting off that BLESSING plan and doing things your own way is like getting off the freeway and onto a dirt road. Instead of speeding along at 65 or 70 mph, you're trudging along hitting one pothole after another. You're driving through Sickville, Broke Valley and Nobody-Loves-Me-Anyhow County. You're writing country songs about being sorry, disgusted and sad.

Why?

Because you're out of your place. You're on the wrong road.

"But Brother Copeland, what if the right road—the one God wants me on—leads to Timbuktu or some other strange, faraway place?"

What if it does? How do you know you wouldn't like Timbuktu? If your spot is in Timbuktu, that's where your prosperity is. It might look like the poorest spot on earth but God could send you there and make you rich. He could turn you into such a BLESSING that the whole area blossoms economically and everyone starts calling it "The Garden Spot of Timbuktu!"

"Well, I don't think that's very likely," you might say. "I just don't have that kind of faith."

Then start listening to God. His words are filled with faith. That's why Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (*New King James Version*). Every word God speaks, whether in the Bible or by His Spirit within you, is a faith container. When He gives you a command, His command carries with it the faith you need to obey it. The command itself authorizes and empowers you to do what God is telling you to do.

But you have to hear what He's

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saying. You have to spend time with Him reading and meditating on His written WORD and fellowshiping with Him in prayer.

Personally, I talk to God all day long. It's easy to do. After all, He lives right here inside me. I abide in Him and He abides in me. So it just makes sense for me to commune with Him throughout the day about what He wants me to do and how He wants me to do it.

"Well, that sounds like a great way to live, Brother Copeland, but The LORD just doesn't speak to me like He does to you."

Certainly He does. He's not an absentee Father. He's speaking to you constantly. In fact, He's speaking to everyone. Otherwise Jesus wouldn't have said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

According to that verse, *any man* can hear the voice of God because He is speaking to everyone all the time, not in an audible voice from heaven that can be heard with physical ears, but with an inward voice that can be heard on the inside of a person, in his spirit.

If people aren't listening to God on the inside, even if He did speak to them audibly it wouldn't help them. The folks in the New Testament proved this. When they were with Jesus and God spoke to Him out loud in a booming voice from heaven, they heard the noise but didn't understand what was being said. They just thought it thundered (John 12:29).

When God Said, *Run!*

That kind of thing happens all the time. On Sept. 11, 2001, for example, God spoke to everyone in the World Trade Center—every one of them. But they didn't all hear and understand what He was saying. If they had, the World Trade Center towers would have been empty that day.

Gloria and I have a close personal friend who pastors a great church on Wall Street not far from ground zero. Many of his congregation worked in the World Trade Center. In the weeks

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This is the supernatural life, my friend, and it's a wonderful way to live!”

prior to 9/11, he'd been teaching on the protective power of the blood of Jesus and on listening to the voice of God.

He wasn't teaching on those subjects because God had told him about the terrorist attack. He was just following God's plan, doing what Jesus said to do, and so were the people in his church. As a result, not a single one was injured.

One of them was about to walk through the doors of the World Trade Center that morning and he heard God say, *Run!* So he just took off, ran around the corner and down into the subway. Another was on his way to work there when he decided to take his daughter out to eat instead of dropping her off at school. *She and I just don't get to spend much quality time together*, he thought. So, although he was rarely late to work, he was late that particular morning because he spent some extra time with his daughter.

This is the way we, as believers, are supposed to be living! We're supposed to be listening to Jesus and doing whatever He says to do. That's the key to being protected, directed and prospered all the time.

I was vividly reminded of this a few months back when I went to preach in Maracaibo, Venezuela. The pastor of the church there was driving out to meet me at the airport and decided to stop by the bank on the way. When he did, two guys grabbed him and his son, put a gun to his head, tied the two of them up and put black hoods over their heads. They intended to kidnap them and steal his new pickup truck.

Now, this pastor is a very bold man of God. He's been in Venezuela doing what

Jesus has told him to do for years and God has BLESSED him. His church has grown and affected all of Latin America. So he wasn't worried. He just started pleading the blood of Jesus and forgiving those guys.

The kidnappers took them to an abandoned building to kill them. All this time the pastor kept speaking words of faith and love to them. Suddenly he and his son heard a female voice say to the kidnappers, "You'd better think about what you're doing. This is a man of God and he helps a lot of people here. You'd better just leave him alone."

When the kidnappers heard that, they huddled up and talked between themselves. Then they untied him and turned him loose. They did steal his pickup truck, but he had such favor with the police that they quickly found it and returned it to him.

Actually, he didn't even bother to tell me about the incident. I heard about it the next morning in church when he told the whole congregation. *That was yesterday?* I thought. *You got kidnapped?*

The words he kept saying were, "I'm in God's plan! I'm not finished! No one can kill me! That's not God's plan!"

This is the supernatural life, my friend, and it's a wonderful way to live!

So get with the program. Decide that what God called you to be is what you are, and that's what you're supposed to be doing: You're supposed to be good at it and successful at it. You're supposed to be healed and prosperous and powerful.

God doesn't have any little plans. His plan for you is big and it's absolutely perfect. Find out what it is. Be still and listen to Him every day. And whatever He says to you, do it. 📖



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Danita Brooks
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"November 2012, was the fourth year I'd attended the WDC Victory Campaign. In addition to learning how to be bold in my faith, I received another revelation from God that shook my world. It happened when Brother Copeland told us to repeat these words: 'God loves me as much as He loves Jesus. There's nothing He won't do for me.' Having a son of my own has helped me understand the depths of God's love for us.... Now I get it. God would do anything for us. The only thing that limits Him is our faith."

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John and Mary Ann Ward
Rockville,
Maryland

Life for John and Mary Ann Ward, and their daughters, Katie and Jackie, had been filled with activity: enjoying one another's company while camping, hiking, boating and swimming. In some ways, it was like living the "American Dream."

But when the pain from a debilitating disease diagnosed years earlier as ankylosing spondylitis—chronic inflammation of the spine and joints, often causing them to fuse—began to worsen, John's life was threatened and his family was thrown into a tailspin.

"Pick the position you want to be in," the doctor had advised John, "because you will freeze in that position, and you will die in that position."

It was a major attempt by the devil to not only destroy John, but also his family. And, it almost worked!

As the doctor's words hung

in the air, Mary Ann saw John receive them as the truth—the final verdict.

"John, just believe God, and He'll heal you!" she encouraged. But those words went nowhere with John, who saw his future as very bleak.

"I was always a difficult man to live with," John recalls. "I had a hyper sense of responsibility, and my identity was wrapped up in being a good provider. The pain I endured when my joints flared up exacerbated everything because it made it difficult for me to work. My greatest fear was losing my job and not being able to provide for my family."

Mary Ann loved her husband, but as time progressed and things worsened, she wasn't sure how much more of John's unbelief and negativity she could endure. Eventually, she told her daughters, "I can't do this anymore. I think it's time for me to consider leaving Dad."

Understanding her plight, the girls encouraged: "Do it, Mom! We're with you!"

But something about that decision didn't sit well with Mary Ann. She and the

girls were in agreement, but was it the wrong kind of agreement? When John lost his job a short time later, and Mary Ann herself began experiencing illness, she, Katie and Jackie agreed that divorce was not the solution. The family had to pull together.

"Since I considered myself to be the family provider, losing my job shook me to my core," John remembers. "I wanted more than just a job. I wanted to change. So I started reading the Bible every morning before searching for a job. I prayed. I consumed Mary Ann's collection of DVDs, books and magazines. And, I started watching the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast."

Desperate for work, John applied for as many as 15-16 jobs a day. The only stipulation he placed on employment was that he refused to live in the Maryland-D.C. area, something he would later learn was not his decision to make.

Making a Move

In July 2009, Mary Ann watched John Copeland and Jesse Duplantis on the *BVOV* broadcast. Teaching on Psalm 23, Jesse said, "This verse says, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death....' But some of you aren't going through. You've set up house and camped in the valley."

At that moment, Mary Ann realized what was happening to her family. They had put down roots in that house, and it was home. But, God wanted them out of it.

"God, get us out of here!" she prayed.

Soon after, recruiters for a company in Maryland called John. One month later, the family moved to Maryland.

In November 2009, the family attended Kenneth Copeland Ministries' Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign. Still in constant pain, it took a long time for John to maneuver the steps to find seats in the balcony for Gloria's Healing School.

Despite being in pain, when Gloria invited people to the altar for prayer John hobbled down to the altar. Mary Ann and the girls stood with John as Gloria touched him and prayed. John says he felt "a wave of something" wash over him, then he became dizzy and disoriented.

More than a month later, John and Mary Ann bounded up the stairs to their second-floor apartment, when John stopped and gasped.

"I forgot to take my medication!"

"When did you take it last?"

Mary Ann asked.

"Before Gloria's Healing School!"

They stared at one another for a moment.

"John, you're healed!"

From that day to now, John has never suffered another swollen joint. And, an X-ray revealed the previous damage to his knees was gone. In addition to having their health restored, the Wards didn't lose their house and never had to declare bankruptcy.

What would John and Mary Ann say to others facing unemployment, marital stress and health problems? "You can have faith to overcome," Mary Ann says. "Jesus is Lord. Everything is going to be all right." 🙏

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by Melanie Hemry

Adrienne Bankert wrapped up the end of the talk show

she hosted and thanked her guests. It was a heady thing for a 23-year-old to have her own makeup artist and earn \$1,000 every time she hosted a show. Climbing into her car, Adrienne snaked across Los Angeles in bumper-to-bumper traffic, pondering her career.

After an internship with NBC in Los Angeles, she'd landed the gig as host on a local PBS station. It was a great job and a wonderful experience, but Adrienne was driven. All her young life she wanted to make it big in television. Adrienne also knew if that was going to happen she would need to be on TV all day, every day.

Ultimately, the desire for career success would bring her to faith in the Lord.

Looking back, it

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seemed Adrienne was being prepared for the high-pressure world of television all along. She'd first considered being a journalist when she was 12 years old. She had been sitting on the living room floor, watching the evening news with her family on the local NBC station, KCRA out of Sacramento, when she blurted, "I'll never do the news. But if I did, I'd work for them."

The minute those words had popped out of her mouth, Adrienne laughed. She was tall and gangly, with big teeth and limbs sticking out at all angles like coat hangers. Someone like that in front of a TV camera? Not likely!

"You're beautiful," her mother had assured her. "You're just in...a really long awkward stage."

Yeah, a really long stage, Adrienne thought. *More like a lifelong stage.*

By the time she reached high school that stage in Adrienne's life seemed to be nearing an end. Aside from her good looks, which her mother had so graciously



pointed out, at least one other unseen talent had begun to emerge.

One day, as Adrienne was embroiled in a heated debate with another student in civics class, the school's speech teacher happened to walk by the classroom. Attracted by Adrienne's voice, the teacher stopped and listened. In short order, the teacher had recruited Adrienne to participate in a speech contest, calling her his diamond in the rough.



wanted to accomplish.”

But even with that leap of faith, her circumstances didn't immediately change. She was still in a barely furnished apartment in a lower income neighborhood in Los Angeles and hadn't received her 'big break.' Adrienne suddenly had a thought: What if it wasn't God's will for her to be on television?

“I realized that I wanted His will in my life more than I wanted my own

If you get planted in the right church and learn to walk by faith, everything else falls into place.

After drafting a 10-minute speech, the teacher made her practice it over and over. His goal, Adrienne recalls, was to teach her to continue talking calmly and confidently in the face of any distractions. So, he would throw paper at her face, make loud, unexpected noises—even untie her shoes. He kept it up until Adrienne could recite her speech without a pause or second glance at his antics.

Their hard work paid off and Adrienne won the contest.

Subsequently, the teacher began entering Adrienne in regional speech competitions, which she also won. Since she had finally outgrown that long awkward stage, Adrienne's grandfather entered her in a beauty pageant where she'd used her speech as a talent.

While attending junior college, her counselor suggested that she transfer to the University of Southern California and earn a degree in communications. She'd taken her counselor's advice and had been accepted. In that first semester, while walking across campus one day, Adrienne spotted a poster: TV HOST WANTED.

Adrienne auditioned and was named

host of not one, but two shows. Both prepared her by honing her interview skills. Her biggest guest: George Lucas.

Seeking God

“As a child I was fascinated by the universe,” Adrienne recalls. “I used to stare at the night sky and think that if God had hung all those stars in place, He surely had a great plan for my life. Although I believed in God, I didn't have a personal relationship with Him.

“After graduating from college, I realized that getting a full-time job in news would take an act of God. Though given great opportunities, I was less experienced than anyone I knew at USC. It was highly competitive. At the same time, the general manager at the PBS station started inviting me to her church. The first service, I ran to the altar and made a profession of faith.

“Afterward, I stopped auditioning for things that were sexually charged. I also stopped dating. Instead, I read my Bible and prayed, asking God for direction. I wanted to learn to hear His voice. This went on for months. My walls were covered with notes of verses, words, quotes and things I

dream,” she said. “So I gave up my dream right then. I said, ‘Lord, I don't want to do TV if that's not what I'm supposed to do.’”

Convinced that if God wanted her in television He'd open the door, she continued to host the talk show, supplementing her income by taking an occasional modeling job, working part time in a law office and waitressing. She started applying the lessons she was learning in church, tithing consistently for the first time, using her faith to believe for more customers and encouraging the staff. Many a night she'd mop the floor praying for her dream job or hunker down in the stock room, journaling ideas for her own TV program and sketching outfits she would wear in her new career.

A thought flitted across her mind: *If you want to be a journalist, you have to go where the jobs are.*

“There was an upcoming journalism conference in Washington, D.C. I sensed the Lord nudging me to go. The problem was it cost \$700, which didn't include an airline ticket, hotel and food. I didn't have the money.

“I prayed and said, ‘Lord, please

fast-forward my life and put me deliberately in the place where You want me to be at this stage in my life.’

“Things started changing. My co-workers at the TV station gave me \$150 toward my airline ticket. My sister, who lived in Virginia, offered to let me stay with her. A friend suggested I call the job center on USC’s campus and the woman I spoke to gave me the name of the person in charge of the conference. She said, ‘Give her my name and tell her I want to know if she can help you.’ I was allowed to attend free in return for volunteering.”

‘The Perfect Job’

The first day at the conference, Adrienne stopped at one of the media booths with a video résumé. The station representatives liked Adrienne, but weren’t impressed with her reel.

“Keep practicing,” they said.

Walking down the job-fair corridor, Adrienne decided not to show the video again. She prayed, “Let them love my personality.” Just then a tall gentleman exclaimed, “Hey, do you want a job?”

“What have you got?” Adrienne asked.

“First, tell us what you want,” replied the man walking with him.

Adrienne boldly shared her vision for what she ultimately wanted to do, holding nothing back. They looked stunned for a moment and then smiled.

“Here are all the cities across the country where we have news stations. Pick one.”

“Wait a minute!” one of the men said a few minutes later. “Does your mother still live in Sacramento?”

“Yes.”

“We have the perfect job for you. It’s with KCRA in Sacramento.”

For a moment, Adrienne froze. She went back in time to that awkward girl of 12 watching the evening news. “I’ll never do the news,” she had said, “but if I did, I’d work for them.” That station had been KCRA in Sacramento.

The men who offered Adrienne the job were the senior vice president and vice president of news for the Hearst Corporation. They would later take credit for discovering her.

“Within three months of praying and asking God to fast-forward me into His perfect will, I was living in Sacramento and working for KCRA,” Adrienne remembers. She went from never having a news job to working in the 20th largest TV market in the country.

“It was a phenomenal place to start.”

Faith and Obedience

“I knew it was important to get planted in a good local church. I didn’t want to church hop or take a long time to figure out where I was supposed to go. I prayed to be led to the right place. A friend invited me to Family Community Church under Pastor Bill Krause. He and his wife are Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries and they taught us the principles they had learned—among them how to hear God’s voice and how the words we speak have power.



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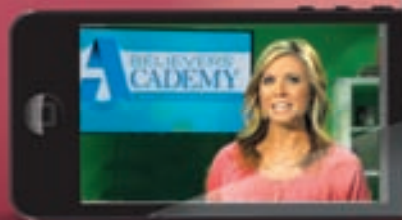
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I learned that when we agree with the Word of God, no matter what people or our circumstances say, God can do the impossible.

"In my business there are a lot of yes men. I needed trustworthy people who would really love me, tell me the truth and partner with me in seeking God's plan for my life. That's what Pastor Krause and his wife gave me. Most people call it mentoring but it was so much more. It's a rare gift to be spiritually and practically discipled and trained.

"I was being promoted quickly at my job, I was getting fed at my church and I enjoyed being near my family. So there was a part of me that didn't want to move from my comfort zone. In my quiet time, I heard that still small voice—some call it a conscience—I know it's God. I heard: *If you stay in this job any longer, it will become toil. But if you obey God and leave Sacramento, your career and relationships will become deeper and richer.*"

Giving 150 Percent

"Don't look for an escape route," Pastor Krause advised. "When you get your new job it will come with new responsibilities. You'll have to work 50 percent harder. The way you go out is the way you'll go in, so start now giving 150 percent."

Adrienne took her pastor's words to heart. She worked 150 percent at her job. She served wholeheartedly at church, volunteering in a number of departments including the cleaning crew, the bookstore and children's church. She gave 150 percent to studying God's Word and learning to live by faith. She invested financially in her future by giving more and getting out of debt.

By 2011, Adrienne was debt free. A year later, in March 2012, the CBS news director in Dallas/Fort Worth called Adrienne. "Are you still under contract?"

"No, I'm not."

"I'd like to fly you here for an audition."

Adrienne walked into the CBS station confident and poised. She knew she would move into her next job the way she'd gone out of her last one. She'd given it everything she had and more.

"You don't even seem nervous," the news director said.

She wasn't. She aced the audition and was offered the job. Adrienne was ready.

"I believe that life is a journey and we each need tour guides along the way. I have such loyalty and respect for the godly men and women in my life. If you get planted in the right church and learn to walk by faith, everything else falls into place."

Adrienne Bankert has learned that while it was God who planted the dream in her heart, His dream was bigger than hers. While working at CBS 11 News, she interviewed Oprah Winfrey and filled in for Sharon Osbourne as a guest host of *The Talk* on CBS. Without a doubt, her life and her career grew richer for the experience.

In December 2014, Adrienne left the news station to pursue other goals. And though she can't say exactly what the future may hold, Adrienne purposes to continue to act on that one simple principle she learned years ago: "When we put the Word of God into operation in our lives, God can do the impossible."

The one thing she is positive about now is this: Whatever door God opens next, she will step through it in faith. ①

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Great News

It's a miracle! Our grandson Jacob told my wife and me, "I want to be a pastor." Jacob is just 16 years old. Our daughter Shirley, his mother, died from cancer when he was only 6 years old. Shirley loved the Lord with a great zeal, working with street children and hobos.

Jacob came to live with my wife and me. He was very rebellious and struggled with schoolwork. Jacob and my wife clashed badly, so we took him to live with his father. Jacob drank, smoked and tried different types of drugs. He was arrested for breaking into the church at the boarding school he attended. He was sent to a rehab by the court. We turned to many people, churches and ministries to ask for prayer.

We turned to your ministry for prayer. They have phoned and emailed me. I also receive mail in the post on a regular basis—thank you! I prayed that the Spirit of God would replace the spirit of alcohol and drugs in Jacob's life. Now it has happened. Praise the GOOD Lord! My wife and I know that only He could have brought about this change in Jacob's life. Praise His holy Name!

M. and M. | South Africa

"It is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

'Your Broadcasts Saved My Life'

Thank you so much for being on the Internet. I think I would have lost my mind if I could not listen to your webcast. Your broadcasts have saved my life. I would be lost without them. I know I have the victory in Jesus Christ.

God bless all you. Kenneth Copeland just gets better and better. A lot of people

think he is just a prosperity preacher but I disagree. He really shows you how to find God and how to live with

God's peace that passes all understanding. Praise God for Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Kenneth and Gloria are such a handsome couple; I want to be on fire for the Lord, just like Gloria.

B.J.M. | California



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Psalm 91 Protection

We are thankful that the Lord prevented the fire in our next-door suite from touching ours. Although the smoke smell forced us out for several hours, there was no smoke, water or fire damage...and it was directly next door!

The fire was on the other side of my bedroom wall where I was at the time, as it was early in the morning. Praise the Lord, my mum and I claim and speak Psalm 91 over ourselves and our home several times each day. Just as the Lord's Word

promised, glory to God, He commanded His angels concerning us to guard us in all our ways, and we were not touched, nor did any harm come to us. God is great! Praise the Lord! Thank you for your faithful prayers. God bless.

Katherine G. | Canada

Thank You for the Devotional Blessings!

I want to thank God and your ministry for sending me, free of charge, the marvelous devotional *From Faith to Faith*. Please continue the wonderful job for our Lord Jesus Christ. God is always with you, He prospers you, He blesses you and gives you words to share with all of us. Be blessed! L.G. | Colombia

Russia

The Power of the Word

I had been attending the Orthodox Church for 15 years. I did good things, gave offerings, read many

books, but I lived in poverty, sickness, fear, without a job, no money and having a mortgage for 10 years on my flat.

In 2004, I heard Gloria's voice and I knew about KCM. My mind had been very religious. In spite of that, I moved forward and started doing what those preachers told. I was in faith and I started to put the Word of God into my mind. In two years I had everything I believed God for. In three years I bought out my flat, paying it out.

I want to write you the words of my neighbor. She was [astounded] and she told me, "You were ill and broke. You didn't have food and clothes. You always had debt for your flat and your son was an alcoholic. The last three years you became rich. I know you are a decent person and it is really suspicious. You have a garden! You have a car! And you have everything in your house!"

Autumn 2004, the first sermon that I heard about the power of your words, Kenneth told: "Every man has to have his/her own land on which he would praise God." I stood in faith about a garden. The miracle happened—I have a wonderful garden. And it cost really cheap. I bought new furniture and went to Jerusalem! I thank God! L.L. | Yekaterinburg, Russia


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Esther D.,
prayer minister





Her Prayers Were Answered

This is a praise report. You prayed for me concerning family relationships and they have been restored! You declared, “Already done in Jesus’ Name.” I needed a new car—my new, perfect car, debt free—is home with me!

D.G. | Canada

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.

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The race is on—at school, in the office, at home. The world over, people are revving their mental engines in hopes of getting ahead. Fueled by intelligence, ambition and a dozen different formulas for success, they pull ahead for a few laps. But, as circumstances drive them off course, they again fall behind. And they're destined to remain there—unless they discover...

The Secret to Getting Ahead

From this moment on, I want you to stop thinking of the Bible as a storybook. I want you to stop thinking of it as a religious textbook. I want you to stop thinking of it as a history book. I want you to start thinking of it as a handbook for living.

That's what it is, you know. It's the wisdom of Almighty God written down for you so you can apply it to your life and circumstances.

Consistently read and applied, the Bible will turn you into a winner. Not just

now and then. Not just here and there. But every day in every single area of your life!

Does that sound too good to be true?

Then don't take my word for it. Let the Lord speak for Himself. In Proverbs 4:7-8, He says, "[For skillful and godly Wisdom is the principal thing.].... Prize Wisdom highly and exalt her, and she will exalt and promote you; she will bring you to honor when you embrace her" (*The Amplified Bible*).

Be advised, though, this promise isn't meant for those who want to dab a

little of the Word on their lives now and then when they get in a scrape. It's talking to those who are willing to put the Word of God first place in their lives day after day after day!

Look again at the first part of that scripture. "Skillful and godly Wisdom is the *principal* thing." *Principal* means "first in importance." According to

that verse, you're going to have to make God's Word the most important thing in your life. Instead of being content with an occasional scanning of the Scriptures, you're going to have to develop a passion for them. You'll have to prize the Word highly, putting it before all your other activities.

When you do, God promises the Word will exalt



There are two very practical ways to give the Word first place in your life.

1 First, plan your schedule around the Word instead of trying to squeeze the Word into your schedule.

2 Second, give the Word priority in your life—by acting on it!



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me to begin at once—but it couldn't have been a more inopportune time.

We had just moved to Tulsa so Kenneth could attend Oral Roberts University. Everything at our house was still upside down. We hadn't even finished unpacking.

In addition to all that, I had the children to care for. Both were at demanding ages—Kellie was 3 years old and John was 9 months. When they wanted something, they wouldn't wait 30 minutes, much less 30 days!

Where will I get the time? I wondered.

Still, I was determined. No matter what it took, I was going to read the Gospels and Acts three times in 30 days.

I figured how many pages I needed to read each day in my *Amplified Bible*. It came to four hours or more. Most of the reading had to be done while the children were asleep, so I set time aside three times a day. Rising at 5:30 a.m., I read until the rest of the family woke up. When the children took their naps in the afternoon, I read again. Then, at night, I would finish whatever was left.

Regardless of what happened or what needed to be done, I put God's Word first. I thought the other things would just have to

wait until next month, but God had a pleasant surprise in store for me!

Putting God's Word First

The very first day, I sat down at 3 p.m. with my day's work done—and I had already spent several hours in the Word! The following days, I continued to put God's Word first. And by the end of the month, I'd painted and antiqued four pieces of furniture from start to finish, done the ironing (which had been accumulating for weeks), and had my house in order.

I was amazed. I would never have been able to do that under normal conditions!

Back then Kenneth and I knew very little about how to live by faith. I didn't know the Word makes your way prosperous and causes good success (Joshua 1:8, *AMP*). I didn't know that if you put God's wisdom first, it would exalt and promote you.

But I experienced a miracle of God just the same. By faith, I had put His Word first, and He caused Proverbs 4:7-8 to come to pass in my life.

He'll do

and promote you and bring you to honor. Who could ask for anything more?

There are two very practical ways to give the Word first place in your life.

First, plan your schedule *around* the Word instead of trying to *squeeze* the Word into your schedule. As you mentally plan each day, automatically set aside time to study the Word *first*.

I know from experience what an impact that can have on your life. About 45 years ago, I heard a great man of God—Oral Roberts—say that the Lord had instructed him to read the Gospels and the book of Acts three times in 30 days, to get a greater revelation of Jesus. That inspired me to do the same thing.

I knew the Lord wanted

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the same for you! Whether you're a housewife, a mechanic or an executive, once you commit yourself to making God's Word your first priority, you'll begin to prosper in everything you do.

But let me warn you, you'll never get around to the Word if you wait until you have time. Satan will see to it you never have the time. He is vehemently opposed to your feeding on God's Word.

So learn to set aside less important things. Start giving the Word first place in your schedule and everything else will fall in line. Jesus knew that. That's why He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

Guard your time in the Word. Satan will steal it from you if he can. He'll use everything from television to church activities to lure you away from God's wisdom.

Why? Because he knows the Word frees you from his dominion! If he can keep you out of the Word, he can keep you bound and struggling.

Putting the Word first is something you'll have to do continually. When you get bogged down in the details of living, when you find yourself frustrated by failures big and small, check the amount of time you're spending in the Word.

You'll find that you've let the Word slip into second place and spent your Word time on other things.

Martha or Mary?

That's what happened to Martha. Jesus Himself was in her living room teaching the Word. But she didn't think she had time to listen. She was too busy cooking dinner for Him. I'm sure it seemed like the only proper thing for her to do. After all, Jesus and His ministry team were staying in her home. Let's read that passage in Luke 10:38-42:

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

I can just see Martha stewing around

the kitchen, banging pots and pans, and feeling sorry for herself. She wanted Jesus to rebuke Mary, but instead the Master was pleased that Mary had put His Word first.

Martha could have been at the Master's feet too, if she'd made up her mind to be. Jesus had fed thousands with a few loaves and fishes. He could have just as easily prepared a banquet for all those present that day!

You may think, *What an opportunity Martha wasted! I would never do that.* But every time you allow things to swallow up your time in the Word, you're passing up the opportunity to sit at the Master's feet, just like she did.

In addition to building your schedule around the Word of God, there's a second way to give the Word priority in your life—by acting on it!

Simply acquiring knowledge of the Word isn't enough. You have to put that knowledge to work in your life before it will bring results. I can sit around all night long knowing how to turn on a light, but until I apply that knowledge by getting up and flipping the switch, I'll be in the dark.

The Word of God works the same way. So, as soon as you learn something from it, take action. Do it!

Then, as you see the wisdom of the Word produce results in your life, you'll begin to esteem and to prize Wisdom above all that you may desire in life (Proverbs 3:15, *AMP*). And as you put the Word first and exalt it in your life, the Word will exalt and promote you.

Start today. Spend some quality time in God's Word. Make that the first and most important item on your agenda. Your daily activities will go more smoothly. And as you continually apply the wisdom you glean from God's Word, you'll find yourself moving ahead daily in every area of life. "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success" (Joshua 1:8, *AMP*). Good success belongs to you. 📖

Marty Copeland on dining out



I can remember so many times when I would be trying to lose weight and would do "good" all day and then blow it in the evening when we would go out to dinner.

My favorite and most

effective tip for avoiding pitfalls at dinner is to drink a protein drink or eat half a sandwich with a bottle of water 30 minutes to an hour before dinner. This allows you to make intelligent decisions on what foods you should eat to help you reach your

fitness goals. It will also help you identify to what degree your eating habits are affected by reasons other than physical hunger.

Taking the time to avoid uncontrollable hunger is an excellent way to ward off an uncontrollable appetite. 📖

About

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Lord, Bid Me COME!

by Kellie
Copeland
Swisher

Over the last year, I've realized that I had some wrong attitudes about directions the Lord has given me. For a while now, the Lord has laid things on my heart that He wanted me to do and instead of stepping out and doing them immediately, I took the attitude, "One day I'll do that." I hesitated. I stood on the sidelines.

Praise God for His correction and grace because I'm no longer hesitating! I'm no longer on the sidelines. Instead, I'm like the disciple Peter...standing...ready to do *all* God has called me to do. Instead of saying, "One day I'll do that," I'm saying, "Lord, bid me come. I'm ready!"

Obedience as Worship

Each of us has a primary mode of worship—obedience. That's what the whole Bible is about. It's about us giving ourselves—our thoughts, our ideas and our ways—to the Lord. He is the boss. It's a fact—He doesn't need to prove it. And if we allow Him to be in

Once we have listened, applied our minds and believed the Word of God, we begin to say *it* habitually, and it becomes a lifestyle.

charge, He will bless us. He will fulfill an amazing plan for our lives.

However, if we assume we can handle everything ourselves or if we think we've rolled the cares of this life onto the Lord when really we've simply tucked them into our back pockets, we'll experience stress. Of course, giving a situation over to the Lord doesn't mean we won't take action. We may or may not, but our actions won't be decided by *us*. They will be decided by *Him*. He will say what we are to do.

We can learn this by Jesus' example.

When Jesus was on the earth, He relied on His heavenly Father for direction. He said, "I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]" (John 5:30, *The Amplified Bible*). And since we are to be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1), we should listen to our heavenly Father and obey just as Jesus did.

Make It a Lifestyle

Look at Proverbs 22:17: "Listen (consent and submit) to the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge" (*AMP*).

We can't let the Lord's direction go in one ear and out the other, or hear without the intention of obeying what we hear. Neither qualifies as listening.

Once we "apply our minds" to hear the Lord's direction—as this scripture says—then we must lay hold of it. We have to make the decision to say, "I believe what the Lord has said to me, and I'm going to do it."

Proverbs 22 continues: "For it will be pleasant if you keep them in your

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Wed	1	Deut. 34; Josh. 1	Acts 15
Thu	2	Josh. 2-4	Acts 16-17
Fri	3	Josh. 5-6	Acts 18
Sat	4	Josh. 7-8	Acts 19
Sun	5	Josh. 9-10	Acts 20
Mon	6	Josh. 11-12	Acts 21
Tue	7	Josh. 13-14	Acts 22
Wed	8	Josh. 15	Acts 23
Thu	9	Josh. 16-18	Acts 24-25
Fri	10	Josh. 19-20	Acts 26
Sat	11	Josh. 21-22	Acts 27
Sun	12	Josh. 23-24	Acts 28
Mon	13	Jdgs. 1-2	Rom. 1
Tue	14	Jdgs. 3-4	Rom. 2
Wed	15	Jdgs. 5-6	Rom. 3
Thu	16	Jdgs. 7-9	Rom. 4-5
Fri	17	Jdgs. 10-11	Rom. 6
Sat	18	Jdgs. 12-13	Rom. 7
Sun	19	Jdgs. 14-15	Rom. 8
Mon	20	Jdgs. 16-17	Rom. 9
Tue	21	Jdgs. 18-19	Rom. 10
Wed	22	Jdgs. 20-21	Rom. 11
Thu	23	Ruth 1-3	Rom. 12-13
Fri	24	Ruth 4; 1 Sam. 1	Rom. 14
Sat	25	1 Sam. 2-3	Rom. 15
Sun	26	1 Sam. 4-5	Rom. 16
Mon	27	1 Sam. 6-7	1 Cor. 1
Tue	28	1 Sam. 8-9	1 Cor. 2
Wed	29	1 Sam. 10-11	1 Cor. 3
Thu	30	1 Sam. 12-14	1 Cor. 4-5

mind [believing them]; your lips will be accustomed to [confessing] them." As you begin to habitually say the Word that the Lord gives you, you become accustomed to saying it.

We put ourselves in a position to hear the Lord's direction when we decide we're going to obey it before we ever hear anything. Then when we hear it, we absorb it and decide, *I'm going to do this*. Once we have listened, applied our minds and believed the Word of

God, we begin to *say it* habitually, and it becomes a lifestyle.

A while back, we received a criticism about Superkid Academy. Some people said, "We don't agree that you should have kids saying the Superkid Creed when you know they aren't obeying their parents or living up to what they are saying."

I wanted to ask, "Do you listen to this ministry much?"

Many people don't understand why we say what isn't yet true. But we know that we must speak by faith to ensure that it becomes truth. When we say we're healed while we're hurting, or when we say we'll walk in love even while we are struggling in our relationships, we're retraining our minds. Our minds are being renewed "so that [our] trust (belief, reliance, support, and confidence) may be in the Lord" (verse 19, *AMP*).

After we begin to say His words habitually, it becomes easy to trust the Lord. It's what God meant when He had the Apostle Paul write, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). We hear the Word and then speak the Word. We get so comfortable speaking it that it becomes habit...and then faith comes. I'm not talking about some spooky New Age experience. I'm talking about real, concrete faith. Faith comes because this process of hearing and speaking builds trust in us. Suddenly, trusting in the Lord is easy.

See Peter in a New Light

Just look at Peter. He's one of my very favorite people in the Bible. So often we look at Peter for his failings, the times when he didn't have faith, but I want to look at the passage of him walking on water in a new light.

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away... the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the

disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God (Matthew 14:22-33).

Peter had found himself on a boat in the middle of a storm with the other disciples. We usually remember this passage because Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and sank, but I want us to consider it from a different perspective. First, consider what was happening at the time. In the midst of a life-threatening storm, Peter set his eyes on Jesus. He took his eyes off of the situation around him and instead focused on Jesus. What a beautiful thing!

Second, walking on the water was Peter's idea, not Jesus'. Think about that. Peter called to Jesus, asking Jesus to allow him to do the impossible. He hadn't been limited by natural laws. He knew Jesus superseded those laws.

Third, let's give Peter props for even getting out of the boat. The other disciples could have jumped in behind him but they didn't. Of all Jesus' faithful pupils, Peter was the only one willing to follow the Lord into a seemingly impossible situation. And in fact, at first, the disciples had been afraid of Him. They had thought Jesus was a ghost. They had cried out in fear before the Lord responded. Then it says Peter answered Him. Peter overcame his fear and answered

new things!



the Lord without hesitation.

Finally, catch this: Peter offered himself to Jesus when he said, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water" (verse 28). He stepped out where his feet would do him no good, where he should have sunk to the bottom. But he offered himself to Jesus in faith—and in doing so, he found a strong foundation.

Peter didn't get into trouble until he took his eyes off of Jesus. Peter got out of the boat, began to walk toward Jesus and then noticed the storm and became frightened. It's only when he stopped considering Jesus that he sank.

That's a lesson for all of us. We fail when we take our eyes off Jesus. But if we keep our eyes on Jesus, He'll take us to the right place at the right time. He'll help us step out and do things He needs to have done. He'll help us walk in the miraculous.

Go Back

When Jesus tells us to step out and do something specific, we need to do it. That word might be different for each of us, but we need to say yes to it. Like Peter, we can't hesitate. Instead, we must trust the Lord to lead us in the best way because He loves each of us.

And of course, when we walk in love, fear is cast out (1 John 4:18). When we remember, *Jesus loves me*, it drives out the fear of doing what He tells us to do.

When sickness and disease threaten, we need to think, *Jesus loves me. By his stripes I'm healed.* That truth casts out fear. If we'll put the Word of God into our hearts and minds continually, then it will become a habit...making it easy to trust Jesus.

So let me ask you: Are you floundering in your vision? If so, go back. Ask yourself: *What was the last thing the Lord said to me? What's the last vision that came into my heart?* Close your eyes and allow the Holy Spirit to bring back to your mind the things that He's called you to do, the words that He's said to you, just as He did with me. All you need to do is simply open your heart to Him—like Peter—and say, "Lord, bid me come. I'm ready!" 📌

Happy spring, Superkids!

I love spring! We celebrate Jesus and the way He lived and died for us. His purpose was to bring us abundant life. That means superlife! Overflowing life! EXTREME life!

He came to give us NEW life.

I love spring because it surrounds us with new life: new grass, new flowers and baby animals—even new clothes to wear for Easter! It can't be just about candy eggs and chocolate bunnies. Instead, let those things remind you of what Jesus has done. He tells us in John 10:10 (*The Message*), "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."

That's the GOOD NEWS. But the question is, "How do I get that 'real and eternal life, more and better life'?"

More GOOD NEWS.

It's so easy! Simply ask Jesus to come into your heart. He loves you. He gave you His whole life and died to pay the penalty for your sins. Romans 5:12, *New Living Translation*, explains where sin comes from. It says, "When Adam sinned,

sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned." And, verse 15 says, "...the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many."

The price for sin is death. Remember the pictures of Jesus on the cross? Sometimes you see three people on crosses. My daughter Emily asked, "Mommy, who are those other guys?" Good question! They were criminals—thieves. And, they were there, hanging on crosses, to pay the penalty for their crimes. One of them realized he needed Jesus, and right then, Jesus forgave him.

Superkids, you are not criminals. But without Jesus, it doesn't matter how good or bad you are. Thank God for the rest of verse 15: "...But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ."

Jesus showed us the love and forgiveness He had for a thief. We can know for certain that He loves and forgives us, too. Jesus paid the price for

anything causing you pain, hurt or sadness, and you can be free from every bit of it.

How do you ask Jesus into your heart? That's easy, too.

Romans 10:9-10 says that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

I believe you are ready to pray this and lead others to pray it, too. Say this:

"Father, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sin. I believe You raised Him from the dead so He could give me new life. Jesus, come into my heart and be my Lord. I belong to You now! Thank You for being my Lord and Friend!"

That's what it's all about, Superkid. And now, you can help others to know Him, too. Make 2015 about knowing Jesus better. Read your Bible, pray and look to Him to lead you and teach you NEW things! After all, it's that time of year! 📌



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WHEN TROUBLE COMES

by Gloria
Copeland

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o one in their right mind goes looking for trouble. Especially believers, and particularly people of faith. Because we love

God and believe His Word, we don't go around expecting bad things to happen to us. We're always expecting something good! Yet, because we live in a fallen world and we still have to deal with the devil, from time to time trouble will come knocking on our door. When it does, we need to know what to do about it. We need to be prepared, because Jesus

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said quite plainly in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble" (*New International Version*).

Ken and I can confirm this from personal experience. In the years since we started learning to walk by faith, we've found ourselves in occasional troublesome situations. Most of the time they were financial, and some were very

serious.

I was thinking recently, for instance, about the time we fell \$6 million behind on our ministry television bills. Talk about trouble. That definitely qualified; and, as we quickly discovered, we were not prepared for it! Once we fell into that deep financial hole, no matter how hard we tried, we just couldn't seem to climb out.

Although we prayed about the situation, days

became weeks, weeks became months, and still the deficit persisted. We knew it wasn't God's fault. He said whatever we desire when we pray, if we believe we receive it we shall have it (Mark 11:24). And He has no problem coming up with any amount of money. His economy is always prospering, no matter how bad the world's economy might be.

What's more, even though Jesus did say, "In this world you will have trouble," He also said, "Take heart! I have overcome the world." So we knew that as far as God was concerned, the \$6 million was ours the moment we asked for it.

But for some reason, we still kept coming up

short.

When we asked the Lord to help us see where the problem was, this is what He showed us: We didn't have enough of the Word in our hearts at that particular time to receive an extra \$6 million. We needed a breakthrough on the inside before we could get the breakthrough on the outside.

So here's what we did: Instead of getting discouraged and saying, "God, why did You let this happen to us?" we started spending more time reading, meditating on and declaring what the Bible says about our finances. Instead of giving up, we *doubled up* on the Word!

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Keep Your Eyes on the Word

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If you want to maintain the spirit of faith, you'll quit considering the natural impossibilities that might be piling up around you this very moment. God is not sweating them, so neither should you. Ken and I have found that out by experience!

More than 45 years ago, when Ken was praying down in the riverbed in Tulsa, Okla., God began speaking to him about preaching to nations. God told him way back then that he would have a worldwide ministry.

It was clear God hadn't considered our bank account. We hardly had enough money to get across town—much less go to the nations! But God didn't expect us to fulfill that call. He intended to do it Himself through our faith in His Word. He intended to provide the power, the resources, the ability—everything! All He expected us to do was believe and obey.

That's all He expects you to do today.

Right now you may be thinking, *I really want to do that. I want to walk and talk by faith. The problem is, every time I look at the mess I'm in, I get discouraged!*

Then stop looking at that mess!

Instead, focus your attention on the promise of God. Keep His Word in front of your eyes and in your ears until you can see it coming to pass with the eyes of your spirit.

That's what the spirit of faith does. It looks not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

Of course, I'm not saying you should ignore your problems or close your eyes to them as if they aren't real. They are real. But according to the Word they are *temporal*. That means "subject to change." And you can be assured that if you keep looking at what the Word says, they will change!

You can develop your faith. You can walk by faith. You can. You can. You can. Just keep your eyes on the Word. ⑦

major key to coming out of trouble.

Why?

Because faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4), and faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). That's the reason the Bible says in Proverbs 4:20-21, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart." It's why we read in Joshua 1:8, "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."

Although it took Ken and me a little while to get our faith level up to the \$6 million mark, the Lord helped us and we stuck with it. We kept planting the seed of the Word, keeping it in our hearts and in our mouths, and eventually the seed grew up, produced fruit, and we got our harvest: We paid off those TV bills and turned our trouble into a testimony!

Anyone Can Do It

We've been living this way for 43 years now and it's never failed to work for us. Every time we've ever been in a tight place (and we've been in plenty of them) faith in God's Word has always gotten us out.

We've seen it do the same for countless others.

I could tell you about numbers of believers we've known who started out facing almost as much trouble as Ken and I first did. Like us, they had nothing when they first got saved. They were living at below zero.

But when they began putting God first place in their lives and filling their hearts and mouths with His Word, they started prospering. Today, they're enjoying THE BLESSING of God. Great things are happening in their lives.

Take Keith Moore, for example. When he and his wife, Phyllis, first

heard the faith message and moved to Tulsa to go to Bible school, they barely had enough money to scrape by. The only apartment they could afford was located in one of the worst parts of town. Sometimes they heard gunshots outside and saw police lights flashing. Their first night there someone siphoned all the gas out of their car.

In those days, the world's trouble was knocking on Keith and Phyllis' door in a very literal way. But they came out of that trouble. They started putting God's prosperity promises in their hearts and in their mouths, and doing whatever God told them to do.

Before long, they were experiencing financial increase. Wealth and riches were showing up at their house, just like Psalm 112:3 says. After a while they were able to move to a better neighborhood and into a nicer home.

As they continued to walk with God and believe His Word, they kept increasing in every way. The Lord BLESSED them with a new car and a new boat and jet skis and all sorts of other nice things, until they could hardly find any place at their house to put them. One day, Keith's neighbor, who had been watching all this, came over and asked him about it. "I want to know what's going on here!" he said. "How are you getting all this stuff?"

As a result, Keith had the opportunity to tell him about the goodness of God—and the very thing that had once caused him so much trouble became a testimony.

Does that mean Keith and Phyllis never again experienced any financial difficulties? Certainly not. Although they're people of faith and some of the most dedicated believers I know, they're always stretching to obey God and do more to advance His kingdom. So, like Ken and me, they consistently face their share of financial challenges.

But, of course, so does almost every other believer.

I know because from time to time, I take an informal poll when I preach. I ask people, "What's the biggest problem in your life?" Then I give a list of options

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such as sickness, relational struggles and finances. Every time, the majority of people indicates that finances are what cause them the most trouble.

Although that may sound like bad news, the good news is this: Financial trouble—no matter how big it might be—is no problem for God. Therefore, anyone can come out of it. All they have to do is what Ken and I and Keith and Phyllis did: Put God first place in their lives and, instead of getting discouraged and giving up, choose to double up on the Word.

Anyone can do that! Anyone can put God's Word in his heart in such

abundance that it eventually comes out of his mouth in faith and produces a financial breakthrough of biblical proportions.

Sadly, however, I've found a lot of Christians aren't willing to give the Word this kind of focused attention. They don't want to take the time and put in the effort.

They're kind of like Naaman in the Old Testament. Have you ever read about him? He was the Syrian army officer who had leprosy and went to the prophet Elisha hoping to receive healing. When Elisha told him to go dip in the Jordan River seven times, he got upset. He didn't want to do

that. He just wanted Elisha to wave his hand over him and say a prayer. He wanted instant, easy results.

Believers today sometimes have the same attitude. They don't want to do anything themselves. When trouble comes, they want to come out of it by having someone else lay hands on them and pray. But that's generally not how God works. He set things up for us to receive from Him through the spiritual law of seedtime and harvest.

I don't mean to imply you can never get an instant healing or financial breakthrough. When you're young in the Lord and spiritually immature, you can. The pastor or another faith-filled believer can lay hands on you or pray for you and you can receive an immediate miracle.

But that's not how you're supposed to live. God never intended for you to just survive from miracle to miracle, or to ride on the coattails of someone else's faith.

God's will is for you to grow your own faith by continually planting the Word on the inside of you. He wants you to be like the man Jesus talks about in Mark 4 who "scatters seed upon the ground, and then continues...night and day while the seed sprouts and grows and increases" (verses 26-27, *The Amplified Bible*).

As I've already said, this is the key to experiencing consistent victory and overcoming every kind of trouble! You do it with the faith that comes from living every day with God's Word in your heart and your mouth.

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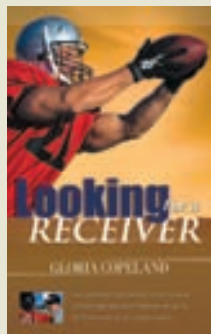
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"Well, I tried speaking the Word for a while but it was too hard. I just couldn't keep doing it."

That's because you didn't have it in your heart in abundance. But if you'll stick with it, if you'll keep planting it in your heart by listening to it and reading it every day, it will eventually take root and grow. You'll get a breakthrough on the inside and it will start showing up on the outside. You'll find yourself speaking the Word without even thinking about it.

In Matthew 12:33-35, Jesus explained it like this: "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."

Notice in that verse, God wasn't the one who decided what the good man and the evil man received; they did. They each determined by what they did with their eyes, ears and attention, what kind of crop they were going to harvest. Whatever they chose to sow in their hearts and reap with their words was what they received.

That's how the spiritual law of receiving works for anything—good or bad, positive or negative.

Think about how pornography gets hold of people, for example. They put their eyes on it and start giving it their attention. They might just be browsing around on

the Internet one day and suddenly an ungodly picture pops up on the screen. Rather than look away, they fix their eyes on it. Then they start seeking out those kinds of pictures on purpose. They look at pornography more and more until it eventually gets into their hearts and starts taking over their lives.

Don't ever let that happen to you. When you're in the grocery store line and you see a magazine with an evil picture on the cover, don't say, "Wow, look at that!" Turn your head the other way. Put your attention somewhere else. Say, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes" (Psalm 101:3).

This is serious business! What you do with your eyes and ears, what you give your attention to, is what gets down into your heart; and, according to Proverbs 4:23, out of your heart "flow the springs of life" (*AMP*). If you keep your eyes on bad things, bad things will get in your heart and start flowing in your life. But if you keep your eyes on God's Word, His BLESSINGS will flow.

Either way, your future is stored up in your heart and your words. You get to choose what your outcome will be. If you've stored up wrong things in the past, you can repent and wipe out that bad crop with the blood of Jesus. Then you can start over with a clean slate.

Isn't it wonderful? God is so full of mercy, He set things up so that with the Word, we can change our future anytime we choose. So if you don't like what you're experiencing right now, instead of giving up, double up!

Double up on the Word and turn every trouble you encounter into a testimony. Overcome it with faith in your heart and in your mouth, and make the devil wish he'd never come knocking on your door. ❶



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Overcoming Trouble

As a believer, you don't go around expecting bad things to happen to you. Because you know God loves you and you trust His Word, you're always expecting something good! Yet as long as you live in this fallen world, from time to time trouble will come knocking on your door. And when it does, you can overcome it. You can turn that trouble into a testimony. Here are some points to get you there:

1 Don't get upset and discouraged when things go wrong.

John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (*New International Version*).

2 Ask God in faith for whatever you need.

Mark 11:24: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

3 If the trouble persists, don't give up; double up on the Word.

Proverbs 4:20-21: "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart."

4 Stick with it until your heart is so full of the Word it overflows through your mouth.

Matthew 12:34-35: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."

5 Keep standing in faith until the victory comes.

1 John 5:4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."



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