

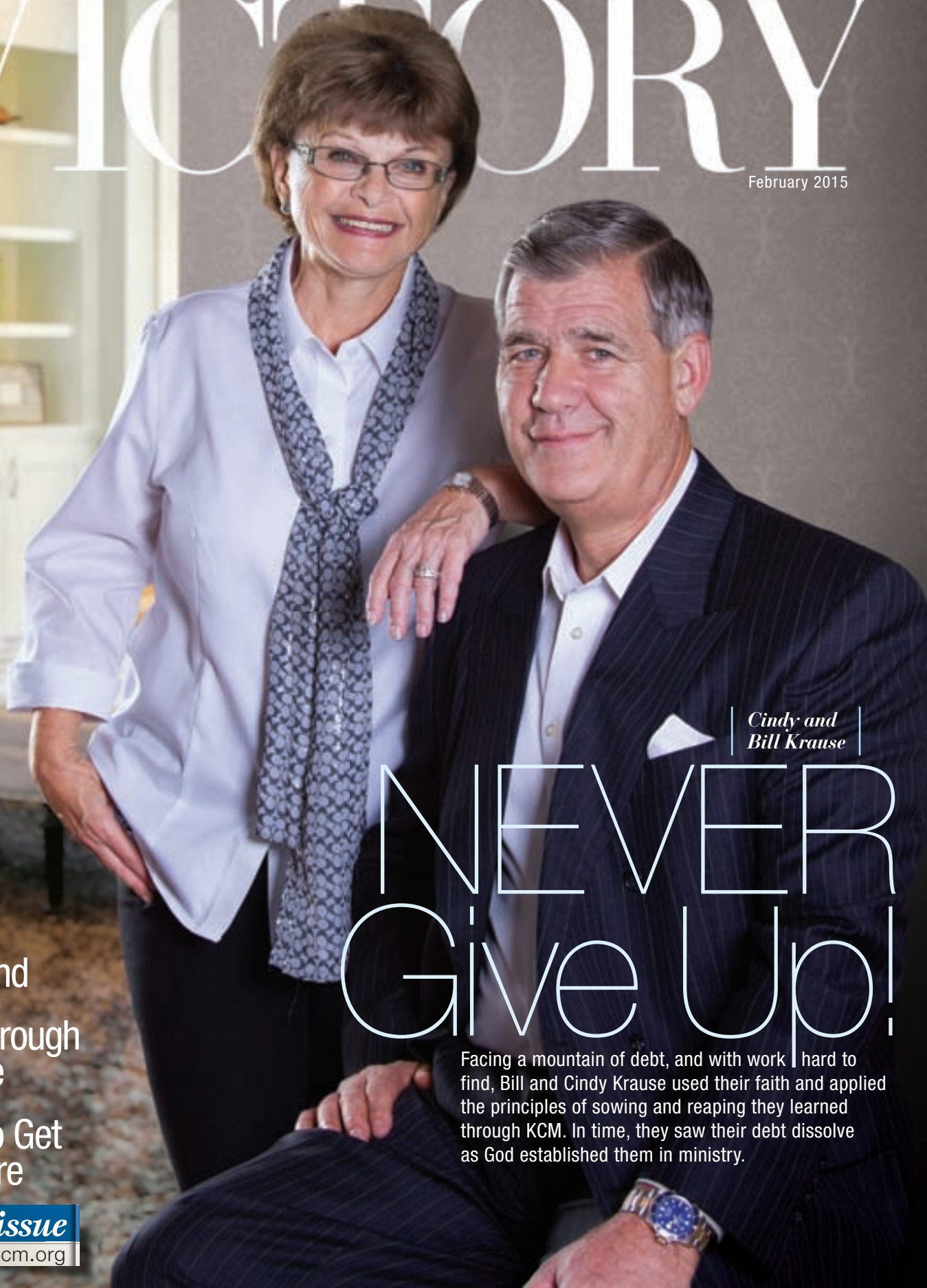
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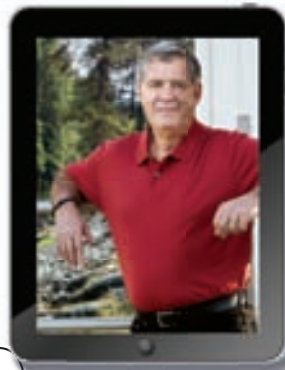
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WINDING DOWN OR

# FIRED UP?



Some years ago, I was listening to Gloria preach on healing and I heard something that I'm certain has added years to my life. I'll never forget it. She was teaching on Psalm 91 and she'd just read verse 16: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." //

**I**mmediately turned to Genesis 6:3, where God said, "His days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Suddenly, The LORD spoke up on the inside of me. *That's just as much My WORD as by His stripes ye were healed!* He said.

Although that might sound like an obvious statement, at the time it was exactly what I needed to hear. In the previous months, I'd let the devil sneak up on me with some lies about my age. Without even realizing it, I'd let my faith for long life begin to slip. I'd confessed for years what Psalm 103:5 says about God renewing my youth as the eagle's, but

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something had changed.

I'd begun to wind down. Having reached my 70th birthday, I'd gotten to the age where my ancestors declined physically, and I'd let the same thing begin to happen to me. But, praise God, I woke up to what was going on. I got a fresh revelation of the fact that the length of my life isn't defined by my family history. It's defined by the written WORD of God, and it says "[man's] days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3).

Since that day in Gloria's Healing School, The LORD has talked to me a lot about this. He's commanded me to quit yielding to the natural DNA I inherited from my physical ancestors and release by faith the DNA in my born-again spirit—which is the very DNA of God.

I've obeyed that command and my body





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has come in line. Instead of winding down, I’ve gotten fired up!

This past December I turned 78, and I’m stronger now than I was 20 years ago. I’m walking in the life and energy of God. I’m flying all over the world preaching the gospel and having the time of my life.

I’m not the only one who’s happy about it, either. The LORD is, too.

Why? Because the Anointing of His Spirit on the lives of His people is designed to develop with age. So if we keep walking with Him, the older we get the more developed our anointing becomes.

Not long ago The LORD made this very clear to me. *Kenneth, He said, when you were 30 years old My Anointing came on you. As the years passed it grew and developed and by the time you were 40 it had matured considerably. But at 40 you couldn’t get the 60-year anointing. It doesn’t work that way. You have to grow in grace and the knowledge of The LORD. You have to grow in faith. At 60, you could have the 60-year anointing, but you can’t have the 80-year anointing until you get there.*

Then The LORD went on to say this: *Because My people have let the devil talk them out of living much beyond 80, they’re missing out on the anointing I’ve designed for them to have at 90, 100, 110 and 115 years old. As a result, I don’t have*

*those anointings on the earth!*

“But LORD,” I said, “there are some people in the world who are living longer and longer and getting closer to that age.”

Yes, He replied, *but My people—those who are Anointed of Me—aren’t doing it!*

### Departing in Style

I know what you’re probably thinking. Is it really possible to keep developing in God’s Anointing when you’re over 100 years old?

Sure it is. Not only are there examples of it in the Bible (Abraham and Moses, for instance), but I was personally acquainted with one man who did it. His name was Otis Clark.

An anointed minister of God and a Partner with this ministry, when Dad Clark went home to be with The LORD he was 109 years old. But you never would have guessed it by looking at him. He usually sat on the front row at the Believers’ Conventions and he always looked strong and fit. At an age where most people would expect to be shuffling around in a bathrobe and house slippers, he wore a sharp suit and a fedora hat.

What’s more, he never retired from preaching the gospel. He preached all his life. The Saturday night before he crossed over into heaven, he told his family, “I want you to take me to church in the morning.” He hadn’t been

feeling quite up to par so they tried to talk him out of it. They said, “Daddy, the doctors are concerned about you. You don’t need to be preaching right now.” But he insisted.

He spent all of Saturday night praising The LORD and shouting the victory. When he went to church Sunday morning he was asked to say a word and he did. He preached...and preached... and preached! Then he went home and just laid back and went to heaven.

Dad Clark departed in style. He preached his way to glory at 109 years old! What was his secret?

He put The WORD of God first place in his life. He meditated on it, believed it and obeyed it. He sought God’s wisdom and lived according to it, not just spiritually but physically. In other words, when it came to staying healthy Dad Clark did his part where natural things were concerned. He ate right and exercised. He did what was right for his body.

If you and I are going to live out the full number of our days we’ll have to do the same. We can’t just sit around, eat anything our flesh desires, live sloppy, get fat and believe we’re going to live 120 years. It won’t happen.

So make a quality decision right now to renew your mind and think

scripturally about food. Don’t get fooled by all the dumb stuff worldly people are saying about it. They don’t know anything. They’ve been coming up with ways to lose weight for years and their ways don’t work. That’s why so many people end up losing the same 20 pounds over and over. The world doesn’t know how to fix the problem.

But God does!

So instead of trying to get healthy by following the latest fad, start praying and believe God for wisdom. He’ll bring the right information across your path.

He’s done it for me many times. In fact, He did it just recently. I was believing Him for wisdom about a physical issue and while Gloria and I were visiting over a cup of tea one day something on television caught my eye.

We weren’t even watching TV at the time! The picture was on but the volume was turned down. I happened to glance at the screen and saw a book being advertised. The LORD said to me, *Buy that book before the sun goes down!*

I did and, sure enough, it provided exactly the information I’d been asking The LORD to give me.

### The Book You Need Most

“I want to read that book, too!” you might say. “Will you tell me the name of it?”

No, because the book you need most is the one God has already given you—His written WORD. If you’ll use that Book to build up your faith then you can pray like I did and hear from The LORD yourself.

“But Brother Copeland, the Bible is a big Book. What part of it should I read?”

Well, everything in it is good so you ought to read all of it. But to build your faith for a long, healthy life, you’ll especially want to focus on scriptures about healing. Then, when the devil comes after you with sickness or disease, you’ll be ready to resist him with The WORD and put him on the run.

That’s something a lot of believers can’t do because they have unanswered questions where healing is concerned. They’ve been taught, for instance, that sometimes God heals and sometimes He doesn’t. So when they look to Him for healing they aren’t sure what’s going to happen. They have the attitude that you just never know what God is going to do.

I actually heard a news commentator say those words on television one time. He was talking about how current events might unfold and he said, “You know, I guess this will happen if it’s the will of God. But who in the world ever knows what the will of God is?”

I hollered back at him and said, “I do!”

God didn’t will one thing and write another. His will is in His WORD. Since faith begins where the will of God is known, the first thing you need to find out about healing is what He said about it in the Bible. Is healing His will or not?

You can see the answer to that question in Luke 5. It tells about a time in the ministry of Jesus when He was approached by a man described as “full of leprosy.” That means he wasn’t just suffering from the beginning stages of the disease, he was eaten up with it.

Lepers were supposed to keep their distance from people. They were considered untouchable in those days. But this man not only came within arm’s length of Jesus, he “fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him” (verses 12-13).

The first thing I want you to notice there is what Jesus did. He touched this man! Jesus wasn’t afraid He’d catch



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leprosy. He was confident the Anointing of God would protect Him from it.

Years ago, when I ministered alongside Oral Roberts, I saw this same kind of confidence in him. In his meetings he laid hands on people with every kind of ailment. He never backed off from anyone and he never contracted any kind of sickness or disease in all his years of ministry.

“Yeah, but Brother Copeland, that was Oral Roberts!”

I know it, but you’re just as much a joint heir with Jesus as he was. Therefore the kind of divine protection he experienced is God’s will for you too.

The same is true when it comes to healing. You never have to wonder if it’s God’s will to heal you. Jesus settled the issue once and for all. When the leprous man asked if He was willing to heal him, Jesus answered, “I will.”

## God’s Will for All Men for All Time

Religious tradition has tried to steal God’s healing power from believers for years by claiming those words applied only to this one man. Entire denominations have preached that although it was God’s will to heal the leper it might not be His will to heal someone else. But that’s just plain wrong! Matthew 12:15 says that during Jesus’ earthly ministry “great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all.”

Jesus never turned anyone down for any reason, and He is the perfect expression of God’s will for all men for all time. So what He said to the leprous man He has said to us all: *Healing is My will for you!*

Jesus confirmed this when He taught us to pray for God’s will to “be done in earth, as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). Is it God’s will for there to be any sickness in heaven? No! Therefore it’s not His will for sickness to be on earth, either.

“If that’s true,” someone might say, “then why is sickness here?”

Because of the curse the devil brought on the earth through sin. According to Deuteronomy 28:61, “every sickness, and every plague” is a result of that curse. But Galatians 3:13-14 says, “Christ hath redeemed us from the

curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ...”

Thank God, as New Testament believers we’re no longer under the curse! We’re BLESSED, and THE BLESSING has always included healing. The Bible affirms it again and again. It says:

“Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” (Exodus 23:25)

“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.” (Psalm 107:20)

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.” (Psalm 103:2-3)

“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. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:20-23)

Look again at that last verse. It says the “issues” or forces of life flow out of your heart or your spirit. That’s good news because you have Almighty God living on the inside of you. His divine life is in you. His healing forces are in you. His cleansing forces are in you. The forces of His righteousness are in you.

So stir up your faith. Put The WORD of God in front of your eyes and release His divine DNA. Let the healing, youth-renewing forces of God flow!

Live from the inside and instead of getting weaker as you age, get stronger. Grow in faith, in grace and in the Anointing of God. Sail past 85 or 90 years old and keep on going to 120. Then, depart this earth in style like Dad Clark did. Shout your way to glory, praising God and saying, “With long life He satisfied me and showed me His salvation!” 📌

**1** God’s definition of long life is a minimum of 120 years. Genesis 6:3: “And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

**2** Youth renewal is a benefit of your covenant with God. Psalm 103:5: “Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

**3** Healing is always God’s will. Luke 5:12-13: “A man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’” (*New King James Version*)

**4** Jesus never turned down anyone who asked for healing. Luke 6:19: “And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.” (*NKJV*)

**5** Because God’s own life is in your spirit you can release it by faith and let it flow. Proverbs 4:23: “Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.” (*New American Standard Bible*)

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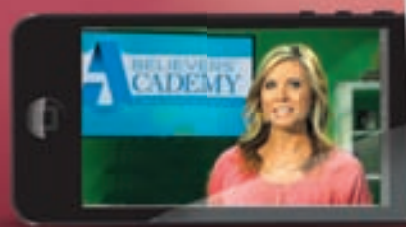
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# *Faith that* **NEVER** GIVES UP

*Bill Krause* pulled up in front of his rental house in Tulsa, Okla., with a sigh. Parking the car, he turned off the engine and leaned his head back against the seat. For once, he wasn't in a hurry to go inside. By all outward appearances he had everything he could want—an amazing wife, five wonderful children, a nice home filled with beautiful furniture and a car that was paid for.

Back in Michigan, where he had recently moved from, he owned a home and a construction company. The flip side of that picture was not quite as bright. What Bill didn't have was a job. Which meant no income.

— by *Melanie Henry* —

**N**O WAY TO PAY his tuition to Rhema Bible Training Center. No way to make the mortgage on their home in Michigan or the rent in Tulsa. He didn't even have money for utilities, groceries or for clothes for five growing children.

When he'd left Michigan for Rhema, Bill had assumed he would continue getting revenue from his construction company. But that stream had dried up. As a journeyman electrician, he

had been promised two jobs in Tulsa. But neither had panned out.

No matter where he applied to work, every door had been slammed in his face.

According to every standard of success, Bill was failing. As a husband and father he wasn't providing for his family. Worse, everywhere he turned he'd been confronted with 2 Thessalonians 3:10, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

From the pulpit at church and the lectern in class, Bill heard the same admonition. "If you don't have a job, you're out of the will of God."

Failing his family was humiliating. Failing God was the pinnacle of pain.

Taking a deep breath, Bill climbed out of the car and went inside. His wife, Cindy, walked the screaming baby while several of the other children fought over a toy. Looking up at him with exhaustion etched into every line of

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her face, Cindy said, "The baby needs diapers. We're out of milk and I have nothing to fix for dinner. I don't know how you're going to do it, but here's a list of our most basic needs. Please go to the store and don't come home without them."

Back in the car, Bill rested his head against the steering wheel.

What now?

### A New Man

"Cindy and I grew up Roman Catholic and attended the same Catholic school from elementary through high school," Bill explains. "I was an electrician, but in 1976 jobs were scarce so I left Cindy at home with two children while I worked the pipeline in Alaska. A man I worked with led me to the Lord and my roommate bought me a Bible. I called my Aunt Dorothy, who is a nun, and asked if it was OK for me to read a Protestant Bible. She said, 'Sure, theirs is just shorter!'"

"By the time I went home for a visit in July, I was a changed man. I was so different that Cindy checked my arms for needle marks. She thought maybe I was on drugs.

"By January 1977, the charismatic renewal had swept through the Catholic Church. I'd had trouble with my kidneys but the first time we attended a charismatic Catholic mass, the priest called out my symptoms and I was healed. Two nuns urged Cindy to raise her hands in worship. She was born again and both of us were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

"Every afternoon at 5 o'clock I listened to Kenneth Copeland on the radio. Every Sunday evening we watched his television broadcast, learning the principles of faith. We partnered with his ministry and I taught everything I learned to other people. I started a Bible study in my basement and wrote to Brother Copeland asking if he would come speak. I got a kind letter back explaining that my request had arrived in their mailroom the day we'd asked him to speak.

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“As I learned to live by faith and applied the financial principles of sowing and reaping, we prospered. Because of Brother Copeland’s teaching about debt, we saved our money and paid cash for a new car. I started a construction company, which God blessed. When we moved to Tulsa so I could go to Bible school, I never imagined I wouldn’t be able to find work. Not being able to provide for my family and feeling as though I was out of the will of God was the darkest time of my life.”

### Tested by Fire

Bill and Cindy had no idea that when they moved to Tulsa they would have to apply everything they’d learned about faith just to survive. While continuing to look for work, Bill built himself up by praying in the spirit and meditating on God’s Word.

Few in their circle of friends and acquaintances had any idea they were destitute. With five children, they’d rented a house that was bigger than what most students lived in. Cindy had worked for Ethan Allen for years, and through her job their house was filled with beautiful furniture. Bill dressed in suits he had worn as an executive in his company.

They looked prosperous and they never told anyone about their financial woes. They did, however, complain to God.

“Lord, this isn’t healthy!” Bill said. “My children are surviving on ramen noodles and macaroni and cheese!”

*You can have whatever you want,* the Lord replied. *Make a list.*

Bill listed fresh fruits and vegetables. Then, he added ham and steak to the list.

The next day one of his classmates reminded Bill, “You said you’d come by and see my apartment.”

“I would,” Bill replied, “except Cindy has the car today.”

“Come on, I’ll drive you.”

At his apartment, the man asked Bill to look in the freezer. “See that package of steaks? Take it to Cindy!”

Later that week, someone took Bill

to the grocery store and paid for two huge shopping carts filled with fresh fruits and vegetables. By Sunday, the Lord had provided everything on Bill’s list except ham. That evening a neighbor invited them to dinner. She served ham and fried okra, sending the leftover ham home with them.

### Desperate Measures

While Bill felt like a failure, in many ways the move to Tulsa had really been harder on Cindy. Leaving Michigan meant leaving behind the family support system she had there. In addition, they had left lush vegetation and stunning blue lakes and arrived in summer heat that had seared the grass, leaving it brown.

“I knew the importance of our words,” Cindy recalls. “When we’d first learned to live by faith, our 3-year-old daughter, Pamela, had become ill. Although it seemed like years, the battle over her health lasted only several months. During that time, I had to guard every word and most of what the Lord allowed me to say was Scripture.

“However, I found the unrelenting financial pressure harder to deal with. I kept slipping into old habits of talking about the problem instead of praising God for the answer. Many times we’d be at dinner and I’d catch myself saying negative things about our finances. I’d leave the table and go kneel in the bedroom to pray. Afterward, I’d go back to the meal. Before long I’d blurt out something else negative.”

“There she goes!” Cindy’s children giggled when she left the table for another self-imposed time out.

One morning a woman took Cindy’s children for the day. “You need to get alone with God,” she said. During her prayer time, the Lord encouraged Cindy to guard her words and live her life as an example for others. Knowing that she had to get a grip on her words, each time Cindy felt tempted to talk about the problem, she covered her mouth with duct tape.

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## The Goodness of God

“Walking around with duct tape on my mouth helped me learn to control my words!” Cindy remembers. “Changing my words helped. One day while I was at Bible study, I returned to my seat and found a stack of money on my Bible. Even so, it took every penny we could believe God for to pay our bills and buy groceries. There wasn’t anything extra for a luxury as small as a tube of lipstick.”

One morning while Cindy was in the shower someone knocked on the front door and one of the children answered it. “Please give this to your mother,” the woman said. It was a brand new tube of lipstick—Cindy’s favorite brand and color. Holding it in her hand, Cindy wept at the goodness of God.

On another occasion a woman said to Bill, “The Lord told me to pay your gas bill.”

“Did He tell you that we’re two months behind?”

“It doesn’t matter,” she said. “Let’s get it paid.”

By 1983, during Bill’s second year at Rhema, Cindy had had enough. One of the pastors at their church was very vocal about students working and providing for their families. She made an appointment with him and took Bill. As soon as they were seated the pastor said, “At least 99.9 percent of the time, it’s God’s will for people to work. But God is telling me that you, Bill, aren’t supposed to work.”

“That wasn’t what I wanted to hear!” Cindy admits. “But it did make sense why Bill couldn’t get a job. McDonald’s wouldn’t even hire him!”

## Learning to Trust

The pain of living without an income was relentless. Many times they had to kneel and pray for food to put on the table for dinner that day. On one occasion they asked the Lord for \$1,000 that they needed to make it through the end of the month.

Back home in Michigan, a man from their Catholic Church said to his wife, “Honey, we’ve got \$1,000 left over after buying our new furnace. I think we’re supposed to send it to Bill Krause.”

As a student at Rhema, Bill couldn’t

attend class unless his tuition of \$180 was paid each month. One day he left class and found a piece of wrapped paper in the seat of his car. Inside were nine \$20 bills.

In 1984, with only two months left until graduation, Bill was exhausted and told the Lord he would drop out if both months weren’t paid in full. “Hey Bill,” someone said, “the Lord told me to pay your tuition. He said for me to pay your last two months.”

“I graduated in 1984, and spent the next year working three jobs to earn enough money to move on to the next phase of God’s plan for our lives,” Bill remembers. “He told us to move to Sacramento, Calif., and plant a church. I realized that learning to live by faith and trust God for provision was the training ground for the kind of faith we’d need to start a church. You can pay now or pay later, but to succeed at God’s plan, you have to learn to live by faith.

“While I do think the Lord wanted us to learn to trust Him for provision, I made a mistake that caused it to be harder than it should have been. When I was out of work, I stopped giving offerings over and above the tithe. Giving that money away didn’t seem like being a good steward, but I know now that had I done it we would have enjoyed a bigger harvest.”

## Obedying the Call

In July 1985, Bill and Cindy started Family Community Church in a rented space. In 1989, they purchased property on a main road for their permanent location. Later, when the opportunity arose to purchase the adjoining auto-parts store and a liquor store, they jumped at the chance. The auto-parts store moved, but the liquor store had a lease.

“What will it take to buy you out of your lease?” Bill asked. The answer: \$50,000.

“I went to the church and told them we could buy out that lease for \$50,000,” Bill remembers. “They pledged \$88,000, but when the money came in there was \$113,000! We received more than 200 percent of the amount we needed!”

In May 2012, Cindy was in prayer when she heard specific instructions from God. “I want you to pray in enough money to pay off all the church debt by December 31. If you’re one day late, you won’t be positioned to move into your future, either individually or as a church.”

The total amount owed was \$400,000.

“For a while it didn’t look like we were going to make that date,” Cindy explains. “But at three minutes before 5 p.m. on December 31, I walked into the bank and paid off all that debt.”

In the early years of their church, Bill had pledged \$1,000 to a particular ministry but was unable to pay it. He repented to the man and asked for forgiveness. As he learned to put the biblical principles of prosperity into effect, he was able to honor his pledge. But instead of giving \$1,000, he gave \$100,000. A few years later, he gave \$300,000.

Today, Bill and Cindy Krause enjoy the fruit of all their labor both in a growing church and a growing family. They delight in all 22 of their grandchildren. And they’re still Partners with KCM.

“Kenneth Copeland has changed the perception of Christianity and broken barriers,” Bill says. “They represent God on the earth today, and we know that the money we sow into their ministry is reaping results worldwide. They pray for their Partners daily and while they must have finances to preach all over the world, we believe it’s crucial that we also sow back into them with our prayers. We pray for Kenneth and Gloria and the ministry every day and challenge all their Partners to do the same.”

Twice a year Bill Krause leads week-long financial freedom seminars, teaching 10 sessions on the biblical perspective on finances. In October 2014, almost 37 years after asking Kenneth Copeland to preach in their basement, he spoke at Family Community Church.

“I finally made it,” Brother Copeland said.

That’s the thing about faith: It never gives up. 🍷



by Kenneth Copeland

**I**t all started with one sermon: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath *anointed* me...” (Luke 4:18).

That “anointing” message is what launched Jesus into ministry. It was the heart of everything He preached. It was the power behind everything He did.

Yet as awesome and marvelous as the anointing was in the life of Jesus while He was on this earth, it wasn't enough for God.

You see, had Jesus ended up being the only person anointed, we would still be under the devil's oppression today.

Why?



IT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR JESUS TO

# Be Anointed

Because all that anointing would have gone with Jesus when He returned to heaven. And it's only by the Anointing of God that burdens are removed and yokes of oppression—sickness, disease, poverty, fear, death and so forth—are destroyed (Isaiah 10:27).

No. God was not satisfied for Jesus to come into the earth, manifest the awesomeness of His Anointing and then leave, taking all that power with Him. Had that been the case, we would still be in a mess today.

God had a “new birth” in mind. Through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, God made it possible for each one of us to be born again. He made it possible for us to become “a new

creature” in *Christ*—a new creature in the Anointed One, a new creature in His Anointing (2 Corinthians 5:17).

That's why to this day we are called *Christ-ians*...“little anointed ones.”

## You Have That Anointing

The moment you received Jesus as your LORD and were “born again,” you received access to the very same power of Almighty God that Jesus Himself demonstrated and manifested during His earthly ministry.

The Apostle John tells us “the *anointing* which ye have received of him abideth in you” (1 John 2:27).

In other words, you have the Anointing of God inside you right

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now. And that anointing is the power of God that enables you to live a life free of all burdens and all yokes of oppression. All you have to do is feed that anointing with The WORD of God and connect your faith to it so it can be released into your life.

First John 2:27 goes on to tell us that this Anointing of God inside us will also teach us. I call it the “knowing anointing.” And it has many applications in life.

For instance, when this *knowing anointing* is fully engaged in your life, you do not need someone to tell you what you believe. Neither do you need to be told if someone is accurately preaching The WORD or not. You can know these things by the anointing. The Holy Spirit will give you an inward witness as to whether or not someone is teaching the truth.

This anointing to know can also assist you in times of crisis.

Let’s say your child is in the backyard and gets hurt while playing—and it’s not really a time when you can call your pastor for a “word from God.”

Don’t panic. Just turn inward to

*This knowing anointing can help you in raising your children, conducting your business affairs, keeping your marriage on course and so on.*

the Holy Spirit. Get counsel from the Counselor Himself. Find out from Him how you should minister to your child in that situation. I cannot tell you how many times I have done that where my own children were concerned.

Apart from all the crises in life, this knowing anointing can help you in raising your children, conducting your business affairs, keeping your marriage on course and so on. And it’s all by the Anointing of God that abides within you, enabling you to live everyday life.

But now there is another aspect to the anointing. And that is the anointing that comes on us to minister God’s burden-removing, yoke-destroying power. The anointing to meet the needs of people.

Remember what Jesus said in Luke 4? “The Spirit of the Lord is *upon me*, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (verses 18-19).

We know God’s Spirit had been *in* Jesus since forever past—long before He was born of Mary. Yet, the Spirit of God came *upon* Him after He was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River (see Luke 3:21-22).

This anointing that came upon Jesus was the anointing to minister. It was the anointing to lay hands on the sick, cast out demons, raise the dead.

It was the anointing to preach The WORD in power and to prophesy. It was the Anointing of the gifts of the Spirit and the manifestations of the Spirit. It was the anointing of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher.

So where is all that anointing to minister today?

### Ministry Within Your Reach

The power of God to meet the needs of people lies predominantly in the men and women called by God to fill what we usually refer to as the fivefold ministry offices—apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Though no one minister of the gospel carries the fullness of the anointing for all five of those offices, all of us together have every bit of it.

And here again, if only the apostles had been anointed by God—as many people have been deceived into thinking in the past 2,000 years—we would still be in one, big mess.

And what if in today’s Church only the pastors were anointed, and maybe a few evangelists?

It wouldn’t be any different.

In fact it’s that kind of religious tradition that has cheated the Church out of the full manifestation and demonstration of God’s Anointing.

Meanwhile what about the majority of people sitting in the congregation? Where is the anointing for them to minister to the needy people they encounter every day?

What about the farmers and

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business managers, the police officers and schoolteachers in life? Where is their anointing to minister—like the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the pastor, the teacher?

The answer to these questions is found in *partnership*.

The Apostle Paul wrote to his partners in ministry at the church in Philippi and said, “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3-5).

Here the word *fellowship* is an Old English translation of the Greek word for *partnership*. It means “equal part in a single endeavor.”

Paul, who ministered in at least three of the offices—apostle, prophet and teacher—considered these believers in Philippi to be his “equal partners” in ministering the gospel. And that’s why he went on to say: “Even as it is meet for me [even as I am able] to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace” (verse 7).

#### *Partakers of my grace.*

When you see the word *grace*, particularly in Paul’s writings, don’t just think of it as “God’s unmerited favor,” which it is. But also see it as a reference by Paul to the anointing. Because he equates the two as one and the same.

And why not?

The very fact that the Anointing of God can be in us and on us is an ultimate act of grace on God’s part.

So Paul was saying, “Because you supported me in every way possible—not only when I was with you in Philippi, but when I ministered in other places—you can expect the same anointing that’s on me for ministry to be on you and your household. You are equal partners—equal partakers—of my anointing.”

Applying that to our lives today, the

businessman or businesswoman who is plugged into a local church should have the same anointing for ministry on him or her that is on the pastor of that church.

For that matter, every believer should be equal partakers of the anointing that is on the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers of our time.

How?

By joining those in fivefold ministry in equal partnership in the gospel. By getting in there and praying and supporting their ministries in any way God directs them.

Remember God is not satisfied for Jesus to be the only one anointed.

What good would it be for all that anointing to remain “sitting at the right hand of the Father” in heaven when all the burdens and yokes are down here on earth?

What’s more, He is not satisfied for just a handful of apostles to have been anointed 2,000 years ago. They’re no longer in the earth where ministry anointing is needed.

No, God will not be satisfied until every member of the Body of Christ—the Body of His anointed ones in the earth today—is walking in the fullness of His power.

So let the Spirit of God connect you with the ministry He is calling you to support. Then get into “covenant partnership” in the gospel with them. Once you do, start partaking of their grace. Draw on the fullness of those anointings. Expect the anointings to minister that are on their lives and ministry to rest on you and your household.

You have the anointing to live life. Now step over into that anointing for the lost and dying world around you.

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“Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

## From Coma to Recovery

Praise God for this opportunity to keep in touch with you! I want to thank and praise God for the victory regarding what happened to my husband last April. It was Holy Thursday when he met with an accident—a young, hard coconut fell on his nose and hit another part of his face. He went into a coma and was rushed to the nearby hospital. He later experienced symptoms like dizziness, headache, bleeding of the nose, weakness and hypertension. We had to admit him to another hospital to further observe him. I asked my sister, who is a Partner of KCM, to keep my husband in prayer. I prayed too. After one day of observation in the hospital, the doctor said there was no serious damage where he had been injured. His face looked like no accident had happened. The blood chemistry turned out negative and it's all normal. Praise God! Thank you, KCM, for helping us in prayers. It was a wonderful experience of love from the Lord. Thank you for being with us.

S.T. | Luzon, Philippines

## God's Word Healed Her Grandson

My grandson lived with his mother in Moscow and then she sent him to me in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. He was 8 years old but he had problems—watering in the bed at night. Of course we consulted doctors but it didn't help. I want to testify that I and my grandson, we got from

you the book *God's Will for Your Healing*. We read it thoroughly and wrote down the healing scriptures.

My grandson learned the 91st Psalm by heart. Now he is healed without medicine. Only God's Word. I understood—it is very simple. God healed him.

L.S. | Samarkand, Uzbekistan



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## 'I BELIEVE IN PRAYER'

According to blood tests and X-rays my husband and I are completely healed after being diagnosed with lung cancer. I believe in prayer, declarations, profession and confession of God's healing scriptures, and taking Communion.

You praying with me over the phone brought forth the divine healing and wholeness I expected!

M.F. | Canada

Hong Kong  
香港

## 'God Healed Me!'

Beloved in Christ, I thank God for what He has done in my life. I

praise His holy Name! I wrote to KCM two months ago, requesting prayer regarding my healing. I believed God would heal me from the fibroid that was in my womb. I fasted and prayed, and read the materials KCM sent me on healing. I read

a lot of testimonies on how the fibroid came out from those healed people.

One morning around 3 o'clock, I was having abdominal pain and passed a blood clot. I then remembered it was the same as those people who testified. I began praising God and thanking Him for my healing. An hour later, another big blood

clot passed. I knew the healing power of God was on me.

During those times when I kept praying and believing by faith in my healing, God healed me! Later, I went for an ultrasound at the hospital. I kept believing God and thanking Him for my healing. He did it—I am healed! Thanks, KCM, for all your prayers. M.O. | Hong Kong

## Delivered From Addiction and Strife

God delivered me from alcoholism. Twelve years ago I heard your broadcast and the words “One word from God can change your life.” I took hold of them. I needed the change in my life really badly. I believed and was baptized.

God opened my eyes and I got free from the person with whom I lived who provoked alcohol drinking, strife and fighting. In a month and a half, I got to make money to buy new furniture. All this is thanks to God. For me it is a real miracle! Glory to Him!

S.T. | Zelenodolsk, Russia

## Partnership Has Changed Her Life

I would like to share with you that since I became a Partner of KCM in January 2014, my life has changed daily. I've experienced the renewing of my mind by the power of the Word of God. I was born again 15 years ago, but have never sought God with this level of passion that has now awakened inside of me. I am truly grateful to God for the privilege of finding this ministry, along with Kenneth and Gloria, whom I consider my spiritual parents. May God bless you with more revelation in the Word so we can all be taught and grow. J.P. | Bolivia

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Pat O. | High Point, N.C.

### *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 WAY OF THE WINNER

Vince Lombardi, the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers, is famous for saying, “Winning isn’t everything—it’s the *only* thing.”

by Mac Hammond

That was definitely my philosophy when I was growing up. From the time I was a small boy, I loved to win and absolutely detested losing. I used to get downright upset over a lost game of marbles!

Later, it was Little League games, swimming and ultimately, flying in the military. Whatever I was involved in—I wanted to be a winner at it.





I don't think I'm unusual in that respect. I believe most people in our society (at least in secular society) want to be winners.

With believers, it's another story. Somehow many Christians have been conditioned to believe that winning is not a valid goal for them. They're convinced that winning is unimportant at best and positively unbiblical at worst!

If that's what you've been told, I have news for you. God created you to win, not just spiritually, but in your relationships, your finances, your profession and every other area of life.

I'll go one step further. If you're not at least in the process of becoming that kind of winner, you're not fulfilling God's whole purpose for your life. And you're missing out on the contentment and sense of fulfillment God wants you to have.

"That's a pretty strong

statement, Pastor Mac. Can you back it up with Scripture?" You bet I can.

In Genesis 1:26-27 God says: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over...all the earth.... So God created man in his own image...."

Would you agree that God is a winner? If we are made in His image and likeness, then redeemed man must be designed to be a winner, too.

In fact, after God made Adam and Eve, He commanded them to go win! Look at the very next verse, Genesis 1:28: "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and *subdue it: and have dominion....*"

God's very first marching orders to mankind were "subdue" and "have dominion." In other words, "Go out there and win!"

Likewise, as a born-again,

restored child of God, you are to exercise dominion over *your* world. That means every aspect of daily living—every circumstance in your life—should be in subjection to God.

### Winning Ways

Let's get practical. It's one thing to know that God wants you to be a winner. It's another thing to know how to become one.

Thankfully, God has given us His Word to guide us and great men of faith to be our examples. Philippians is a book about winning, written by a winner—the Apostle Paul. What is it that made Paul such an outstanding winner? We find the answer to that question in Philippians 3:12-14:

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Look again at that last phrase. *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God.* A powerful prescription for victory, it contains four terms that represent the keys to finding and fulfilling God's destiny for your life. They are "press," "mark," "prize" and "high calling."

Too often, we think of eternal life as beginning in heaven. But that's simply not the case. Our eternal life has already begun.

## The Press

The winning life isn't a casual stroll. It's a press.

We've heard this term used frequently concerning very spiritual matters. We've been urged to "press in to prayer" or "press in to the Word." And certainly we need to press toward those things. But we mustn't stop there.

Our life is comprised of more than spiritual things. Among others, there is a press to make relationships work, a press to keep your body healthy and a press to succeed in business. These

are areas that have very natural or physical components to them.

Life itself is a press—a determined movement toward a goal or ideal. Paul knew that. He was a winner because he knew *what* to press toward—"the mark for the prize of the high calling of God."

## The Prize

What is the prize of the high calling of God? In a nutshell, it is life—eternal life.

The Greek word the New Testament uses to describe this kind of life is *zoe*. It is a word that refers to the very life of God Himself. And God's Word says you have that life inside of you if you're a born-again believer.

Too often, we think of eternal life as beginning in heaven. But that's simply not the case. Our eternal life has already begun. It is here and now.

Furthermore, *zoe* refers to a *quality* of life as well as a "forever" *length* of life. It literally means, life as God has it.

Does God experience sickness, poverty, strife-filled relationships, unforgiveness or bitterness? Of course not.

I realize it may seem almost sacrilegious to your natural mind, yet that kind of life—the life of God Himself—is the prize Paul is talking about. That's the prize God has made available to us, not just in heaven but right here on earth. It can be ours now!

## The High Calling of God

To really experience the fullness of *zoe* life this side of heaven, you'll have to lay hold of God's high calling. What is that high calling? It's different for each of us.

Basically, your high calling is God's perfect will for your life. It is your divine destiny. It's being in the place for which He uniquely created you.

Please understand, I'm talking about much more here than just finding the right career. God's high calling touches every area of your

existence. Certainly it involves your vocation, but it also includes your relationships, your health and your material wealth as well.

God's high calling is a wonderful place to be. It is a place of all-sufficiency. It is a place of great influence. It is a place of supernatural health and harmonious relationships.

Most of all, reaching God's high calling means realizing and living the dream that He has placed in your heart.

That dream may be crystal clear to you. Or it may be only a vague idea stirring in your heart. But don't worry! As long as you are moving in the right direction, you'll eventually find your high calling. So just look for "the mark" and go.

## The Mark

In many respects, the concept of "the mark" is the most important of all in Paul's statement about "pressing toward the mark of the high calling."

Notice that Paul didn't say, "I press toward the prize." Nor did he say he was pressing toward the high calling. No, it is the mark that he has his sights set on, but why?

The mark, as Paul describes it here, is an intermediate goal or objective. If you'll focus on it and move toward it, it will keep you on course.

If you know anything about bowling, you know that each lane has on it a series of marks that lie just a few feet in front of the bowler. Good bowlers use these marks to aim their ball so it ultimately strikes the pins in the proper place. The bowler doesn't aim at the pins—he focuses on the mark.

That's what Paul is talking about here. You may not yet know what your high calling is. The dream God has placed in your heart may not be well-defined enough for you to know what to do next. But, praise

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Sun	8	Ex. 33-34	Luke 1
Mon	9	Ex. 35-36	Luke 2
Tue	10	Ex. 37-38	Luke 3
Wed	11	Ex. 39-40	Luke 4
Thu	12	Lev. 1-3	Luke 5-6
Fri	13	Lev. 4-5	Luke 7
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Sun	15	Lev. 8-9	Luke 9
Mon	16	Lev. 10-11	Luke 10
Tue	17	Lev. 12-13	Luke 11
Wed	18	Lev. 14-15	Luke 12
Thu	19	Lev. 16-18	Luke 13-14
Fri	20	Lev. 19-20	Luke 15
Sat	21	Lev. 21-22	Luke 16
Sun	22	Lev. 23-24	Luke 17
Mon	23	Lev. 25-26	Luke 18
Tue	24	Lev. 27-Num. 1	Luke 19
Wed	25	Num. 2-3	Luke 20
Thu	26	Num. 4-6	Luke 21-22
Fri	27	Num. 7:1-48	Luke 23
Sat	28	Num. 7:49-78	Luke 24



# clearing things up!

God, His Word has given us a mark to press toward. Head for that mark and ultimately God's dream or "high calling" for you will come into view.

## The Mark: Service

There is one interesting thing about this "mark." It is the same for all of us no matter how widely our individual callings may vary. It is a universal signpost that will put all who follow it on the pathway of the winner.

What is this mark that we must press toward? In a word, it is *servanthood*.

Jesus, the ultimate Winner, established that with His words and with His example. Remember when the disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest? Jesus told them that the greatest among them was he who would be the servant of all. Later He demonstrated that principle by washing their feet.

Service is the key to becoming a winner. It's the mark by which we should measure every decision, every action and every thought.

The problem is, many of us have a negative stereotypical image of what a servant is. We equate servanthood with slavery and forced servitude. We think the role of the servant is degrading and certainly not something we equate with winning.

But if you're going to win the prize of true "zoe life," you're going to have to change the way you think about servanthood. You're going to have to realize that it *is* the way of the winner.

The more you press toward the mark of service, the more you'll find yourself moving into God's marvelous *zoe* life. Your every step will bring you closer to the center of God's will because, at last, you'll be walking the way of the winner! 📌

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Superkids, it's that time of year when you hear a lot about LOVE.

I wish I could have heard your thoughts as you read the word LOVE.

Let's see if I can guess. Maybe you thought about romantic movies. You know, the ones that begin: Girl meets boy, girl hates boy, girl falls in love with boy and everyone lives happily ever after. Or perhaps you thought about the valentines you'll hand out at school to people you don't even know. What's that about, anyway?

I remember when I was your age, love meant you asked someone "out" (we never really went anywhere), then you would break up within a week. Not much to love about that!

Whatever you pictured, whether it was fairy tales, Hallmark movies or that weeklong crush, it can't compare with what LOVE really is. Thanks to God's Word, we can know what LOVE really is.

We've heard of John 3:16, and how God loved us so much He gave us His precious Son. But have you read 1 John 3:16, which talks about Jesus' LOVE? Read what it says: "We know what real love

is because Jesus gave up his life for us" (*New Living Translation*).

This should clear up any confusion!

Love was demonstrated by Jesus, who showed us how it was done *and* what it looks like. First Corinthians 13 says LOVE is not selfish. We can forever use this as our measuring stick for recognizing LOVE. Always ask yourself, *Is this real LOVE or is this a phony love?*

Look at what the rest of 1 John 3:16 says about real LOVE: "So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." That's beginning to sound like a Superkid mission to me!

Verse 18 says, "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." And verse 23 tells us, "And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us" (*NLT*).

There it is! That's our Superkid assignment!

We are to LOVE like Jesus loves! And you know what? We can do this!

Romans 5:5 (*NLT*) says, "For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Superkid, you are filled with God's LOVE! That means you can love with His LOVE! I like the way 1 John 4:11-12 (*NLT*) puts it: "Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us."

Do you see how important you are to this mission? When you LOVE others, it allows them to see God and His LOVE. But that's not the greatest part! The most amazing thing about a Superkid obeying the Commander in Chief (Jesus), and loving people with His LOVE, is the last part of that verse. God's LOVE is brought to FULL EXPRESSION in you!

You can do it, Superkid! Let that LOVE shine, and let JESUS flood everyone around you with His LOVE. Don't let this month be about chocolates and Valentine cards you'll just throw in the trash.

His LOVE is a game-changer, and a life-changer. And YOU are the one who can let it flow in full force! 📌



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# Good Plans for a Bright Future

by Gloria Copeland

There's so much bad news being broadcast these days, I sometimes think I should tape a copy of Jeremiah 29:11 to every remote control in our house. That way, every time I turn on the television and see the latest negative reports and dire forecasts being touted by the media, I'll be reminded of what the Bible says:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (*New International Version*).

For all of us as believers, that is the truth. It doesn't matter what else is going on in the world, God has a good future prepared for us. He has a plan for us so filled with His BLESSING that the more we walk in it, the more we'll see His goodness manifested around us everywhere we look.

Even in the midst of this sin-darkened world, God's will is for us to be abundantly blessed in every way. He wants us to be whole and complete—spirit, soul and body—with nothing missing and nothing broken. He wants us to be free from every work of the devil.

He wants our families to be saved and thriving, our homes to be peaceful and our finances prospering. If something in our life isn't right, He has a plan to make it right.

I'm telling you, if I've learned anything over nearly 50 years of walking with the Lord it's this: God is a good God! His plan for our future far exceeds anything we could ever come up with on our own.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9).





When I think about the dreams I had for my life before I was born again—dreams I once considered big and exciting—I almost have to laugh. They didn't hold a candle to what God had in mind for me. The things He's done in my life have been exceedingly above what I could have asked or imagined.

What's more, He's not finished! Even after all these years, He still has great things in store for me.

The same is true for you!

"Well, I don't know about that," someone might say. "I've been born again a long time now and if God has a great plan for me I certainly haven't found it."

Then maybe you need to make sure you're really seeking it, because, according to the Scriptures, seeking is what opens the door to God's plan for your life. He won't force it on you. You have to go after the plan by going after Him.

Jesus said it this way in Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Here's how that verse reads in *The Amplified Bible*: "Seek (aim at and strive after) first of all... (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides."

*Seek* means "to go after with intensity, to pursue, diligently inquire, require or search for something." It denotes a sense of urgency, intense interest in, care for

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and desire for that which is being sought.

A good illustration of seeking is what I do when I need to go somewhere and I can't find my car keys. Over the years, that's happened often at our house. Not to Ken, of course. He has a certain place he always keeps his keys, so he hardly ever loses them. (When he does, it's a big deal!)

I, on the other hand, am pretty much the exact opposite. I often neglect to put things in the right place. Although Ken has tried to help me—if he's said it once, he's said it *too often*: "Gloria, if you'd just put your keys where they belong you wouldn't lose them." His reminders haven't done much good. Sometimes my keys still go missing.

When they do, I seek them! I don't just casually glance around for them. I don't look for them for a while and then get bored and give up. Or shrug my shoulders and say, "This is too hard. I think I'll just stop driving and stay home from now on."

No, I practically turn the house upside down searching for my keys. I stick with it until I find them. Why? Because I know I can't go anywhere without them!

God has a good future prepared for you. He has a plan for you so filled with His BLESSING that the more you walk in it, the more you'll see His goodness manifested around you.

**Get the news about your future from the Word instead of the world.**

Jeremiah 29:11

**Open the door to God's plan for your life by seeking Him first.**

Matthew 6:33

**What you do with God's Word determines how much of His plan and future you will experience.** Isaiah 55:11

**God's kingdom operates by the law of seedtime and harvest.** Mark 4:14, 20

**Keep God's promises in the soil of your heart, be patient, and you will reap the harvest of a wonderful future.**

Hebrews 6:11-12



# Take Correction

by  
Gloria  
Copeland

## God Never Stops

As believers, we need to have the same attitude toward God. If we want to experience the blessed and prosperous future He's planned for us, we need to seek Him diligently and fervently. We need to put Him first place in our lives.

How?

By making His Word our No. 1 priority.

That's what Ken and I started doing back in 1967. We began to go after God's Word with great intensity and diligence. We searched our Bibles day and night, not just as a religious exercise but because we wanted to grow in faith. We wanted results!

We'd discovered that when it comes to moving forward in the plan of God, faith is like spiritual car keys, you can't go anywhere without them. So, since faith comes by hearing the Word of God, we spent nearly every spare moment attending to the Word, because for years we'd been going nowhere. Even though we were born again, we'd been living a very low existence. Financially, we were in pitiful shape. We didn't have enough money. We didn't have a decent car, a nice home or good clothes.

Physically, we weren't doing much better. We routinely came down with whatever sickness happened to be going around. We didn't know God had provided healing for us so whenever symptoms hit us, we just put on our pajamas and went to bed with the "Oh dear, I'm sick again!" attitude.

None of this was God's fault. He was working in our lives, trying to help us. We just didn't know how to cooperate with Him. So we ended up taking whatever the devil handed us.

When we began to learn what the Word of God says, however, things started to change. We began to increase. We were able to pay off the mountain of debt we'd been dragging around and we started to prosper. We learned how to stand against the devil, receive our healing and enjoy divine health.

In other words, we started going up in every way and we've never stopped—because God never stops. He always has more, not only for Ken and me but for all His children. It's just how He is. He loves to keep blessing His people. He takes pleasure in continually increasing us, and He always will.

## Give the Seed Time to Grow

To receive the increase God wants to give us, though, we have to keep seeking Him. We have to keep going after His Word because what we do with God's Word determines how much of His plan and future we get to experience. The Bible leaves no doubt about this. It says again and again:

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11)

"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. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." (Proverbs 4:20-22)

"The sower soweth the word. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred." (Mark 4:14, 20)

This is the way God's kingdom works. It operates by the laws of seedtime and harvest. When we plant the Word in our hearts, receive it by faith and act in accordance with it, it brings forth a harvest of blessing. It

There is one thing you can do that will accelerate your spiritual growth more than almost any other thing: Learn to take correction—from the Spirit of God and from His people.

So few believers seem to be able to do that. When their preacher gets in the pulpit and preaches about something they already know, about some aspect of life they've already submitted to the Lord, they think he's great. They like him because he makes them feel good. But the moment he stands up and begins to preach about something they're doing wrong, they take offense.


God says that's foolish. He says in Proverbs 1:7, only fools strike out at, or despise, correction.

So don't be like that. When your pastor or anyone else in the Body of Christ has a word of correction for you, receive it gratefully. Appreciate those who share the wisdom of God with you. When

someone points out somewhere that you've missed it, instead of reacting against them, examine yourself and say, "Is that right? Does that agree with the Word? Do I need to make a change there?"

If the answer to those questions is yes, then make the changes you need to make to get your life in line.

I know that's not easy. None of us likes to be corrected. But if you'll make up your mind you're going to receive that correction anyway, that you're going to remain teachable, you'll be able to go on and grow in spiritual things much more quickly.

One man said, "If you think you've already arrived, you aren't going anywhere." Remember that next time someone corrects you. Love that person and thank him for speeding along your spiritual progress. If you'll do that, you'll come out ahead every time. 



by *Kenneth Copeland*

*I've heard people talk about "the prayer of faith" but I'm not sure I understand how to pray the prayer of faith. Would you please explain it to me?*

**A:** To understand how to pray the prayer of faith we need first of all to understand what faith is, and Hebrews 11:1 gives us the answer: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

*The Amplified Bible* says, "[faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."

We also need to know how to develop faith if we are going to pray in faith. Romans 10:17 tells us: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

From these scriptures we understand the prayer of faith, then, is a prayer that is based on God's WORD and it is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. When you pray the prayer of faith you start with the answer, The WORD, instead of the problem. God's WORD holds the answer to your situation. So if you're sick, find healing scriptures; if you have a financial need, find promises in The WORD about provision.

Then when you pray, say what The WORD says about your situation. Believe it, declare it and continue to confess God's WORD over that situation. Call those things that be not as though they were. Before you see any evidence of change, believe that it's done according to The WORD of God. See yourself with the answer. See it on the inside, act like you already have it and praise God for the answer!

It's also important to realize that the prayer of faith changes *things*, not God. You're not trying to convince God to do something for you... He's already given you the victory. So renew your mind to what The WORD says, then let that be the final authority. That problem may represent the facts, but if

you will stay on The WORD, the Truth will change the facts!

Faith requires no outside evidence or support. God's WORD is faith's final answer. Faith praises God for the answer before it is manifest to the five physical senses.

The prayer of faith will work if you'll stand on The WORD of the living God instead of believing the circumstances. Contrary evidence of the senses is no reason for doubting. The evidences on which our faith rests are far more reliable—they are eternal. God's WORD never fails.

Make a point of reminding yourself and reminding the devil that you are not *going* to believe God but you have *already* believed God. Many times when I pray, I actually take my foot and draw a line across the floor and say, "That's the line of faith. As I step over it I believe I receive the promise. Now Father, I have prayed the prayer of faith in the Name of Jesus. I believe that I have the petition that I desire of You. I've stepped over this line of faith and I'm never going back. As far as I'm concerned, it's done. Amen, so be it."

Now, when there is a contrary symptom or negative words spoken by others to try and make me believe something other than what I've prayed, I refer to that moment when I crossed the line of faith. It helps me stay focused in my mind. It helps me take a stand against fear. It reminds me that I have believed God and now I'm walking in faith, expecting the desired result.

***Victory is inevitable—  
for you and for me—if  
we'll stay in faith and  
not quit.*** ⑦

causes God's wonderful promises and plans to manifest in our lives.

"But Gloria, I *have* planted the Word in my heart," you might say, "and nothing much has changed for me yet. Maybe the Word won't work for me like it does for you."

Sure it will. God is no respecter of persons. He loves you just as much as He loves me, and His Word will work for anyone who will believe and obey it.

It won't necessarily work instantly, however. I wish it did! I wish every time I asked God for something, it would immediately materialize right in front of my eyes. But that's generally not what happens. Just as it takes time for a physical seed to grow up and bear fruit, it usually takes time for the spiritual seed of God's Word to grow and produce results in the natural realm.

That's why Jesus said in Luke 8:15 that once we've heard the Word, we must "keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." It's through faith in the Word and patience that we inherit God's promises (Hebrews 6:12).

Ken and I haven't always understood this. We initially expected our faith harvests to come almost overnight. For example, about 30 days after we first heard the message of faith, we went looking at new houses. Our bank balance was so low we could hardly afford a chicken coop, but we went shopping for a house anyway, figuring somehow we'd be able to buy one.

We weren't looking at mansions, just nice, new little homes. They weren't really very expensive. But compared to what we could afford, they cost a fortune. We talked to the builder about purchasing one and he said, "How are you going to finance it?"

"Our Father is going to pay for it," we said.

It might sound like a peculiar response (I'm sure the builder thought it was), but our hearts were in the right place. We just didn't know very

much yet. We needed more Word in us to back up what we were saying. We couldn't buy a new house that day because we didn't have new-house faith. We were still living in a dumpy, old rent house. We didn't even have faith for a good rent house yet.

Did we let that discourage us? Did we give up and quit on God?

No. We kept seeking Him and putting Him first in our lives. We kept planting His Word in our hearts and our faith grew until there came a day when we could buy a nice house without even going into debt. **JESUS IS TRULY LORD!**

### Your Heart Will Process the Word

If you'll patiently keep seeking God and planting the seed of His Word in your heart, the day will come for you too when whatever you've been believing for will manifest in your life. It might look impossible to you right now. You might not be able to figure out how God is going to get it done. But it doesn't matter. Eventually your harvest will come.

How do I know? Because Jesus confirmed it. He said: "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come" (Mark 4:26-29).

A few years ago, I was standing in faith for the seemingly impossible (I don't recall now what it was.) and I saw something in those verses I'd never seen before. I realized that between the time I first sow the seeds of the Word in my heart about a particular matter and the time my harvest comes, my heart is processing the Word. It's working on it much like the earth's soil works on a physical seed.

## God is a good God! His plan for our future far exceeds anything we could ever come up with on our own.

I'm not a farmer, so in the natural I don't really understand everything involved in the process. But I do know that if I put a tomato seed in the ground, it has to stay there awhile before it will grow. If I dig it up every day and look at it, or if I neglect to water it (especially here in hot, dry Texas) it's not going to come to anything.

On the other hand, if I give the soil the opportunity to complete the process, if I nurture and protect the seed and give it the water it needs, eventually out of that one tiny little seed I can get a whole harvest of tomatoes.

Even naturally, that seems impossible. Yet it happens all the time. How much more can we be sure

we'll receive a harvest from the seed of God's Word?

With God all things are possible!

So don't worry about all the bad reports being broadcast on the news. Don't be troubled by all the media's dire predictions. Your future is bright. God has good plans for you, and regardless of what's happening in this natural world you can keep right on walking in them.

As long as you seek first the kingdom of God, keep planting His Word in your heart and watering it by meditating on it day and night, as sure as there is a sun in the sky, your supernatural harvests will keep on coming...until one of these days, everywhere you look you'll see the goodness of God. 🍷



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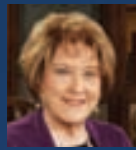


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