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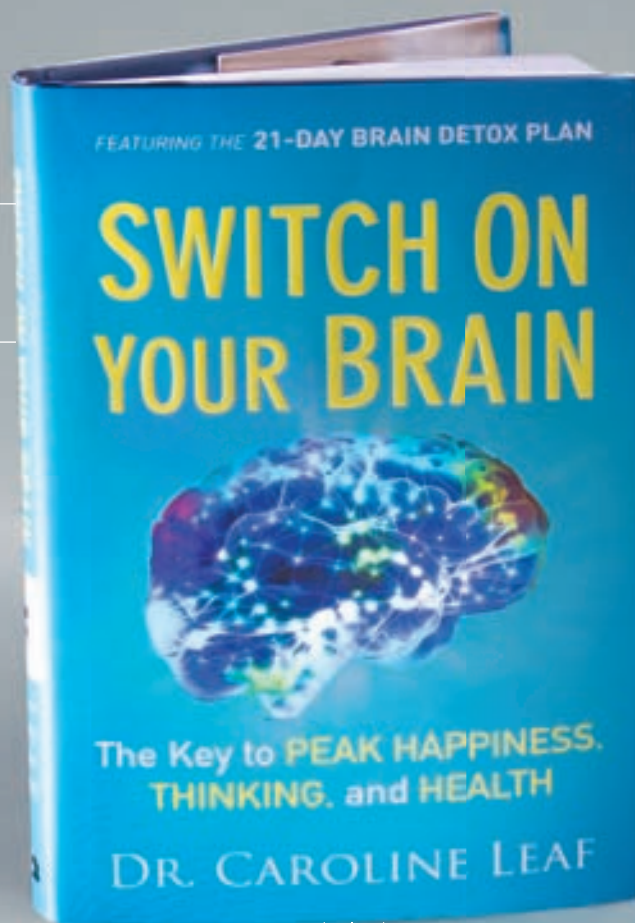
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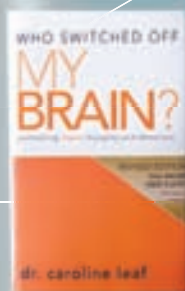
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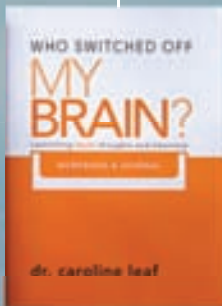
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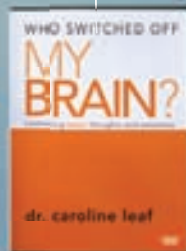
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# Safe

from the  
devil's snare

Of all the benefits we enjoy as believers, one we should really celebrate right now is this: We never have to fall prey to the schemes of the devil. He can plot against us all day long. He can threaten us and try to capture us in all kinds of devious ways. But we never have to get caught in his traps, because Psalm 91:3 says this about our heavenly Father: "Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler."

Stop for a moment and think about how that scripture is phrased.







It doesn't say, "*Maybe* God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler." It doesn't say, "*Occasionally* He will deliver you." It says, "*Surely...*" which means as far as God is concerned your deliverance is always a sure thing.

That's something we all need to remember—especially these days, because lately the fowler (aka the devil, who is always fouling things up) has really been on a rampage. Bent on fulfilling his age-old mission "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10), he's setting up snares 24 hours a day.

If you know anything at all about how snares work, you know just how mean and nasty they can be. Originally designed to trap animals, they're so inhumane that in most places these days they're illegal. Constructed with very fine wire (too fine for an animal to see) they're designed to trip their prey and then wrap around him so tightly he can't get away. As the animal tries to free himself by pulling against it, the more he pulls, the tighter it gets. Sometimes the wire will end up actually severing the animal's leg while he's trying to escape.

It's an ugly thing to imagine, I know, but it's worth thinking about because it's an accurate picture of the devil's strategy. He uses unseen, insidious, killer traps to ensnare people and make it look like they can't escape. Some of those traps are spiritual, designed to pull people into sin and deception. But the devil uses other kinds of traps too.

Psalms 91 describes some of them. It talks about things like terrorism, violence, pestilence, plagues and weapons of mass destruction. Talk about deadly snares! Those qualify, don't they? They're serious business.

But, as believers, we don't have to lie awake at night worrying about them because

To fully benefit from all the power He's made available to you, however, you must learn how to cooperate with Him by listening to Him when He speaks.

***He's talking to all of us all the time.***

the Bible says God will *surely* deliver us from them. And, He doesn't have to wait until we're caught in them to do it. If we look to Him in advance, He will lead us around the devil's snares so we don't get caught in them in the first place. He can guide us through this dangerous world in safety every step of the way.

### **Psalms 91 = No Casualties**

If you think I'm exaggerating, just look in the Bible and you'll see God has always provided that kind of protection for His people. He did it for the Israelites in the Old Testament time and again.

He also did it in the New Testament for Jesus. God delivered Him from killer storms, demon-possessed madmen and even people who wanted to murder Him. Luke 4 tells about a time when a mob of people got so mad at Him for a sermon He preached, they took Him to a cliff fully intending to push Him over the edge to His death. "But he passing through the midst of them went his way" (verse 30).

God still provides that kind of deliverance for His people. During World War I,

for instance, He did it for an entire infantry company of 300 men. I heard about it a few years ago. The company commander assigned every man under his authority to memorize the 91st Psalm. Each man could decide for himself whether he believed it or not, but they all had to know it perfectly. If the commander asked them what verse 2 was, they had to be able to say, “Sir, yes, sir! I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Sir!”

As a result, that entire infantry company went into combat and made it through the First World War without suffering a single casualty. None of them even got wounded. Such a thing was unheard of—yet it happened.

I saw something similar occur with a good friend of mine who’s a full

colonel in the Special Forces. He called me the day before he was deployed to a combat zone and asked me to pray with him. “As you know,” he said, “I’m a Psalm 91 soldier and I’m going to call you when I get back and give you a report about how it worked.”

Sure enough, some months later at about 2:30 in the morning, my phone rang. When I picked it up, he started shouting, “Brother Kenneth, it worked! It worked! I took over a unit that was taking way too many casualties, and under my command every man in it learned the 91st Psalm. We memorized it. We stood on it. We believed and talked it, and not one man was killed. A few got injured, but not seriously, and they all got healed!”

We rejoiced together and praised The LORD. But two weeks later he called me again and said, “I have a

question. I was just notified that the casualties in my old unit are back up. What happened?”

“You left and they went back to their old ways, that’s what happened. They quit believing Psalm 91 and let go of its protection.”

It was a regrettable thing—and totally unnecessary. God loved every one of those men and, through Jesus, He made His deliverance available to all of them. Even after my friend left, every soldier in that unit could have continued to walk in divine protection.

Psalm 91 leaves no doubt about this. In the very first verse it says, “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High”—in other words, anyone who chooses to live there—“shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

One day as I was reading that verse The LORD said it to me this way: *My secret place is open to anyone who will step in. I’ve said to everyone, “whosoever believeth” can come (John 3:16). I’ve already made My choice. Now it’s everyone else’s turn to choose.*

### Living in the Force Field of God’s Power

“Well,” someone might say, “I don’t understand what it means to be under the shadow of the Almighty. Doesn’t the Bible say somewhere that in God there aren’t any shadows?”

Yes, it does. It says in James 1:17 that He is “the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning,” and in 1 John 1:5 it says that “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

So how does God, who is 100 percent light, cast a shadow?

He doesn’t—at least not the dark kind that’s created when something blocks the light. The kind of shadow God casts is a shadow of power. That’s what Psalm 91 is talking about. It’s saying that when you get within shadow distance of God, you’re covered by His power.

You can see a picture of this in Acts 5:15. There, the Bible says that after Pentecost people “brought forth the

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sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.”

Why did people want to get in Peter's shadow? It certainly wasn't because his literal, physical shadow was anointed. It was because when they got within shadow distance of him, they came into contact with the divine power that was flowing out of him and they got healed.

If that happened when people got close to Peter, think what can happen to you when you're living within shadow distance of the Almighty! The force field of His power is absolutely unmatched! He's bigger than eternity. He's grander than grand. He's the Alpha and Omega, the beginning, the end, and all that's in the middle. He's beyond all greatness!

To fully benefit from all the power He's made available to you, however, you must learn how to cooperate with Him by listening to Him when He speaks. If He's warning you about some kind of danger, trying to guide you around it, and you don't pay attention to what He's saying, you can wind up stumbling into one of the devil's snares.

“Yeah, I know it, Brother Copeland, and I sure don't want to do that. But the problem is The LORD never talks to me!”

Yes, He does. He's talking to all of us all the time. It's just that we've been too spiritually dense to discern His voice and His leadings.

I had that problem as a young pilot 53 years ago when I first started learning to fly. I'd climb into the little 150 Cessna I was training in, turn on the radio and realize I couldn't understand a thing the ground controller was saying. He was giving directions from the airport control tower but, because I was such a novice, I couldn't figure them out. Although I could hear him all right, I didn't have a clue what he wanted me to do.

Over time, however, as I kept listening to the controller's voice and

# Expanding Our BORDERS!

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One million partners! It's a mission Kenneth and Gloria Copeland set out to accomplish several years ago after the Lord spoke to them during a *Believer's Voice of Victory* TV broadcast and said: *If one million partners come into this ministry, I'll put this broadcast on every TV station in the world that will accept it!*

In the years since, KCM has amassed more than 402,000 Partners as it has extended its ministry outreach beyond the United States and into six other regions, including Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Africa and Ukraine. Through social media, the ministry has over one million fans on Facebook, and a combined total of nearly 200,000 followers on Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest.

Earlier this year, KCM expanded its borders farther south when it signed agreements to establish new offices in Colombia and Costa Rica in Latin America. This move will not only extend the ministry's outreach efforts, but will ultimately bring KCM closer to

**It's about what a million partners can do worldwide. Just imagine how quickly we could get the gospel preached to the whole world!**

attaining its goal of one million partners, according to KCM CEO John Copeland.

“We have a vision and direction from God to do this,” says John, “and we believe that by putting action to our faith we can bring it to pass.

“It's not just about having a million partners, it's about what a million partners can do worldwide. Think of the impact when you have that kind of an army—of what we can all do together: one million people praying for each other and for the nations every single day; one million people joining their finances to reach those who desperately need the gospel; one million people covering each other with the love and the power of God every day! Just imagine how quickly we could get the gospel preached to the whole world!

“Latin America is one of the places we've been wanting to expand into for a long time, and we believe now is the time,” John said. “There's a strong outpouring of God's Spirit, and a mass move toward God and faith that has been going on down there for some time now. The people there are looking for something more than traditional religion, and I believe we have what they need.”

The current plan is to begin with offices in Colombia and Costa Rica, according to John, working alongside pastors and churches in the area, and later to expand into some of the surrounding countries.

“I really feel like [Latin America is] where a big part of our million partners is going to come from,” he said.

If you are a Partner with KCM, you are part of something that is growing. It's time for the final harvest of souls, and God has promised us a million partners. Believe God with us for that, because when it happens...you will have grown to a millionfold!

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learning from my instructor, I began to grasp what the conversation was about. Then it became more clear to my ear. But I didn't get it the first few times. I had to keep listening.

It's a good thing I did, too, because my airplane isn't the only one flying around in the sky. There is a lot of air traffic, and most of it is outside my field of vision. All I can see is just a little handful of sky through the cockpit window, and if I am flying in clouds even that isn't any help.

The air traffic controller, on the other hand, is looking at the radar scope, so he can see the whole sky. He knows where all the airplanes are. He knows where the snares are hidden and he is watching out for me. He is giving me instructions. All I have to do is listen and respond.

#### **Don't Panic. Turn Inward.**

The same is true in your relationship with God. All you have to do to benefit from His protective promises is turn on your spiritual radio, so to speak, and do whatever He tells you.

If you miss something He says and find yourself in trouble, go to Him immediately and get direction. Do your best to keep your mouth shut until you hear from Him exactly what He wants you to say and do.

That sounds simple but it's not usually our knee-jerk reaction. Left to ourselves, when we stumble into some devilish snare, we're more likely to go into panic mode and just start mindlessly spouting Scripture verses in every direction.

Some member of your family might call and tell you about some symptoms of sickness he has been experiencing. "A bunch of big, ugly bumps have come up on my neck!" he might say. "I think I need to go to the doctor, but I'm afraid he'll tell me I have cancer!"

Before you know it, you're shouting into the phone, "Oh, no! By His stripes you were healed! I speak to that bump! I rebuke that cancer! I plead the blood! I take authority!"

Although your heart is in the right place and there's nothing wrong with

saying those things, you're doing it out of fear instead of faith. So you're not accomplishing anything. In fact, if you don't get rid of the fear, you're going to make the situation worse.

I know because I've done it myself. The LORD corrected me on it and here's what He taught me. In those kinds of emergency situations the first thing you should do is deliberately slow down. Take control and refuse to let fear have any place in you. Go get your Bible, if possible, and even if all you have is 30 seconds, stop and turn inward.

As believers, we're inside-out people, not outside-in people. So go inside, tune in to your spirit and listen to The LORD. Right on the spot, He'll tell you what to say and what to do. He'll give you the guidance you need.

That's the way Jesus operated when He was on earth and that's the way He told us to live. He didn't have some kind of special deal with God that we don't have. He had to walk by faith in Psalm 91, stay tuned in to His heavenly Father and obey His commands just like we do.

"I only say what I hear My Father say," He said. "I only do what I see My Father do."

As a result, when the mob tried to push Him off a cliff because they didn't like what He preached, He walked away from them in perfect safety. When the storm threatened to sink His boat, He simply spoke to it and said, "Peace, be still." When it came time for Him to die on the Cross, He had to lay His life down willingly because no one could take it from Him.

In a world full of traps, the devil could never ensnare Him because He lived 24/7 in the secret place, the shadow of Almighty God. ⑦



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# points to get you there

## *Divine Safety*

The snares of the devil are dangerous. They're designed to kill, steal and destroy. But we never have to fall prey to them because the Bible promises that, no matter how devious and well-hidden they are, God will *surely* deliver us from them. He'll lead us around them and keep us safe, as long as we abide in the shadow of His almighty power. Here are some points to get you there:

### 1 The devil is the fowler who comes to foul things up, so stay alert.

2 Corinthians 2:11: "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

### 2 Step into the place of God's protection by speaking words of faith.

Psalm 91:2: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

### 3 Remember that, regardless of the danger, your deliverance is a sure thing.

Psalm 91:3: "Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence."

### 4 Stay tuned in to God's instructions.

John 10:27: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

### 5 In emergency situations, turn inward and follow the leading of your spirit.

Romans 8:14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, 54-year-old Steven Aderholt felt strong and fit as he picked up his pace on the treadmill. Electrodes attached to his chest transmitted the spiky peaks of his electrocardiogram onto a monitor. He'd taken a stress test back in January and passed it like a racehorse winning the Kentucky Derby. Today he hoped to do even better.

Sweat beaded his brow as the treadmill speed increased.

Focused on his breathing, he didn't see the doctor's furrowed brow as a small pattern in his EKG changed. Within moments the treadmill slowed and then stopped as his blood pressure continued to be monitored.

"I *failed*?" Steven asked.

# Fight *to the* finish

"Yes," the cardiologist replied, "that's why you've been having that nagging pressure in your chest. The next step is to get you into the heart catheterization lab to see if you have a blockage in the arteries of your heart. The lab's booked until Friday when I've got you on the schedule. Until then, if you have chest pain, place a nitroglycerin tablet under your tongue. Wait five minutes and if you're still having pain, take a second one. Wait five minutes between each nitroglycerin, but if the pain continues after three, call 911."

The following evening Steven and his wife, Judy, stepped into the garage to leave home when Steven paused.

Turning to Judy, he frowned. "Ugh, it's back," he said, rubbing his chest.

"Let's go inside and I'll get you a nitro."

Steven slid onto a bar stool and took the nitroglycerin while Judy prayed. Five minutes later, the pain persisted and he took a second dose. The pain continued, leeching him of color as he broke out in a drenching sweat. Judy called her sister, a nurse, who said, "Don't wait. Call 911 now."

Judy called 911 and then sent a text to their pastors, family and friends asking for prayer. Even after a third nitroglycerin, nausea drove Steven to the bathroom. When he came back he was dizzy, disoriented and ashen.





Before Judy could reach him, he fell to his knees. Gathering his strength, Steven got to his feet and made it to the sofa before collapsing again.

He couldn't move. He couldn't talk. As if from a distance he heard Judy shout, "You will live and not die and you'll declare the works of the Lord!" Moments later, he listened as Judy called the prayer department at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Listening through the speaker phone, he could hear a prayer counselor declaring the Word of God over him in faith.

As paramedics loaded Steven into the ambulance, in his mind he heard a sinister voice croon, "You could just turn your head and go to sleep." The words robbed him of his peace, causing him to rally. "No," he said, "I won't do that! Jesus, help!"

Then he heard the quiet voice of his Savior, filled with love and peace.

*Just breathe.*

### **Death Strikes**

"When I arrived at the hospital," Judy recalls, "the first thing I noticed was the grim and somber looks on the faces of the nurses and doctors as they rushed Steven straight to the heart cath lab. I'd been a Partner with KCM for years and knew the power behind our first words, so I was careful that my words lined up with God's Word. I found a room where I could be alone to pray. A while later, I sensed the Holy Spirit warn me that Steven was about to die. I said, 'No! Steven will live and not die!'"

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Thu	4	2 Kgs. 10-12	Phil. 3-4
Fri	5	2 Kgs. 13-14	Col. 1
Sat	6	2 Kgs. 15-16	Col. 2
Sun	7	2 Kgs. 17-18	Col. 3
Mon	8	2 Kgs. 19-20	Col. 4
Tue	9	2 Kgs. 21-22	1 Thess. 1
Wed	10	2 Kgs. 23-24	1 Thess. 2
Thu	11	2 Kgs. 25; 1 Chr. 1-2	1 Thess. 3-4
Fri	12	1 Chr. 3-4	1 Thess. 5
Sat	13	1 Chr. 5-6	2 Thess. 1
Sun	14	1 Chr. 7-8	2 Thess. 2
Mon	15	1 Chr. 9-10	2 Thess. 3
Tue	16	1 Chr. 11-12	1 Tim. 1
Wed	17	1 Chr. 13-14	1 Tim. 2
Thu	18	1 Chr. 15-17	1 Tim. 3-4
Fri	19	1 Chr. 18-19	1 Tim. 5
Sat	20	1 Chr. 20-21	1 Tim. 6
Sun	21	1 Chr. 22-23	2 Tim. 1
Mon	22	1 Chr. 24-25	2 Tim. 2
Tue	23	1 Chr. 26-27	2 Tim. 3
Wed	24	1 Chr. 28-29	2 Tim. 4
Thu	25	2 Chr. 1-3	Titus 1-2
Fri	26	2 Chr. 4-5	Titus 3
Sat	27	2 Chr. 6-7	Philem.
Sun	28	2 Chr. 8-9	Heb. 1
Mon	29	2 Chr. 10-11	Heb. 2
Tue	30	2 Chr. 12-13	Heb. 3



Judy & Steven Aderholt

“I’d been a Partner with KCM for years and knew the power behind our first words, so I was careful that my words lined up with God’s Word.”

—Judy

Dear Jesus, help!”

The same minute that Judy sent those words in a text to the prayer chain, the time stamp on Steven’s EKG showed ventricular tachycardia.

“We’re losing him! Pulse 30!”

“He’s not responding! Hit him!”

“Clear!”

The electrical shock to Steven’s heart jolted his body off the table, causing his heart to beat again. Moments later, his heart fibrillated, quivering in distress without pumping any blood.

“Clear!”

They shocked him twice before the doctor slammed his fist on Steven’s sternum, flipping his heart back into a normal rhythm.

“He’s back!”

Two-and-a-half hours after rushing Steven into the heart cath lab, they finished the procedure. “Wow!” a nurse exclaimed. “Everything that *could* go wrong *did* go wrong! We lost him! That was a close call!”

The doctor’s report echoed that of the nurse. In addition to resuscitating him, they saw several blocked arteries in his heart. The most worrisome was the left anterior descending artery, one that is sometimes referred to as the widow-maker—for obvious reasons.

### Faith Strikes Back

“They said only 4 percent of the people who suffer cardiac arrest survive,” Judy explained. “They said he suffered such extensive damage to his heart that his quality of life might never be the same. He might suffer brain damage. He might never work or golf again. He might need oxygen for the rest of his life.

“If that weren’t enough, the angiogram revealed that Steven had been born

with a heart defect. While it worked, his heart was misshapen. Each word felt like a blow, but I anchored myself in God’s Word and refused to be moved. We’d attended the Southwest Believers’ Convention earlier and I realized that we would need all the faith and strength we’d gotten there. In spite of his circumstances, I stood in faith that by Jesus’ stripes Steven *was* healed.”

That unflappable, unmovable faith resulted in a miracle. Steven didn’t suffer brain damage. He didn’t need oxygen. Although the doctors knew they would have to deal with the blocked arteries in Steven’s heart, they wanted it to heal first. His recovery was so miraculous that only five days after dying in the heart cath lab, he was discharged.

Two weeks later he played nine holes of golf.

A mere 17 days after suffering a cardiac arrest, Steven and Judy took a nine-hour trip to deliver their youngest son his Texas A&M class ring. Two weeks later, Steven was back at work, golfing and attending his cardiac rehab program.

He felt great—for a month. Then his jaw ached until it grew into a raging inferno of agony. Although cardiac pain can radiate to the jaw, his didn’t improve with nitroglycerin. Even after a CT scan of his jaw, doctors couldn’t find the source of the problem, and pain medication didn’t relieve it. Judy drove him to the ER but they couldn’t figure out how to treat him. At 2 a.m., after hours of trying to relieve his pain, they sent him home.

### Strike Two

The next morning, Oct. 2, Steven stumbled to the bathroom and didn’t recognize the person in the mirror. His entire face had swollen and a huge blister had formed on the roof of his mouth. The pain was staggering. Trying to walk back to bed, he collapsed—sweating and white.

Judy called 911 and gave Steven nitroglycerin and an aspirin. When paramedics arrived, his EKG showed a very erratic heartbeat. Steven was admitted to the hospital, where his friend and dentist visited him. Taking



one look at Steven's face, his dentist suspected that the electrical shocks and resuscitations had damaged his teeth, causing an abscess. The infection from the abscess had inflamed his heart.

Steven's doctor called in an oral surgeon who pulled his top front teeth and treated the abscess. After surgery, his blood pressure and oxygen levels plummeted. Once again his prognosis appeared grim. Once again Judy took a stand on God's Word, calling the prayer department at KCM, her pastors, family and friends, asking them to pray.

As a result, Steven stabilized. Eight days later he was discharged.

Back home, Steven and Judy rejoiced in God's faithfulness. Twice death had tried to snatch him, and twice they had stood on God's Word, refusing to be moved. But disaster struck again. One month after being discharged for the second time, like clockwork, the enemy circled back, attempting yet another end run against his life.

### Strike Three

On Saturday evening, Nov. 5, Steven felt a funny feeling in his chest. Unable to sleep, he crawled out of bed and sat up praying the rest of the night. Early the next morning, he woke Judy.

"I dreamed about the blocked arteries in your heart all night!" Judy said, jumping out of bed and driving him to the hospital, where he was admitted. Tests revealed that they couldn't wait any longer to take care of the blockages.

"They're too serious for a stent," the surgeon said, "so we're doing a quadruple bypass. But first we've got to get you off blood thinners. It's too dangerous for you to go home, so we'll keep you in the hospital until it's safe to operate."

Ten days later, on Nov. 16, Steven was prepped for surgery. "While we're in surgery, I also want to do a modified Maze procedure to stop the atrial fibrillation," the surgeon said. "This procedure usually requires a year to heal. Combined with the bypass, you're having two very serious procedures at once." Steven's pastors, family and friends anointed him with oil and prayed. They also prayed and blessed

the surgeon's hands.

Five-and-a-half hours later, the weary surgeon said, "We gave him two units of blood but he came through surgery just fine."

Judy slumped in a chair and released a long sigh. *It's over! Finally!* After months of fighting for his life, the damage had been repaired.

Later, beside him in the surgical intensive care unit, the family was asked to leave while the respirator was removed. Judy, who'd had nothing to eat or drink all day, went to the cafeteria for a glass of tea.

### No Hope

Steven sat up in bed, awake and alert while the intubation tube was pulled out of his airway. The movement tickled his throat and he coughed.

That cough blew a hole in the wall of his heart.

*"Blood pressure 30/15 and dropping!"*

Blood pulsed through the hole so fast that chest compressions didn't help.

As Judy paid for her iced tea, she sensed that something had gone wrong. *Dead wrong.* Crying and shaking, she raced back to the surgical ICU. On the way, she heard an announcement over the hospital system.

*"Code 99! SICU! Code 99! SICU!"*

*"No!"* Judy wailed.

Tears streamed down the nurse's face as she ran to Judy, "He coded and bled out!" In less than seven minutes, Steven had hemorrhaged virtually all the blood in his body.

"We've done all we can," another nurse explained. "They're going to take him back to surgery, but no one can lose that much blood and survive."

Judy collapsed on the floor, unable to move. Helped into a chair, she felt as though she'd been knocked out by the heavyweight champion of the world. Eyes glazed, she felt paralyzed. Whipped. Beaten. Destroyed.

The cacophony of noise faded away. Lost in her own world, she remembered how she'd met Steven. Both of them had been members of Trinity Fellowship in Amarillo, Texas—Judy a single mother of four,

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and Steven a widower with two sons—when they first crossed paths through their sons' school activities. In May 1998, they married, blending a family of six kids.

### Down But Not Destroyed

It had been a little bit of heaven on earth for 13 years. Tears streamed down Judy's face. She couldn't imagine life without Steven. Without thinking, she scrolled to a number on her phone. Pausing, she stared at it. Every day for more than a year, she'd dialed KCM and listened to a prerecorded message on how to combat fear. For over a year she'd felt compelled to listen to that call. Had God—who knew the end from the beginning—been building her faith for this day?

As though waking from a sleep, she roared, "No! Steven will live and not die! Nothing is impossible with God!" She broke the assignment of death, pleading the blood of Jesus over her husband. "We will trust God during evil tidings!" she declared. Jairus had been blindsided when his daughter died, but Jesus ordered him not to fear! Kenneth Copeland's words reverberated in her mind: "Refuse to contaminate your faith with fear!"

Surrounded by pastors, family and friends, Judy took her stand and felt a supernatural peace permeate every atom of her being. Following

another 5½ hours of surgery, the surgeon said, "He's alive..."


He went on to list a long litany of possible complications, but Judy clung to the fact that Steven was still alive. She refused to let her heart be troubled.

"I can't believe he's alive," the anesthesiologist said. "We didn't give him a sliver of hope, but we worked so hard on him anyway. To God be the glory, because this required much more than human effort."

Not only did Steven recover, he never suffered a moment of postoperative pain.

"When I met Judy, I'd never heard of Kenneth Copeland," Steven recalls, "but Judy had been a Partner for years. It's because of her stand of faith that I'm alive today. I believe the Lord prompted us to go to the SWBC that summer and that He directed Judy to listen to Brother Copeland's recorded message for over a year.

"I'm alive because we learned that THE BLESSING is so much more than eternity in heaven. The faith in our hearts and the words of our mouth allowed The Healer to walk into that operating room and do a creative miracle. To God be the glory!"

It's been four years since Steven and Judy Aderholt walked through the valley of the shadow of death. They didn't just start to fight the good fight of faith—they fought to the finish and won. 

# GoodNewsGazette

## 'We Are BLESSED to Be Partners'

We so appreciate the daily broadcast! It is so uplifting and such an encouragement to us and always strengthens our faith. We are BLESSED to be Partners with such a wonderful and blessed ministry! Hence it is with great joy that we sow our seed this week and we expect the hundredfold return on it! We name our seed financial increase and debt cancellation. Thank you for the encouraging word we just received from your ministry about financial increase and debt cancellation. And thank you all for joining in prayer with us for this.

P. and E.B. | Canada

## No Trace of Hepatitis C!

I am so thankful to your prayer ministry for standing with me in prayer. A couple of months ago I asked them to pray for me, for healing of hepatitis C. Last month I had a blood test and the result was: no more trace of infection or virus of hep C. Praise the Lord!

P.C. | Australia

Samuel M.,  
prayer  
minister

**"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."** Galatians 3:26 and 29, *New King James Version*

## 'The BLESSING Is Working!'

The Lord continues to impart and impact our lives through your ministry. We grew by another third this year, which is amazing since there are many dance schools in our area. God is really moving to take dance back for His glory, and He is sending us many people who are being touched by His love. The BLESSING is working! We have story after story of people who are so grateful that they can learn to dance

in a God-honoring atmosphere. Much of the increase we are experiencing is due to incorporating the principles that we have learned from the Word of God—many of which we learned through your ministry. Thank you! We thank God for you and we are grateful to be Partners with you!

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## Debt Cancellation

I have been a Partner with KCM for a number of years and have been faithfully watching the broadcasts.

I wanted to share that I recently received supernatural debt cancellation of \$11,000. I had gotten behind in

my rent and was in the process of paying it off when the owner sold the building. When I met the new owner, she told me that the paperwork she received showed my rent was current. I was so blessed! Thank you for teaching on THE BLESSING! C.S. | New York

## Indonesia



## Healed in the Name of Jesus!

After cleaning the house, cooking and washing clothes, I felt tired so I washed up and got some rest. An hour later I woke up, and instead of feeling refreshed, I felt stomach pain and the right side of my body felt hot

and heavy to move. I remembered a sentence in a faith declaration that Brother Kenneth and Sister Gloria taught in Galatians 3:11. So I declared, "I am healed in the Name of Jesus!" I declared it a few times and believed in it, told myself to calm down and not to worry. I

believe that the pain is not part of my life because my heavenly Father had never planned a pain for me at all!

Two hours later, the pain in my body was lost, all in the Name of the Lord Jesus! Hallelujah! Thank you so much for praying for me.

S.A.M.  
Jawa Barat, Indonesia

## The Power of Prayer

I just want to thank God and everyone at the ministry who interceded for my granddaughter. She came home a changed person with a right attitude. I believe in the power of prayer. As prayer went up into heaven, I believe the Holy Spirit came down and dealt with her. We just prayed and were at peace, knowing the Almighty God would do what He said He would do. I give God all the praise and glory. Thank You, Jesus, Son of the living God!

E.S. | South Africa

## Transplant Success

My friend's husband had a heart transplant. He lost a lot of blood in the long operation and was placed in a drug-induced coma, as he appeared to be rejecting the heart. I called KCM Canada for prayer. We declared he was healed and whole, which I repeated every time he came to mind. Within a few days he opened his eyes and gave a thumbs-up to his family—he knew they were there. The heart was beating on its own and stopped quivering. He was released, and just celebrated his first birthday outside the hospital in five years. God is SO good!

Nancy F. | Canada



# Supernatural Restoration

I had a stroke in June, and called in and prayed with a prayer minister. Within two weeks I was able to write my name again. After only two months, I was completely healed of all effects of the stroke. Dianne K. | 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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As someone familiar with

KCM, you know that digging into God's Word by faith and spending time with Him in prayer every day is the foundation of our lives as believers. But sometimes we still need to heed God's call to "get out of the boat" of our everyday routines and step onto the water. Why? **Because our breakthroughs are there.**

Remember Peter? He was standing in a familiar place where he stood fishing every day, when Jesus interrupted his routine with one simple word.

"Come" (Matthew 14:29).

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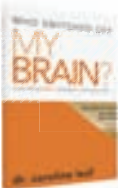
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This article is adapted from Dr. Caroline Leaf's book, *Who Switched Off My Brain?*



# toxic thoughts.

## The Dirty Dozen



by Dr. Caroline Leaf

Do you ever feel like your brain has just been “switched off”? Have you ever felt discouraged, unfocused or overwhelmed? Are there unhealthy patterns in your life or your family that you just can’t seem to break? :: Thankfully, we are living in a time of revolution. We now have a better understanding than ever before of how our thoughts affect our emotions and bodies.

and occupy mental “real estate.” Thoughts are active; they grow and change. Thoughts influence every decision, word, action and physical reaction we make.

Every time you have a thought, it is actively changing your brain and your body—for better or for worse.

There are twelve areas of toxic thoughts—a disruptive crew I call the “Dirty Dozen”—which can be as harmful as poison in our minds and our bodies. Toxic thoughts don’t just creep into our minds as a result of abuse or an especially horrific trauma. Toxic thoughts affect people in all stages of life, in every part of the world, every day. Even something as small as a minor irritation can become

**W**e can see clearly how brain science lines up with Scripture—that your mind can be renewed, that toxic thoughts and emotions can be swept away, and that your brain really can be “switched on.”

Toxic thoughts are like poison, but the good news is, you can break the cycle of toxic thinking. You can reverse the effects of toxic thoughts. And once that cycle of toxic thinking has been broken, your thoughts can actually start to improve every area of your life—

your relationships, your health and even your success.

A thought may seem harmless, but if it becomes toxic, even just a thought can become physically, emotionally or spiritually dangerous.

Thoughts are measurable

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toxic, and these thoughts need to be swept away.

Let me introduce you to the Dirty Dozen, areas of our lives targeted by toxic thinking: Toxic Thoughts; Toxic Emotions; Toxic Words; Toxic Choices; Toxic Dreams; Toxic Seeds; Toxic Faith; Toxic Love; Toxic Touch; Toxic Seriousness; Toxic Health; Toxic Schedules.

The result of toxic thinking translates into stress in your body, and this type of stress is far more than just a fleeting emotion. Stress is a global term for the extreme strain on your body's systems as a result of toxic thinking. It harms the body and the mind in a multitude of ways from patchy memory to severe mental health, immune system problems, heart problems and digestive problems.

No system of the body is spared when stress is running rampant. A massive body of research collectively shows that up to 80 percent of physical, emotional and mental health issues today could be a direct result of our thought lives. But there is hope. You can break the cycle of toxic thinking and start to build healthy patterns that bring peace to a stormy thought life.

We don't have to allow the Dirty Dozen and their partners in crime (mental and physical diseases) to invade the privacy of our brains and bodies any more than we would allow an intruder to invade the privacy of our homes. We are equipped to detox and develop the potential of our

magnificent brains.

People often ask me, "Why haven't I heard about toxic thinking before?"

The answer is simple; we are living in a revolutionary time for the science of thought. When I first started to research the brain more than 20 years ago, the scientific community did not embrace the direct link between the science of thought and its effect on the body. If doctors couldn't find a cause for an illness, many times the default answer was, "It's all in your head." This phrase came with a social stigma because when it came to the psychiatric perspective, most mental illnesses were not seen as having a biological base.

The common wisdom of the time was that the brain is like a machine, and if a part broke, it couldn't be repaired. It was believed that the brain was hard-wired from birth with a fixed destiny to wear out with age. Adding this belief to the assumption that we were bound to a fate predetermined by our genes made the horizon of hope seem bleak.

As you can imagine, these assumptions led to many common conclusions about the best ways to overcome the most difficult experiences, conclusions which were not based on how the brain functions. But we are no longer bound by those misperceptions. You are not a victim of biology. God has given *us* a design of hope: We can switch on our brains, renew our minds, change and heal.

Because I was taught at

an early age that change for the better was always a possibility, when I joined the scientific community, I found the negative outlook difficult to understand. I thought there must be something more that we could do to reach children with learning disabilities, patients with head injuries, and people desperate for peace in their minds.

Then, as I explored the archives of brain research, I started finding studies from respected scientists suggesting the brain really can change, grow and get better—that this limited mind-body distinction was not an accurate understanding of the mighty brain. I reached the same conclusions as I did my own research: Science really does prove thoughts can be measured, they affect every area of our life, and best of all, the brain really can change.

Now a revolution is sweeping through the field of brain science like never before. The greatest part for me as a scientist is that it all lines up with God's precepts. I am so excited that we get to be a part of one of the most thrilling science adventures of mankind—understanding the "true you." I want to show you through godly scientific eyes that will encourage, rather than shatter, your hopes and help you realize you have an amazing brain filled with real physical thoughts that you can control.

#### What Is a Toxic Thought?

What are "toxic thoughts," and how are they different

from healthy thoughts? Toxic thoughts are thoughts that trigger negative and anxious emotions, which produce biochemicals that cause the body stress. They are stored in your mind, as well as in the cells in your body.

There are 12 areas of toxic thinking—also called the Dirty Dozen. This motley crew is always up to no good and can cause serious damage, which is why they need to be swept away. The "Brain Sweep" I've developed will do just that. It is a series of sequential questions

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that will take your brain through a detoxing process. It really is quite simple, because the process is based on how your brain actually works!

The surprising truth is that every single thought—whether it is positive or negative—goes through the same cycle when it forms. Thoughts are basically electrical impulses, chemicals and neurons. They look like a tree with branches. As the thoughts grow and become permanent, more branches grow and the connections become stronger.

As we change our thinking, some branches go away, new ones form, the strength of the connections changes, and the memories network with other thoughts. What an incredible capacity of the brain to change and rewire and grow! Spiritually, this is renewing the mind.

As you think, your thoughts are activated, which in turn activates your attitude, because your attitude is all of your thoughts put together and reflects your state of mind. This attitude is reflected in the chemical secretions that are released. Positive attitudes cause the secretion of the correct amount of chemicals, and negative attitudes distort the chemical secretions in a way that disrupts their natural flow. The chemicals are like little cellular signals that translate the information of your thought into a physical reality in your body and mind, creating an emotion. The combination of thoughts, emotions and resulting attitudes, impacts your body in a positive or negative way.

This means your mind and body really are inherently linked, and this link starts with your thoughts.

The science of thought is very exciting. We have to recognize how the process can get disrupted by toxic thoughts in the brain if we're going to understand how we are negatively affected in our mental life and behavior. As we start to understand how a thought forms and impacts

our emotions and bodies, we have two choices: We can let our thoughts become toxic and poisonous, or we can detox our negative thoughts, which will improve our emotional wholeness and even recover our physical health.

Does this sound familiar? "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!" (Deuteronomy 30:19, *New Living Translation*).

You have been experiencing the effects of all your thoughts your entire life and may not have even known it! For example, have you ever become ill in the wake of a difficult or traumatic time in your life? You may not have made the connection, just chalking it up as coincidence, when it was more likely to have been the result of toxic thoughts taking their toll on your overall health.

Thoughts are not only scientifically measurable, but we can verify how they affect our bodies. We can actually feel our thoughts through our emotions.

Emotions are involved in every thought we build, ever have built and ever will build.

In fact, for every memory you make, you have a corresponding emotion attached to it, which is stored in your brain, and as a photocopy in your body's cells.

The key is to understand that emotions are attached to thoughts. These emotions are very real and link your thoughts to the reaction in your body and mind. This is called the psychosomatic network. These emotions can surface even years after an event has occurred, when the memory of that event is recalled.

To demonstrate how this works, take a minute to focus on an upsetting recent event in your life. As you deeply think about this event, become aware

of how you are feeling and how your body is reacting to these thoughts and emotions. A cascade of chemicals is being activated by rethinking and imagining the event. The more you ponder, the stronger and more vivid this cascade becomes.

You may even start to become angry, frustrated or upset.

You will start reacting to the thought mentally and physically as though it were happening all over again. What you think about expands and grows, taking on a life of its own. The direction this life takes could be positive or negative; you get to choose (Isaiah 7:15). What you choose to think about can foster joy, peace and happiness or the complete opposite.

In fact, your thoughts create changes right down to genetic levels, restructuring the cells' makeup. Scientists have shown this restructuring is how diseases are able to take hold in the body. On the flip side, when we choose nontoxic thinking, we step into a whole new realm of brain and body function. "Feel good" chemicals are released that make us feel peaceful and also promote healing, memory formation and deep thinking, which increase intelligence when combined together.

Healthy, nontoxic thoughts help nurture and create a positive foundation in the neural networks of the mind. These positive thoughts strengthen positive reaction chains and release biochemicals, such as endorphins and serotonin, from the brain's natural pharmacy. Bathed in these positive environments, intellect flourishes, and with it, mental and physical health.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8, *NLT*).

I often speak to groups about the science of thought, and several times over the years, I have been asked how the cycle of toxic thinking can be broken.

Using my two decades of brain research, I have identified the Dirty



Dozen, areas for detox, based on the science of how the brain works. Because science is powerful, I want to reveal to you exactly how this process works in a way that is easy to understand. Then you will have the tools needed to detox your brain, to develop a lifestyle of freedom from your past, and to keep from sinking below your amazing potential.

For each principle, I have designed a series of Brain Sweep questions. Believe it or not, these questions provoke more than simple reflection. They are designed to take your brain through a specific sequence based on the science of thought. I researched and developed this process for my master's and Ph.D., and it has been used to help people learn, think, understand and improve their lives with great success.

If you move through this process, in this sequence, you can find freedom from toxic thinking. As toxic thoughts are swept away, they will be replaced with the foundation for health and peace.

Your thoughts can sweep away stress, making you more clever, calm and in control of your emotions, or they can do just the opposite! The choice is yours. Every thought we think should be weighed carefully, because as we think, so are we: "For as he hath thought in his soul, so [is] he..." (Proverbs 23:7, *Young's Literal Translation*).

The really good news about all of this is that detoxing your thought life is possible. You don't have to travel far to find some magic therapist or technique, and it won't cost a fortune. It begins with your thoughts and your reactions to those thoughts. The key is *you*!

You can take back control of your body and mind! It is possible to lead an emotionally happy and physically healthy lifestyle, simply by learning to control your thought life. ❶

This article is adapted from Dr. Caroline Leaf's book, *Who Switched Off My Brain?* For product offers, see page 2 of this magazine.

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## Questions & Answers

by Gloria Copeland

**Q: I've been standing for my healing for a long time, but it has not come. Is God withholding my healing from me or could something else be blocking it?**

**A:** God never holds out on us. His will is that all men be healed—and that includes you! Jesus purchased your healing at the same time He purchased your redemption from sin (Isaiah 53:4-5). So health is just as available to you as salvation is.

When we fail to receive something He's promised, we can always be assured that the problem lies with us, not with Him. There are, however, several things that might be preventing you from receiving it.

### 1. Failing to walk in love

Galatians 5:6 says faith works by love. So if you want your faith to prevail over sickness or disease, you have to operate in love. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and find out how God's kind of love behaves. After all, love is not a feeling. It's an action. So start acting in love and your healing won't be far behind.

### 2. Unbelief

In Mark 11:24, Jesus tells us what is required for us to receive from God. He said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Most people are only willing to believe they've received healing after they can see or *feel* the results. But according to that scripture, you must believe you receive it *when you pray*. When you believe by faith that you have what you ask for, then the healing will come.

### 3. Sin

First John 3:22 says we receive whatever we ask of God because we do those things that are pleasing in His sight. Living a life free from habitual sin and rebellion causes us to have confidence in our heart toward God. And confidence toward God is an essential part of the operation of faith.

### 4. Unforgiveness

This is perhaps the greatest hindrance to healing. That's why immediately after giving instructions about faith, Jesus said, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:25-26).

Notice the words *when ye stand praying*. Don't wait. As soon as someone offends you, forgive immediately and your prayers will never be hindered.

If you are obeying in these four areas consistently, then you can be confident that your healing will come. So just keep standing in faith (Ephesians 6:12-13) and you will receive! ❷



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white dress with a vibrant floral pattern in shades of red, orange, and purple, is walking barefoot across large, smooth, light-colored rocks. She is looking down at her feet. In the background, a river flows over rocks, and a hazy, mountainous landscape is visible under a soft, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

by  
Gloria  
Copeland

# Days of Heaven *on* Earth

Do you know where I want to live? :: In heaven! :: I don't mean I literally want to move there and leave the earth altogether—not yet, anyway. I mean, whether I'm at my house in Texas, out preaching somewhere or shopping, I want to live all day long in the atmosphere of heaven right here on earth. :: That is possible, you know. God said so. |||||



# In

Deuteronomy 11, He told the Israelites if they'd lay up His Word in their hearts by keeping it in front of their eyes and in their mouths, their days would be "as the days of heaven upon the earth" (verse 21).

Jesus said much the same thing in the New Testament. In His primary message, which the Bible calls "the gospel of the kingdom of God," He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

I know what you're probably thinking: *What does that message have to do with experiencing heaven on earth?*

Everything.

God's kingdom is where God is King and He has dominion. It's where His will is done completely, just like it's



done in heaven. So when Jesus said, "the kingdom of God is at hand," He was essentially saying, "It's no longer locked away somewhere way off out there where you can't experience it. It's at hand. It's here. This is a new day and there's a new way into God's kingdom, and it's by faith in Me."

For us as believers, this is extremely good news!

It means that through Jesus we can, in a very real sense, live in heaven and on earth at the same time. We can walk around every day with heaven's power and benefits surrounding us like a bubble wherever we go. Because the kingdom of God is within us (Luke 17:21), we can operate according to His principles every day, and as a result, His will can be done for us on earth as it is in heaven.

"But Gloria," someone

might say, "what if God's will for me isn't good?"

I can assure you, it is.

Because God is a good God, His will for us is always good.

He perpetually wants to bless us and do wonderful things for us. He wants to prosper us—spiritually, physically, financially and every other way. Why? Because that's what gives Him joy. As Psalm 35:27 says, He takes "pleasure in the prosperity of his servant."

Ken and I can testify to this from experience. We've been walking with God for a long time now, and we've found that the longer we walk with Him and obey Him, the more of His goodness we see manifested in our lives.

We love living in the kingdom of God! We love it so much, in fact, that sometimes people say we're fanatical about it. They say we go overboard when it comes to believing God's Word and walking with Him. But I've decided I don't care what people say. If this is what it's like to be

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overboard, I'm sticking with it.

It would be boring to go back to living an ordinary life! Instead of going back, I'd rather go forward and be more fanatical this time next year than I am right now. I want to go all the way with God.

I want to receive everything He's provided!

## Our Receiving Makes All the Difference

*Receive* is a key word when it comes to walking in the blessings of God's kingdom. Our receiving is what determines how much heaven on earth we get to experience.

According to the dictionary, the word *receive* means "to come into possession, to act as a receptacle or container, to assimilate, to permit to enter, to welcome, to greet, to accept as authoritative and true, to take." I think that's a good definition because it coincides with what the Bible says. It accurately describes how we receive from the Lord.

We do it by becoming a container of His Word, by accepting it as authoritative and true. As we assimilate God's Word into our lives and permit it to enter our hearts, faith comes. Then we're able to take, or receive, what He has provided for us.

To see just how vital this kind of receiving actually is, read the parable of the sower in Mark 4. It tells about four different groups of people. All four heard the Word of God but it didn't produce the same results for all of them. What happened to each group varied depending on how they received the Word.

One group didn't let the Word get into them at all. They either didn't understand it or just rejected it outright, so it did nothing for them. Another group welcomed the Word when they first heard it and rejoiced over it for a while, but then they let the devil talk them out of it, so in the long run it didn't profit them. The third group assimilated the Word into their hearts but failed to benefit from it because they let the busyness of life choke it out.

The people in the fourth group, however, had a radically different experience. They not only heard the Word, they received it and saw it produce fruit in their lives, "some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred" (verse 20).

The point of the parable is clear: What we receive from heaven depends on how we receive God's Word!

I've seen evidence of this time and again among people who watch our television broadcasts. Some of them tune in but don't really pay any attention to the Word that's being preached, so they aren't affected by it at all. Others listen to the Word but they don't get blessed because they let the devil talk them out of believing it. They decide it sounds too good to be true, or they get offended because it messes up their old, unbelieving theology.

Many people, however, do receive the Word they hear and it changes their lives forever.

For example, we've gotten numerous testimonies from people who were contemplating suicide and heard something on the broadcast,



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or received something from our ministry, that stopped them. One woman actually had the gun in her hand and was ready to pull the trigger. But just before she did, *Believer's Voice of Victory* came on the air. I happened to be teaching on that particular day, and one of the first things I said was, "Don't you commit suicide! God loves you and He has a plan for your life!"

Isn't that amazing? God spoke to that woman through a program that had been recorded months earlier and said exactly what she needed to hear at the moment she needed to hear it. She received His Word and it literally saved her life. She put down the gun and instead of killing herself she got born again.

Wouldn't it have been tragic if she'd just said, "Oh, I don't believe that," and gone on with her original plan?

Yes, it would! Yet people do that kind of thing all the time. They hear what the Word says about healing, for instance, and say, "Well, that can't be true because my grandma said healing passed away with the apostles." Or they hear what the Word says about prosperity and they say, "Well, I haven't prospered so that can't be true."

As a result, they never experience days of heaven on earth.

### Kingdom Mysteries Revealed

"OK," you might say, "I'm convinced! I definitely want to become a receiver. But I don't know how to get started."

The first thing you need to do, if you haven't already, is put your faith in Jesus and receive Him as your Lord and Savior. Why is that necessary? Because that's how you get born again; and Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

When it comes to receiving



## Victorious Christian *living*

by Kenneth Copeland

### All Things to All Men

"Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine...."

Ephesians 4:13-14,  
*New American Standard*

The more we grow up in love, the less we'll allow winds of doctrine to blow us apart. We'll settle down securely on the basic truths the Bible teaches and we won't run away from people just because they don't agree with us. We'll stop saying things like, "I can't fellowship with the people in that church. Our doctrinal differences are just too great." Instead, we'll go visit them to receive the insights God has given them that are good, and to share with them what God has given us.

To do anything less than that is childish.


"I don't know about that, Brother Copeland," someone might say. "We sure don't want to start associating with everyone. Some of those groups don't even believe in Jesus."

I know they don't. That's why we need to reach out to them! Obviously, we can't fellowship with them closely like we do our brothers and sisters in The LORD, but we can't win them to Him by staying totally away from them, either. We can't tell them Jesus loves them if we won't have anything to do with them. That's why we haven't been able to reach people like the Muslims and New Age folks. We've hidden from them. We've been afraid that if we get around them, their

ungodly beliefs will rub off on us and taint us.

That could happen if we're so immature and ignorant of the Bible that we don't know why we believe what we believe. But we shouldn't be that immature. We ought to get so strong in faith and in The WORD that we don't have to perpetually protect ourselves from everyone else. What's more, we need to grow up in love so that we care enough about them to risk their rejection, and tell them about Jesus.

That's the attitude the Apostle Paul had. He didn't run away from people who were different from him. He sought them out and said, "I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews.... To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.... I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:19-22, *New International Version*).

Love doesn't run and hide. Love reaches out. Love inspires us to become all things to all men, so that we can bring as many as possible into the kingdom of God. 

# just listen!



How many times have you heard that?

Most likely a lot!

Parents, teachers and coaches repeat it to us over and over.

And now, Superkids, I'm going to say it again!

*Just listen!*

There are some good reasons we're told to listen. For one, it's one of the most important things we can do.

Sadly, we often don't do it.

There's a saying that God gave us two ears and one mouth so we could listen twice as much as we talk. I know that sounds kind of funny, but it makes a lot of sense. The truth is, NOT listening is often at the root of most problems.

Listening is a serious thing, and we all should want to become better listeners. Here's a few things to consider:

## WHY should you listen?

Jesus answers this question in Mark 4:24, *New Living Translation*. He said: "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more." You see, Jesus wants us to have understanding, but He puts the responsibility to listen on us.

Would better understanding be a help to you? Of course it would—in any area you can name: sports, work, math, drama, music. Even understanding the outcome of being disobedient to your parents would help you choose to obey.

Jesus says listening is the doorway to understanding.

Notice, too, that He said more understanding would be GIVEN. Not only does listening increase your natural understanding, but you will be given even more understanding by the Holy Spirit inside you. That puts you way ahead! You can become wise by listening to the right people, especially Jesus, who said, "Anyone who *listens* to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock (Matthew 7:24).

## WHAT keeps you from being a good listener?

It is important to look at yourself and notice things you do that need to change. As you recognize these things, make a decision to stop doing them. For example:

Thinking of what you are going to say when someone is finished talking is a sure way to not listen! Many times, people are thinking of arguments, excuses or explanations. This is especially true when you think you are being corrected. It's easier to focus on staying out of trouble or blaming someone else, than it is to listen. This prevents you from gaining

understanding to keep the problem from happening again!

Pride is a BIG reason people don't listen. Pride makes you think you know more than others.

Distraction is a huge problem in today's world. Television, video games, computers and cellphones can capture your attention to the point that you tune others out. This can not only be frustrating, but hurtful to others. You probably know how it feels to be on the other end of that kind of situation.

## HOW can you become a better listener?

Make the decision to be a better listener.

Every time someone speaks to you, practice listening very closely.

Don't allow yourself to think about how you will respond when the speaker is done talking.

When someone speaks to you, stop whatever you're doing and purposely give them your undivided attention.

Even when you think you know what someone is about to say, keep listening! You might learn something.

These are just some of the whys, whats and hows of listening. Remember, Superkid, Jesus wants you to have better understanding. And that understanding will come when you learn to be a better listener. Ask the Lord to show you more reasons why you need to listen, what keeps you from listening and how you can do better.

He will tell you. ❤️

heaven's blessings, the new birth is where everything starts. It's the doorway into the things of God. Until you step through that door, nothing He says or does will make sense to you. It will be like a mystery you can't understand. The instant you're born again, however, your spiritual eyes will open and you'll be able to see and understand God's ways.

Even if you've been born again for years, this is important for you to remember: As a child of God, you don't have to wander around in the dark like people who don't know the Lord. You don't have to be confused about how to cooperate with Him and receive His blessings. On the contrary! Jesus said, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 13:11).

Personally, I don't think there's anything more thrilling than discovering the mysteries of God's kingdom. I love getting into the Word of God and finding how to be healed and how to be a success financially by doing things God's way. I love learning how to walk in faith, and tithe and honor God with my giving.

The people of the world can't understand those things because it hasn't yet been given to them to do so. But to us, as believers, it has been given! We're blessed and privileged to be able to see and know the mysteries of God.

I must tell you, though, His mysteries won't just fall on you like a ripe apple off a tree. If you want to discover them, you have to go after them. You can't spend all your time focusing on the natural realm and tending to the things of the flesh. You have to do what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33: "Seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right)..." (*The Amplified Bible*).

To *seek* means to "diligently inquire, to ask, to make inquisition, require, or search." The Hebrew root word for it

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in the Old Testament means “to tread or frequent, to follow or go after.”

When you seek first God’s kingdom, it’s the main thing in your life. You’re not just getting up in the morning and hoping God will do something for you. You’re going after Him. You’re diligently studying and meditating on His Word and doing what it says to do every single day.

### **Beware of the World’s Way**

God’s Word is where you learn His ways of doing and being right. It’s where you find the wisdom you need to operate in His kingdom. You can’t get that wisdom from the world because the world does things the wrong way.

God’s wisdom is as far above the world’s ways as the heavens are higher than the earth (Isaiah 55:9). That’s why it’s so important to be a serious seeker of God and His Word—because, in the natural, you’re surrounded by the world’s wrong ways and the curse that accompanies them. If you don’t want to get stuck in those ways and become subject to that curse, you must go after the things of God with intensity—frequenting His Word and the places where His Word is being preached, frequenting His throne of grace and doing what He tells you to do.

In other words, to operate in God’s kingdom you must follow the instructions He gives in Proverbs 2 where He said: “My son, if you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to skillful and godly Wisdom and inclining and directing your heart and mind to understanding [applying all your powers to the quest for it]...then you will understand...and find the knowledge of our [omniscient] God” (verses 1-2, 5, *AMP*).

That’s what Ken and I have done for more than 45 years now and we can confirm that it works. When we


first heard about living by faith in God’s Word, we were the opposite of everything God said we should be. We were the tail instead of the head. We were defeated instead of victorious. We were broke and in debt instead of prosperous. And we were tired of it!

So when we found out that God’s Word could turn our lives around, we totally sold out and dedicated ourselves to it. We spent every moment we possibly could reading it and listening to it being preached. We were so focused on the Word in those days, we didn’t even know what was going on in the world. We just kept our heads in the Bible and didn’t look up until we got enough of it in our hearts that we could begin to live on it.

What happened as a result?

Everything in our lives started to change. Within a year, Ken was out preaching. Our debts were paid and we were experiencing more victory than we’d ever known before. We were getting a taste of God’s wonderful will for our lives.

We’ve been seeking Him ever since, and the more we’ve learned about how to cooperate with Him, the more we’ve realized we really don’t have to wait until after we die to experience heaven. The gospel of the kingdom of God is absolutely the truth. That kingdom is here, and by faith in Jesus, we can operate according to its principles and partake of its BLESSING right now.

We really can have days as of heaven on earth! 



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# points to get you there



## ***Days of Heaven on Earth***

In a very real sense, you, as a believer, can live in heaven and on earth at the same time. Because “the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21), you can walk around every day with His power and benefits surrounding you like a bubble wherever you go. Here are some points to get you there:

### **1 God’s will has always been for His people to experience the blessings of heaven on earth.**

Deuteronomy 11:18, 21: “Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart.... That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.”

### **2 It gives Him joy to surround you with His goodness.** Psalm 35:27: “Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.”

### **3 How much heaven you experience on earth depends on how you receive God’s Word.**

Mark 4:20: “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.”

### **4 The more you learn to do things God’s way the more heavenly your life will be.**

Isaiah 55:9: “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

### **5 God’s Word is where you find the wisdom you need to experience heaven on earth.**

Proverbs 2:1, 5: “My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.”



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