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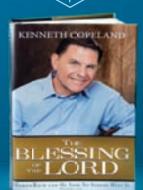
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SAVED HEALED WHOLE

What if someone told you they'd been waiting a long time for God to save them? What if they said, "I know the new birth is a scriptural promise but for some reason God hasn't seen fit to fulfill it in me yet."

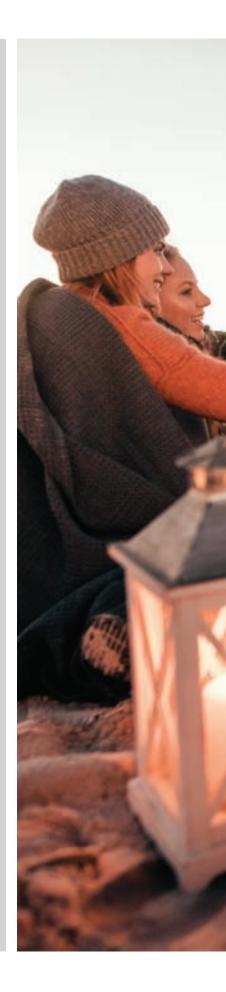
What would you tell someone like that?

If you know even the basics of the gospel, you'd explain to them that under the New Covenant, salvation isn't a promise, it's a gift. It's something God has already provided. He secured it for all mankind 2,000 years ago through the death and resurrection of Jesus and, as a result, getting born again is as simple as can be. As Romans 10:9 says: "That 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."

When it comes to the new birth,

that verse is foundational, isn't it? Even if someone tried to tell you it didn't always work, they couldn't talk you out of it. *Confess with your mouth, believe in your heart, and you will be saved* is Salvation 101. It's the spiritual reality upon which all of us, as believers, have built our lives.

What a lot of believers haven't realized, however, is that reality doesn't just include the new birth. It also includes something else God wants every one of us to have. You can see what I mean in Mark 5. It tells about the woman with the issue of blood.





Before the new birth was even available, she heard about Jesus' ministry and believed in her heart and confessed with her mouth that the power of God that flowed through Him would heal her: "For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (verse 28).

You remember the story. Determined to act on her faith, she pressed through the multitudes, and touched the hem of Jesus' garment. When she did, exactly what she'd said came to pass.

Straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?... And...the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague (verses 29-30, 32-34).

The word *whole* that both Jesus and the woman used to refer to her healing is translated from the Greek word *sozo*. It means "to save; to keep safe; to make sound; to rescue from danger or destruction; to rescue from injury, or to save a suffering one from perishing." It's the same word used in Romans 10:9 to refer to the new birth!

Why would God use the same word for both the new birth and healing? Because He doesn't separate them. He

healed and whole. Mark 1:41

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doesn't see them as being different. To Him they're both essential benefits of the same great salvation. Benefits that were both provided for us by Jesus at the same time.

Even before He laid down His life on the cross, and descended into the pit of hell to pay the price for our sins, Jesus began to pay the price for our healing. He submitted to the scourge of the Roman whip, and bore in His own body all our sicknesses and pain, so that 1 Peter 2:24 could boldly declare to each one of us as born-again believers: "By [His] stripes ye were healed."

He's not standing off at a distance trying to decide if you're worthy of His help.

An Accomplished Fact

Notice that's a past tense statement. It doesn't say that God has promised to heal you, and one of these days He's going to fulfill that promise. No, it says you were healed, because under the New Covenant, healing is not just a promise. It's an accomplished fact. It's part of the finished work of Jesus.

He wasn't raised from the dead until He had utterly destroyed satan's authority and all the evil works he'd authored because of his hatred of humanity. He didn't come out of His grave until He'd stripped the devil of his dominion; and sin, sickness, disease, pain and every other kind of physical infirmity were finished.

By the time Jesus was resurrected, He'd conquered the satanic source of those things and mankind's deliverance from them had been eternally secured.

Your healing is already in place! It's already yours. It belongs to you now. When you made Jesus Christ The LORD of your life, heaven archived it and put it to your account. Whether you're facing a terminal disease or you're just hurting with a hangnail, Jesus is present right now, with you and in you, to deliver you from it. All you have to do is believe it in your heart, confess it with your mouth, and receive!

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "if that's the case then why don't more people receive their healing? What's tripping them up?"

Usually it's the same things that tripped up people in the New Testament. They're either not fully convinced God is able to heal them, or they're not confident that it's His will.

You can see an example of the first of those difficulties in Mark 9, in the story of the father whose son was suffering from demonically driven seizures. He brought his boy to Jesus and said, "If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us" (verses 17-18, 22).

The way he worded his request makes it clear he wasn't sure that Jesus could handle this situation. He hoped that He could. He wanted Jesus to try. But after seeing that the disciples were unable to do anything, he had doubts about whether even the Master Himself could deal with the boy's condition.

Jesus, knowing such doubts would hinder the boy from receiving, immediately dealt with them. He took the question of whether He could do it right off the table by saying to the father, "All things are possible to him that believeth" (verse 23).

Later, Jesus told the disciples essentially the same thing when they asked Him why they were unable to cast out that demon. "Because of your unbelief," He said (Matthew 17:20).

What was it the disciples didn't believe?

Jesus'word!

He'd already given them authority over the devil and power to heal all sickness and disease. They just simply were not believing what He'd said. They'd gotten so busy working, they hadn't been fellowshiping with God and feeding their faith. As a result, unbelief had crept in and the only way to get it out, Jesus said, was "by prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21).

You know the end of the story, of course. Jesus stepped up in that

situation and did what needed to be done. He "rebuked the devil...and the child was cured from that very hour" (verse 18).

"But Brother Copeland," someone might say, "that happened when Jesus was physically here on earth. He isn't doing those kinds of miracles today."

Sure He is! He's the same now as He ever was, and He's moving through believers doing not only the same works He did when He was here, but even greater (John 14:12). Miracles are happening all the time these days that are as breathtaking as any you can read about in the Bible.

I recently heard about one that was particularly spectacular. It happened after one of Brother Billy Burke's healing meetings where he laid hands on a woman who was in the last stage of leukemia. She went home from the meeting that night, went to bed, and woke up the next day in a veritable pool of blood. Her nightgown and her bed were covered with it.

Physically she felt wonderful. But her daughter wanted her to go to the doctor who'd been treating her, to get checked out, so she went. After examining her and doing some tests, the doctor said, "There's no longer any sign of leukemia in your blood."

"Test the blood that was on her gown this morning," her daughter said. He did, and found it was full of leukemia

Talk about an outstanding miracle! God didn't just heal that woman, He gave her a medically documentable blood transfusion. He turned her healing into a sign and a reminder that there's absolutely nothing He can't do!

Not Only Able but Willing

Even people who are confident that God can heal them are sometimes hindered by the question of His willingness. They're like the man in Mark 1, who wanted to be healed of leprosy. He had no doubt that Jesus could heal him, he just wasn't sure that He would. So, he came to Jesus: "...

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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beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed" (verses 40-42).

Isn't that a wonderful picture of our gracious LORD? That man was on his knees with his face to the ground. No one had touched him, in who knows how long, because he had that deadly, contagious disease. But Jesus got down there in the dirt with him, put His hand on him and said, "I will."

He's saying the same thing to you!

He's not standing off at a distance trying to decide if you're worthy of His help. He's right there with you. His hand of healing has already been extended to you. He's just waiting for you to take it.

"Well, I don't know. I've missed it in

so many ways and fouled things up so badly. Maybe Jesus just wants to let me stay in this mess for a while to teach me a lesson."

No, that's not how He is. He's moved with compassion, which in many cases in the Scriptures is translated *mercy*.

Remember in Psalm 23:6 how David said, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life"? As a born-again child of God, you have something even better. You not only have mercy following you around like David did, you not only have it moving toward you like the man with leprosy did, you have mercy living in you. You have Compassion Himself present inside you, willing to heal you and deliver you every moment of your life!

You can come boldly to the throne of grace and find mercy anytime you need it. The ball is in your court. You just simply have to believe and receive.

"But Brother Copeland, what about the sins I've committed?"

THE SAME POWER THAT FORGIVES IS THE SAME POWER THAT HEALS—AND THAT POWER WAS RELEASED INTO YOUR SPIRIT THE MOMENT YOU WERE BORN AGAIN."

Have you repented of them? "Yes."

Then forget them. God certainly has. He's said to you in the Bible what Jesus said to the man who was sick of the palsy, in Matthew 9. I don't know what kind of sin that man had been involved in, but whatever it was, when his friends brought him in on his bed and laid him in front of Jesus, that sin must have been the biggest thing on his mind because it's the first thing Jesus addressed. Before He said anything to the man about his healing, He said, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee" (verse 2).

If Jesus could say those words then, how much more is He saying them to you now? You're living under the New Covenant! You're a new creation in Christ Jesus. Every sin you've ever committed, or ever will, has been blotted out by the blood of the Lamb. God has "forgiven you all trespasses," wiped out the record of them and taken it out of the way by nailing it to the Cross (Colossians 2:13-14).

Now you need to do the same thing. Wipe that sin out of your consciousness. Get it out of your way by confessing the sorry thing, whatever it was, and receiving God's forgiveness by faith. Then go on and live a healed, BLESSED, abundant life!

That's what Jesus told the man with the palsy to do. When the other people who were present that day wondered if He really had the authority to forgive the man's sins, Jesus said: "Wherefore think ye... whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house" (Matthew 9:4-7).

Think about that! The same power that forgives is the same power that

heals—and that power was released into your spirit the moment you were born again. So tap into it. Let it flow out of your spirit into your body. Say this in faith:

Jesus Christ is LORD over my life and He bore my sickness, weakness, and pain. He purchased wholeness and healing for me, spirit, soul and body, and I receive it now. The power of sickness has been forever broken over my life. My days of sickness, disease and pain are over. I am saved! I am healed! I am free!



If you need healing in your body, look up the following verses and read them aloud daily. Refuse to give in to doubt and unbelief. And remember, God's Word works!

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Ex. 15:26	Mark 11:22-24
Ex. 23:25	Mark 16:14-18
Deut. 7:14-15	Rom. 4:16-21
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"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:1-2



Check Your Affections

Separating yourself from the ways of the world doesn't always mean just leaving destructive activities behind. It often means simply getting rid of those things that don't build you up spiritually.

Hebrews 12:1 says as we run the race that is set before us, we are to lay aside weights. You may have weights in your life that are slowing you down spiritually. They may not be bad things in themselves, yet they are draining you of spiritual power. You may be so wrapped up in your occupation, for instance, that you spend all your time thinking and talking about it. Or you may have a hobby that has become the center of your attention.

The problem with things like that is not that they are sinful, it's that they've captured your affection. It's time to check your affections. The Bible says in Colossians 3 that we're to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

God wants you to set the affection of your heart on Him. Why? So that He can pour out His affection on you!

You can't give anything to God without His giving you much more in return. When you set your affection on Him, He will bless you, and bless you,

and bless you!

by Gloria Copeland





Tiki Finlayson and Latisha Stephens



The Texas sun

shimmered off the streets of Dallas as Tom and Tiki Finlayson pulled their caravan off the road to stop. On staff with Mike Barber Ministries, they were still riding high from the thrill of winning 2500 souls to Christ during an outreach in Westville, Ind. Tiki's dad parked the 18-wheeler that carried their equipment. Climbing down from the cab, he stretched before wrapping his arms around Tiki.

"Thanks so much for all you did, Dad," she said.

Laughing, he said, "Yep," as Tom pulled him into a hug. They watched him climb on his motorcycle for the trip back home to Chattanooga, Tenn.

Driving back to Houston, Tiki marveled at how much her life had changed since she and Tom had married. He was a wonderful husband and a great stepfather to her sons, Derek and Kevin.

Tom hadn't always been the vibrant preacher and soul winner that he was today. He'd been a preacher's kid from Chattanooga who'd rebelled and ended up with a \$5,000 a week cocaine habit. Reaching the end of his rope, he'd finally given his life to Christ. In the early 1990s, his older brother, an evangelist, put him on the mailing list for the Believer's Voice of Victory magazine, the monthly publication of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Reading each issue cover to cover, had been a game changer. Becoming a Partner with KCM, he learned to live by faith. In 1995, he'd started working in prison ministry.



"When I was working hard to stay sober and turn my life around, I know it wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for my first pastor, Larry Benz, and Kenneth Copeland." —Tom

After he married Tiki in 2002, she'd joined him in the ministry. They'd begun with one service a month, adding inmate Bible studies and outreaches. By the time they had grown to 87 services a month, they had a team of 120 volunteers.

In 2010, Mike Barber had asked them to come on staff with his ministry. In Houston, Mike had been given the position as director of chaplains at the Harris County Jail. Harris County wasn't just any jail. It was the biggest jail in America with 8,000 to 10,000 prisoners any given day. Mike had asked Tom and Tiki to move to Houston, and model there what they'd done in Tennessee.

After the move in January 2011, Tom and Tiki spent three weeks a month working in Houston and one week in Chattanooga. Outreaches like this one

were like icing on the cake of a wonderful life and ministry.

The phone rang at 9:30 that night in July 2011.

"Tiki," her brother said, "Dad was in a bad wreck just as he rode into Chattanooga. They don't expect him to make it through the night."

Tom and Tiki prayed as they packed. Fast and pray.

Was that the Lord? Tiki didn't do well without food. She tended to pass out without warning.

"God, are You sure?" she asked. *Fast and pray*.

Standing on God's Word

"We left Houston at 10:30 and drove all Tuesday night and half of Wednesday, praying the entire time," Tiki recalls. "Dad was in a coma in ICU. He had a severe brain injury. The wreck had been caused by negligence. Someone had a gas grill that wasn't tied down in the back of a truck. It tumbled out of the truck, causing a multiple vehicle crash.

"When they allowed me in the ICU, I said, 'Dad, you will recover. I'm not eating until you wake up, and I won't leave the hospital.' I slept in a chair in the ICU waiting room. There was no change in his condition until Friday evening. My brother and I were asking him to squeeze our hands, when he opened his eyes. The first thing I thought was, I get to eat! I heard the Lord say, Not yet."

Tiki knew how to pray in faith. Her grandmother had learned about faith from Kenneth E. Hagin and Kenneth Copeland. She'd grown up cutting her spiritual teeth on the Word of Faith. Her two sons, Derek and Kevin, both now in their 20s, had been raised in faith as well. When their parents had moved to Houston they'd both stayed in Chattanooga—Derek putting together plans to live in California, and Kevin saving money to start his own gaming café close to home. Kevin loved the prison ministry and often called in the early morning hours asking if Tiki and Tom would pray for one of his friends.

"When we got the call about Tiki's dad," Tom remembers, "we knew how to take our stand on the Word of God. Early Sunday morning, I left to drive back to Houston. I'd reached Birmingham, Ala., when Derek called. He said one of Kevin's friends had driven past the site of a terrible wreck and recognized Kevin's mangled van. He'd called Kevin's phone and someone from the hospital answered.

"The phone reception in the ICU waiting room was bad. People had been trying to reach Tiki, but the calls were dropped. I got through and told her that Kevin was somewhere in the hospital. Then I turned around and headed back."

Tiki ran to the ICU. He wasn't there. She ran to the ER where two officers met her. "Are you the mom?"

"Yes, where's Kevin? I need to see him."

Kevin was in surgery. Tiki took her place in faith, picturing Kevin's sparkling eyes, awash with good humor and his long, beautiful hair, which he'd grown to donate to children with hair loss.

The doctor arrived, detailing a long list of injuries. He ended by saying, "It doesn't look good. We're doing all we can."

"I appreciate your knowledge and your taking care of my son," Tiki said. "I'm praying and expecting a miracle."

A Stand of Faith

Nothing could have prepared Tiki for how Kevin looked. The only part of his body she could touch was his right arm and hand. "Kevin," Tiki said, "it's not time for you to go. You're getting out of that bed. You have a purpose. You listen to your mama."

Visitation had to be staged. Both Kevin and Tiki's dad were in the same ICU. Her dad's doctors didn't want him to find out about Kevin's wreck, concerned that he was too unstable to handle the news. Each visit had to be orchestrated, each visitor forewarned.

The family had been told that there was a fatality in the wreck. They'd prayed for the other family, asking God to comfort them in their loss. When a detective arrived to discuss his investigation into the crash, there was new information.

The reported fatality had been Kevin. He'd died three times on the way to the hospital.

The other news was even more shocking. Kevin had been hit head-on by a drunk driver.

"We need to pray," Tiki said. The family held hands as she prayed, "God, I forgive her for what she's done to our family. I ask You to bring something good out of this."

"How could you do that to Kevin?" one family member asked.

Another cursed her.

"There was such a war on the inside of me," Tiki admits. "My son's life was hanging in the balance. I didn't *feel* like forgiving. I *chose* to forgive. It surprised me when I said it."

A Different Kind of Miracle

Still fasting, Tiki prayed most of the night, standing strong for a miracle. The next morning, she expected a good report. "At 8:57 this morning," the doctor said, "we pronounced Kevin brain-dead."

"You can't do that!" Tiki insisted. "Do not turn off one machine unless I say so!"

The doctor looked stunned and a little scared.

Tiki strode to the ICU like a general advancing against an enemy. Reaching Kevin, she told him very sternly that he had to stay and finish his purpose. Having said that, she continued her stand of faith.

Seven hours later, still believing for a miracle, the one that happened was unexpected. Tiki leaned down and whispered in Kevin's ear, "Kev, Mom's not ready for you to go." When she heard Kevin's voice, the words were so loud and clear that she gasped.

"Mom, it's too painful."

Four words. She heard four *audible* words.

"His words were so clear that I thought he'd woken up and spoken to me," Tiki recalls. "But he hadn't. He was intubated and in a coma. I heard his spirit man speak to me in an audible voice.

"I believe that I was so adamant that God heal him, that He told Kevin something like, 'Your mom is banging on the gates of heaven. If you don't let her know you don't want to go back, I'm going to have to answer her prayer.'

"I believe God let Kevin decide. Kevin was in the presence of Jesus, and I was asking him to leave. I wouldn't have wanted to leave either.

"OK," Tiki told Kevin. "Mom will be OK."

Life Without Kevin

For the first time in six days, Tiki walked out of the hospital. The trip home was the longest journey of her life. She had to learn how to live without her son.

On Aug. 6, 2011, more than 3,000 people attended Kevin's life celebration service. Michael Ketterer, who'd sung an original song written by Garth Brooks on TV's "America's Got Talent," sang; and Dean Sikes from Spirit of America performed the service. Forty-eight people answered an altar call that day and gave their hearts to Jesus. Two of them had been atheists.

On Aug. 9, Tiki's dad was finally released from the hospital. Only then did he learn that his grandson had died. By the end of August, Tiki had returned to Houston.

"My mind was in such a fog, I couldn't

read the Bible," Tiki says. "Listening to praise music and praying in tongues gave me peace. I just kept telling God that I didn't understand, but I trusted Him."

The driver of the car that caused the wreck, a young woman named Latisha Stephens, was 32 years old. A blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent is considered legally impaired. Hers was 0.235 percent.

Following the tragedy, Tiki and her oldest son, Derek, started a nonprofit awareness group called 1N3. The name was based on the statistics that one in three people are impacted by drunk driving. The media showed up at the first 1N3 event, and a reporter asked Tiki, "If you could say anything to the woman who killed your son, what would it be?"

Tiki looked at the camera.

"Latisha, if you're watching," she said, "I want you to know that I forgive you, and I hope you turn your life around."

There was a lot of agreeing to disagree among family members because of the stand of forgiveness Tom and Tiki had taken regarding the woman responsible for Kevin's death. Some family members refused to talk to Tom and Tiki. Others tolerated them.

Breaking the Chains

"Tiki was functioning, but she was like a zombie," Tom explains. "Mike Barber and his family were wonderful to us, but I knew she needed to go home. Mike graciously released us to do that."

Meanwhile, Latisha Stephens had been charged for Kevin's death and her trial was gearing up.

When the family arrived at the courthouse in March, the district attorney asked to meet with them. "I want to offer something to you," she said. "It's called restorative justice. We want you to meet with Latisha and her family. You'll be given the opportunity to discuss how her actions impacted your family."

"Most definitely," Tiki responded. "When?"

"Today."

A couple of hours later, the families met. Kevin's Aunt Crystal had written 61 long letters to Dear Drunk Driver that she condensed to five pages. It was rough. The overriding message was: I hate you.

When it was Tiki's turn to talk, she said, "I want to tell you, face to face that I

forgive you. That doesn't mean what you did was OK. It will never be OK."

Tiki showed pictures of Kevin to Latisha, and played audio clips. As she finished, the Lord said, You're not through. She's going to prison. Offer to help her.

"I want to offer to help you. If you'll allow me, I'd like to help you become the person God called you to be." Latisha accepted the offer.

Then God said again, You're not done. I want you to hug her.

Before Tiki could finish saying, "And, I'd like to hug you," Latisha stood up and walked into Tiki's arms. They clung to one another and sobbed.

Something broke while they were hugging. It was a truly healing moment.

Help From Unexpected People

The day Latisha was to be sentenced, the two families met at the courthouse early and spent two hours talking. Latisha made a statement on video to be used at the 1N3 events. Without warning, Kevin's Aunt Crystal walked over and wrapped her arms around Latisha. "I forgive you," she said.

Latisha's range of sentencing was eight to 12 years. Kevin's family asked that she get no more than eight years. They negotiated that Latisha only serve 20 percent of her sentence before being eligible for parole instead of the normal 30 percent. After spending two months in the local jail, Latisha was taken to a maximum security prison in Nashville. Tom and Tiki gave her their address and they stayed in contact. Latisha's children and friends volunteered at some of the 1N3 events.

"Ten months after she went to prison," Tiki remembers, "I got a call notifying me that Latisha would have a parole hearing the next month. I hadn't factored in that she could get up to 16 days per month removed from her sentence for good behavior. I thought it was too soon. I said, 'Lord, isn't Kevin's life worth more than this?"

You said you trusted Me.

"I'll be at the hearing," Tiki told the woman who'd called, "but not in opposition."

No one showed up in opposition. Twenty-one people were there in support of Latisha's parole. Tiki spoke last.

"I'm guilty of murder too," she said. "The Father of the Man I killed has

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-Latisha

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forgiven me and treats me like His own child. He doesn't hold against me what I did. The man I killed was Jesus. Who am I to not extend the same forgiveness that He gave me?"

On Nov. 13, 2013, Latisha Stephens was released from prison. It was the first time in the state of Tennessee that an inmate was granted parole on that

charge at their first hearing.

"Latisha and I began speaking together [at 1N3 events] in January 2014," Tiki recalls. "Our message is: 'Your Choices Matter.'We speak at high schools, rehab centers, churches, driver's education programs, youth groups and community events. Hundreds of people have given their lives to Christ as a result of those events.

"Today, Latisha is like a daughter to us. We couldn't love her more. She married her childhood sweetheart and has a new baby. She got her driver's license back and is starting a business."

Tom and Tiki know that at the root of their willingness to forgive was the foundation of faith that formed in them early in life, and everything they had been taught through both the ministries of Kenneth E. Hagin and Kenneth Copeland.

"Partnership with KCM means you always have someone at your backno matter what you're going through," Tom says. "When I was working hard to stay sober and turn my life around, I know it wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for my first pastor, Larry Benz, and Kenneth Copeland. What a

blessing he's been to us.'

"I can't even imagine what our lives would be like without the Copelands," adds Tiki. "We've learned so much from them over the years, not only about faith but about forgiveness. In fact, I realized a year and a half after Kevin died, that I hadn't been fasting for my dad in that situation. God had me fasting so I could forgive. Forgiveness is a choice. If you wait until you feel like it, it won't happen. Forgiveness is freedom."

In addition to their prison ministry, Tom and Tiki pastor Purpose Church in Tennessee. Anyone who hears their story knows that forgiveness is a Christian's superpower. It breaks the power of guilt and shame and sets the forgiven on their

path to victory.





to keep a roof over their heads. She'd had a stepfather and her mother's boyfriend had lived with them over the course of several years, but the kindest thing she could say was that they weren't role models.

Although she'd always known her mother loved her, the most stability in her life had been her grandparents. Both grandfathers had been preachers. They'd taken her to church and introduced her to Jesus, a relationship that had grown distant over the years.

At 14, she'd run away from home, but she hadn't quit school. She'd lived with a boyfriend and then slept on a friend's sofa. She'd gotten her first job at 15, and bought her first car at 16. She'd dropped out of high school at 17. The next day she'd taken her GED and enrolled in college. For the last 11 years, she'd worked in the radiology department at the local hospital. Her life revolved around taking care of her boys.

A Living Nightmare

Latisha pulled herself off the sofa and dressed for a housewarming party. One of her friends had bought her first home and planned a celebration. She drove to the party where punch spiked with alcohol hit her empty stomach like fire. She and another friend later drove to a bar.

That's the last thing she remembered.

"My next memory was waking to excruciating pain and realizing that I was in the hospital where I worked, with both of my legs broken," Latisha recalls. "My first thought was that I had lost my job. How could I work with two broken legs? Besides, whatever happened must have been alcohol related. I felt sure that I'd go to jail for driving drunk.

"I'd never been in trouble. I'd never been arrested. Never missed work. Drank socially, but had never had a DUI. Yet I knew that whatever had happened had changed everything. Life as I'd known it was over."

In that moment, Latisha cried out to God. She prayed a lot while she was in the hospital, and knew without a doubt that she would never drink alcohol again.

"Even through the haze of pain, I remembered that I'd gone to a co-worker's party and left with a friend. That's it, nothing after that. I'd lost so much blood they'd given me a blood transfusion. They were going to take me to surgery but needed to stabilize me first. At one point, I started shaking uncontrollably and had difficulty breathing. They coded me, and I knew I was dying. They'd given me too much pain medication. They reversed it with Narcan and I stabilized."

On the third day of her hospitalization, Latisha went to surgery. Afterward she

woke to see her parents standing over her sobbing. She looked at her dad, the only true father figure she had ever had. He was her stepfather and the best father anyone could hope for. She wondered again how different her life would have been if he'd been there when she was growing up.

Coming Undone

"Why are you crying?" she asked.

"Your doctor didn't want you to know this until you'd had surgery and were stable," her mother said. "The other car you hit—that young man died."

Latisha felt undone—as though someone had taken a seam ripper and taken her apart, then pulled every thread until she'd unraveled and stopped being human. She felt like scraps of material to be tossed in the trash. She'd killed someone. She didn't want to live. She deserved to be put away in prison and forgotten. She deserved so much worse.

"My friend said that when we left the bar, I was driving so erratically that she was afraid for her life," Latisha explains. "She phoned her husband who met us and took over the wheel. He drove to their house. When they got out of the car, I climbed back into the driver's seat and drove off.

"According to the 911 calls, I drove $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles going the wrong way—north in a southbound lane. I almost hit three other cars before hitting Kevin head-on."

After two weeks, Latisha was discharged from the hospital. With both legs in casts, she couldn't walk, shower or take care of herself. Family and friends took turns helping her. Months later, when she was finally mobile, she found a church and attended every service. The pastor counseled her and prayed with her. "I repented and gave my life back to God," she recalls. "I promised to serve Him."

One evening, she was watching the news and saw Kevin's mother, Tiki Finlayson, look right at her. "Latisha, if you're watching, I want you to know I forgive you." Latisha sobbed for hours, wondering how Kevin's mother could forgive her when she couldn't even forgive herself.

As her court date drew near, Latisha tried to prepare her children for her arrest and incarceration. She took her younger son to a therapist to help him understand what was going to happen. Her children, she realized, were also victims of her choice to drink and drive.

Face to Face

"The first time I was in the courtroom with Kevin's family, I was so ashamed that I couldn't look at them," Latisha says. "I made a promise to myself that, because I'd taken so much from Tiki, I'd do anything she asked

of me. If she'd asked me to jump off a bridge, I would have done it. The next time we went to court, Tiki asked that I meet with the family. It was agonizing, but I did it. Kevin's aunt had been writing letters addressed to Dear Drunk Driver that she read to me in person. What she had to say was hard to take, but I knew I deserved it. Even more, I believe I would have been much worse if one of them had killed my son.

"I'd never been able to speak in public, even in college. But when Tiki asked that I make a statement on video for them to use at 1N3, their drunk driving awareness program, I did it. Facing that family was much harder than facing the judge."

Going to jail was frightening and traumatic. The next morning, everyone was taken aback by a picture in the Chattanooga Times Free Press. It was a picture of Tiki Finlayson hugging Latisha Stephens. That picture sent shock waves through the jail. Everyone kept talking about it.

The entire time Latisha was incarcerated, from county jail to the maximum security prison and a halfway house, was 19 months. During that time, she never met another inmate with the same charge who'd been forgiven. They were so hated that they hated themselves. Hatred drove them to get worse instead of better. They had no hope of redemption. Nothing to live for.

"I almost didn't go to the Christmas program because I knew I'd see Tom and Tiki there," Latisha remembers. "When I walked through the door, they both hugged me. Tiki looked so peaceful. I wondered how that was possible. It finally dawned on me that maybe she was at peace because she'd forgiven me."

That revelation had a dramatic impact on Latisha's life.

"There were a lot of people I needed to forgive from my childhood. Taking my cue from Tiki, I forgave each of them. When I did, the strangest thing happened. My entire adult life, I'd taken antidepressants and anti-anxiety medication. After forgiving, and getting my life on the right track, I no longer needed them. For the first time in my life, I could lay down and sleep without taking sleeping medication.

"When I was released from prison, Tiki asked me to speak publicly with her about drunk driving. I didn't want to at first, but because she asked, I agreed. Because I know we are doing good, it has gotten easier over the years—it's therapeutic. I got reacquainted with a wonderful man I'd dated in college. We married and have a 3-year-old son, in addition to my two older sons. I'm happier now than I've ever been. All because I was forgiven—first by Jesus, and then by Tiki."

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Thanks to KCM I have grown exponentially in my walk with Christ. I've been a Partner for many years, have received healings from the ministry and made friends. Without them I would not be where I am today. I also want to thank them because through them my husband was also saved before he passed on to be with the Lord!

You are an inspiration and a joy to listen to and follow. I also want to thank you for the beautiful gift of Brother Copeland's beautiful music collection. God bless you all! And JESUS IS LORD!

M.G. | North Carolina

PINCHED NERVE HEALED!

I called KCM to order the study Bible and asked you to pray for my back to be healed of a pinched nerve. You sent back a letter confirming your prayers, so I made a demand by faith on the ministry's anointing and laid the letter on my head. I was healed and felt the anointing bubbling all night! Praise the Lord!

C.N. | Pennsylvania

"I called your prayer line and the minister prayed and agreed with me for my healing. Today, the episodes of dizziness, numbness and tingling in my left arm, hand, leg and foot are gone! Praise God—Jesus is awesome! I'm so happy to be able to return to my normal activities. Thank God!"

D.B. | Florida

'NO MORE DELAY'

In October, I received a call from KCM asking if I needed prayer. We did. Our house sold but we still hadn't seen any funds.

The KCM prayer warrior gave me the verse, Ezekiel 12:25: "There will be no more delay." I stood on the Word. It was easy to have confidence having seen the answer in the Word of God. Oct. 3, the funds from the sale of our home were deposited into our account! Thank you, KCM, for your ministry and your teachings.

L.T. | Mooresville, N.C.

MIRACULOUS RECOVERY

I was hit on the head, which left me a big knot, two black eyes, double vision and a headache. I don't usually answer the phone, but this time when it rang, I'm glad I did—it was KCM. I asked for prayer, and within a few hours the double vision, headache and sickness were gone, and the next day I had no black eyes. Thank you!

S.S. | Florida



"You forgive because you choose to forgive and because it pleases God, not because you feel like doing it."

-Kenneth Copeland

THE BLESSING Brings Success

My oldest daughter received a full scholarship to the largest state university in North Carolina, and was the valedictorian of her graduating high school class. My younger daughter, who was a 10th-grader at the time, tied for No. 1 in her class.

We attribute their success to the Copelands' teaching on THE BLESSING, which we have believed for our children. I prayed the Lord would make them the head and not the tail; that they would be above only and not beneath, and God has brought it to pass. I don't believe this would have happened without the teaching from the Word. Thank You, Jesus, for THE BLESSING on our lives!

Braska W. Knightdale, N.C.

GOD IS MOVING IN MIRACULOUS WAYS!

Several vears ago my husband and I were in a very poor financial state, he had lost his job. I was almost finished with college, and we just found out we were expecting our first child. We started watching a famous Christian financial guru hoping to find ways to get out of our slump. Although the teachings were very wise, I was discouraged and thought to myself, There has to be something more.

My husband and I purchased a set of DVDs from KCM with George Pearsons and Gloria Copeland: 21 Days to Debt Freedom. We soaked in every word. We became faithful for the next several years in tithing (though we had been doing that), giving/ sowing, and believing and standing on the Word. We've seen many financial miracles since. BUT, today we're doing something exciting. We're picking up a FREE car! We decided to not only get out of debt but to stay out of debt, so we've been praying for a free car that we really need. The other month a car dealership in town contacted our pastor and asked if anyone needed a car. They participate in a program where they give away a vehicle to people in

We didn't have to seek out our blessing or strive for it. God DID IT! Thank you for teaching about prosperity and sharing your own testimonies. Thank you for your ministry!

K. & T.H. | North Carolina



NEW VEHICLE...NO PAYMENTS!

We needed a new vehicle. I was trying to figure out how to make the payments. God showed me there wouldn't be any. I put pictures of the vehicle I wanted on the fridge and the bedroom wall. We now have that vehicle. No payments! Praise God!

H. and L. | British Columbia

"It is time for us to stand and claim what is ours, lay hold upon it, and give our Father great pleasure in prospering His family!"

THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD

by Gloria Copeland

Many Christians have a counseling mentality today. They think that Scripture says, "If there's any troubled among you, let him go for counseling and get the pastor to pray." But that's not what it says.

Let me tell you whose counsel will bring you out of trouble—the counsel of the Lord. Ken and I know that from experience. Some years ago, for instance, this ministry faced serious financial trouble. We were several million dollars in the red and no matter what we did, we just couldn't seem to shake that deficit.

So Ken began to seek the wisdom of God. He prayed and said, "What is the problem here, LORD?"

Then he got still and listened for the counsel of God. Sure enough, that counsel came.

God said, Give the top 10 percent of the ministry's gross income away.

Now, those instructions made no sense to the natural mind. They seemed like foolishness. But we were just "foolish" enough to follow them. And, of course, when we did, God brought us out of that deficit.

Let me warn you. You're never going to figure out the counsel of the Lord with your mind. He is so much smarter than we are that sometimes His wise counsel sounds foolish to us. We have to come to a place of faith where we simply say, "God, I realize that You're smarter than I am, so I'll do whatever You say."

Remember though, God isn't going to interrupt your life with His wisdom. He will wait on you to turn to Him, to seek after Him. You must do as Psalm 34:4 says: "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."



BY KENNETH COPELAND

Conquer Any Challenge

The dominating power of God's WORD coming out of the mouth of a believer is the greatest force on earth.

Absolutely nothing can overcome it.

It can solve any problem and conquer any challenge you'll ever face. When it is spoken in faith, God's WORD on your lips can literally accomplish the impossible. It can do anything God Himself can do.

If you need proof, study the ministry of Jesus. When He was on earth He did everything by the dominating power of God's words. Those words were the key to His entire life. "The Son can do nothing of himself..." He said. "But as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.... [And] the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 5:19, 8:28, 14:10).

Obviously, if Jesus said you will do His works, you can do them. How? By using the same process He did. You tune in to the voice of the Holy Spirit who's living inside you and hear what God has to say. Then you speak His words, and the Father who dwells within you does the work. He releases His mighty power and you get the same kind of marvelous results in your life that Jesus did.

When Jesus was on earth, He did everything by the power of God's words.

John 5:19, 8:28, 14:10

- As a believer, you're called to do the works of Jesus by using the same process of hearing and speaking God's words.

 John 14:12
- You can hear what God is saying about every situation because the Holy Spirit is dwelling within you.

 John 16:13
- To receive God's wisdom, simply ask for it in faith.

 James 1:5-6
- 5 Spend time in The WORD and in prayer, believing to receive revelation from The LORD.

Mark 11:24





about the blessings the Lord has in store for them. But then, as the preacher starts to explain that there are spiritual things that must happen to receive His blessings, you can literally feel disappointment and discouragement start to flood people's hearts. I've felt that way before myself, and I am certain you have too.

Why is that? It could be, in part, because we are not used to locating and using the spiritual resources within. Some people, maybe even most of them, rarely tap into the eternal part of their being. But I believe the greatest reason for fear is not knowing God well enough to understand Him. Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "Whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]" (AMPC). For some, God is just too big, too awesome and too beyond them. He and His blessings are untouchable. For others God is too small. He couldn't possibly know of them and their personal life situation. He may be so small in their eyes that He doesn't even exist. So, when we hear Jesus say, "Don't be afraid. The Father wants to give you the Kingdom," we should realize there is nothing to validate our being intimidated; unless we don't understand what He meant by "the Kingdom."

Not Too Big, Not Too Small!

What exactly is the Kingdom? Romans 14:17 declares that it is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. The word *righteousness* scares some off. "That's just too hard to understand." So, for them, the Kingdom is too big. Others see righteousness, and even peace and joy, as irrelevant, churchy words. For them, the Kingdom is too small. But actually, the kingdom of God is just right!

First, it is small enough to be understood.

Let's break down righteousness, peace and joy. Briefly put, righteousness is perfect rightness. When things are right, they work. They produce a glad outcome. They are good. There is no righteousness, or goodness, anywhere outside of God. He is *all* that is right and *all* that is good. When He made us righteous with His righteousness, He made us as right as He is. There would be no other way for

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us to approach Him. His righteousness is so powerful that in His presence wrongs are made right, or they are destroyed.

Aren't you glad He chose to make us right with Him instead of destroying us? This force of righteousness not only makes us right with Him, but it is what makes things right around us and for us. It is because we are the righteousness of God that our bodies can be made right, which is healing. It is the reason our financial lives can be made right, which is prosperity. Think of it like the schoolteacher who comes back into an unruly classroom. Suddenly, when the force of righteousness enters the room, everyone straightens up and begins to act right.

Peace, at the root meaning of the Hebrew word, means "nothing missing, nothing broken. Complete." He is Jehovah our Peace (Judges 6:23-24). Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). Peace is more than a serene setting. The force of peace took command of the storm and calmed the sea when Jesus released it with His command, "Peace, be still!"

Peace doesn't mean having no trouble. It means having security in the midst of trouble. It means the ability to master the outcome of the trouble. It means trouble doesn't trouble you!

Then there's *joy*. It is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). It is a spiritual force that sustains throughout the worst of times. "Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2). Sorrow and grief know no boundaries. They can come to anyone about anything. But joy floats. It lifts you above anything that would weigh you down so you can always see the horizon. Life never loses its luster when joy is present. Joy keeps our eye on the prize, which in God is always good. Psalm 16:11 tells us that there is *fullness* of joy in His presence. *No* sorrow. *No* despair. Anywhere.

See, the Kingdom is small enough, or in other words, simple enough, to be understood and to be relevant to every life. It is also big enough to cover every situation. Righteousness allows you to be face-to-face with God and goes to work to make things right. Peace takes command of stormy situations in order to maintain a life of wholeness. And joy gives us the strength to press toward the blessings of the Lord and the ability to enjoy the ride!

But is the Kingdom big enough to handle all your present-day situations? Yes, I say! And your future as well. How can I be so sure? Well, "the kingdom of God" doesn't just refer to something God possesses the way an earthly king would possess land and all that is on it. "The kingdom of God" is the kingdom of Himself. If you look again at the scriptural references we've already given, you will see that hidden in them is the reality that He does not have righteousness or peace or joy. He is righteousness. Nothing is right apart from Him and there is nothing in Him that is not right. He is peace. There is no trouble in God and no peace outside of Him. He is our joy. The only way to know joy is to know Him. The only way to experience joy is to be in His presence because that is the only place you will find it. And to make it even more majestic in scope, the kingdom of God is not just parts of God—it is all of God. And if God is God, by definition He should be able to handle anything, now and in all the future that is to come.

Enjoying the Kingdom

The only thing now that could leave us fearful is thinking that we can't receive, or simply put, get our hands on that Kingdom. It is an awesome thing to wrap our minds around, that God wants me to have Him, all of Him. Just how do we receive—live in, have, enjoy-that Kingdom? By the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:18 (AMPC) says, "We...have an introduction (access) by one [Holy] Spirit to the Father...." And Jesus assured us that our heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him (Luke 11:13). And boy, He wasn't kidding! When the Father gave the Spirit, He gave in a big way!

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the

Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1-4).

All the power of the Holy Spirit was released in fullness. There was no holding back. No longer was the fire from heaven just falling upon the altar nor was it a cloud of glory just in the temple. But now God Himself, who is a fire from the loins up and a fire from the loins down (Ezekiel 1:27) came upon the 120 in that upper room and then filled them with Himself; and they too were a fire, head to toe, inside and out. This fire of God didn't stay in an upper room but spilled into the streets and the operation of the Spirit, among and through men, began.

Sure, the Holy Spirit had moved among men before. All through the Old Testament there are examples of the amazing manifestations of the Spirit: the working of miracles; gifts of healing; signs of great faith; words of wisdom and knowledge that were beyond human resource and intellect; and prophecies foretelling the future with pinpoint accuracy. But all of these phenomenal displays of God's might and abilities were only evident through the prophet, the priest or the king. And decades even centuries-would pass with little expression of the supernatural seen anywhere on the earth.

But on the Day of Pentecost, the promise of the Father through Jesus the Son was fulfilled, and the Spirit came to abide with and in them forever. All the power of the prophets-for visions and dreams, the ability to step out of this world and speak with angels and to overcome wild beasts—all came together and fell from heaven all at once. There was such an explosion of supernatural power that the sound was heard wherever there were human ears to hear. Like a violent blast of wind, the presence of God filled the room, filled the earth and filled the people, and overflowed in a way no one had ever experienced before. In just one moment all the force, might and dominion of heaven was returned to man. What Adam lost in the Garden and what men had perverted at the tower of Babel was restored.

How did God choose to release this

atomic force among men? Was it by adding more prophecy? More visions? More miracles? What one thing was big enough to contain it all? *Tongues!* Speaking and praying with tongues unlearned and untaught by human means. In a way only God Himself

could devise, He had resurrected the connection between heaven and earth and restored man's ability to speak God's will into being. Now the fullness of His power could be released through any yielded vessel, not just a priest, prophet or king. On top of that, every previous



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operation of the Spirit that men had ever encountered was elevated to a higher dimension than any human thinking could have reasoned. The prophets of old prophesied of things they couldn't understand, and the priests could not stand under the weightiness of a cloud of His glory. But now even sons and daughters can prophesy. Old men dream dreams and young men have visions. The maid and the servants now flow in the demonstration of the throne of heaven.

Finally, men were coming out of spiritual darkness into the light of the glory. The Apostle Paul dared to pray that the eyes of men's understanding be flooded with light so they could intimately know and understand the heretofore hidden mysteries of an awesome God. Through this great apostle the Lord revealed the ways and the workings of His Spirit.

Tongues and interpretation are the only operations of the Spirit not in the Old

Testament. But, as I said earlier, with the outpouring of the Spirit all those other manifestations—the words of knowledge or wisdom, discerning of spirits, working of faith, working of miracles, gifts of healings and prophecy—were lifted to a higher dimension than ever before. Tongues connects us to all those other operations of the Spirit. In fact, as I was looking for a way to describe what I was beginning to understand in the spirit, I heard the Holy Spirit within my own

RST CORINTHIANS 14

First Corinthians 14 lays out how tongues opens our eyes to these mysteries, takes hold of God's will and transfers it into this natural world. Just look at the wonders and the magnitude of tongues:

VERSE 2A

"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God..."

For the believer, tongues is a direct line that immediately takes our speaking out of a natural human means of communication into a heart-to-heart encounter with God, in the way heaven communicates: in the spirit.



VERSE 2B

"...howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."

What mysteries?

Ephesians 1:17 (AMPC) calls them the mysteries of God and 1 Corinthians 2:10 (AMPC) calls them "the profound and bottomless things of God." Mysteries of any and all kinds are hidden in God and we tap into those mysteries by praying in tongues. Mysteries about God Himself! By praying in the spirit we can uncover mysteries about the realm of the spirit as well as the mysteries of our natural world. We know there are untold medical mysteries to be solved. But what about mysteries in areas of science, politics, military strategy and the creative arts? Do we know everything about education, social issues and technology? And hey, what about global warming? No, there are still mysteries in every aspect of our lives that have vet to be revealed.

And then of course, there is the mystery of the future. Not only what awaits us, but what the Lord wants us to do with it. All of these things are waiting to be given birth through the believer who will give himself to praying in tongues.

VERSE 4

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself...."

Imagine it! You have been handed the ability to determine your own spiritual growth. Praying in the spirit builds you up and strengthens you in your inner man (Ephesians 3:16).

VERSE 14

"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful."

At first glance some people think this is a bad thing. But when you realize how limited the mind is, it's a relief to know there is a way to pray beyond those limitations. Praying in tongues is not dependent on learned information or experience or natural mental powers. It draws instead from the mind of the Spirit which, of course, is totally unlimited in any possible way.



VERSES 16-17

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"If you bless and render thanks with [your] spirit...how can anyone...who is not gifted with [interpreting of unknown] tongues, say the Amen to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? To be sure, you may give thanks well..."

Again, first glance would indicate that Paul was being negative about giving praise in tongues. But really all he was saying is that you can't testify in tongues because men won't understand you. Remember that he who prays in an unknown tongue speaks not to men, but to God. Of course, the exception to that is when there is interpretation. Praising in tongues helps you to reach lost or untapped depths of gratitude. I have caught myself in a complaining frame of mind and turned it around by reaching for a newfound gratitude through tongues. On the other hand, there are times when gratitude was already welling up so much within me that natural words just weren't enough and it took the language of the spirit to express to the Lord just how much I

appreciated Him.

spirit say to me: Tongues is the Swiss army knife of the spirit. Instantly I understood. All operations of the Spirit are inside of tongues. He pulls out the appropriate tool "as He will" (1 Corinthians 12:11). No other work of the Spirit is so exhaustive, so vital or so available. No wonder Jesus said it was a sign of those who truly believe (Mark 16:17).

It is a grave mistake, in light of this scripture. to take tongues out of our services thinking we are making it more welcoming to the newcomer. When we do that we eliminate one of the most outstanding signs of heaven working among men. There is nothing that brings the presence of the supernatural into a service so instantly than a congregation lifting language of the spirit. No other manifestation of the Spirit comes off the platform and fills the room like singing in the tongues of men and of angels. Even if you have spoken with tongues before, if it still surprises you and you are unfamiliar with it, then you are still in the category of the the switch to believer simply by using your to praying in tongues with fervency and much consistency.



Vinita

"Nonnie

Copeland,

by Pastor George Pearsons

'Hit It in Tongues, Honey!'

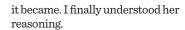
I had the privilege of living with Kenneth Copeland's parents for a little over a year before Terri and I were married. The experience was priceless. Vinita and A.W. Copeland (affectionately known to many as "Nonnie" and "Granddad") were precious believers. Their daily lives consistently demonstrated God's love, kindness and deep

Their kitchen table was the site of many counseling sessions. Untold hours were spent with guests and friends in need of encouragement, who always left Nonnie and Granddad's home having been lifted up by The WORD and by prayer. Granddad would laugh at the fact that Vinita rarely made it through a meal without someone from somewhere in the world calling to ask for prayer.

compassion.

We would gather around the table, pray over the meal and the phone would R-I-N-G! And we knew, "See you later, Nonnie." Since the telephone was in the kitchen, I had the privilege of hearing Nonnie as she skillfully guided people through The WORD. Her Bible was well worn from constant use.

One of the greatest words of wisdom she would offer, especially in times of emergency, was the phrase, "Hit it in tongues, Honey! Hit it in tongues!" I thought it to be such an unusual statement. I laughed the first time I heard it. But the more I heard her say it, the more real



She was stopping people from handling their situations in the realm of the senses. She would "iolt" them out of the natural and get them on over into the spirit as quickly as possible. It reminded me of when the people told Jairus that his daughter had died. Jesus immediately turned around, interrupted their thoughts of doubt and told Jairus, "Fear not: believe only." Jesus didn't allow their unbelief to take hold-not even for a moment!

Lately, The LORD has been strongly impressing me to pray much in other tongues. Terri and I have both "stepped it up" by praying in tongues as much as we can throughout the day. You can be sure that at the first sign of doubt, uncertainty, confusion or frustration over any situation, I hear Nonnie's voice loud and clear: "Hit it in tongues, Honey! Hit it in tongues!"

Remember, 1 Corinthians 14:2 tells us that when we pray in tongues we are speaking mysteries, divine secrets, secret truths and holy plans. Verse 4 goes on to say that we are edifying, strengthening and building ourselves up. I would recommend listening to Pastor Terri's series, A Deeper Understanding of Praying in the Spirit. Pastor Terri grew up under the anointing of Vinita Copeland. She should know.

The next time a problem tries to rise up in your life, don't give it one moment to gain a foothold. Do exactly what Nonnie told everyone: "Hit it in tongues, Honey! Hit it in tongues!" V



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VERSE 22

"Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not...."

their voices in unity in the unbeliever. You can make faith and yielding yourself





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BACK IN THE EARLY 1900s, DURING THE GREAT OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE MODERN-DAY PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT, SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVERS GOT TAGGED WITH A VERY INTERESTING NICKNAME. IN ADDITION TO BEING CALLED PENTECOSTALS, THEY BECAME KNOWN AS "HOLINESS PEOPLE."

They were called that, of course, because the word holy means "separated or set apart for God"-and that accurately described them. They didn't blend in with the rest of the world. They stood out because they lived a very different lifestyle. Not only did the power of God flow among them and produce miracles, signs and wonders, they separated themselves from sin and lived pure and holy lives.

In recent years, Christians haven't been especially famous for that. So, we haven't been called holiness people very much. But I believe we will be before Jesus returns, because He's coming back for a glorious Church, and holiness is what allows us to be glorious.

It's true! It may not be popular to say right now, but the degree to which we choose to live a holy lifestyle is the degree to which God's glory can be manifested in us.

That's why in our generation the devil has worked so hard to give holiness a negative connotation. He doesn't want the Church to glorify God on the earth. He doesn't want us, as believers, to put Jesus on display in our lives. He wants us to remain fleshruled and ignore instructions like those in Romans 12:1-2 where the Holy Spirit said to us through the Apostle Paul: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Do you know what's going to happen on this planet when the Church, as a whole, fully obeys those verses? We'll attract the attention of the whole world! We'll so radiate the character of God and walk in such a tremendous measure of His power that people won't be able to ignore us. They'll see the signs, wonders and miracles that follow the gospel



The degree to which you give your body to God and resist the influence of the world is the degree to which God's perfect will can be manifested in you.

2 The devil is the author of sin, and when you yield to it you open the door for him to bring destruction into your life.

God wants you to enjoy THE **BLESSING of His** abundant life so He has called you to separate yourself from sin and walk with Him. 2 Cor. 6:17-18

In your spirit, God has already made you as holv as He is.

All you have to do to be holy is to cooperate with Him and give outward expression to who you really are on the inside. Heb. 12:1-2



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That's the devil's worst nightmare!

we're preaching, multitudes will believe

When it happens on a grand scale, his day is going to be over. So, he constantly tries to push us, as believers, the other way. He tries to keep us from conforming to the image of God by squeezing us into the world's mold. He bombards us with negative influences and messages through the secular culture around us and pressures us to think, talk and act like the world. He lies and tells us that holiness is legalistic and outdated, and that we'll miss out on all the fun in life if we commit to it.

Sometimes the devil even goes as far as to suggest to some gullible believers that, because Jesus has already paid the penalty for our transgressions, what we do with our bodies doesn't matter—that it's actually OK with God for us to sin.

Talk about a deadly lie! It's never going to be OK with God for us to sin because sin's wages are deadly. It opens the door of our lives to its author the devil who, as Jesus said, is the thief that comes "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10).

God loves us! He doesn't want the thief to have access to us. He sent Jesus to deliver us from him so that we "might have life, and...have it more abundantly" (verse 10). He gave us His Word and His indwelling Holy Spirit so that we could leave the ways of sin and the world behind and walk in God's higher ways—the ways of life (Acts 2:28).

Conform to God, Not the World

God is in the life business! The more we give ourselves to Him and do what He says, the more life, health, prosperity and BLESSING we enjoy. If we just go all out and give ourselves to Him, we can live in days of heaven on earth! We can't enjoy that kind of heavenly lifestyle though, if we keep messing around with worldliness and sin. We can't conform to the world and to God at the same time. For as the New Testament says:

What fellowship hath righteousness with

unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God. and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1).

"But Gloria, in our day and age, I'm not sure it's realistic to aim for that kind of holiness," someone might say. "It seems like it would be unattainable."

It would be unattainable if we had to do it in the natural. But as believers, we're not limited to the natural. We have the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit within us. We have God Himself living and working in us "both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

When it comes to holiness, God has already done the impossible part! Through the new birth, He re-created our spirit and made us as holy on the inside as He is. He made it possible for our old, sinful inner man to die and for us to become a new creation made righteous with the very righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

We don't have to do anything further to be holy and separated from the world on the inside. God has already finished that work. As 1 Corinthians 1:30 says, He has put us "in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification [or holiness], and redemption."

What we have to do now is have faith in that inward work of holiness and cooperate with God by giving outward expression to it.



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How do we do that?

We strengthen ourselves in the Lord by spending time with Him in the Word and in prayer, resist the devil, and refuse to yield to the influences of this fallen natural world. We crucify our flesh and live on the outside like who we really are on the inside by obeying scriptures like these:

"Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and...put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:22-24).

"Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset" (Hebrews 12:1).

"Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Timothy 2:19-21).

Look again at that last passage. Who does it say decides whether you're going to be a golden vessel or a mud pot in God's household?

You do!

You're the one who makes the choice to depart from iniquity. You're the one who decides to control your flesh. You're the one who purges worldliness out of your life so that you're fit for the Master's use. No one else can do that for you.

Your spouse can't do it.

Your pastor can't do it.

Even God can't do it for you.

Taking dominion over your body is your responsibility, and as a holy child born of the Holy All-Powerful God, you CAN do it!

When the devil and the world try to push into your life, you can slam



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Rain Is on the Way

"And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments... to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil." Deuteronomy 11:13-14

God Himself says He is coming to us as rain (Hosea 6:3). Not just as rain, but specifically as the former and the latter rain.

What is the former and latter rain? In natural terms, the Israelites knew the former rain as the fall rain that prepared the soil for planting, and the latter rain as the spring rain that watered the soil to bring forth a good harvest.

In spiritual terms, the former and latter rains represent the move of God's Spirit under the Old and New Covenants.

The Bible calls the former, Old Covenant rain of the Spirit, a "moderate" rain. Under that covenant, people would go hundreds of years without hearing the voice of God



in the earth and without seeing someone anointed of the Holy Ghost. If there was anyone in the land who was anointed with the Spirit of the living God, it would be some prayer warriors somewhere who didn't draw much attention to themselves so people didn't see them.

Eventually, however, a little rain would fall. Then, a prophet of God, a great priest or king would be raised up in the land. The Spirit of God would be upon that person and the Anointing and miracles of God would flow through them. If you could get under the ministry of such a person, you could be healed, have your needs met supernaturally and hear the voice of God.

To understand how powerful even that "moderate" rain was, you have to realize that even Jesus' ministry was under the Old Covenant. He was the Lamb of God sacrificed under the old Abrahamic covenant. So, as powerful as the ministry of Jesus was, it did not show the fullness of the rain of the Holy Spirit.

He said it didn't! Just before He went to the Cross, He told His disciples, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

How could Jesus say such an astounding thing? He knew the latter rain was on the way! \mathbb{V}

the door on them. You can reckon yourself dead indeed unto sin and alive to God. You can present your body to Him to be used as an instrument of righteousness and say to the devil, your flesh and anyone else who needs to hear it, "Sin shall not have dominion over me!" (See Romans 6:6-14.)

Get Rid of Those Pesky Weights

You don't have to stop there either. You can go on, as Hebrews 12:1 said, and lay aside every weight. What exactly is a weight? It's anything that holds you down spiritually. It's anything that pulls you into the realm of the flesh to the point where it hinders your walk in the spirit.

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Dealing with weights is a little trickier than dealing with sin because weights differ for each one of us at different seasons in our life. Something that qualifies as a weight to you where you are right now in life, might be entirely legitimate to someone else where they are. Or something that was OK for you a few years ago, might need to be set aside as you progress and grow in God.

Back when I was first born again, for example, it didn't occur to me for a while that I should stop smoking cigarettes. I just thought that was a normal part of life. As a baby Christian, when I first heard about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I actually went outside after the service to smoke a cigarette and pray about it, because I wasn't sure that speaking in tongues was of God.

Can you imagine? I wasn't even thinking about whether or not smoking cigarettes was of God. The Lord hadn't yet dealt with me about that. A short while later, however, He did, and I stopped.

Praise the Lord, I've come a long way since then! But even so, the Lord is still calling me upward, to greater degrees of holiness. He's still speaking to me about things He wants me to do and adjustments I can make that will help me go higher in Him.

Growing in holiness is a continual progression. God never expects any of us to become perfectly holy on the outside in just one jump. He takes us through a developing process. We are changed into His image in stages, over time, "from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18), as we keep our eyes on Him and His Word and keep obeying His

Those leadings may not be dramatic. They may not come like writing on the wall or a burning bush. But if you're a serious Christian, they'll always be coming up in your spirit. You'll just sense on the inside that the Lord is leading you to lay some things aside so you can go to a greater place of glory.

What kinds of things might He speak to you about?

I don't know. As I said, it can be different things with different people. It depends on where you are in your walk with Him.

One area He's likely to speak to you about is your love walk. Since love is our foremost command, He might bring to your attention certain unloving habits or behaviors you hadn't previously noticed. He might deal with you about changing them or laying them aside.

Another area He might speak to you about is how you spend your time. He might lead you to increase your time in the Word and in fellowship with Him and decrease the amount of time you spend watching secular television. In our generation, I think, apart from outright sin, secular entertainment is probably the greatest depleter of the power of God in our lives.

Just think about how television and movies are designed to desensitize us to right and wrong. Think about all the sitcoms that portray sin as funny and harmless. That's the spirit of the world!

As believers, we don't want that spirit coming through our television sets into our homes all the time. We don't need to sit around and watch adultery and listen to profanity. That contaminates our minds. God has so much for us in this hour! He doesn't want us to waste our time on that kind of carnal, pitiful stuff. Compared to the glory He has in store for us, that's nothing but garbage.

Why would we waste our time grubbing around in the garbage of the world when we can be walking with God in heavenly places? Why would we spend our lives catering to the desires of our flesh and letting our carnal nature rob us of the manifestation of God's power in our lives? That doesn't even make sense.

We're the last days generation! We have the opportunity to reveal the glory of God to a greater degree than it's ever been seen before in the earth. So, let's do it. Let's lay aside the weights and the sin that so easily besets.

Let's become famous once again for being holiness people and become the glorious Church God has called us to be!

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That's a phrase I've heard all my life. No one ever gave me a penny and I never really stopped to think about whether they were worth more than that! Maybe you never thought much about it either, but let's think about it now!

Our gift to Jesus this month is *Our Thoughts* but before we give them to Jesus today, let's look at some different kinds of thoughts and talk about their value. This is not a scientific study! It is just a simple look at how it works.

The thoughts you have and allow to remain, are what make you into who you are. Think about it; a thought becomes an action, an action becomes a habit, and a habit becomes who you are.

One penny won't buy much, but if you had enough pennies, you could buy anything. In the same way, the right thoughts added together can become an amazing life. People don't always put much value on them but the Word tells us how important our thoughts are.

During the course of a day, we have thousands of thoughts! We think about important and unimportant things. The less we are focused on something, the easier it is to let our thoughts wander. When you are in school, does your mind ever drift off and miss what you are supposed to be learning? I used to do that in school and sometimes I still do! We all have RANDOM THOUGHTS that aren't worth a penny! Next, there are FOCUSED THOUGHTS which are purposeful and meaningful. Like right

now, I am resisting the distraction of random thoughts to stay focused on writing this letter to you. By doing that, I am getting it done! YAY! Focused thought helps you to succeed, learn, grow and communicate. These thoughts are worth a lot to you, way more than a penny!

The last category I want to mention is NEGATIVE THOUGHTS.

Any thought that says something different than what God says about you is a negative thought. These not only have no value, they will cost you! Satan uses negative thoughts to steal from you. He wants to create wrong ideas that lead you away from God's plan for your life. In 2 Corinthians 10:4, the Bible calls these ideas strongholds, like a fortress keeping us from God's best. The New Life Version calls these ways of thinking STRONG-PLACES. "We do not use those things to fight with that the world uses. We use the things God gives to fight with and they have power. Those things God gives to fight with destroy the strong-places of the devil."

Once people have allowed the lies of the enemy to build strong-places in their hearts, it affects their actions and that can lead their lives away from God. The good news is that Jesus has given us the ability and the freedom to choose what and how we think. He has even given us His Word, His thoughts to fight with! Verse 5 says: "We break down every thought and proud thing that puts itself up against the wisdom of God. We take hold of every thought and make it obey Christ."

We can take every negative thought captive and give it to Jesus! We can be the boss of our own thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 tells us to leave our way of thinking. "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and My ways are not your ways,' says 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."

Look at that! If we give our thoughts to Jesus, He gives us His thoughts to think with! Verse 11 tells us about His Word (His thoughts), "So My Word which goes from My mouth will not return to Me empty. It will do what I want it to do, and will carry out My plan well."

Superkid, His plan for you is so GOOD! Isn't that just like Him? We try to give Him something and He turns around and gives us something so much better.

First Corinthians 2:16 says it very clearly: "For who has the thoughts of the Lord? Who can tell Him what to do? But we have the thoughts of Christ."

This is where we put our focused thoughts, Superkid. Give your thoughts to Jesus by focusing on what He says. Not only when you pray, read the Bible or are in church—no matter where you are or what you are doing—allow His way of thinking to build STRONG-PLACES in your heart. Whatever runs through your mind at any time, give it to Him.

So then, what do we do with the NEGATIVE THOUGHTS? Ask Him to help you notice when you are allowing lies to have a home in your heart, then take them prisoner and turn them over to Jesus.

What about the RANDOM THOUGHTS? We will always have thoughts that seem unimportant, but give that space to Jesus to be in charge of. He can let you know when they drift too much or too long. Many times, I have let my mind wander and Jesus had to get my attention back on what He was saying to me. He doesn't mind helping us in this way, He's our Savior! He can save and perfect whatever we give to Him!

Lastly we give Him our FOCUSED THOUGHTS, our purposeful attention. He can lead our thoughts, give us new ones, correct or expand them, all because they BELONG to Him.

Pray this with me.

"Lord Jesus, I give You my thoughts today, my random, focused and negative thoughts. Please help me to understand what it means to dedicate them to You. Thank You for giving me Your thoughts to think. I will not allow any lie to live in my heart. Thank You for taking my gift today!"

Superkid, no amount of money can buy what you have given to Jesus. Your thoughts have value that you can never put a price on. Your thoughts = your life. Let's see...your thoughts in exchange for His thoughts, your life in exchange for His. Now that's a bargain!

Thinking of you,

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