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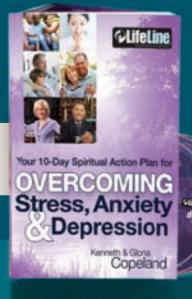


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#### Choose LIFE! by Melanie Hemry

Don Colbert experienced a lifethreatening attack on his body while he was in medical school. He and his wife, Mary, believed the report of the Lord and Don was miraculously healed. As a physician, Don sought the Lord, who gave him revolutionary ways to deal with the root causes of diseases rather than treating just the symptoms.

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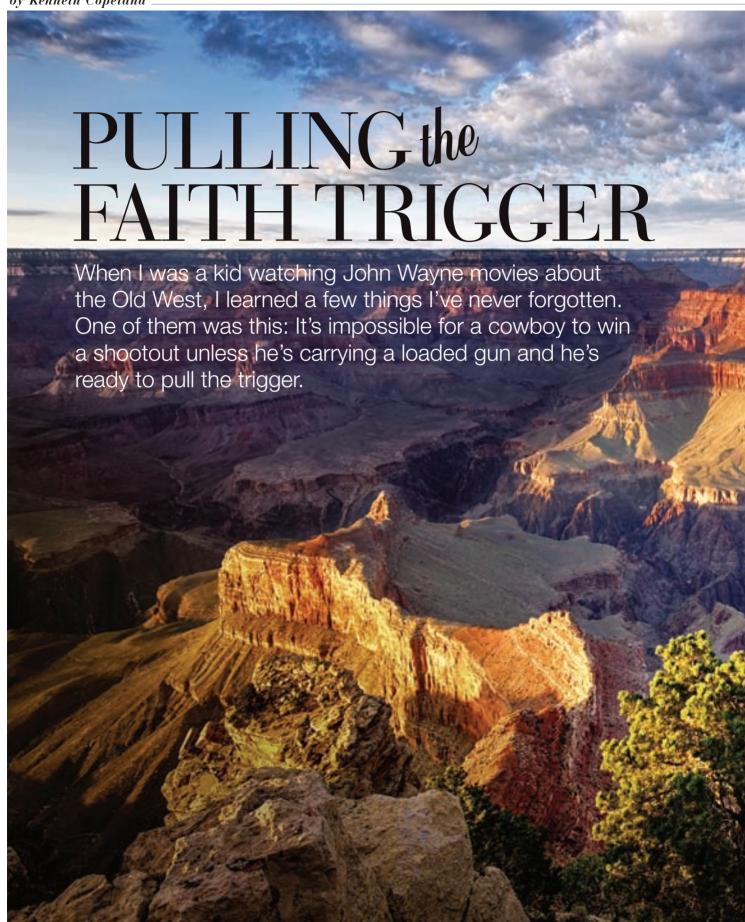












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His disciples: "And

(verses 46-48).

I don't know if you've ever thought about it, but it seems obvious to me, given the ruckus Bartimaeus made that day, he'd already heard plenty about the ministry of Jesus. People had been telling him not only that Jesus had been working miracles, but that He'd been preaching: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

Can you imagine how that message must have hit Bartimaeus?

As a Jew, he'd been told all his life about the coming of the Anointed One—the One referred to in the Hebrew Scriptures as *the Son of David*, who would have upon Him the very power of God. Now he'd gotten word that the Anointed One had finally arrived, preaching recovery of sight to the blind. For Bartimaeus, it was the ultimate Good News!

Most likely, ever since he'd started hearing it, he'd been thinking and talking about little else. As a result, when the strategic moment arrived, his weapon of faith was fully loaded and he knew exactly what to do. He hollered at Jesus and refused to be quiet.

"And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus" (Mark 10:49-50).

The fact that Bartimaeus threw off his beggar's coat when Jesus called him was extremely significant. That coat was a government-issued garment identifying him as a person who was permanently disabled. It assured the people who saw him asking for handouts by the side of the road that he was an honest man. That he had no other way to make a living—and never would.

Bartimaeus' coat was his beggar's license. Without it he couldn't work.

Yet, even before he received his sight—while he was still blind—he cast that garment away as if to say, "I don't need that thing anymore. My days of blindness are over. The Anointed One with the Anointing of God is here and I've heard what He preached. He said the blind would see and that's it for me. I'm healed and I'm never going to have to beg on this street corner again!"

With that, Bartimaeus zeroed his faith in on the words of Jesus and pulled the trigger. What was the result?

"Immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way" (verse 52).

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Hylton Memorial Chapel, Woodbridge, VA "But Brother Copeland," someone might say, "when Bartimaeus got his miracle, Jesus was literally, physically standing there in front of him. For us today that's not the case."

I know it. But it wasn't the case for the Apostle Paul, either, and he saw the same kind of miracles in his ministry. One in particular comes to mind. It happened one time when he and Barnabas traveled to the city of Lystra. As Acts 14 says: "And there they preached the gospel. And there sat a certain man...impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked" (verses 7-10).

If you study out that miracle, you'll see it unfolded much like Bartimaeus' did.

First, the lame man heard the gospel. What gospel? "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).

Second, he believed what he heard and—even before anything changed in his body—he had the faith he needed to be healed.

Third, when the strategic moment arrived, he pulled the trigger on that faith. Paul told him to stand up on his feet and, though he was still sitting there as lame as he'd ever been, he jumped up. He obeyed the faith command and, in the blink of an eye, he wasn't just walking, he was dancing.

It was a wonderful miracle, no question about it. But let me ask you something. What would have happened if that man had hesitated? What if he'd just shrugged his shoulders and said, "Well, I don't think I can do it, but if you'll help me, I'm willing to try."

The ending of that story would have been completely different. The devil would have captured the man's mind during those moments of hesitation and gotten it off The WORD. His faith level would have begun to wane; and when the meeting was over he would have still been crippled.

For us, as believers, this is vital information! It reminds us how important

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Believers' Victory International Church 425 W. Torrance Road | Carson, CA 90745 1-310-512-7705 | bvic.org it is, not only for us to have faith, but to pull the trigger on it when it's ready to be released.

"But what if I pull the trigger and nothing seems to happen?" you might ask. "What if it doesn't look like anything is changing?"

That's OK. Sometimes manifestations don't come instantly. So hold steady. Don't fall into the trap of wondering about it. Don't start saying, "I wonder why this isn't working." Just stay in faith.

If, after a while, you still sense there's a problem, talk to God about the situation. But approach Him on the level of faith, not on the level of wondering. There's a huge difference between those two.

When you approach God on the faith level, you don't say anything to Him about His WORD not working. You don't ask Him why He hasn't done what He said He'd do. No. You base your conversation with Him on the fact that He's always faithful. That He loves you beyond anything you can conceive and He always keeps His WORD.

Personally, I made up my mind about this a long time ago: I will never allow the devil to pressure me into thinking my failure to receive is God's fault. It's never His fault. If anyone's got things goofed up, it's me.

Because I've settled this, when I fail to get results from my prayers, I say, "LORD, I know by Your WORD it's Your perfect will for me to receive what I've asked of You; and I thank You for it, Sir. I'm BLESSED to know You've provided it for me and I'm inquiring of You about the delay. I know You can't miss it, so if I've missed the mark here somewhere, I'm asking You to correct me."

#### Walking the Miracle Mile

I'll never forget one of the first times I made such an inquiry of The LORD. It was in Shreveport, La., early in my ministry. I was preaching some meetings there when I found myself dealing with a serious situation in my body.

The problem began during the worship portion of one of the services. As I was

standing up praising God, I felt a strange sensation in my left leg. It suddenly seemed tight, like something was there that didn't belong.

Right away, I turned to Gloria and said, "I need you to agree with me about this." We prayed, I went ahead and preached, and I didn't think any more about it for the rest of the evening.

The next morning, however, when I got up, it really hurt. I didn't even want to walk on it. But I was scheduled to minister two services a day for the rest of the week, so I kept going by faith. The LORD helped me, and every time I'd step up on the platform to minister, the pain would instantly go away. Then the minute I finished and stepped off the platform—boom!—there it was again.

This kept happening until, by the end of the week when I finished the meetings, I was in agony. The sore spot on my thigh that had started out fairly small, had grown larger and my entire leg had begun to swell. I could only take about three steps before the pain hit me with such vengeance that I'd cry out before I could stop myself.

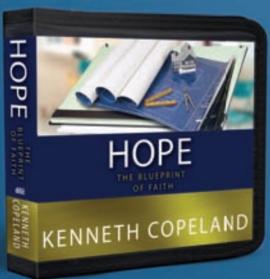
Realizing my healing wasn't manifesting the way it should, I went before The LORD and asked Him where I'd missed it. He showed me that instead of going to The WORD and actually reading the healing scriptures, because I knew them, I just quoted them.

That's not enough, He said. You need to open your Bible and look at them. You need to literally put your eyes on My WORD and read it out loud so you can hear it. Then He reminded me of Proverbs 4:20-22: "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Kenneth, He said, Your eyes are a gateway through which The WORD enters your spirit. But you haven't been using them. You've been relying on your memory; and the memory of The WORD won't nourish your spirit any more than the memory of food will nourish your body.

I made the correction instantly. I immediately turned to the healing





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scriptures and started feeding my faith.

"Did the healing manifest instantly, Brother Copeland?"

No. When I boarded the airplane to fly home, the pain was worse than ever. To make matters worse, during the entire flight the devil was talking to me about the fact that when we arrived at the terminal in Fort Worth, I'd have to walk a mile to get to the car. "You're a fool if you try to walk that far," he said. "I'll kill you."

"No, you won't, devil," I said. "You're a liar."

By the time we landed that night, my leg had swollen so much it felt like it weighed as much as I did. It was a throbbing mass of pain. Waddling off the plane, I was met by a man with a wheelchair. We hadn't called for him. Yet there he was.

"I have your chair ready for you," he said. I listened in my spirit for a word from The LORD. *Healed people don't ride in wheelchairs*, He told me.

That's all I needed to hear. Turning to the man who'd offered me the chair, I said, "No, thank you. I'm healed. I don't need it."

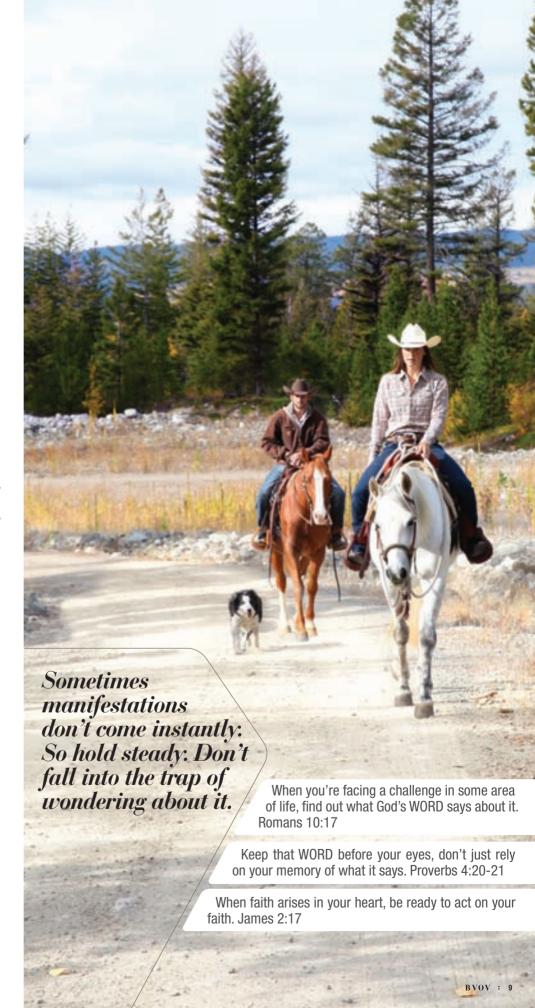
"You sure?" he asked.

I pulled the trigger on my faith. "Yes," I said...and I started walking. Although my leg screamed about it the whole way, I knew I had to obey The LORD and walk that mile—and the grace of God within me gave me the power to do it.

My parents had come to pick us up at the airport and they took us to their house where I went to sleep by faith. About 2 a.m., I suddenly came wide awake and sat straight up. At the exact same time, my mother, who was sitting beside me, praying, said, "Glory to God! That's it!"

She was right. I knew it and she knew it: I'd received my healing.

That kind of thing has happened to me countless times over the years as I've fought the good fight of faith, and it will happen for you, too. If you'll keep your faith loaded up with The WORD of God and be ready to act on it when the time comes, you can win every shootout with the devil. You can pull the faith trigger with such unflinching boldness he'll regret the day he ever squared off against you, because when the battle is over, and the dust settles, you'll be the one left standing, and he'll be under your feet.  $\P$ 







# WE NEED TO USE OUR

DON'T JUST PRAY AND CONFESS THAT YOU IN DIVINE HEALTH: CHOOSE TO EAT FOODS THAT WILL HELP YOUR BODY HEAL.

# Choose Life Melany

Mary Colbert sat sweltering under a tree in Tulsa, Okla., reading her Bible while her husband, Don, finished a three-mile race. Leaning against the rough bark, she wiped perspiration from her face and wondered what compelled people to run in 100-degree heat and 100-percent humidity. :: When Don came into view Mary sat up and stared. He must have been hit by a car! His legs appeared broken, unable to support his weight. Jumping up, she raced toward him, gasping as Don stumbled and fell, lying still as death in a race he barely finished.

Don Colbert was admitted to the City of Faith at Oral Roberts University, where he was a third-year medical student. His professors rushed to help him survive a massive heatstroke and make sense of his condition. A healthy, vivacious young man, Don was an avid athlete. Yet when he reached the ICU, he was in acute kidney failure and his oncemuscular legs had shrunk in size and were now smaller than his arms.

Doctors performed a biopsy on his muscles and discovered that he'd suffered massive rhabdomyolysis the breakdown of muscle tissue that leads to the release of muscle fiber contents into the blood. Those substances often cause kidney damage. In simple terms, his muscles had died, all the way to the bone, damaging his kidneys in the process. His doctors gathered at his bedside and explained the biopsy report.

"You'll never walk again. You'll be in a wheelchair for the rest of your life."

Furious, Mary fired them all.

"What have you done?" Don asked when they were alone. "Those were my professors! I can't miss months of medical school and graduate with my class without their help!"

Mary stormed out of the

After the door shut on the elevator, the voice of the

Lord seemed to echo in the small space. He will run and not grow weary. He will walk and not faint. Mary knew those words were a reference to Isaiah 40:31, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (New International Version).

Mary returned to her husband's bedside. "Man has spoken," she said. "Now God has spoken. He said that you will run and not grow weary. You will walk and not be faint."

"Mary," Don said, "I believe you heard from God."

Together, they took their stand.

## \*After Don su

"After Don suffered that massive heatstroke in August 1983, he was in the hospital for three months," Mary remembers. "During that time, his kidneys gradually recovered and his memory returned, although there were still gaps. But the condition of his legs didn't change. They remained 3- to 4-inches smaller than they'd

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been before the stroke and he couldn't walk.

"Fortunately we knew better than to be moved by that. I'd attended Rhema Bible Training Center and learned about faith from Kenneth E. Hagin. He often brought in Kenneth Copeland as a guest speaker and Don and I were students of his teachings. So we knew better than to let his condition move us from our stand of faith. We focused on what God said."

While being discharged from the hospital after three months was a huge milestone, it was a bittersweet victory. Don used his arms to drag himself up two flights of stairs to their second-floor apartment while Mary carried his wheelchair. His legs flaccid, his body drenched in sweat from the exertion, Don pulled himself up each laborious step. All the while, the devil taunted him, laughing and mocking.

"Did God really say you'd walk again?"

Three weeks later, Don was home alone when God spoke six words that would make—or break—his faith.

Get out of bed and walk.

Don looked down at his wasted legs. Then he took his eyes off the problem and lifted them to God. A little while later, Mary returned home and found Don...standing.

Don walked back into City of Faith and asked to see the same doctors and nurses who'd read his biopsy report. They watched Don walk and examined the muscles in his legs. To everyone's astonishment, his legs hadn't returned to their pre-stroke size. They were a full inch larger than before the heatstroke.

"This is a creative miracle!"

Don not only graduated from ORU Medical School on schedule with his class—he walked.

#### A Different Kind of Healing

"In the early '90s I woke one morning with a severe rash," Don recalls. "I put cream on it but it worsened. I went to see a dermatologist who told me I had the heartbreak of psoriasis. He prescribed coal tar and aquaphor ointment which left me smelling like asphalt. It stained

my sheets, clothes and car seats.

"It was an angry red rash and it itched. When I'd walk into a room my patients would ask, 'What's that smell?' Finally, I'd had enough. If God could heal me from heatstroke, He could deal with psoriasis. However, this healing came in a very different way."

Don's first clue that the rash was related to food was when he fasted and began to see a drastic improvement.

"I also noticed that when I ate bacon, fried foods and steak, the rash was much worse the next day. I usually ate toast for breakfast, a sandwich for lunch and pasta and a roll for dinner. As it turned out, those foods were fueling the problem. I was very sensitive to gluten. When I cut it from my diet, the rash began to clear up.

"I craved any kind of peppers: bell peppers, jalapeños and cayenne, but realized that my body was very sensitive to them. That's when the Lord gave me a huge revelation: The very foods we crave are usually the ones fueling our disease."

Although Don was only in his 30s, he had other health issues as well. He had taken antibiotics for a sinus infection, and had an overgrowth of candida. Don had also had a parasite problem that might have come from the year he lived in Mexico as an exchange student. He treated the parasites, removed gluten, steak, fried foods and peppers from his diet and healed rapidly. The rash was gone.

Don said he began using what he had learned to treat his patients, especially those with chronic diseases.

"I used diet and helped them decrease stress and get more sleep," he said. "The results were amazing. Most people experienced a 90- to 95-percent improvement in their health by following an anti-inflammatory diet."

#### Getting to the Root of the Problem

Early in his career, Don said, he realized that medication treated symptoms but never led to a cure. In fact, many of them created so many side effects that more medication was required to treat them. As he sought God regarding various diseases, the

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Lord gave him revolutionary ways to cure diseases.

One thing the Lord showed him was the connection between disease and toxic emotions. For instance, unforgiveness held certain diseases in place. And trauma often created an opportunity for disease. Once, Don treated a man with a huge tumor on his neck. Instead of focusing on the tumor, Don focused on the man. After gentle prodding, he discovered that two years earlier the man had been mugged. His attacker had tried to strangle him to death—in the very spot where a tumor manifested two years later. Don was able to help get the man healed of the trauma, and therefore the tumor.

"When I graduated from medical school, I was told by one of my professors that in 10 years, 50 percent of what we had learned would no longer be true," Don explained. "Yet, 95 percent of everything a doctor learns after graduation comes from pharmaceutical journals and pharmaceutical-sponsored conferences. It's no wonder our health care is driven by pharmaceuticals. I was determined to find God's plan for health and healing.

"What brought disease and death into the world? Adam and Eve did it by making the wrong food choice. It's that simple. When I studied Jesus' life, I noticed that the first thing God did after He'd been filled with the Holy Spirit was lead Him into the wilderness where He fasted for 40 days and nights. The Bible says that afterward He was hungry. What did the devil tempt him with? Bread.

"The Bible has a lot to say about food and diseases," says Don. "And while we're no longer under dietary law, one thing hasn't changed. Each time we make a choice, it's either a choice that leads to life or one that leads to death."

#### A New Model

Don's frustration with the medical model continued to grow.

"Payment for care, for example, was based on what an insurance company agreed to pay," he said. "Those companies paid for medication to treat

the symptoms. They did not pay for a nutritional regimen that would help get to the root of most causes."

Little did Don know, God was about to intervene in such a way that would help alleviate some of his frustrations.

In the late 1990s, Don had one of the largest family practices in central Florida. He worked long hours and was on call all the time. Concerned that he was working himself into an early grave, he and Mary knew there had to be an answer-so they sought the Lord for wisdom.

After another long, grueling day at work, the Florida sun had long since dipped below the horizon when Don finally made it home one night. Tossing his keys across the kitchen counter, he turned in exhaustion to Marv.

"I didn't go into medicine for this," he said. "I feel like I've become a legalized drug pusher. All I'm doing is treating symptoms. I'm not getting to the root of my patients' problems. I'm not doing this anymore. As of Jan. 1, I will no longer take insurance. I want to get my patients well."



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## Gloria shares how it's God's will for you to live healed and whole.

Instead of a typical medical practice, Don soon opened the Divine Health Wellness Clinic in Longwood, Fla., a suburb of Orlando. Don knew that without the assistance of insurance companies, his patients would now have to pay for services. Would they pay the steep out-of-pocket expenses? Would people even come to a wellness clinic?

Don and Mary put their entire financial future on the line to find out if people were tired enough of chasing the medical myth of medicine to come to his clinic.

And they did.

People came from central Florida. They came from north Florida and south Florida. As word got out, they came not only from all over the U.S.,

food choices that will lead to life and not premature death. To do so, there are some things we need to put on the altar: sugar, wheat, dairy and fried foods.

"I'm honored to be Kenneth and Gloria Copeland's personal physician," said Don. "We recommend their literature and teachings on faith, salvation and the Holy Spirit to our patients. In addition, I have such respect for the way Kenneth uses his faith and food choices to live a long, healthy life. More than 35 years ago, he put bread, sugar and coffee on the altar. While some people may be able to take an occasional break in their diet, not eating things you know you have a problem with is wisdom.

"A lot of people want God to do their

If you rob cancer cells of fuel by using a strict ketogenic diet, they will die. I believe that chemotherapy will become archaic in the near future.

"We've had success treating patients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, ADD and ADHD with diet and they are off their medications. Many times those illnesses are food related."

In keeping with his mandate to give God's people the knowledge they need to live long and strong lives, Don Colbert has written books on numerous subjects, and appeared on numerous TV shows, including The Dr. Oz Show. The wisdom and favor of God rest on him to such a degree that he has become one of the leading voices in the nation when it comes to health. The Colberts are

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people were coming from all over the world, using their faith to come and experience a medical clinic that treated the whole person—spirit, soul and body. A clinic where faith, prayer and nutrition superseded drugs.

As Don and Mary used their faith to get to the root of their patients' problems, God showed up in a powerful way.

#### **Downloads From Heaven**

Among the things God revealed to Don was what Asian cultures had known for years: Fermented vegetables are one of the keys to good health and longevity. As a result, Don said, the Lord showed him how to develop food supplements to replace synthetic vitamins.

"Christians want to use their faith to conquer disease," Don said, "but we should be using it to conquer our flesh. The Church has a saying, 'We don't smoke or drink, but by golly we eat!' But God said, 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.' My mandate is to give people the knowledge to make

part. It's absolutely necessary to use your faith, pray and make correct confessions about having healthy teeth, but if you don't bother brushing them you're going to have a problem. The same is true with food choices. Don't just pray and confess that you walk in divine health; choose to eat foods that will help your body heal."

One example Don cited was a mother who called to schedule an appointment for her young daughter, who was so crippled with rheumatoid arthritis that she couldn't walk. After seeing the young girl, Don told her parents to make only one change: Have her drink only alkaline water, except at meals. The next time she came to the wellness center, the girl walked into the clinic on her own.

#### An Infusion of Faith

"We need to use our faith and use food for medicine," Don insists. "Even cancer responds to the right diet. Cancer lives off of sugars and carbohydrates that break down into glucose. That's how cancer is fueled. now in the process of launching a new television ministry called *Dr. Colbert's Health Report*.

Married for 34 years, and the parents of two sons and seven grandchildren, Don and Mary Colbert are as passionate about seeing God's people healed today as when they began their journey. And they attribute much of their passion to those early years, when the word of faith was instilled in them to the point that they knew exactly how to combat the enemy when he attacked Don's body.

"There's no question about it," says Don, "we must infuse faith to overcome disease. And that's one of the reasons we're still Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries after all these years. When it comes to faith, no one does it better."

Don's message today is simple: Life and death are in the power of the tongue—not only in what you believe and say, but also in what you do. Every time you put something in your mouth—choose life!

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Just wanted to give God praise for the blessings in my life. When 2014 began it was much the same as any other year. I was hoping to be blessed with good health and happiness. I instead received news from my doctor that I had glaucoma. Not too many months after that I was told I possibly had cervical cancer. Wow, not something you want to hear. Well, I prayed and believed that God did not want me sick or possibly dead. On my last checkup the doctor said the pressure in my eyes was just fine-that I had nothing to worry about! Then my test came back from my biopsy and it was cancer free. Praise God! Last but not least. God is opening my eyes to the things I have done wrong in my life. It's kind of like a veil has been torn down. Now I am going to try my best to live by what I've learned, say my prayers and count my blessings. My true prayer is that this helps someone out

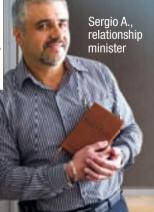
#### Out of Debt

L.P. | Texas

there to keep up the faith.

Thank you for praying for our finances. My husband now has projects and in less than a year we got out of debt. Praise the Lord!

Carmen G. **British Columbia** 



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"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, New Living Translation

#### The Swelling Went Down

During the Thanksgiving holiday I was on my feet an unusually extended period of time, and unexpectedly my feet, ankles and knees swelled up unrecognizably enormous. I'd never seen anything like it. I had not noticed sooner because I was overly tired and had on rather large rubber comfort-shoes, and the extensive

swelling was actually masking the pain. I called the KCM prayer line and a precious lady prayed with me, in power! Praise the Healer Jesus, every bit of the swelling went down within hours. I was so relieved and thank God that no weapon formed against me or mine shall prosper! J.T. | U.S.

#### Fiji Islands

#### Thank You for the Living Word

Hallelujah, hallelujah! All the glory be to God. Thank you all so very much for your prayers and thank you for the powerful living Word that you are

sending me daily. It's encouraging me, teaching me and building me strong to be the woman I am today. I asked prayer for my daughter, who is attending Travel Careers in Auckland. New Zealand.

to be able to pay her fees by December, Everything was paid for! Once again. thank you all so very much. God bless you all. Thank you, prayer department. Nai M.

#### Miracle Debt Cancellation

I owed the bank 1.8 million Sri Lankan rupees. I was praying for a debt-free life and asked God to write off this debt and I promised that I would never ever, by the grace of God, borrow from anyone the rest of my life. I was informed recently by the bank that my debt had been written off. It's a miracle! Praise God. S.A. I Sri Lanka

#### Still Going Strong With God!

I was in jail, but look at me shine now because of our living God. The journey has been grand. I committed to God back in July 2002, and am still going strong. Thank you, KCM, for being there! I now have God's peace in my

heart. I hope we can reach new people with the funds I sow, and help others who are locked up (in jail) this Christmas season. Bless them all. May they return home safe and be with their loved ones. Blessing to all KCM Partners and families. Joel M. | Ontario

#### **God Has** Opened My Eves

I give thanks to God and praise Him for sending Jesus to me and for allowing me to join with your ministry. Thank you for all your love, support and prayers that you have provided me and my family.

God has totally freed my soul from hatred, anger, selfblame, criticism, pain and emotional hurt. All the fear has been exposed by God's Word. I can finally see, know and understand truth. God has opened my eyes to love and beauty according to His Spirit and His way. He opened me up to a whole new way of thinking and believing. His Word caused me to finally know who He is after many years of doubts, reasoning, lies and deception. Thank you and your staff for being faithful to me and my family. I thank God for allowing me to be a part of your ministry because otherwise I wouldn't be alive today.

He set me free and now I can enjoy my faith walk even more. Day by day God healed the areas that carried all the hatred, anger and blame I had toward myself, others and Him. He showed me that I was searching in all the wrong places...that His Word and His presence were what I needed. He showed me forgiveness, because I had a hard time letting go of unforgiveness. I thank God I can finally praise Him with a grateful heart.

All this led me to seek God Himself. And He has proven that His presence in my life enables me to be successful. I can now see and understand love and forgiveness. Thank you so much for your ministry helping me and encouraging me in my faith walk. Rita-Ann W. | Queensland



#### 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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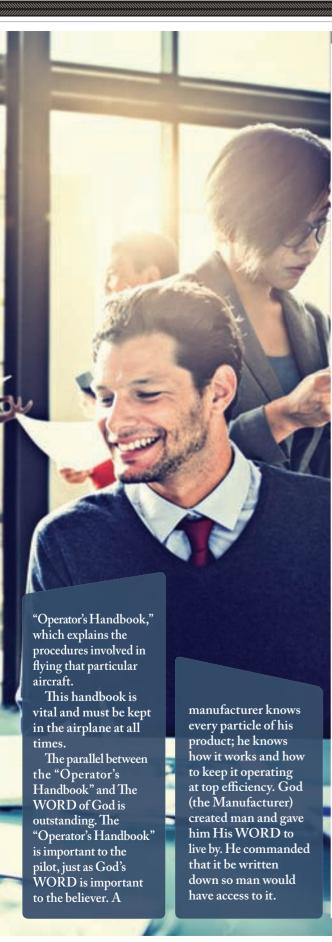
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Christianity is not a religion, it is a family. The Bible is God's testimony of what He has prepared for us, His children. The Father has given His WORD to teach and guide us. He is showing us how to operate in His thoughts and His ways so that we can enjoy the fullness of Jesus' lordship in our lives. The Holy Spirit was sent into the world to reveal that WORD to us, to make it a reality in our spirits. The Father wants His children to live a successful and victorious life, so He has given us His WORD as our weapon. "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)" (2 Corinthians 10:4). Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). If you keep His WORD, then that WORD will keep you—spirit, soul and body.

Once I realized its importance, I made the decision never to compromise on The WORD. I made it my goal to search The WORD and do what it says to the utmost of my ability. It sounds like an impossible task, but with God's help I am accomplishing that goal. Nothing is impossible with God!

The WORD of God has been the mainstay in my own personal growth since that time. Through the power of The WORD at work in my life, I have been able to overcome *all* the adverse circumstances that have faced me. Joshua 1:8 says, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt

meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." I desperately needed to know how to be prosperous and have good success, so I dedicated myself to The WORD and it has brought deliverance in my life. He watches over His WORD to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12, *The Amplified Bible*).

To operate in faith and know God's will, we have to begin with God's WORD because His WORD is His will. He does not will one thing and say another. It would be dishonest and unjust for God to act in any way contrary to His WORD. God and His WORD are one. They cannot be separated, just as any honest man cannot be separated from his word. The value of a man's word depends on the standard he lives by. If a man is no good, his word is no good. Learn to act on The WORD of God just as quickly and surely as you would act on the word of your lawyer, your doctor or your very closest friend. Because you have faith in your lawyer or doctor, you will do what he says. You will listen to him and give careful consideration to his expert opinion. God intends for you to consider His WORD in the same way.

#### Make a Quality Decision

Any believer who intends to operate by faith must make a

quality decision where The WORD of God is concerned. Deuteronomy 30:19 is a scripture I quote often because it shows the vital necessity of making a choice. God said, "I call heaven and



earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live...." God has placed the choice before us. We can either choose life and blessing or we can choose death and cursing. To choose God is to choose The WORD; to choose Jesus is to choose The WORD. I cannot stress enough the importance of our decision in spiritual things. We will be constantly climbing uphill until that quality decision is made, until we make our choice to stand steadfastly on The WORD of God and make it the final authority in our lives.

The Bible is a God-breathed, God-inspired and God-indwelt book. It is God speaking to *you!* It is a living thing. Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing

11:3). The parent force of the physical world was the faith released in God's WORD. "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9). Realize the power inherent in The WORD of God! He spoke and the whole universe was brought into existence.

Psalm 119:89 says that God's WORD is forever settled in heaven. Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Why? Because heaven and earth are the children; God's WORD is the parent. There is nothing in the earth more sovereign than God's WORD. God has placed His own faith in His WORD. He will back His WORD with His power. Once He has given His WORD, He will not relent. It will come to pass! When a man gives his word, he enters

prevailed. "And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (verses 19-21).

Abraham received The WORD of God and he considered The WORD rather than the circumstances around him. "And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body...neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb." He made that quality decision to believe God's WORD. He chose life and life was the result. Praise God!

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt on the strength of the Abrahamic Covenant. Exodus 2:23-24 says, "The

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even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

God's WORD is real and powerful. It has an integrity that is beyond reproach. In God there is no variableness; God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). His nature does not change. His Name does not change. Consequently, His WORD does not change. God's WORD is His bond.

The nature of God's WORD is miraculous. Throughout Genesis 1, we find the words, "And God said...." The Bible is filled with the phrase, "Thus saith the Lord...." When God speaks, things happen! He created the worlds with words. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews

into a binding contract that will be just as good a year later as it was the day it was made. God's WORD works the same way.

#### The Abrahamic Covenant

In Genesis 17:4-7, God approached Abram and made a covenant with him. He said, "As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee...And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee...."

In Romans 4, we can see that Abraham was a man fully persuaded and convinced that what God had promised him in the covenant, He was willing and able to perform. Abraham stood in faith against adverse circumstances and The WORD of God

children of Israel...cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob." Just think of the power that covenant contained! God had given His WORD, and like any honest man, He was bound by His WORD. Moses' entire ministry was in behalf of God's WORD to Abraham.

#### Release Your Faith With Words

You have the ability to stand on The WORD of God against all the works of Satan. That WORD living within you will rise up strong and the power of God will move in your behalf. It will cause that which you are believing for to come to pass.

To know the strength of God's WORD is to know His integrity, His ability and His faith. God releases His faith with His words. He is a faith

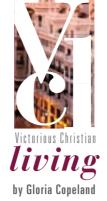
being. He does everything by faith. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him...." That is the way you and I are to operate by faith. We are to take The WORD of God and stand against Satan by speaking it out our mouths in faith. Ephesians 6:17 says, "And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." The WORD is our sword, our weapon in the world of the spirit; but it is of no use until it comes out our mouths. We have to speak The WORD for it to be effective in our lives. Iesus considered only The WORD of God in His earthly ministry. When Satan came to tempt Him, Jesus answered with The WORD. He said, "Satan, it is written... it is written...it is written." Satan has no defense against The WORD of God when it is spoken in faith.

Romans 10:17 tells where faith comes from: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." First John 5:4, "...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

We are dealing with a living God, a living Jesus, a living WORD. His faith and our faith come together by The WORD. God's faith is active in His WORD today! His WORD and His faith prevail on the lips of a believer. When we go in His Name and speak His living WORD, the Holy Spirit carries those same faith-filled words from our lips and causes them to produce just as abundantly as when God speaks them. As we confess with our mouths that Jesus is LORD, we give Him the opportunity to work in our lives.

As we confess The WORD, we allow the Holy Spirit the freedom to bring complete and total deliverance. Put into action the rights Jesus purchased for you by confessing the power of God's living WORD in you.

Be like our father Abraham. Refuse to stagger at The WORD of God through unbelief, but stand strong in faith, giving glory to God, being fully persuaded that what God has promised, He is able also to perform. Praise God! •



## A Loving Heart and an Open Hand

"Turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness...." Over and over again, the Scriptures tell us that God is gracious, but too often we miss the fullness of what that really means. A person who is gracious is someone who is inclined to do what you want them to do. They're disposed to show favors to those who ask them. They are, as James 3:17 says, "easy to be intreated."

My grandfather was like that. All the children in my family called him "Pop," and we dearly loved him because he so enjoyed being good to us. If we asked him for money, he'd dig into his pockets and give us whatever he had. He taught us all how to drive, and then let us take his pickup to town (even before we had our driver's licenses). As long as he knew it wouldn't hurt us, he let us do whatever we wanted to do.

My grandmother wasn't as much that way, so she often tried to stop him, but she didn't have much success. Despite her protests, he usually ended up giving us whatever we asked for because he couldn't help it. That was just his nature.

God is much the same way. It's not difficult to

get Him to do what we want. On the contrary, He likes to say yes to us. He is disposed to show us favor!

You know how some people have hobbies like fishing or golf, and they're always looking for opportunities to do those things? You might say that God's hobby is doing good things for His children. He is continually watching for opportunities to BLESS us and give us what we want.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 says, "...for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God."
God wants to give good gifts to people. It's what He loves and enjoys, so much so, that one of the Hebrew titles for God in the Old Testament is "Jehovah the Good!"

That's why we can go boldly before His throne of grace to receive what we need from Him. That's why we can go in faith, and not in fear. We don't have a heavenly Father who's hardhearted and tightfisted. We have a Father who is easily entreated, who greets us with a loving heart and an open hand. We have a Father who loves to be good to us.



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The sobering

message continued.

We have all witnessed a number of very serious world events since that word was delivered.

"These are dangerous times. They are dangerous times financially. They are dangerous times in the earth because the earth is weighted under a gross weight of sin. There are things and places and situations underneath the earth, in the oceans, in the heavens. Things are being rattled and shaken. The earth is trying to break in different places."

There is no doubt that this is exactly what has been taking place.

But here is the good news.

You and I do not live under the dominion, rule or control of the curse. We have been redeemed from devastation and destruction. We are not subject to the times. Psalm 31:15 says, "My times are in Your hand" (New King James Version). Jesus paid the full price for our protection in times like these.

Look at 2 Peter 1:4, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." The Bible in Basic English says

we have been "made free from the destruction which is in the world." Galatians 1:4 reveals that it is God's will for us to be delivered "from this present evil world."

Jesus prayed for our protection in John 17:15-17 (NKIV): "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." Through God's WORD, Jesus has separated us from the collateral damage of the curse. He made a way for us to live in this world, but remain totally and completely untouched by its effects.

You could say we are "The Untouchables"!

Proverbs 19:23 (New International Version) says, "The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble." First John 5:18 tells us, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." Psalm 91:7-10 assures us, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only





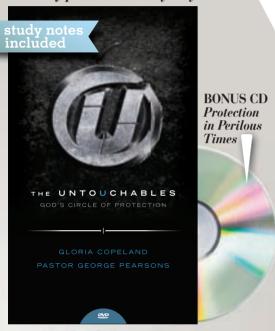


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with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." I often declare verse 10 as a confession of faith, based on the King James Version and The Amplified Bible: "There shall no evil or calamity come near my dwelling!"

There is a "dwelling"—a place of protection where you and I can live untouched by any attack of the enemy. In Psalm 91:1, it is called "the secret place of the most High." In Psalm 32:7, it's called the "hiding place." And in Psalm 27:5, "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock."

In this prophetic word from The LORD, "Everything is going to be all right in the household of faith!" it is called "the household of faith."

That word has been such an encouragement to Terri and me. We have been standing on that phrase ever since it was uttered the evening of Aug. 6, 2010. Whenever we have faced tough times, we would just look at each other and simply say, "Everything is going to be all right in the household of faith." It would cause such faith to rise up in our hearts. I even found a scripture that perfectly corresponds with this statement. The Message translation of Jude 1:1-2 says, "I, Jude, am a slave to Jesus Christ and a brother to James, writing to those loved by God the Father, called and kept safe by Jesus Christ. Relax, everything's going to be all right; rest, everything's coming together; open your hearts, love is on the way!"

'The household of faith" is our untouchable place of protection from any attack of any kind. It is the place where

everything is going to be all right. The way to stay in that "untouchable place" is made clear in our word from The LORD. Thank God for His instructions—His "how-tos" for walking out this victory. The LORD said, You will have to make a stand. You will have to fight the good fight of faith. Stand on My WORD, and it will not come near you. Praise and worship and preach The WORD. Don't feed fear and trouble into your life and into your mouth. Feed on My WORD and not on the bread of sorrow. Fear not!

When we stand on God's WORD. we become rooted and grounded in something that is unshakable and unmovable. We are surrounding ourselves with God's impenetrable shield. Psalm 91:4 (NKIV) tells us, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth (His WORD) shall be your shield and buckler." The Hebrew translation of this verse actually says He is our "circle of protection."

As long as we stand on The WORD, stay out of fear, walk by faith and exercise our authority, we will remain completely protected in the household of faith.

#### Our End-Time Mission

We are not protected just to be protected. First Peter 1:9, New Living Translation, reveals that the goal of our faith is the salvation of souls. The Body of Christ has an important end-time mission to the people who have and will experience the ravages of the world's evil.

When trouble comes, we don't just "head to the hills and hide out in the household of faith" until the storm passes over. We walk right into the midst of trouble, being totally insulated by our circle of protection. Our mission is to rescue those who are caught in the devil's reign of terror and pull them into the household of faith. We are protected so we can get people to the place in their lives

where everything is going to be all right.

If the word of The LORD is telling us conditions are going to get worse, and that hard things are coming, then we need to be ready to help.

That is why we are here.

It's who we are, and it's what we do.

That is our mission in these dangerous times.

Romans 15:1 (NKJV) tells us, "We then who are strong ought to bear the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves." The Message translation of verses 1-4 is amazing!

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, vou can be sure it's written for us.

Our end-time mission is to help clothe, feed and teach others The WORD of God in their times of desperation. The end result is that they grow up in The WORD and become so established they are able to reach out and clothe, feed and teach others in their time of need.

"Father, thank You for protecting us in these dangerous times. But we realize this protection is not just for us. Our mission is clear. We will reach out to the destitute and the hopeless and lead them into the household of faith—where everything is going to be all right!" 🖤

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That reminds me of a TV show called Home Improvement, about a dad who hosted a TV show about tools, but the real story was the home improvement needed in his family. It made people laugh and showed that people don't have to be perfect to love each other and make a great family. That was just a show, but I want to use it to talk about our own homes and families.

The last few months we've been makina changes that are important for a healthy, loving and supportive family life. I told you last month that we would learn more about our home-improvement toolboxes. One person in particular makes our homes great and that's JESUS! When you asked Him into your heart, He moved in with all His fullness and all His love, bringing with Him the Holy Spirit to fill us with all the power lesus has. The Holv Spirit's job is to reveal and express Jesus and His love to us and in us.

Romans 5:5 says, "...For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love" (New Living Translation).

Superkids, because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with His love, we can not only know that God loves us, but we can LOVE others with His love. That is the most powerful tool we have to make our homes, our lives, our families' lives and the lives of

others better. And, we can all learn to use this tool better!

In Galatians 5, the Bible talks about the fruit of the spirit. I'd like you to look at this in light of the home improvement we've been talking about. Let me summarize verses 13-18: Paul, who wrote Galatians, says that even though God wants us to be free. we shouldn't use our freedom to live just any way we want. Everything God wants us to do is wrapped up in one command: Love your neighbor as yourself. He goes on to say, if we are always biting (with words or teeth...think little brother or sister) and hurting each other, watch out. Beware of destroying each other!

That sounds serious and it can happen easiest in our homes. But verse 16 says we can let the Holy Spirit guide our lives and give us desires that go in the LOVE direction!

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (verses 22-23, NLT).

Verses 24-25 tell us that because we belong to Jesus and have decided to live by His Spirit, we don't have to be conceited, jealous or in strife. The fruit of the spirit is the answer to the things that make a home unhappy.

Why don't we act this way automatically? For the same reason a hammer doesn't drive a nail by itself, or a screwdriver a screw. It has to be chosen and used on purpose. The fruit of the spirit is inside us, waiting to be used like a tool in a toolbox. We can choose the right tool when something needs to be fixed, just as we can choose the fruit of the spirit to overcome problems and to love the people around us.

The fruit of the spirit works in every situation! Joy works when sadness comes, peace when things go wrong, patience when your things get broken. Kindness is an attitude saver when you don't feel like helping others and goodness makes you a generous giver when there's only one cookie left. Faithfulness makes you loyal and true to your word, gentleness is there when others want to fight and selfcontrol is useful in anv situation. Love is like the battery that makes the drill or screwdriver work. Everything flows from the LOVE which the Holy Spirit filled you with.

Superkids, you've got all the tools you need and the Holy Spirit to lead you and remind you to use them. Just decide it's Tool Time today and every day. Then Home Improvement, starring you, your family and Jesus will be the "most watched show in the neighborhood." Talk about a reality show!

Stay Tuned!

**About** 

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When I first saw God's great plan for the Church in the Bible, I could hardly believe I'd never heard about it before. It was so wonderful, so marvelous, it looked to me like the best kept secret in all of Christendom.

I couldn't help but wonder: Why aren't believers everywhere talking about this?

Over the years, I've come to understand the reason. Many believers don't even know about it. All they've ever heard about God's plan of salvation is that it gets them into heaven and

keeps them out of hell. In fact, some Christians—bless their hearts—have heard so many sermons about sin and eternal punishment they're under the impression that the primary purpose of the gospel is literally (if you'll pardon the expression) "to scare the hell out of people."

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ut, as I found out more than 48 years ago, that's not the case. When God put together the plan of Redemption, He didn't design it to be just eternal fire insurance. That's not the sum total of what Jesus shed His blood to accomplish.

No. God had much more in mind. He sent Jesus to pay the price for sin so that He could be our Father and we could be His children. He did it so He could have a family! A family He could fellowship with on His own level, now and throughout all eternity. A family called the Church. A family filled with sons and daughters who are born in His image and grow up to be like Jesus!

"Well Gloria, that sounds great, for sure," someone might say. "But no one can really be like Jesus."

God says we can. He told us so very clearly in Ephesians 4:11-13: "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and

of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Look again at that last verse. It makes it clear that we don't get born again so that we can live forever as spiritual babies, or as just old sinners barely saved by grace. We're destined to become *perfect*, which means "mature, or full-grown Christians"; to become "in every way more and more like Christ" (verse 15, *New Living Translation*).

According to Ephesians 5:25-27, this is God's endgame, so to speak, for the entire Church: "Christ...loved...and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Notice that doesn't say Jesus is going to present to Himself a Church that's just been saved from hell. It doesn't say He's coming back for a Church that's just looking forward to going to heaven. It says He's coming for a *glorious* Church—a Church that's full of the manifested glory of God.

Do you know what happens when the glory of God manifests? Sickness and disease leave people's bodies. Crippled people jump out of wheelchairs. Demons that have been oppressing people have to flee. Miracles, signs and wonders take place that make it possible for people to actually see God's power and glory with their eyes.

#### It's Time for Right-Now Believers

I know what you may be thinking: If God wants to manifest His glory that way through the Church, why isn't it happening more?

Because what we believe for is what happens among

When we believe for healing, healings take place. When we believe for people to be filled with the Holy Spirit, they get filled. When we believe to see the same kind of miracles in our midst that Jesus saw during His ministry, they start to happen.

Jesus told us Himself in John 14:12-13 that's the way it would be. He said: "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. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

The devil will always try to convince us those verses are talking about some other generation of believers besides us—about the apostles in Acts, or a future

group of supersaints. He'll always try to make people uncomfortable when someone starts claiming we can believe to do the works of Jesus right now.

But, of course, he did the same thing 2,000 years ago with people in Jesus' hometown. He stirred them up like a bunch of hornets when Jesus stood up in front of them in the synagogue and read from Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

Everyone in the synagogue that day would have been fine with those words if Jesus had said they would come to pass someday, at another time, in another place. But He didn't. Instead, He announced, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (verse 21).

The people in Nazareth didn't like that at all! It offended them. "Keep that kind of thing in the past," they said.

"Let it happen in the future. But let's not have any such stuff in our day."

In the not-too-distant past, such an attitude was common even among born-again believers when the subject of miracles, signs and wonders came up. But these days that's changing. More and more of us know the Word and we believe God is watching over it to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12)—not someday, but right now.

Personally, I'm ready for it! When it comes to expecting God's glory to be manifested in the Church, I'm a rightnow believer, aren't you?

#### The Beginning Is the Best Place to Start

"Well, I'm trying to be," you might say. "It's just hard for me to wrap my mind around the fact that walking in God's glory is actually His will for me."

Then don't just take my word for it. Spend some time reading and meditating on what God's Word says about it. His Word is His wisdom, and according to 1 Corinthians 2:7, *New* 

King James Version, it's been "ordained before the ages for our glory." So the more fully you grasp it, the more you see in the Bible the magnificently wise plan God has designed for us as His children, the more faith you'll have for His glory to be manifest in your life.

Don't just try to figure things out on your own, though. This isn't the kind of wisdom you can get with your natural eyes and ears. It's not wisdom that comes from the world. It has to come from God Himself.

"As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (verses 9-10).

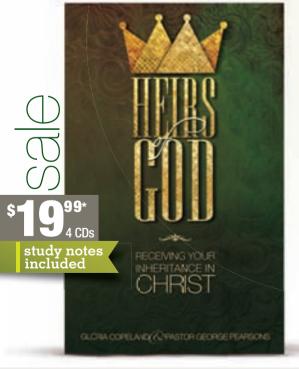
So as you read the Word, ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate your heart. Then trust Him to show you what God's plan for you truly is.

"But the Bible is a big book, Gloria! Where should I start?"

I've found it's best to start with the beginning. Since God never changes, His will never changes. Therefore, the plan He had when He first created mankind is still His plan for us as His people today.

Genesis 1:26-27 tells what that plan was. After God created earth and prepared the Garden of Eden, He said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

If you study the meaning of the original Hebrew words in those verses you'll find that when God created Adam in His image, He made him as much like Himself as it was possible for him to be. He put His eternal, zoe life within him (which means Adam had the same power in his spirit that God had) and put His own glory upon him. (That's why it wasn't until after Adam sinned that he realized he wasn't wearing any



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God also conferred upon Adam His very own authority. He gave him lordship over the earth. He made him His under ruler, put the whole planet under his dominion, and gave Adam the freedom to do on earth whatever he chose to do—with one exception: "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," He said.

Other than that, Adam had total liberty to enjoy fellowship with God and learn from Him how to rule on earth just like God rules in heaven.

It was a truly glorious plan!

But, of course, Adam and Eve messed it up. They listened to the lies of the devil, did what he told them to do, and put themselves under his wicked power. As a result, they died spiritually, and lost the glory of God.

Even so, however, they remained in charge on this earth. God didn't revoke their dominion. Why? Because, as I've already noted, He doesn't change!

Sometimes I hear people say things like, "Well, if God's running things on this earth, He's sure doing a poor job of it." And they would be right if He actually were running things down here. But He's not. Men are running things down here.

Isn't it amazing? Even today, some 6,000 years after Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, God's will isn't done on earth unless a human being chooses to be obedient to Him. Even now, this planet is still under mankind's dominion because that's the way God set it up. And as James 1:17 says... He never changes!

#### The Opportunity of a Lifetime

Truth be told, it's because of God's unchangeable nature—as well as His love, of course—that as soon as sin corrupted His original plan, He immediately began working to restore it. Right there in Eden, He spoke to the serpent, who was the devil in disguise, and said, "From now on you and the woman will be enemies, as will your offspring and hers. You will strike his heel, but he will crush your head" (Genesis. 3:15, *The Living Bible*).

With those words, God implemented the plan of Redemption that would pay the price for Adam's sin. It would cost God a dear price to do it. But it was His will to bring man back into fellowship with Him, and He intended to see that it came to pass.

For 4,000 years, God worked... and worked...and worked that plan of Redemption (I'm telling you, the patience of God is something to behold!) until one day, the Holy Spirit hovered over a young virgin named Mary, and Jesus was conceived in her womb. With His birth, the Son of God became the Son of Man. He came into the earth as the "last Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45) to get back what the first Adam had lost.

That's why there had to be a virgin birth. So a sinless Man could exercise mankind's God-given authority to free men from spiritual death and restore God's family to Him!

During Jesus' life on earth, He walked perfectly in the will of God. He healed the sick, cast out demons and worked miracles. He did what He saw His heavenly Father do and said what He heard His Father say.

In other words, He walked, talked and did the works of God.

Then He went to the Cross, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit so we can do the same. Not just so we can escape hell and make heaven, but so we can be born again in God's image, be filled with His Spirit, and do the works of God right here on earth.

Think about it! We have an opportunity, between now and the time the Lord catches us away in the Rapture, to do something God has been working on bringing to pass for thousands of years. We have an opportunity to reveal Jesus to people in a sin-darkened world; to share the gospel with them and let them see His love, His character and His redemptive power in us.

Heaven will be wonderful, and when it's time for us to go there, we'll be thrilled. But you and I have a chance to serve God right now, that we'll never have again in the same way. Let's make the most of it. Let's believe for the glory of God to manifest through us! "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

# points to get you there

The Glorious Family of God

God didn't design the plan of Redemption just to keep you out of hell and get you into heaven. He sent Jesus to pay the price for sin so that He can be your Father and you can be His child. He did it so you can grow up to be like Jesus and help bring into manifestation the glory of God right here on earth. Here are some points to get you there:

- God's will from the beginning was for His children to bear His image and walk in His glory. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:27)
- When Adam and Eve sinned and lost that glory, God immediately began to work to restore it. "So the Lord God said to the serpent.... From now on you and the woman will be enemies, as will your offspring and hers. You will strike his heel, but he will crush your head." (Genesis 3:14-15, *The Living Bible*)
- God sent Jesus to be the last Adam and regain, through the cross and the resurrection, what the first Adam had lost. "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." (1 Corinthians 15:45)
- God's endgame is for Jesus to return for a Church that is manifesting His glory. "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:27)
- We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity while we're on this earth to reveal God's glory to a sin-darkened world. "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9, The Amplified Bible)

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