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Today, 40 years later, the 32-page, full-color *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine is mailed free of charge each month to nearly 570,000 subscribers in 135 different countries on five continents, and is published in four different languages—English, Spanish, Russian and German.

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Thank you, Partners and Friends, for your faithful prayers and support over the last 40 years. While we wait together for His return, we will continue to remind people all around the world that—Jesus Is Lord!

Ronald C. Jordan
Managing Editor

"There's a ceiling on worldly publications that we don't have. They can't reach beyond where they are into the realm of the anointing. Yet, the whole purpose of our magazine is to present the Word of God on paper through the anointing."

Gloria Copeland
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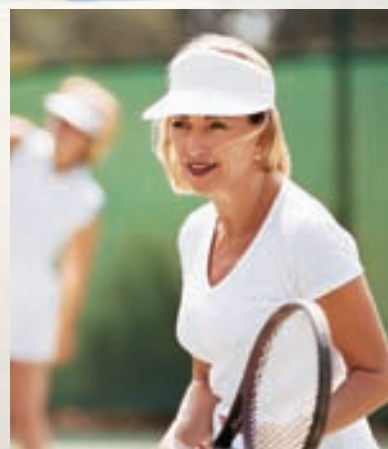
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If you've heard me preach much at all, you already know that I believe eating a healthy diet is important. The LORD dealt with me about it early in my ministry. He pointed out to me one day that when it came to food, I was acting like a hypocrite. *Kenneth*, He said, *you won't let anyone put anything but top-quality oil and fuel in your automobile and your airplane, but you'll fill your own body with absolute junk.*

GOT LIFE?

I saw instantly how right He was and from then on I began to change. I committed myself to eating nutritious food and over the years Gloria and I have reaped great benefits from it. As important as a wholesome diet can be, however, I've been highly aware of something lately that every one of us needs to remember: Physical food cannot give us life.

Life is a spiritual thing! Natural substances can't produce it. If you need proof, try feeding a nutritious meal to someone who's dead. You'll see right away that on its own, even the best food on earth has no quickening, life-giving power.



What does have that power?

Only one thing: The WORD of God.

As Jesus said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth [or gives life]; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "Jesus wasn't talking about the physical body in that verse. He was just talking about the spirit."

Actually, He was talking about both. We've just failed to realize it because of the way we've been taught to think. Modern science has taught us to divide everything up into pieces. In school we learn about the body, for instance, more as a bunch of parts—muscles, nerves, bones, organs, et cetera—than an integrated whole. So we tend to separate the spiritual and the physical in the same way, as if they have no effect on each other.

Jesus didn't make that mistake. He understood that the spirit, soul and body of man are connected. Because your spirit is the real you, the very core of who you are when it is filled with God's life-giving WORD, that life is transported outward from your spirit and goes to work in your physical flesh.

That's why Proverbs 4:20-22 says, "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."



The Holy Spirit won't just quicken your body at the last resurrection. He'll quicken it right here and now when you need it the most!

Put It in the System

Look again at the last sentence of that passage. It doesn't say God's WORDS are life to those that *read* them. It says they're life to those that *find* them. Anyone can read the Bible, but to find life in it we must be searching for Jesus. We must be listening on the inside to hear what He has to say to us. We must be tuning in to the voice of the Holy Spirit so He can quicken The WORD on the inside of us and cause it to become *health* (or, as the original Hebrew says, *medicine*) to our physical flesh.

This is one of the many reasons it's so important for us to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. As Romans 8:11 says, "If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit

was getting ready to start classes for my recurrent flight training on the Citation X when I started feeling a tickle in the back of my throat and some tightness in my chest. I could tell my body wasn't feeling quite right so I immediately began to confess healing scriptures.

I went on to class but as the day progressed I noticed I wasn't getting any better. In fact, I was feeling worse. I have Gloria's Healing School on my iPhone so that night I went to sleep listening to her preach. The next morning I woke up feeling good.

By the end of the day, however, the symptoms were back with a vengeance. By the end of the week, although I was able to finish the training classes, I was sicker than I'd been in a long, long time. When I got home, Gloria laid hands on me but still the symptoms

WORD is medicine to all your flesh?

"Yes Sir!" I said, and opening my Bible to Proverbs 4, I started reading to Him. "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes..."

Suddenly, He interrupted me, *Kenneth, you've been quoting healing scriptures for days. But you've been doing it from memory*, He said. *My WORD is spiritual food. The memory of a scripture won't nourish your spirit any more than the memory of a potato will nourish your body. It's not enough to remember what a potato looks like, smells like and tastes like. You have to put it into your system for it to nourish you the way it's supposed to.*

I knew what He was going to say next even before He said it because I'd made the same mistake a few years ago. He'd corrected me about it back then, but

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Just a few months ago I was reminded of this in a fresh way. It was back during what most people call "the flu season." I

persisted, so I spent some time fellowshiping with The LORD about it.

"Sir, this is not right," I said. "I know Your WORD is true and You can't miss it. So somehow I've missed it and I'm asking You to show me what the problem is."

Right away He began to talk to me. *Do you remember the scripture that says My*

somehow I'd let it slip.

I told you not to let My WORD depart from your eyes, He continued. *That's the way you put it into your system. That's the way it becomes medicine to your flesh. So instead of just quoting scriptures from memory, read them—and read them out loud!*

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my lightning-fast mind to figure out what my response should be. "Yes Sir, I'll do it," I said. "I will obey Your command. I will attend to Your WORD, put it first place, and keep it before my eyes and in my ears."

Small Corrections Make a Big Difference

When The LORD gives me those kinds of instructions I'm quick to obey them because I'm aware of what Jesus said in John 14:21. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

Healing is a manifestation of Jesus. (His earthly ministry proved it.) Since He promised to manifest Himself to those who keep His commands, I can position myself to receive that manifestation by doing what He tells me to do in His written WORD and by the voice of His Spirit.

Millions of Christians have failed to understand this. They do all kinds of other things trying to get Jesus to manifest His power in their lives. They bawl and squall for hours in prayer. They beg. They fast for days on end. But Jesus didn't say, "I'll manifest Myself to those who pray and fast the longest." He said He'd manifest Himself to those who keep His commands.

Now, if He tells you to spend a lot of extra time in prayer or go on a long fast, you should do it. But

I've found that normally He doesn't tell us to do really big things. He just continually gives us small corrections and if we'll make them, we'll stay on track. We'll be able to receive the manifestations of His power that He's already promised and provided for us.

I think of it like the navigation system on an airplane. Once that system is turned on and it's tracking the GPS signal to the destination, it's continually making minute corrections. Most of those corrections are so small it feels like nothing is happening. But the truth is, there's a lot going on! The system is receiving multiple GPS updates every second and making adjustments all the time to keep the airplane on course.

Back in what my kids call "the olden days," before such computerized systems were available, a pilot could miss it by just a few degrees and eventually be so far off course he might not have enough fuel to get back. That's what happens to believers sometimes. They ignore the small corrections Jesus is telling them to make and wind up way out in left field somewhere.

What can you do if you find yourself in that situation? You obey 1 John 1:9 and confess your sin and with great joy receive your forgiveness. Because God is faithful and full of grace and mercy, He'll cleanse you from all unrighteousness and put you right back on course!

Twice a Day as Prescribed

The day The LORD corrected me about keeping The WORD before my eyes,

the instructions He gave me were very specific. He told me to use The WORD the same way someone who went to a doctor would use natural medicine. He said, *Take it twice a day according to prescription.*

Obviously, if a doctor wrote a prescription for you and you got it filled but you didn't take it, it wouldn't do you any good. You could carry it around with you and read the prescription label out loud three times a day. You could quote it at work and when you got back home. But it wouldn't help you a bit. Why? Because to help you it has to get inside you.

The same is true with The WORD. So I did exactly what God had told me to do. I opened my Bible and started feeding healing scriptures into my spirit. I read an entire list of them twice a day, every day, out loud. I enjoyed it, too. I'd go out on my deck where I could get excited and shout and throw Holy Ghost fits!

One of the verses I started with was Exodus 23:25. "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Personally, when I'm meditating such scriptures, I like to confess them in first person in the light of the New Testament. So I said, "Yes, amen! I serve The LORD my God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, and because of what Jesus has done for me, God has blessed my bread. He's blessed my water. He has taken sickness away from the midst of me."

I don't know how many times in the past 46 years I've quoted and read that verse—probably thousands of times. But this time, the word of The LORD came to me.

"Brother Copeland, did you hear Him audibly?"

No, I don't mean I heard an outward voice. I heard Him on the inside of me—and I heard Him with every cell of my being. Right after I confessed, "I serve The LORD my God and He has taken sickness and disease from the midst of me," He said: *Well then, should you ever be sick again?*

"No!" I shouted, "I've been set free!"

How come I got that revelation?

Because I'd heard the command of The LORD and kept it, and He manifested Himself to me.

What's more, that was just the beginning! I went on from there to see in Deuteronomy 28 that the curse specifically includes all the symptoms of the flu, and I read out loud Galatians 3:13 that tells me I've been redeemed from it. I read in Psalm 103 that God has redeemed my life from destruction. I read in Psalm 91 that no plague shall come nigh my dwelling.

By the time I got through those verses, I was so thrilled I was ready to run around the house! Something happened in me. The Holy Spirit was feeding me and God's medicine was working. Within 30 minutes every symptom of the sickness that had been tormenting me for the previous week and a half was gone!

The next night, as Gloria and I were getting ready for bed, some of the symptoms tried to come back.

She and I both started coughing. I didn't even say anything about it. I just walked over, grabbed my Bible, and opened to those same verses. This time the symptoms disappeared in three or four minutes.

A day or two later, it happened again and we got rid of them in about 30 seconds.

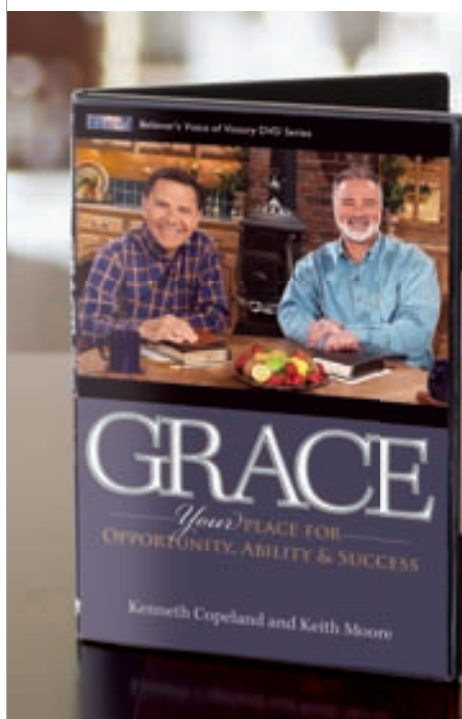
What happened? We were building up our immunity. We were receiving life from the Source of all Life, The WORDS of Almighty God. There's no sickness or disease anywhere that can stand up to those WORDS. They are spirit and life and they will heal our flesh every time.

If you haven't been feasting on those WORDS lately make a correction! Start supercharging your spiritual diet. Fill your spirit to overflowing with top-quality, flesh-quickenning LIFE.

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Frontier

The stench of death permeated the air in Uganda as piles of bodies decomposed under the blistering African sun. Thirteen-year-old David Kandole paused to watch children playing soccer with skulls and other body parts. It was the only way of life his generation knew. There were no schools; they'd all been converted to barracks for soldiers. Besides, how could there be schools when there was no government?

David had been 5 years old when Idi Amin Dada had seized power through a military coup in January 1971. No one, certainly not the witch doctors and fortune tellers to whom many Ugandans turned for help, predicted the years of civil war and genocide that would follow.

When the war had come to his village, David fled with his family to the bush. Hidden among dense trees, they'd slept on the ground, preferring to be fodder for wild beasts than for guns. At 13, David was now a veteran of war. Like most families, his had split up in the hopes that they wouldn't all die in one mass execution. David

had made his way to the city where he hoped to blend in with the crowd. Because buildings were prime targets, everyone milled around outside. Dressed as civilians, the fleeing opposition mingled with the masses using innocent people as human shields.

One second David was watching children play, the next instant gunfire erupted. As if in slow motion, he heard explosive rounds and screams, felt bullets whiz by his head while the man standing beside him jerked like a marionette on a string. David ran, his legs pumping like pistons. But no matter how hard and fast he ran, he couldn't outrun the war. Gasping for breath, he rounded a corner and dropped to the ground,

splattered with the dead man's blood.

Covering his face with his hands, David Kandole hoped for one thing: that if he survived this war, he would never see another gun as long as he lived.

Spiritual Drought

"Idi Amin had chased all missionaries out of the country," David recalls. "He had specifically burned churches that were spirit filled; there were no churches left. People turned to their traditional ways—to witch doctors and fortune tellers. However, toward the end of 1979, a friend told me that he'd heard that three missionaries had somehow crossed the border from Kenya.

"My friend and I climbed miles up the mountain to

meet with them. They presented the gospel to us and we gave our lives to the Lord Jesus. Before returning to Kenya, the missionaries spent seven days teaching the Word of God to about 200 new converts.

"Idi Amin was overthrown in 1979, but from then until 1986 there were several governments and dictators. The country wasn't functioning, and survival was hard. In 1985, there were still no schools. No hospitals. No jobs. We had nothing to do. That year, I connected with a church and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Together with other believers, I spent my life in prayer. It became the key to my life and to my generation. I was thrust into a powerful move of God in prayer. By 1986, I knew I'd been called into the ministry."

Spiritual Bread

A cloud of dust swirled around David as he walked to a nearby town where a Christian woman named Joyce, who'd been widowed during the war, had gotten her hands on copies of articles from a magazine called *Believer's Voice of Victory*. Joyce worked as a secretary where she had access to a copy machine. Using it, she made copies of her copies of the articles.

"You've got to read this!" she told David. He had no idea when he took the article by Kenneth Copeland on the subject of 'The Authority of the

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Believer’ that his life was about to take a quantum leap.

David devoured the articles seemingly as fast as Joyce copied them. She allowed him to use her home to start a church, and there he preached each article. Through them, David learned how to operate in faith. He traveled from village to village preaching the gospel and getting people born again. Sometimes, entire villages gave their hearts to the Lord. The new believers begged to be taught, so churches sprang up overnight.

“To hear that God wanted us prosperous, healthy and victorious was foreign to us!” David remembers. “We’d spent years just trying to survive. Very few people were teaching this message, but we shifted from survival mode to emphasizing victorious living!”

David held open-air crusades where many witches gave their hearts to Jesus. But when news spread that he was planning to start a church on one particular island, people cautioned him. One of the most fearsome witches in Uganda held the island under her control. He was warned, “If you come to this island, you’ll go home dead.”

Waves lapped against the little boat and the sun beat on David’s back as he reached the island’s shore one Saturday afternoon. Climbing out of the boat, David looked up and saw the witch, an old woman.

“Young man, if you don’t leave this island I’m going to kill you.”

The moment she spoke those words, David felt whipped by a violent wind. He couldn’t see, and felt dizzy. Strength drained from his body. Deep within, the Lord warned, *Answer her!*

Summoning all his strength, David said, “In Jesus’ Name, you cannot kill me!”

Power Encounter

By faith, he walked inland. She followed him for miles.

It was a long, hard night, and a fierce spiritual battle. David almost died, but he and the believers persevered in prayer until morning. Winning a victory, they took authority over the demon that drove the witch.

Sunday morning the witch arrived at church to confirm that the young preacher was dead. Instead, she found him alive and in the pulpit.

“I’ve never seen demons manifest that way,” David recalls. “Her eyeballs turned the color of tomatoes and she screamed, taking off on a wind faster than any old woman could move. She’d come to kill me, but the demons left her and she begged us to leave her alone. Although she didn’t get born again, when we broke her demonic power, it opened the way for a huge breakthrough in the area. Except for her, every witch in that community was soon born again. I realized that if I hadn’t learned about the authority of the believer, I would not have survived.”

In 1989, David learned that some missionaries had started a Bible college in Kenya. Prompted by the Lord, he went. Once there, David found more than he had expected. Kenneth Copeland Ministries had donated a whole library of books and tapes to the school! Overwhelmed, he feasted on a buffet of the Word of God. Each week, he read several books and listened to numerous tapes.

In 1990, when David

graduated, the Lord said the last thing he had expected: *I’m calling you as a missionary to the United States.*

Feasting on the Word

“The Bible college I attended prepared us to minister to our own tribes, not to America. I arrived wearing a borrowed suit and shoes which I had to send back to my pastor. The culture shock was overwhelming. God sent me to Harrisburg, Penn., and told me to minister to the inner city. I thought I’d finished with guns and death, but God sent me right back to it in another culture.”

David walked down the streets where God had called him to minister. Instead of huts, people lived in the projects. They were roach-infested, grimy and grim. Kids with guns boasted their gang colors and killed to prove they were cool. Drive-by shootings brought memories of Uganda rushing back.

He saw crime-scene tape marking violent murders. There were rapes and robberies, prostitution, drug dealers and crack houses. Parents were afraid to send their kids to school, and children faced both the lure of gangs and the threat from rival gangs—many of them caught in the crossfire.

“I felt overwhelmed. I knew how to navigate dangerous situations in my culture, but I knew nothing of this,” David said. “Over time, I realized it was the same demonic power that ruled. It was the same word

“Most of my congregation [in the U.S.] was on public assistance. They weren’t educated and couldn’t find jobs.

As I taught the word of faith, things changed. They took the GED. They went to college and earned degrees.

They found good jobs.”

of faith that would set the captives free. The backdrop was different, but the spiritual battle was the same.

"As I walked into dangerous situations, it gave me peace to know that, as a Partner with KCM, someone from the ministry was praying for me every day. They were rebuking the enemy for me and I was partaking in the grace that is on the ministry. My connection to KCM had made the difference between life and death in Uganda. It made the same difference here."

A Different War

In 1992, David was led to plant a church in Harrisburg. He also started a prison ministry and worked with judges who sentenced young criminals to his ministry rather than sending them to prison.

"We mentored and disciplined them to get them off the streets and out of a life of crime," he said. "We also worked with young people in the inner city. The first three years were grueling, but then things began to break loose.

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In addition, drug dealers, prostitutes and hard-core criminals were getting born again and seeing their lives turned around, which didn't make David or his ministry very popular with those who had been profiting from them.

"In an attempt to discourage us, we sometimes left service to find our cars had been stolen," David recalled. "At one point there was a rumor going around that a dangerous drug dealer was looking for me. He was angry because his girlfriend had gotten born again. I was in the pulpit preaching one Sunday morning when he came for me. There is an advantage to having a congregation filled with

former criminals and street dealers. They knew what was about to happen and took him down."

David noticed that most people spent their whole lives in one community, focused on those problems. In response, the Lord directed him to awaken them to a world vision. He started taking teams from his congregation to minister in India, Europe and Africa. The results were staggering; they came back great leaders. To date, he has taken teams to 17 nations.

In 1999, for the first time, David got a chance to visit Kenneth Copeland Ministries while attending a conference in Texas. While taking a tour of the ministry facility, he stood in awe as he saw where the *BVOV* magazine was produced each month. It was an answered prayer and a dream come true.

After 20 years pastoring in America's inner cities, the Lord directed David to change his focus. Today, he and his wife, Grace, also a missionary from Uganda, travel around the world doing leadership training, teaching at Bible schools, and speaking at conferences and seminars. They are currently in the process of establishing Faith Life Institute of Supernatural Ministry and World Missions to provide training in the word of faith to pastors in Africa. Their 16-year-old son, Mukwenda, has answered a call to the ministry and travels with a youth mission team to Africa every summer.

"If you look at the largest ministries in the world," David explains, "they are all word of faith. People get confused thinking that word of faith is a denomination. They think faith is a choice, but it isn't. Living by faith is the only way to please God. It is the answer to a war-torn country like Uganda. It is the answer to witchcraft. It will change continents. It is the only answer to America's inner cities.

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Yield to Joy!

by Keith Moore



The other day my wife, Phyllis, and I were walking through church when a beautiful little girl ran up to us and latched onto my leg. This little girl loves Phyllis and me, and she's a joy to be around. I picked her up, and we continued walking through the children's area.

A photo of a small elephant hanging on the wall caught her eye and all of a sudden, she started laughing a deep belly laugh. "Look, look, look!" she said, pointing at the picture. "He's silly! He's silly!"

I did a double take at the little elephant on the wall. "He *is* silly, isn't he?" I started laughing right along with her.

That little girl and little

children everywhere know how to do something so simple, something that so many grumpy, grouchy adults have forgotten. They know how to *yield to joy*.

What's the Deal With Joy?

Nehemiah 8:10 contains a passage that many of us know by heart, but look at it again: "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

When the Lord spoke these words through the prophet Nehemiah, the Israelites had returned to Jerusalem and were gathered to hear the reading of the Book of the Law of Moses. When they heard the perfection of the Law, they realized how short they had fallen, and were yielding to condemnation. They started crying

Meek Is Not Weak!

The fruit of the spirit are forces of your re-created human spirit. They're in you if you're born again, and their purpose is to give you victory in every area of your life.


Most of us don't have trouble understanding how fruit like love, patience and faithfulness give us victory, but what about the fruit of *meekness*? With all the talk these days about self-assertiveness, most of us associate meekness with weakness. In fact, we think of a person who won't fight for his own rights as a pushover!

But the force of meekness is not weakness! Jesus described Himself as "meek," but He was hardly a pushover. Jesus walked on earth in power. He walked in love, in humility, in gentleness with people and in perfect obedience. He was humble before God. Jesus never fought for His own rights. He didn't have to. He had the infinite resources of God at His disposal.

The fruit of *meekness* or *gentleness* is mildness of temper, gentleness and mildness in dealing with others. It is a

submissiveness of spirit which does not lift up itself against opposition, but bends like a reed before the storm. It's a temper of spirit which enables us to accept God's dealings with us without resisting or arguing.

Like love, meekness doesn't seek its own. It doesn't demand its own rights or its own ways (1 Corinthians 13:4-5, *The Amplified Bible*). It's the opposite of self-assertiveness because it's not occupied with self at all.

The fruit of meekness is a powerful spiritual force. The next time someone opposes you, don't fight back—a soft answer turns away wrath. Yield to the fruit of meekness. Remember—the meek shall inherit the earth! 

and mourning, which is the typical Church reaction. As God's people, we've been trained for centuries to think that if we mourn and cry, we've had a move of God.

But, the Lord instructed them, "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

In essence God said, "Get up and get out of here. Quit your squalling and bawling. Celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad."

Why were they to do this?

Because the joy of the Lord was their strength. And I've got news for you: The joy of the Lord is *your* strength, too.

What Science Shows

Recently, I was reading one doctor's findings on the importance of laughter. "Laughter is strong medicine for the body and the mind," he said. "It's one of the most powerful tools you have."

Don't you love it when science catches up with the Word of God?

Medical studies show that laughter is a powerful remedy for stress, pain and conflict. It brings peace to a person's mind and body, and builds relationships. This doctor went on to say, "With so much power to heal and renew; the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both your physical and emotional health."

Laughter relaxes the body and relieves physical tension and stress for up to 45 minutes. It boosts the immune system, triggers the release of endorphins—the body's natural feel-good chemicals—and protects the heart by improving blood vessel function.

All of this, just from laughing.

Now let me ask you: Is it really so

far-fetched for the joy of the Lord to be your physical and emotional strength? Of course not.

Now mind you, I'm not talking about laughing like a fool. I'm talking about laughing by faith and rejoicing in your redemption. Remember, the joy of the Lord is inside you. When you rejoice and laugh by faith, you tap into true joy, and resist yielding to depression and fear.

Resisting and Yielding

Two of the most important things we can learn are what to yield to and what to resist. There are Christians yielding to things they ought to be resisting, and resisting things they ought to be yielding to. Millions of Christians are resisting tongues, prosperity and healing. At the same time, we've got millions of Christians yielding to depression, fear and strife. When you know what you should yield to and what you should resist, you don't have to think about it. You can yield or resist according to God's Word and prevent the devil from getting a foothold in your life.

Depression is one of the enemy's favorite weapons, and he does his best to wield it against believers. You can be in a powerful church meeting, surrounded by faith-filled believers and get so full of the Word that all you can do is pray in the spirit. Then you can go home, get in strife for 30 minutes, sit down and yield to depression. It's like someone pulled out the bathtub plug. All the strength and life that you received from the meeting will run out of you, and you'll be as weak as water.

When that happens—or when your peace and joy are threatened in any way—repeat this verse: "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

Say that a few times. Stir up your faith as you speak it over yourself: "The joy of the Lord is my strength. The joy of the Lord is my strength. The joy of the Lord is my strength!"

Don't yield to depression, heaviness, grief or self-pity. Resist it with every



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fiber of your being. Your ministry, your marriage and your health depend on it. Train yourself to yield quickly to the Holy Ghost in joy and gladness. Part of doing this is being quick to yield to joy, quick to smile, quick to laugh and quick to shout.

What God Says

The topic of joy can seem so simple. You may be reading this and thinking, *Yeah, I already know that scripture. I've heard that before.* But if you are still yielding to depression, strife or fear, then you don't really believe it.

Instead, respond like your heavenly Father responds. When the devil pulls out the big guns, does God look out from His throne and say, "Oh, no! Michael! Gabriel! Do you see this? Oh, no!"

Of course not!

In Psalm 2, He gives His response: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh" (verses 1-4).

The Almighty sees the devil in all his devious, dirty-dog schemes. When it looks like Satan is about to run over the Church and tear up the Lord's business, the Lord says, "Ha! Ha! Ha! He never learns."

This is revelation: God laughs. Say it out loud: "God laughs." Let me give you a few other scriptures to meditate on:

"The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming." (Psalm 37:12-13)

"But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision." (Psalm 59:8)

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17)

God laughs. God rejoices. God sings. When we get to heaven, do you really think we'll stand in God's presence, listening to Him make the most beautiful harmonies and say, "You know, this makes me feel blue"? No! It will be unspeakable joy, full of God's glory!

The world doesn't know that this laughing, singing God exists. Sadly, most of the Church doesn't know it either. What's been taught is the suffering Jesus, the man of sorrows. That has eclipsed everything else in the Word concerning Him.

Isaiah 53:3 refers to Jesus as "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." This grief was more than just physical pain. Every emotion—good and bad—that you and I have ever experienced, Jesus experienced, too. But notice it says He was "acquainted with grief." In other words, He *met* grief. It doesn't say He lived with it and made it His constant companion.

The idea has been around that if you're truly spiritual, then you're very, very serious. Some of the very few places in the Scripture that refer to this are in Timothy and Titus where wives, young men and other individuals are exhorted to be "sober-minded" or "grave." These translations—or paraphrases, really—leave a wrong impression. From studying dictionaries and lexicons, I've found that the word *grave* actually means "venerable, honorable,

commanding respect, impressive," and the word *sober* refers to not being drunk with alcohol.

People have formulated whole theologies around the idea that if you're really spiritual, you're intense... because that's how they imagine God. They see God as sitting on the throne—a serious old man with a long, straggly beard and fearful eyes.

But that's not true. He is amazing. He is love and peace and goodness and grace and, yes, He is joy!

The Lord recently said to me, *You've let this slip.* He wasn't just talking about me; He was talking about the Body of Christ as a whole. We've let our joy and laughing by faith slip. Understand, we don't have to feel like laughing to laugh. It doesn't have to be funny for us to laugh. Job 5:22 tells us we're to laugh at famine and destruction.

Why? Because the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Begin to practice laughing by faith. Maybe you haven't done it since you were young, but if you practice yielding to it, it'll just roll out of you. Anything will set it off. You'll look at something and go, "Ha, ha," just like my little friend with the elephant picture. We stood there laughing for several minutes, just having fun.

That's what the Body of Christ is supposed to do—have fun and rejoice in our salvation. We're supposed to enjoy the goodness of God. We're supposed to be so blessed and happy that sinners look at us and say, "I want that! I want that kind of Christianity." Glory to God! ❶



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I John 5:4

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PERILOUS TIMES

"This know also, that in the last
days perilous times shall come."
II Timothy 3:1

Just about everywhere you look these days you see signs of shortage, disaster, and just general despair. Thank God, this is not the attitude of the believer who is actively living by faith. We need to be careful not to react to surrounding circumstances but rather respond to God's Word and draw on our strength from Him.

Did you ever notice when people get filled with fear of lack that they begin to hoard? Then they get fussy. They will do things they would never do at any other time. They will wait in long lines for things they probably wouldn't otherwise even buy. My family and I were having dinner at a small neighborhood restaurant a few days ago and the owner and I were discussing some of these things. She said that people buying meat at the wholesale house had become like an angry mob. She didn't want to walk out in their midst with her meat.

These people are not usually like this. They are our neighbors and friends in some cases. They have succumbed to an age-old spirit of hoarding. This is greed in a little different cloak—first fear, then hoarding, then greed, then something regrettable like cutting another man short, etc. This atmosphere fosters such damnable things as black marketing and lawlessness of all kinds.

What can we do? How should we keep ourselves so that the evil one touches us not (I John 5:18)?

The first thing we should do is remember that we are not of this world and we are not governed by its lack. Our God meets our needs according to His riches in Glory. We should keep watch over our attitude toward giving. This is a time to be a giver, instead of falling into a spirit of hoarding—not only for our own well being, but also for those around us. Your testimony in a fearless, giving attitude may be just the tool the Holy Spirit needs to break the hoarding spirit in your area.

Another thing we must do is protect ourselves from fear. Fear is the first step toward this type of greed. Proverbs 4:23 instructs us to keep or protect our hearts with all diligence. A few weeks ago during one of our staff prayer meetings the Holy Spirit spoke and gave us some instructions along these lines. The following is a copy of what He said. Read it very carefully.

Heed these words and hearken to them as words of instruction—words of the gift of the Word of Wisdom from the Almighty God. From now until the return of Jesus, it will be very dangerous to spend much time watching the television newscasts, reading the newspapers and other methods of reporting events on the earth. I repeat: it will be dangerous to do these things. The reason

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According to Phil. 2:9-11, I confess that Jesus is Lord of my entire being—spirit, soul, and body.

HE'S ALIVE!

I came to this meeting under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit. For two and one-half years I had a broken knee cap. I was running from the law when I was lost and ran into a post. The second night that I was here Brother Kenneth brought forth a word about someone who had damaged some part of their body on a post, and immediately the Lord healed my knee. It is restored now and I can stand on it and walk on it.



Bill Davis

THE **news** BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth... and He will show you things to come.

We believe that the Body of Christ should be the most well-informed group of people in the earth today. Many, many times in the past several years the Lord has spoken in meetings all over the nation by His Spirit through the gift of the Word of Wisdom and revealed to us coming events. In this newsletter we plan to share these precious pieces of information with you.

Be expectant with us that God will see to it that we are the most well-informed people in the earth. We have His Word that the Holy Spirit will show us things to come. It is exciting to know how things are going to turn out. No other company of people has available to them what belongs to the Body of Christ through the Spirit of God. We are blessed and favored among men!

Some months ago the Lord spoke to us about the Watergate Affair. Since that time, we have rested in the knowledge of the outcome instead of worrying, watching the hearings, or wondering who is telling the truth. You call that peace. We have enjoyed perfect peace where this turmoil is concerned.

The Lord has recently spoken concerning the Supreme Court, the security of our nation, the gas shortage, and the termination of Communism. Keep these Words from the Voice of the Lord and watch them come to pass. Watergate (delivered June 1, 1973, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

"The Watergate Affair will not destroy Richard Nixon nor the United States of America.

Satan overplayed his hand and God has had an opportunity to purge not only those two offices that have suffered, but also many offices in the land that haven't even been recorded in the newspapers. Seek not your information from the television or the newspapers. Take those reports with a grain of salt for the Lord Almighty God is in operation and no longer will He allow Satan in the White House of the United States until He gets through with it."

The Finish of Communism (delivered July, 1973, Fort Worth, Texas)

"The leaders in the Communist countries inside the heart-working of Communism know that it is in its death throes. They know they are finished. They are finding and searching for ways, trying to get grace out of the United States, trying to get grace out of Great Britain, and trying to get grace out of these other countries. They know they are finished. They cannot go any further. There is nothing else that they can do."

The Healing of our Land (delivered July 17, 1973, Fort Worth, Texas)

"I've spoken in times past and encouraged you not to be moved by what you saw on the news media. Things are going on now in your country which you do not understand. Things are happening now around you that you don't understand and that historians will not understand for years to come—but I understand them, saith the Lord. You bear in mind, saith God, that I am much wiser than any political system and that I have two things predominantly in mind.

The number one thing, of course, that I have in mind is the preaching of the Gospel, I

will not allow the United States of America to fall into a position where the Gospel cannot be preached. You may depend on that.

The second thing that I have in mind is My people. You are My people... You are My people. I will not allow any political system, or any political party, or any strong man, regardless of who he is or regardless of what his functions are, to hurt you and intimidate you and cause you evil. For I am in the driver's seat in all the things that you are seeing come about in the political life of your nation at the present time.

As I said before—and heed these words, saith God—don't be moved by what you hear and see on the news media, for neither do they understand what is happening and what is taking place. BUT I AM NOW, AND WILL FOR SOME DAYS TO COME, CONTINUE TO PURGE THIS LAND. I will purge it politically, I will purge it in areas that have to do with finance, I will purge it religiously. I am moving now by My Spirit, saith the Lord, in a way throughout this nation that men have never seen before, and you have never seen the best of it yet! The best is still to come! And this is predominantly what I am doing and the reason behind this—and you keep this in your mind, saith the Lord... You keep this in your mind, saith the Lord... Keep this in your mind firmly, saith the Lord... the next time you have a temptation to doubt and say: What are we coming to? What's the Democratic Party coming to? What's the Republican Party coming to? What are all these things coming to? What's going to happen to us? Will we be destroyed? When you have a temptation to think that way, you remember this, saith the Lord: I said in My Word that, if My people would turn from

their wicked ways and call upon Me, I would heal their land. And that's what is going on now, saith God—Remember this! REMEMBER THIS! WHAT'S GOING ON NOW IS NOT THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR LAND BUT THE HEALING OF IT! And it will not stop until I am through, saith God. And you listen to this, because you can point your finger to the month of July, 1973, in Fort Worth, Texas, where I said by the mouth of My prophet that I was once again going to stir and change the SUPREME COURT of this country—I'm going to keep doing that—I'm going to do it again, and once again, and once again after that. Men will be moved out of that Supreme Court until they begin to function and operate under My leadership. Hear it, and heed it, for it will come to pass, saith God."

Security of the Nation (delivered July 23, 1973, Fort Worth, Texas)

"I'll not let foreign ones destroy your soil—I'll not let foreign ones destroy you spiritually—I'll not let foreign ones destroy your body—I'll not let foreign ones destroy your nation. I'm not through with your surroundings and your circumstances. Bear with me, and stay with me, and work with me, and confess My Name before men, and I will confess you before My Father, and I'll confess you before the angels, and you'll go with Me and we'll reap this harvest and we'll reap the wind and we'll reap the whirlwind and we'll take it for our Father, and we'll rejoice in it and we'll leave the tares to be burned and we'll take hand in hand and depart this place with great joy and great glory and great power, and we'll enter into the Presence of your Father victoriously, and hand in hand we'll hear Him say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

he's alive!



After the Kenneth Copeland meeting on the night of July 27, thirteen people met at Sara Boone's home for fellowship. One of the ladies asked us to anoint her with oil and pray for her eyes to be healed. There was no oil available. Israel Rodriguez and Bill Davis laid hands on a cup of water and everyone agreed that it would be made oil. We were all praying for her, and as Israel dipped into it and anointed her, the Lord spoke to me and said to anoint everyone with the OIL. As I anointed everyone, my fingers began to feel

oily. Everyone felt their heads, and it WAS oil. Needless to say, the lady's eyes were healed.

Four states were represented at this meeting. Listed below are the names of nine people who witnessed the miracle in Sara's home:

Bill Davis
Israel Rodriguez
John L. Saunders
Janice A. Saunders
Vera L. Renick
Wade H. Renick
Polly Lathrop
Jean A. Hosmun
James W. Hosmun



John L. Baker

I'm a tennis professional at McLeland Tennis Center. A year ago I had injured my shoulder. During the May meeting on a Friday evening, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Ken Copeland said that the Lord had just healed a shoulder and that He was lubri-

cating the shoulder joint. I knew it was my shoulder and I praised and thanked the Lord. The following Sunday Kenneth said, "There is someone here who hurt his shoulder playing tennis." He then pointed to an area on his shoulder and said, "There has been a spot or area bothering you that is healed." Again I knew it was my shoulder and gave God the praise. Last week I won the Men's Doubles in the Fort Worth Municipal Tournament. I told Jesus that I was 47 years old and out of practice and that He would have to make up the difference. Jesus wants to help, even in winning tennis.

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that it will be dangerous is because so many catastrophies, so many cataclysmic things will happen in the earth during this short period of time that no human mind can comprehend them all. You will not be able to mentally decipher, you will not be able to mentally judge and you will not be able to mentally reason out in your own mind what is happening all over the earth. There will be too much of it in too short a length of time, and it's too massive and actually too humanly horrible for one person to figure it all. It will be known as the "Hey-day of the Bad Newscaster". It will be the finest hour for broadcasting bad news the world has ever known.

If you dwell on these things, then you will get over in the flesh and it will have its effect on you. My Word says that men's hearts will fail them for fear of things that are coming on the earth. Heed these words carefully. I AM THAT I AM, saith the Lord God of Hosts. When the world has no money, I still have a way. When the world has no health, I still have a way. For I am called THE WAY; and where there is no way, I am the way, saith the Lord.

You listen to Me. These are not empty, idle words. You listen to Me. You look to Me. Harken unto My Voice and you'll stand in the midst of plenty when the world is despondent. People will look at you and say, "Where are they getting it?" How are they receiving it? And you will answer, "My God meets all my needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus."

I give you My Word, saith the Lord, that when the situation on the earth is such that My people would no longer be able to overcome it, then I will overcome it by the Resurrection. I will remove you from the mouth of the lion. This is the Gift of the Word of Wisdom. This is the Wisdom of God. Heed it. Listen to it. Turn your back on the world's beggarly elements. Don't get your information from the broadcasting of bad news. Get your information from the Good News of the Gospel. Regardless of how bad the earth gets, I will shorten the time, saith the Lord, and it will not consume you. It will not! It will not harm a hair on your head, and you'll not perish, for I am returning for a glorious and a powerful and an upright body. It will be that way, saith the Lord. It'll be that way. For it is almost finished now. This which I have given you is for the whole Body of Christ.

Read it over again. Remember He said to listen to Him carefully. Make a decision to respond in faith rather than to react in fear.

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Prophet's ^{The}Reward

*Partnership
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the abilities, resources
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believer.*

If you've been needing greater faith, more anointing or increase in some area of your life, I'd like you to study very closely what I'm about to tell you. Don't just read it lightly and take my word that it's true—get out your Bible and let the Holy Spirit reveal it to you personally. :: Here's why. If you will believe and act on the principles you're about to see, you will tap in to a spiritual gold mine. It is a mine so deep, so rich, you will never be able to plumb the depths of it in this lifetime.

Obviously, I can only scratch the surface of it here. But if you'll spend some time on your own digging around in it, you'll realize as I have that the power of partnership is greater than anything you'd ever imagined.

"Partnership?" you ask.

Yes, partnership!

You see, contrary to what many people have thought, partnership is not a new idea some fundraiser cooked up. It is an ordinance of God that began in the Old Testament and continued in the New. It is a system designed by God to dramatically increase the abilities, resources and rewards of every believer.

That system was officially established and recognized as an ordinance of God

in 1 Samuel 30. There we find David and the men who fought under his command in hot pursuit of the Amalekites who had plundered their homes and taken their families captive.

In order to overtake their enemy, David's men had embarked on a grueling military maneuver known as a forced march. That's a march under pressure which involves moving the most men and equipment as far and as fast as possible, while remaining battle ready at all times. It's a tough assignment, and by the time David's men reached the brook Besor, 200 of them were too exhausted to go on.

David instructed the weary ones to remain behind and guard the supplies. Then he and

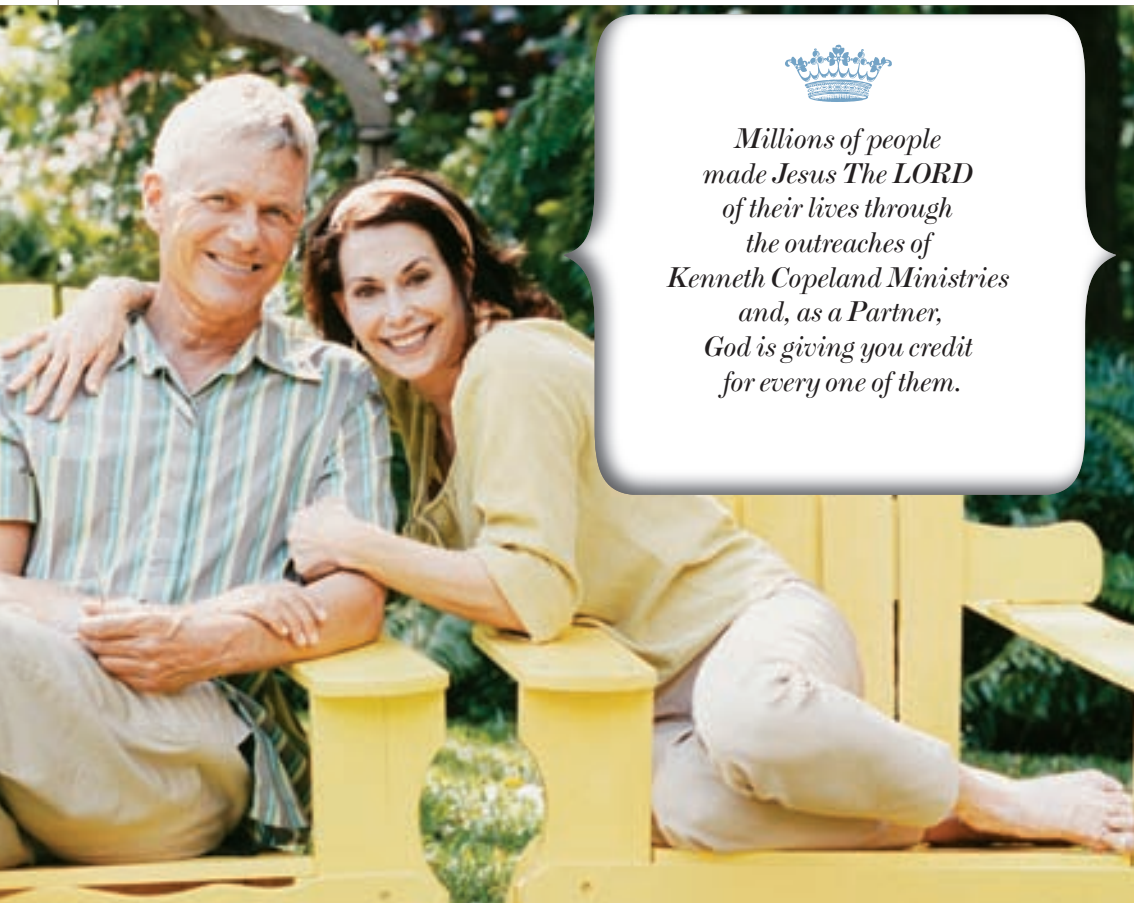
the rest of the men went on across, found the Amalekites, and—by the power of God—jerked the slack out of them! They not only defeated the army and recovered all their own possessions, they took what belonged to the Amalekites as well. So when they came back across the Besor, they brought with them great spoil!

When the fighting men rejoined the 200 others, however, some of them didn't want to share the rewards of that war with those who had stayed behind. "Because they went not with us, we will not give them aught of the spoil that we have recovered," they said.

It was at that moment that David, a man after God's own heart, officially

established the principle of partnership. He said: "Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us... *but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.* And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day" (verses 23-25).





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What Can I Do for You, Partner?

You may think that ordinance doesn't mean much for you. But it does. After all, you're a soldier just like David's men were. You are a part of the army of Jesus, the Anointed One. You're on a mission to occupy this earth and enforce the devil's defeat until Jesus returns.

You may not be on the



front lines of the fivefold ministry. You may not hold the office of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher. But if you're in

partnership with a minister who is doing the work of God, fighting alongside him or her through prayer or through giving, you'll receive

an eternal reward for every person who is born again, and every believer who is strengthened or healed or delivered as a result of that minister's endeavors.

This year alone, for example, millions of people made Jesus The LORD of their lives through the outreaches of Kenneth Copeland Ministries and, as a Partner, God is giving you credit for every one of them. Why is that? It's because, just like the soldiers who stayed and guarded the stuff, you did your part. You prayed. You gave. You helped us by joining your faith with ours.

So as far as God is concerned, you deserve to be rewarded just as much as Gloria and I do because your part is just as important as ours!

"Well, I'd like to believe that, Brother Copeland, but that was an Old Testament ordinance. Are you sure it's still in effect today?"

Yes! Jesus taught the first 12 disciples about it. He reaffirmed to them that principle of partnership by saying: "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matthew 10:41-42).

It would be sufficiently

exciting if the reward we received from our partnership in God's work was strictly a heavenly reward. But praise God, it's not!

There's also an earthly aspect to this reward system. Partnership is one of God's ways of providing for us, here and now, blessings so great we could never muster up enough faith to receive them on our own.

You can see what I mean if you'll read 2 Kings 4. There you'll find the account of a Shunammite woman who decided to support the ministry of the prophet Elisha. She was so determined to be a partner in his work that one day when he was passing by she "constrained him to eat bread." She just wouldn't take no for an answer. She insisted that he stay for dinner.

She didn't stop with that, either. She and her husband built a special room onto their house so Elisha would have a place to stay whenever he was in town.

Do you know what Elisha did in return? He called in his servant, Gehazi, and said, "Go find out what I can do for this woman. Find out what she desires."

So Gehazi went, checked out the situation, then came back and told Elisha: "Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. And [Elisha] said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid" (verses 14-16).

Obviously, this woman didn't have the faith to believe God for a child because when Elisha told her she would bear a son, she said, "No way! You may be a prophet, but you're lying to me now!" That was out there beyond what she could ask or think.

But Elisha didn't have any trouble believing for it, and since she was due

a reward and they were in partnership with one another, he just released his faith on her behalf. Sure enough, by the next year that Shunammite woman had a baby.

Take Advantage of the Privileges

That same principle will operate for you today just like it did for her. If you're a Partner with Gloria and me, for example, you've joined up with our faith. Now when we started out, we just had enough faith to keep our old car running so we could get from one meeting to the next. But over the years, as this ministry has grown, we've learned how to believe for the millions of dollars it takes to pay television bills and salaries, buy equipment and such.

If you're newer to this faith life than we are, or if you haven't had the opportunities to grow in it that we have, you may have some needs that are out beyond your faith range right now. For example, you might have \$50,000 worth of debt you'd like to pay. You know God *can* do it, but at this point in your life, it may be hard for you to believe He will do it for *you*.

Well, take advantage of the privileges of partnership. Believing for \$50,000 worth of debt reduction isn't hard for Gloria and me.

As I said, we have to believe for millions every month. So write that \$50,000 debt reduction prayer request on the sheet I send you every month with my letter, and send it back. Use it as a way to release your faith in the God-ordained power of partnership.

That's why I provide that sheet. I don't do it just because it's the traditional thing to do. I'm energizing you to take part in the prophet's reward! We have a prayer staff that prays over those requests. Plus, Gloria and I pray every day for our Partners just like we pray for our own family. We're exercising our faith on your behalf, so reach out and receive some of the blessings you have coming to you!

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“Fear attacks”

Christians like fleas on a dog. Fleas can't kill a dog, but they might eventually convince him to scratch himself to death.”



on you—the mechanic anointing, the real-estate anointing, etc.—becomes available to that ministry. When you understand that, you can see that as we

God has given Gloria and me for ministry are also available to you.

The Apostle Paul understood that principle. That's why in the letter to his Philippian partners he had the boldness to say:

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship [or partnership] in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace (Philippians 1:3-7).

Notice in that last phrase he said, ye are *partakers of my grace*. Not God's grace. *My* grace! In other words, Paul was saying, “As my partners, you share in the grace God has given me to carry out my ministry.”

If you'd like to see how significant

that really is, just read through some of Paul's letters and see the statements he makes about grace. Statements such as, “By the grace of God I am what I am...I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Paul was literally telling the Philippians that as his partners, the same anointings that were on him as an apostle had become available to them!

I don't know about you, but I desire all the anointing I can get. That's why I partner with the ministries of Oral Roberts, Kenneth Hagin, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis and many others—to be a partaker of their grace!

“But I don't need those kinds of anointings!” you may say. “I'm not a preacher. I'm just a mechanic...or a housewife...or a salesman.”

That may be your profession, but aren't you called to witness to people, pray for them and minister to them as you go about your daily affairs? Of course you are! And the more of the Anointing of God you have available to you, the better you'll be able to do it.

What's more, when you partner up with a ministry, whatever anointing is

follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit and come together in partnership as He directs, we'll all be fully supplied. None of us will lack anything.

Spiritually, we'll have the full scope of the Anointing of God. And materially we'll enjoy the prophet's reward—by joining in faith together, we receive exceeding, abundantly above what we can ask or think!

I'm convinced it was that reward Paul had in mind when, in closing his partner letter to the Philippians, he told them, “My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19)!

No matter how you look at it, that deal is just too good to pass up. So don't! Make up your mind right now to seek God and find out with whom He'd have you become a partner. Then be like that Shunammite woman and start looking for ways to bless your partner.

You'll have so much fun at it, you'll be tempted to forget all about the reward. But God won't. If you'll stay connected in faith, He'll see to it that you're blessed with more of everything than you ever dreamed possible. He'll see to it that you receive the prophet's reward. ⑦



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“Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks]....” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, *The Amplified Bible*)

Vision Restored

Thank you so much for praying for my husband. I had sent in a prayer request for him regarding his eyes. Due to stress he developed a condition that would require surgery. I felt in my heart he didn't need it and gave it to the Lord.

He went in for the surgery, but after the doctor took new pictures he said he didn't need it. The pictures were all clear of the fluid that had collected in his eye. Praise the Lord, it's a miracle! We continue to pray that by His stripes he is healed and stress free!
M.S. | Canada

Heavenly Delivery

I wrote asking for you to please agree with me regarding the birth of my baby without an induction. I thank God my daughter arrived after a short and smooth delivery. The midwives kept saying it is a textbook delivery. They wished every delivery could be as easy as mine. The baby arrived very fast—they were rushing to keep up, praise God!
K.A. | United Kingdom

Faithful Healer

One afternoon, my face was swollen and hot, and I couldn't move my left eye. The prison guards took my temperature and called the ambulance. I was rushed to the hospital and the doctors

were scared to check on me, as I have been diagnosed with HIV. But I was not scared at all. I knew God was with me and I was going to be healed.

When I went for a checkup

later, the doctor told me I was 99 percent healed. I just smiled and praised God. Thank you for praying for me and God bless you!

L.C. | Hong Kong

Peaceful Sleep

I am writing to share with you my testimony of how God delivered me from the addiction of sleeping medicine. I have been in prison for the past two years, and ever since I was arrested and sentenced to four years imprisonment I have never had one day of sleep without a sleeping pill. Without taking those pills there was no way I could sleep. Each time I tried to resist, it seemed that I was going to die. A deep fear, which I always find difficult to explain, came into my heart and caused my heart to start beating fast. So to avoid that, I kept taking those pills to the extent that I got addicted to them.

I started reading KCM faith books, and ever since I started reading your books and listening to the audio ministry messages, my faith in God has increased to a higher level. I learned how to pray a prayer of faith and a prayer that produces results, I mean positive results. As I kept reading, I also kept praying for God to deliver me from the addiction of sleeping pills. Then I received a magazine from your ministry titled *Believer's Voice of Victory*. On the front page it was written, “If you're bound, realize God desires for you to be completely free.” So I said to myself, *This is God's Word and His promises for me and His desire is to set me free completely from the desire and addiction of sleeping pills.*

When I read about how God set a prisoner free from drugs, I was so touched that I said to God, “In Your presence I come also with a heart of repentance. Please deliver me from the addiction of sleeping pills.” I kept on praying, and as I did I stopped taking the pills, though it wasn't easy for me at all.

For the past seven months I have been completely delivered from the addiction of sleeping pills. I've been sleeping peacefully without any pills. I tried all I could with my own power, without seeking the help of God to stop it, all to no avail. Thanks to KCM for helping build my faith in God and helping me realize I can build up a faith that produces positive results, even if I'm still in prison. My mind is so much at rest, praise God. B.C.O. | Italy

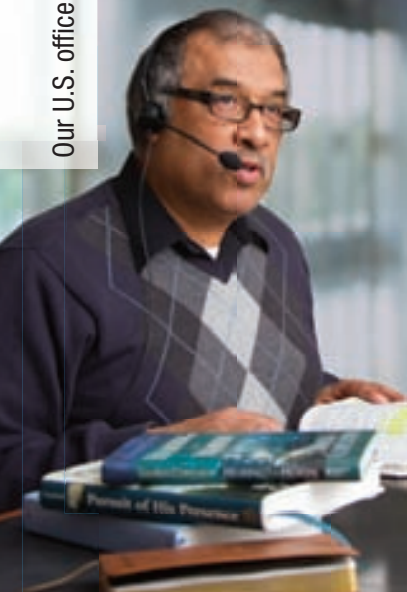
From Hopeless to Full of Hope

When 2012 started I read the message from the prophecy given by Kenneth Copeland for the year. At the beginning of the year it did not make sense to me, but I repeated it and believed anyway. I was going through a very tough time. I had no job and no hope to get a good job at my age. I had to move in with my daughter and son-in-law to not exhaust all of my savings. The situation looked very depressing and hopeless, but we kept praying and believing.

After looking for a job for more than six months, God provided me with a job that I enjoy and provides for my needs. God has made it possible for me to even save the amount of money for the deposit on my new place. I have been able to buy a new condo! In other words, after having no job and place to live, now I have a good job and a place of my own. Praise the Lord!

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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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Right On Time

I called for prayer for my colleagues and myself, because we had not gotten paid for a job and the directors had no idea when we were going to get paid. The minister prayed and declared that we would get paid before the end of the day, and four hours later we all got paid. Thank you so much for always praying for me. God bless you all!

R.D.V. | South Africa



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According to Proverbs 3, God's Word (or His "Wisdom") is the key to all real happiness and BLESSING: "For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and the profit of it is better than fine gold. Skillful and godly Wisdom is more precious than rubies; and nothing you can wish for is to be compared to her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are highways of





pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold on her..." (verses 14-18, *The Amplified Bible*).

If you examine those verses carefully, you'll see that God's Word covers every area of life. It provides us with the revelation we need to have faith; and faith is what enables us to receive and walk in every aspect of God's BLESSING.

Just think for a moment about what this one passage says is available to

you through God's Word:

Length of days, or long life.

Because the Word is "healing and health" to our flesh (Proverbs 4:22), if you have a Bible you can receive healing anytime you need it. You don't have to go find someone to pray for you. You can get healed at home by yourself. Even better, as you stand by faith on verses like 1 Peter 2:24 that says by Jesus' stripes "ye were healed," and Psalm 91:10 that says "neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling," you can stay healed day in and day out. When the flu starts going around, you don't have to take it, because you've already taken your flu shot from the Word of God. You can successfully resist every kind of disease because the Word of God has made you immune.

Riches and honor.

When the economy takes a downturn, you don't have to let it affect you. By believing scriptures like Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want," and Proverbs 10:22, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it," you can keep receiving increase from heaven. You don't have to depend on this world's system for your prosperity. You don't have to depend on Social Security or any other natural kind of security. You can depend on God to "supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Clear direction for your life.

By feeding continually on the Word, you can receive wisdom from heaven about what you should do in every situation. You can get God's perspective and understand His instructions. Psalm 119:98 says, "Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies," so when you obey the Word, things in your life work out. You wind up walking in paths of peace.

Actually, by the power of God's Word, you can live above every devilish, negative trend the world goes through. When unbelievers are slogging it out in tough times, you can keep relying on "the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" (Psalm 68:19). You can keep on receiving from "the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

You can live in THE BLESSING every day!

Build Your Schedule Around It

"Well, I've been around the Bible all my life and I sure haven't seen much of that kind of blessing," someone might say.

That's because it takes more than just *being around* the Bible to truly connect with its power. You have to spend time reading it! (How are you going to know what it says if you don't?) You can't be satisfied to read it just every once in a while, either. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing...the word of God" (Romans 10:17), so if you want to keep your faith fresh and strong you need to be continually nourishing it with the Word.

"But Gloria," you might say, "I'm too busy to do that!"

I don't doubt it. I am too. But I'm also too busy to waste time being a failure, so I invest in my success by making God's Word first priority. I don't try to fit the Word into my schedule. I build my schedule around the Word.

Excuse me for being direct, but so should you!

Keeping your faith intact is the most important thing in your whole life, and you can't do it by living from Sunday to Sunday. You need to spend time in the Word *every day*. Start small if you have to. If you only have five minutes, read your Bible for five minutes. But aim for more because the more time you spend in the Word, the stronger your faith will grow; and

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the stronger your faith grows, the more wonderful your life will be.

The opposite is also true. The less time you spend in the Word, the weaker your faith will become, and the more miserable your life will be.

Why is that?

It's because the devil is constantly putting pressure on us as believers. We live in a world where the majority of people are going in an entirely different direction than we are. We're surrounded with television programs, movies, books, magazines and Internet sites that are on the dark side and getting darker all the time. Those things will get us off course if we don't keep our eyes on the Word of God.

For instance, say you have a favorite television show. When you first start watching it, the initial episodes might be innocent as can be. But then the producers start throwing some profanity and immorality into it. It becomes increasingly ungodly. If you're not sticking close to the Word, you'll most likely keep watching the show anyway. You'll think it's no big deal.

But it is a big deal! Christians can't afford to play around with that kind of darkness. We have to stay strong. If we want to live without sickness, if we want to prosper and succeed and keep being promoted while the world around us is going downhill, we can't afford to feed on the devil's trash.

"But if I don't watch television what would I do at night?"

Read your Bible! That's the best thing to do. Let it change you, talk to you, prosper you and stir you. That's far better than watching some trashy prime-time soap opera full of killing, stealing, adultery and fornication. That junk can't do anything but drag you down. The Word will lift you up!

Dump the Bad and Receive the Good

Of course, it's not just reading and believing the Word that makes the difference—it's being obedient.

"For if any be a hearer of the

word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:23-25).

Personally, I want to be blessed in everything I do, so when the Lord corrects me through His Word, I make changes quickly. I recommend that you do the same. Don't be hardheaded when God shows you through His Word where you've been wrong. Repent right away and turn that area of your life around. (That's actually what *repent* means: "to turn around and go the other way.")

If you're reading 1 Corinthians 15:33 that says, "Bad company corrupts good morals" (*New American Standard Bible*), and you sense the Lord telling you to stop hanging out with your old, unsaved friends, stop hanging out with them! Just pray for them and bless them from a distance.

If you're reading Mark 11:25 that says, "Forgive, if ye have ought against any," and you realize you're holding unforgiveness against someone, get rid of it. Don't argue with God and claim you can't forgive. If you're a believer, you have the love of God shed abroad in your heart. He's a forgiver and you can forgive because you're born of Him. So just act on His Word and say, "Lord, I make the choice right now to forgive that person. I roll the care of their wrongdoing over on You and I'm not going to fret about it anymore. Thank You, Lord, that I'm free and they're forgiven!"

As you make those kinds of corrections, your faith will keep growing stronger because you won't be doing anything to hinder it. As you let the Word help you dump the bad things out of your life, it will become easier for you to believe you receive all

Thanksgiving and praise are integral parts of prayer. When you believe you receive, then you begin to praise God for the answer. You thank God that it is done for you.

Thanksgiving and praise involve more than just speaking lovely words to God. There is power in the praise of God. Praise was ordained by God for a definite reason. It serves a purpose.

Psalms 8 and 9 point out some things about praise that every believer should know. Psalm 8:1-2 says, "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger."

Jesus quoted this Psalm in Matthew 21:16, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." He equates praise with strength.

From these scriptures, we see that God brought praise into existence. He ordained it. Why? "Because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." Praise stops Satan right in his tracks.

"I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right." Psalm 9:1-4

It is a weapon we are to use in calling a halt to Satan's maneuvers.

Psalm 9 says, "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right" (verses 1-4).

When your enemies are turned back—not if! There is no question about it. Remember: We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against Satan's forces (Ephesians 6).

Whatever adversity is challenging you today, begin to praise God. Exercise this vital weapon in your warfare against Satan and his forces. Your enemies will have to turn back. They will fall and perish at your presence. And the peace and victory that Jesus bought for you will be yours. ⑦



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"What if I still enjoy doing some of the things the Bible says are wrong?" you might ask.

Stop doing them anyway! Obey the Word.

God isn't out to spoil your fun. He's not out to take good things away from you. He's out to do good things *for* you. The only reason He tells you to stop doing something is because it's ultimately going to hurt you. That's why the Lord is against sin. It's not good for you!

Lying and stealing are not good. Cheating and immorality are not good. Those things have bad consequences. Some people even end up in prison because of them, and many of those people will tell you, "I wish I'd read the Bible before I got into this place. I wish I'd straightened up and obeyed God."

You might not think prison inmates talk like that, but a lot of them do. I've heard them myself. I've ministered to women in prison who got born again after they got locked up. Some of them were hard-core criminals. Yet as a result of reading, believing and acting on God's Word, they've been transformed. They're being blessed even though they're behind bars.

Talk about proof of what the Word can do! One time I went to minister on death row and met several women who'd committed such violent crimes they were famous. Yet they were all as sweet as could be.

One older woman, in particular, was so kind and tenderhearted, so in love with God and other people, that I couldn't imagine her ever murdering anyone. So as I talked with her, I came up with my own idea of how she must have ended up on death row. *Her husband probably came home drunk one night, I thought, and she'd just taken all the abuse she could stand so she did him in.*

Come to find out, that's not what happened at all. She'd actually had five husbands, killed them all, cut them up and buried them under a tree!

But now she's been born again. She's not the same woman she was. Isn't it awesome that someone with a past like that can become a new creation in Christ—cleansed of every sin, forgiven, filled with the Holy Spirit and enjoying

the peace of God? All because she dared to receive, believe and act on the Word!

Two Life-Changing Steps

If you're reading this article, then I assume you've already taken the first step toward putting God's Word first place in your life by receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior. But if you haven't, you can do it just like that lady I met in prison did. You can be born again today. You can be sure that when your life on earth is over and you leave this place, you'll go to heaven.

Heaven and hell are both real, you know. One is up, the other is down, and there's only one way up. There's only one ticket to heaven, and Jesus is His Name. So if you've never committed your life to Him, do it today. You'll instantly be changed on the inside. Your spirit will be made new and you'll receive the very nature of God. You'll be translated out from under the dominion of sin and darkness and into the kingdom of the light of God's dear Son.

If you're already born again but you haven't yet received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I encourage you to take that step too. The Bible says, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Who doesn't want power? Who wants to be weak and defeated and helpless?

None of us does!

That's why being baptized in the Holy Spirit is such a tremendous blessing. When He comes to live in us, He becomes our strengthener and our standby. He becomes our teacher and imparts revelation to us as we read and study His Word.

If the Bible has seemed like a dry book to you, if you just read it because you have to and you don't get much out of it, the Holy Spirit will change that. "He shall teach you all things" (John 14:26). "He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

He'll make the Word come alive in you and turn you into a greater success than you ever dreamed you could be. ⑦



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Many believers think they're too busy to spend time in the Word. But since all true success originates with the Word of God, if you don't put God's Word first place in your life, you'll be a busy failure! Invest in your success by making the Word your priority. Here are a few points to help you:

1

Remind yourself often of all that's available to you through the Word

Proverbs 3:16-17: "Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are highways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." (AMP)

2

Keep your faith fresh and strong by reading the Word every day

1 Timothy 4:6: "Be...ever nourishing your own self on the truths of the faith and of the good [Christian] instruction which you have closely followed." (AMP)

3

Build your schedule around the Word

Proverbs 8:12, 17: "I, Wisdom [from God].... love those who love me, and those who seek me early and diligently shall find me." (AMP)

4

Be willing to let the Word correct you

Hebrews 12:6: "For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves." (AMP)

5

Don't waste time on the junk the world offers, spend time in the Word instead

Psalm 101:2-3: "I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them." (NLT)



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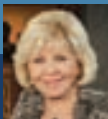
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