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With All Boldness

The Name of Jesus is the mightiest weapon God has put in our hands, as believers, and He's given it to us because we have to have it. Without the power of that Name, we can't do what we're called to do even though we've been born again and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Even though God “hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son,” we still live in a world that’s dominated by the devil. We still have to deal with an adversary who roams this earth, “as a roaring lion...seeking whom he may devour” (Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 5:8).

He’s a defeated adversary, of course. Jesus thoroughly whipped him 2,000 years ago and won the victory for us for all time. But for us to walk in that victory, we have to enforce it. We have to keep the devil under our feet by using the powerful Name of Jesus—the Name above all names—against him and his works.

In Mark 16, Jesus told us what that Name can do. In what we call the Great Commission, He said: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.... And these signs shall follow them that believe; *In my name* shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (verses 15, 17-18).

The authority of the Name of Jesus is of vital importance when it comes to advancing the kingdom of God. Faith in that Name is what empowers us to overturn the works of the kingdom of darkness. Brother Kenneth E. Hagin used to say, and I’ve proven it out over the years in my own life: “No faith in Jesus’ Name equals no results. A little faith in



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is the mightiest weapon
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hand as a believer.

Phil. 2:10

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Faith in that Name
empowers you to
overturn the devil's
works and advance
the kingdom of God.

Mark 16:15, 17-18

3

Peter healed the crippled
man at the Temple by
faith in Jesus' Name.

Acts 3:16

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Jesus' Name on
the lips of a believer
can do anything Jesus
Himself can do.

John 14:12-13

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As a born-again child of
God, you can use Jesus'
Name as if it belongs to
you, because it does.

Eph. 3:14-15

His Name equals little results. A lot of faith in His Name equals amazing results.”

“But Brother Copeland, don’t all Christians have faith in Jesus’ Name? Didn’t we have to have faith in it just to get saved?”

Yes, but getting saved isn’t the end of the story. The Bible says, “The just shall *live* by faith” (Hebrews 10:38). To maintain a living faith in the Name of Jesus, you have to keep feeding it on The WORD of God. You have to keep going back to what He said about that Name, or your faith will become weak and depleted.

You’ll continue to say “in the Name of Jesus” when you pray, but you’ll just say it by rote. You’ll say it out of mental assent and familiarity, without any actual faith.

To understand why this is, think about how your physical body operates. It has to be fed to produce energy. If you keep using that energy, even if all you’re doing is lifting your arm up and down, you’ll eventually have to eat to replenish your strength. Otherwise you won’t be able to lift your arm anymore.

The same is true with faith because, like your body, faith is a living thing. It’s spiritual strength that comes by “hearing, and hearing...the word of God” (Romans

10:17). If you keep using it and you don’t replenish it by going back and hearing more WORD, your faith will get to where it has no strength at all.

Unlike physical weakness however, when your faith gets weak you won’t necessarily notice right away. Because you can’t feel faith, you may only realize it’s getting weak when it stops producing results: when you pray for something in Jesus’ Name, for example, and nothing happens. Or you command healing to come in that Name and yet days... weeks...and months go by...and the sickness still remains.

Yes, No or Wait Awhile?

This happens in the Body of Christ far too much these days. We’ve gotten way to accustomed to waiting long periods of time for our prayers to produce results. In some circles, Christians have even come up with doctrines to explain the delay. “God always answers prayer,” they say. “Sometimes the answer is *yes*, sometimes it’s *no*, and sometimes it’s *wait awhile*.”

That just isn’t true. There’s not one instance in the Gospels where Jesus ever told anyone who came to Him for healing to wait awhile to receive it. No, He always responded like He did to the man who came to Him in Matthew 8 to be healed of leprosy.

Jesus didn’t say to that man, “Yes, I’ll heal you, but you’ll have to wait about four years.” He said, “I will; be thou clean,” and healed the man *immediately* (verse 3).

Jesus is still saying that same “I will” today!

He’s “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8). “All the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen” (2 Corinthians 1:20, *New King James Version*). So He stands ready to heal and deliver anyone immediately, anywhere, anytime.

He’s just waiting for us to give Him the opportunity to do it. He’s just waiting for us, as His representatives, to release His mighty power by stepping out with all boldness by faith in His Name.

What exactly does that look like? You can see in Acts 3. It tells about a time after Jesus’ resurrection when Peter and John were going into the Temple to pray and a lame man asked them for alms.

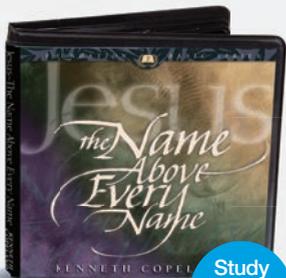
And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: *In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God (verses 4-8).

You talk about immediate results! Peter and John didn’t just pray for that man and walk away hoping someday God would answer. They just gave the faith command in Jesus’ Name, grabbed the man’s hand, and jerked him to his feet. They believed that Jesus’ Name would do the job and the man would immediately be made whole.

“Yes, but Peter and John could do that kind of thing,” someone might say. “They were apostles!”

True, but that wasn’t the reason the man was healed. Peter himself said so. He told the astonished crowd that gathered around to marvel over the miracle, “Why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus.... And *his name through faith in his name* hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all” (verses 12-13, 16).

Peter didn’t say anything at all about his being an apostle. He talked about faith in Jesus’ Name. He just echoed what Jesus said in Mark 16: “These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall...lay hands on the sick,



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and they shall recover” (verses 17-18).

Jesus’ Name didn’t work for Peter because he was an apostle. It worked for him because he was a believer. It worked because he had faith in the power of Jesus’ Name.

He said so again in Acts 4 when the religious leaders arrested him and John and interrogated them about the lame man’s healing. When they asked,

By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, *that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the

dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole (verses 7-10).

The Name Is What Does the Miracles

How did the religious leaders react to that explanation?

Not well at all. They weren’t excited about the fact that the Name of Jesus

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was now doing the same miracles Jesus Himself did before He was crucified. They were extremely disturbed by it. So, they threatened Peter and John and “commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus” (verse 18).

The threats didn't work though. On the contrary, when Peter and John went back and told the other believers what had happened, they became more determined than ever. They prayed in one accord for God to “grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus” (verses 29-30).

Notice, they prayed that signs and wonders would be done not just *in* the Name of Jesus but *by* that Name. In other words, the Name is what does the miracles—and it does them when it's used “with all boldness.”

In our day, such boldness has often been lacking. That's one of the reasons we've been laying hands on a lot of people and some of them have received something and some haven't. We've been making the same mistake that Brother Hagin used to warn us about—one he freely admitted to making at times himself.

I remember one story he used to tell on himself quite often. It was about a time he was ministering to a man who came in the prayer line to receive healing. The man's body was stiff as a board from the neck down, and when Brother Hagin laid hands on him nothing happened. The anointing just jumped back and forth between Brother Hagin's hands instead of going into the man.

Jesus had previously taught Brother Hagin that when the anointing jumped like that it meant that an evil spirit was involved, and he should cast it out in Jesus' Name and then minister healing. So that's what Brother Hagin did. He commanded the evil spirit to leave, laid

hands on the man again, then said to him, “Now, see if you can bend over.”

The man tried but he couldn't. He was still completely stiff.

Brother Hagin went through the same process three different times, and still got no results. Then suddenly he saw Jesus standing there.

“Lord, I did what You told me,” he said. “I cast that spirit out in Your Name but he didn't leave. What should I do?”

“In My Name cast him out, and he'll go,” Jesus answered.

“Yes Sir, that's what I did. But he

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didn't go. What should I do?”

“In My Name cast him out, and he'll go,” Jesus repeated.

“Lord, I did. But he didn't go.”

“I said he would!” Jesus said, fire flashing in His eyes. Then He disappeared.

Instantly, Brother Hagin realized his mistake. He went back to the man, put his hands on him, and said to the demon, “In the Name of Jesus, you leave this man's body.” Then he said to the man, “Now, bend over!” Sure enough, the man bent right down and touched his toes.

What was the difference? Boldness! Instead of saying, “See if you can...,” he gave the faith command in Jesus' Name: “Bend!”

I remember a similar story about Aimee Semple McPherson. She was in a meeting one time ministering to the sick with a number of other preachers and they were praying for a little boy

who was so crippled his legs just hung limp, like noodles. The preachers laid hands on him and prayed, then they tentatively set him down to see if he was any better. He wasn't, so they prayed for him again.

Finally Sister McPherson, who'd been standing nearby watching, walked over. She grabbed the boy and said, "In the Name of Jesus, be healed!" Then she threw him on the floor and he hit the ground running.

"But Brother Copeland, that's really going out on a limb."

No, it's not. It's stepping out by faith with all boldness in the Name of Jesus. It's believing and acting as if what He said in John 14 is true: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 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" (verses 12-13).

The Greek word translated *ask* also means "to demand or require." It can refer to a request made in prayer or to the kind of thing that both Sister McPherson and the Apostle Peter did to heal the cripples they encountered. They both made a demand in the Name of Jesus. They didn't demand of Jesus, they demanded in His Name that the work of the devil be overturned and the will of God be done.

That's the kind of thing Jesus told all of us, as believers, to do. He told us to go everywhere, share the gospel and use His Name as if it belongs to us—because it does.

Jesus' Name is our Name! It's ours by covenant. It's also ours by birth. We inherited it when we were born again of "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:14-15).

So, let's put that Name to work and advance the kingdom of God. Let's enforce the devil's defeat and show people all around us that they can be healed, delivered and set free by the mighty Name of Jesus. It truly is the Name above all names! 📌

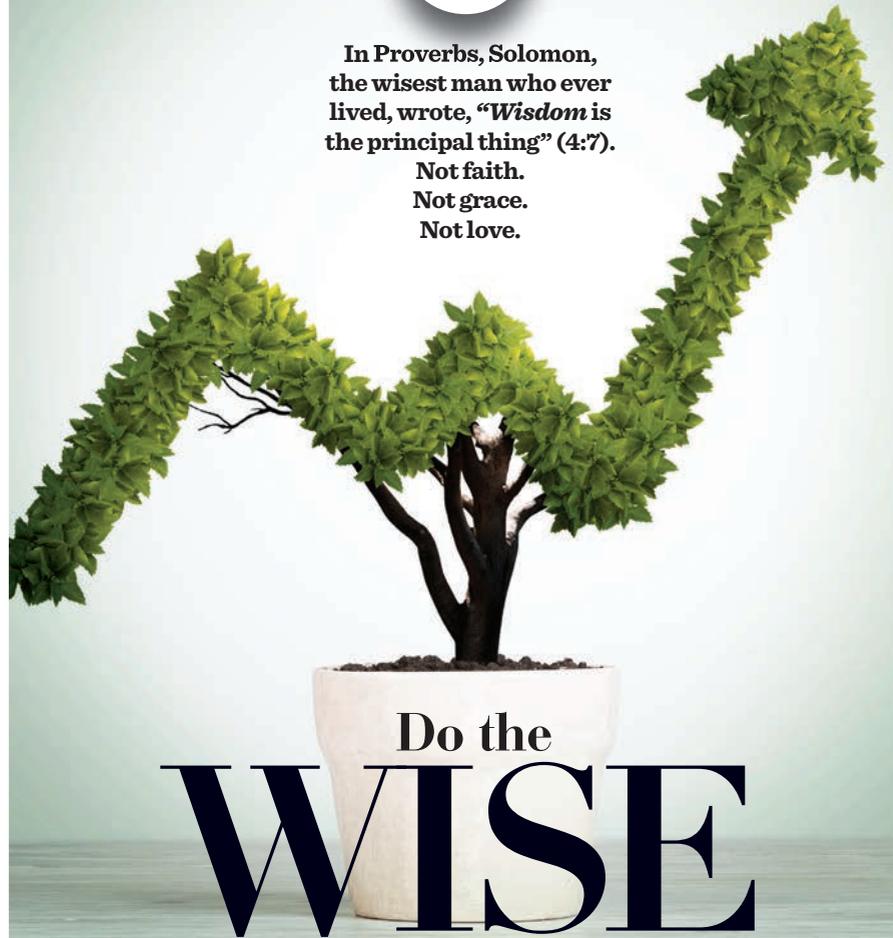
by Mac
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In Proverbs, Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, wrote, "Wisdom is the principal thing" (4:7).

Not faith.

Not grace.

Not love.



Do the **WISE THING**

Those things are all vital in the life of the believer and should have a prominent place in your daily walk. But wisdom, Solomon wrote, is the principal thing. How did he know? He found out firsthand.

In 2 Chronicles 1:7-12, he asked God for wisdom and look what happened:

In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said unto God,... Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people.... And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and





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knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

When Solomon asked God for wisdom, all the other things he could have asked for were added to him. It was part of the deal.

When you ask for wisdom and God responds, it affects every arena of your life. It will bring a level of blessing to your home, your church, your city and your country that nothing else can bring. After Solomon asked for wisdom, Israel enjoyed a 40-year period of peace

and prosperity under his rule such as they had never experienced before.

Filled With Wisdom

You don't need to look any further than the Holy Spirit inside you to find wisdom. One of the first examples of this is in Exodus 31: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel...And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge..." (verses 1-3).

This is the first occasion in the Bible that we see someone filled with the Spirit, and it's important to note that wisdom goes hand in hand with knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 2:2-5). All three function and flow together.

How do the three differ? *Knowledge* is "the acquisition of facts, data and information." *Understanding* is "when the light comes on about how that knowledge works." And *wisdom* is "the application of knowledge that produces a desired result."

If you've studied the Word for many years, you've probably experienced the flow of knowledge, understanding and wisdom in your own life. Maybe you've read and reread a passage of Scripture only to gain knowledge of it. Then one day—*bam!*—something jumps off the page, the light comes on and you have understanding of that Word. Then you apply it to your life and reap the fruit of it. You've experienced the progression: from knowledge, to understanding, to wisdom.

When you're filled with the fullness of the Spirit—and you are as a New Testament believer—then knowledge, understanding and wisdom are at your disposal.

But there's more.

Exodus 31 continues: "And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works..." (verses 3-4).

Did you catch that? You're filled with knowledge, understanding, wisdom...

and workmanship. When you're filled with the Holy Spirit, you have within you a level of supernatural gifting that will stun the world around you.

Wisdom Inside You

We have wisdom coming out our ears and don't even know it...but it's in there! That's no surprise though. After all, isn't that true of everything we have in Christ?

The Word says that in Christ we can do all things. We're more than conquerors. We are healed, delivered, set free and prosperous. We're successes just looking for the right place to happen. So why don't our lives always reflect those truths? Because all the wonderful truths of who we are in Christ are only accessible by faith.

You have to believe what the Bible says about you—more than you believe what you see in the mirror. You have to go through a process.

First, start by asking God directly for wisdom like Solomon did. James 1:5-6 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."

Next, gain *knowledge*. If you need healing, for example, listen to what the Word says about healing and meditate on the truth that you were healed by the stripes of Jesus (1 Peter 2:24). Speak in line with who God says you are: the healed.

As you do, eventually the light will turn on and *understanding* will come. Then you can put that knowledge to work, which is *wisdom*, and have it produce the physical manifestation for which you are believing.

The Pressure of Adversity

Of course, when you receive a word from the Lord, the enemy will come at once to try and contest it. James speaks to this when he says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations" (James 1:2). The Greek word for *temptation* means "putting something to proof by experience—



“WISDOM is ‘the application of knowledge that produces a desired result.’”

usually adversity.”

As you go through the progression of wisdom, the enemy tries to stop you before you produce the desired fruit. He does that by putting pressure on what you believe.

Maybe you've read that God has met all your needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19) and that He wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health (3 John 2). So you begin obeying the Word, starting with the tithe, as you walk the biblical path to prosperity.

Great, right? But what happens next is the enemy comes—and your car quits. Your refrigerator stops cooling. Your employer tells you that there's going to be a general wage reduction across the board. Suddenly, you're feeling pressured. It's the enemy of your soul generating circumstances to put pressure on your belief system. He knows he can't do anything to alter your destiny in God unless he can change what you believe. This is the essence of spiritual warfare.

So, what's the answer? James 1:4 says to “let patience have her perfect work.” Or, as Kenneth Copeland said it years ago, “You've got to be consistently constant.” When your faith is tried, don't change what you believe, even for a moment. Cast down vain imaginations and keep your thoughts in line with the Word. Continue to hear the Word and speak it out of your mouth. Keep doing whatever you need to do to strengthen your faith.

Finding the Way

First Corinthians 10:13 says, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man...” Sometimes we feel like we're all alone, like no one has ever experienced what we're going through. But, this verse continues, promising, “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

Whenever your faith is challenged, ask God for wisdom to find that way of escape.

About a decade ago, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Advice came from the left and right. The surgeon wanted to cut my prostate out. Others said to me, “Just stand, brother! Confess the Word!”

Of course, that's God's best for us if your faith is there, but I've also seen ministers die because they stood and confessed without seeking God's wisdom *for them* in the matter, based on where their faith was.

So, I sought God's wisdom for me. I sought His way of escape based on where I was in my faith and what I was facing. After much prayer, I had peace about focusing on my nutrition and the way I was eating. I stopped drinking sodas filled with fake sweeteners and started eating organic foods. I was vigilant about it. When I returned to the hospital for a 16-section biopsy, they couldn't find the cancer!

I'm so glad I sought God for His wisdom for me in that moment. For you, the answer may be different. We each need to seek God individually and receive His wisdom.

Wisdom Makes the World Take Notice

The larger context of God's purpose in giving His people wisdom is to bring people into the Kingdom. When people in the world see you walking in an unsurpassed level of health or experiencing God's provision in every area of your life, it will affect them.

Solomon experienced that himself in 2 Chronicles 9:3-4. “When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon... there was no more spirit in her.”

In other words, Solomon's wisdom left her breathless.

God wants you to dream so big you can't figure out how you're going to get there. First Corinthians 2:9 says, “But 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.” God wants you to be an innovator. Creating and innovating should define your dreams. He's got innovations for you that this world has never seen.

This world is lost, screaming for help every day. But you have the source of wisdom inside you, ready to make a difference.

First Corinthians 1:30 says that “Jesus...is made unto us wisdom...” His spirit is inside you. He's got knowledge for you, understanding for you, wisdom for you, and great workmanship for you. It's time to ask Him for it and step into who you are in Christ.

Do the wise thing: Ask for wisdom! 

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His kids thought he was at work. Only Roy's wife, Sally, knew he was without a job.

Roy saw no reason to advertise his financial situation.

With a degree in accounting, he had held great jobs. One company he'd worked for was bought out by the British, who brought in their own people and fired everyone else. He'd also been the office manager for a law firm. When they merged with another company, Roy's position had been made redundant.

Nothing stressed Roy more than the thought of not being able to provide for his family. To pay the bills and put food on the table, he took any menial job he could find. He never wanted his children to go through what he had as a child.

He'd been one of five children born into a warm, loving Catholic family. They'd been so poor that instead of practicing basketball on a court, Roy had dribbled on hard-packed dirt riddled with tree roots. When he won outstanding basketball star in high school, and was awarded a scholarship to college, he'd accepted his award wearing pants too short and shoes with holes in them. He didn't believe that God wanted anyone to be that poor. In response, he developed a deep reliance on himself.

In college, he'd been a great athlete, playing under Al McGuire, the former Hall of Fame basketball coach at Marquette University. He'd learned that practice and hard work would get him wherever he wanted to go. On the job, he'd done the same thing, putting in

80-hour work weeks. Yet, somehow, life kept happening.

Here he was again, out of work.

Curious, Roy opened *The Laws of Prosperity* and began reading. When he came across Mark 10:30, which said, “But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time,” Roy stopped reading.

“That’s the key,” he said aloud.

Roy hadn’t known that God promised that. Although most Catholics didn’t read the Bible when Roy was growing up, his family was different. Each night after dinner, his mother read a chapter of the Bible. That had established a deep honor and respect for God’s Word. Although these scriptures were new to him, he took each one to heart, believing it.

After reading *The Laws of Prosperity* through the first time, Roy turned back to Chapter 1 and began reading it again.

It sounded to him like there were

two economic systems, Roy recalls. Most people operated in the world’s economic system. The god of this world ruled that system, and his job was to steal, kill and destroy. People in that system toiled the way he had, working 80 hours a week or more. Roy thought of many people who had succeeded. But he couldn’t think of one person who had not lost something along the way: their marriage, their children or their health.

He wanted to succeed, but he didn’t want to lose any of those things in the process.

The other economic system, Roy reasoned, was God’s kingdom. It wasn’t based on toil. It was based on seeking God first and His kingdom, which was highlighted in this book. He opened his Bible and a notebook, writing down each scripture.

He read 3 John 2, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” From that version, Roy realized God wanted him to prosper. But to do that, his soul had to prosper. How does the soul prosper?

Reading further, Roy found his answer in Romans 12:2. “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (*New King James Version*).

Then he read Matthew 6:33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

In other words, to get the *things*, he had to do it God’s way.

Roy paused. He didn’t know who Kenneth Copeland was, but one thing he was convinced of: Everything he needed to know to become wealthy without toil was in this book. He decided then that he would obey and follow God’s way of success. He would become wealthy while operating in the economics of God’s kingdom.

Then, in expression of his gratitude for the revelation he received by reading *The Laws of Prosperity*, Roy told the Lord: “I will give Kenneth Copeland \$1 million. I don’t know how, and I don’t know when, but I’ll do it.”

For now, he just wished he could afford a refill on his coffee.

Taking the First Step

“It was 1986,” Roy says, “and you didn’t get free refills on coffee back then. I’m the first to admit that my motives were wrong. I wasn’t seeking God first because I wanted a relationship with Him. I wanted the *things*. But God met me right where I was. One of the first things I did was find out who Kenneth Copeland was and become his Partner.

“Jeremiah 17:5 (*NKJV*) says, ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength.’ I was that man. I had trusted in me, my job and my supervisors. I’d never *really* trusted God with my finances.”

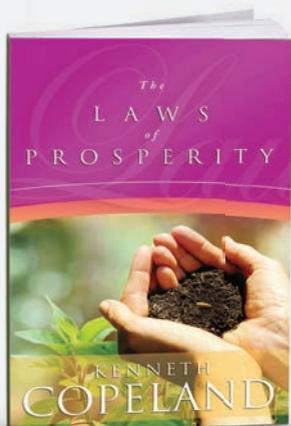
As Roy studied God’s Word, his mind was transformed as to how to get out of the world’s economic system, while Sally worked to make sure their children never knew they were broke. In the summer, to give them a vacation, the family drove five hours to Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. They played at the beach as long as possible. Then they changed clothes in the public restroom at the Holiday Inn. Afterward, they drove another five hours home with a carful of exhausted, happy children.

“On one occasion, we booked the cheapest motel we could find,” Sally recalls. “When we opened the door, the whole room was filled with cobwebs. With a smile on my face, I stepped inside knocking down cobwebs with my sweater. I made sure they thought it was fun—part of the adventure. When one of the kids yelled that the bathroom was full of ants, I acted excited and told them to wear their flip-flops in the shower. Those children had a wonderful life. They never knew that Roy was out of work or that we were broke.”

Studying *The Laws of Prosperity*, Roy realized that Jesus had come to earth, in part, to demonstrate how man was to operate in God’s kingdom. He operated in the realm of the spirit. He only did what He *saw* His Father do. He only said what He *heard* His Father say.

“I’d been doing it all wrong,” Roy admits. “I’d been doing what I thought was best. I’d been saying what I thought best. I’d been operating out of my head, not out of my spirit. As I studied that book, I developed four

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action steps designed to get me out of the world's economic system and into operating in God's kingdom."

Renew My Mind

The first step, Roy said, was to renew his mind. Roy knew that if he didn't renew his mind satan would control his thoughts, and therefore his life. If he played by satan's rules, he would be ruled.

In a notebook, Roy wrote down every scripture he read in *The Laws of Prosperity* and began to meditate on them often. Sometimes, he confessed

them two or three times a day. Over time, as he visualized and spoke God's promises, his belief began to increase. In addition, Roy studied the Bible consistently and posted key scriptures on his refrigerator as a visual reminder. He and Sally watched the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, read the *BVOV* magazine, and pored over Kenneth and Gloria Copeland's books.

Second, Roy realized he had to stop the contamination of his natural thoughts. Although they may seem innocent, all natural thoughts are under

the jurisdiction of the evil one, the god of this world. Roy and Sally decided to start limiting the time they spent watching TV. Later, they limited their exposure to the internet and social media.

"Most Christians believe that if you spend an hour a day in the Word of God and prayer, you're operating in God's kingdom," Roy said. "But what if you spend two hours watching television, an hour on social media and another large chunk of time catching up on the news on your phone? Which kingdom are you operating in most?"

I'd been operating out of my head, not out of my spirit. As I studied that book, I developed four action steps designed to get me out of the world's economic system.



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Most of this exposure wasn't sinful, it was just carnal.

When watching sports, Roy would mute the commercials to avoid hearing natural, worldly thought processes. Sometimes, during the sporting events, he would hear the broadcasters say things like, "Wow! He just killed it!" Those words weren't evil, Roy says, but

he knew they were words Jesus would never speak. He had to decide if he wanted Jesus' results or his own. To get the results he desired, he opted to put a cap on the world's contamination that bombarded his thoughts.

The third step, which was praying in the spirit, was the most challenging for Roy.

"It felt uncomfortable, and I felt inadequate and clumsy," says Roy. "Then I realized that demonic spirits were bombarding me with their accusations. The devil was desperate for me to *not* pray in the spirit. But praying in tongues is the only perfect prayer. It was very dangerous to the world's system.

"Just like with sports, I decided to practice, practice and then practice some more. When I started, I couldn't have prayed in tongues for 15 minutes, but as I pressed on, it got easier. One day, I realized there were times when I let my thoughts wonder if I did something mindless, like sit in a sauna. I started taking those thoughts captive, and using that time to pray in the spirit. I found that the more I practiced Steps 1 and 2, the less encumbered the highway of my mind became. Without all the junk bombarding my thoughts, I could hear the Holy Spirit clearer when He spoke."

Finally, Roy realized that he had not been including God in the decisions he made in life. It had always been his habit to do what he thought best, and never ask God for guidance or direction. Unlike Jesus, he wasn't used to waiting to see what his Father did or said. He was operating from his own mind, which meant that he was operating from a place of carnality rather than the spirit realm.

Not only did Roy begin asking God's wisdom about *everything*, he waited to hear from God before he acted.

"I heard Kenneth Copeland teach on this so many times," Roy admits, "and every time, I thought he was preaching to me. Recently, I was going to clean our boat. I asked God how He wanted me to do it. He told me the exact opposite of the way I'd done it in the past. When I obeyed, it saved me 2½ hours. It's like when Jesus told the men who'd been fishing all night to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. What a difference!"

Switching Kingdoms

"I started the process of switching economic systems in 1986," Roy remembers. "The hardest part for me was how long it took for things to change. I knew I was on the right track and doing the right things. Yet, month after month passed. Year after year passed with no outward manifestation of prosperity.

"The thing that kept me going was my background in athletics. You practice, practice, practice without even the thought of quitting. That's what I did. When the Lord nudged me to get involved with a new business, I obeyed. That's when we started making money. Things got easier."

One of the best examples of putting the fourth step into practice, Roy says, came through his daughter Lisa, who was a pharmaceutical sales representative who called on asthma and pulmonary specialists.

"Some doctors just won't see reps and can be hard to deal with," Roy explained. "The Lord told Lisa that for the next two years, He wanted her to listen to Him and

SEPT READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

		Old Testament	New Testament
Sun	1	Ps. 104; Prov. 21:16-31	
Mon	2	Isa. 1-3	Phil. 1
Tues	3	Isa. 4-6	Phil. 2
Wed	4	Isa. 7-9	Phil. 3
Thu	5	Isa. 10-12	Phil. 4
Fri	6	Isa. 13-15	Col. 1
Sat	7	Isa. 16-19	
Sun	8	Ps. 105; Prov. 22:1-16	
Mon	9	Isa. 20-24	Col. 2
Tue	10	Isa. 25-27	Col. 3
Wed	11	Isa. 28-29;	Col. 4
Thu	12	Isa. 30-32	1 Thess. 1
Fri	13	Isa. 33-35	1 Thess. 2
Sat	14	Isa. 36-37	
Sun	15	Ps. 106; Prov. 22:17-29	
Mon	16	Isa. 38-41	1 Thess. 3
Tue	17	Isa. 42-43	1 Thess. 4
Wed	18	Isa. 44-45	1 Thess. 5
Thu	19	Isa. 46-48	2 Thess. 1
Fri	20	Isa. 49-51	2 Thess. 2
Sat	21	Isa. 52-55	
Sun	22	Ps. 107; Prov. 23:1-28	
Mon	23	Isa. 56-59	2 Thess. 3
Tue	24	Isa. 60-63	1 Tim. 1
Wed	25	Isa. 64-66	1 Tim. 2
Thu	26	Jer. 1-2	1 Tim. 3
Fri	27	Jer. 3	1 Tim. 4
Sat	28	Jer. 4	
Sun	29	Ps. 108-109; Prov. 23:29-24:22	
Mon	30	Jer. 5-6	1 Tim. 5



Sally and Roy with daughter Lisa

only go where He told her to go. She did just what He told her to do. Sometimes, after an appointment, she would sit in her car and pray about where He wanted her to go next. The Lord would tell her to visit a doctor who didn't see drug reps. Every time, she was ushered back to see him. People in the company were astonished, as her salary soared as she made money in sales and bonuses."

Today, through their weekly broadcast called LisaKING, which is streamed on Periscope, and available on YouTube® (KING WORLDWIDE), Roy and Lisa teach people how to leave the world's economic system and connect with God's economic system. Their example has spread throughout the families of Roy and Sally's other two children—Tony and his wife and two sons, and Cindy and her husband and their son and daughter.

"Five years after I started practicing those four steps, in 1991, I left the corporate world behind. Two years later, in 1993, I sat down and wrote a check to Kenneth Copeland Ministries for \$1 million. I can't tell you what joy it gave me to write that check. However, it dimmed in comparison to the joy I'd received along the way because of how I'd changed as a person.

"I believe that Kenneth Copeland is the greatest prophet on earth today. Partnership with him is a covenant between an individual and KCM. We not only get to participate in his ministry, but by partnering with him, we receive the prophet's reward.

"There is nothing better than to stop toiling in the world's economic system—to be out of debt and able to give a gift the size of the one I gave to KCM. It wouldn't have happened if I hadn't read *The Larus of Prosperity* and put those principles into practice."

Although Roy didn't know it at the time, he was the first person to give \$1 million to KCM. His offering is a living memorial to the Lord. ▼

Read more about Lisa's story.



Looking back, Lisa King can tell you exactly when the eating disorder first reared its ugly head: She was 13 years old. Barely a teenager, yet from all appearances she was just a kid enjoying life.

LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

by
Melanie
Henry

A star athlete, she was playing all her favorite sports—excelling on the basketball court as well as on the swim team. Voted most valuable dancer in her ballet troupe, it had seemed there was nothing she couldn't do.

Except overcome the thoughts of unworthiness that started to bombard her.

She didn't know these thoughts were coming from the enemy. She assumed that everyone her age had the same kinds of thoughts. And little by little she believed the lies. Especially the ones about her weight. "I didn't see other kids my age with weight problems. The mental harassment was tormenting and led me to believe I was going to gain weight."

She tried to think of ways to prevent it and found no comfort in the pediatrician's assurance that her weight was perfect for her height. After the checkup, when her mother stopped to pay the bill, Lisa slipped back into the doctor's office.

Engrossed in what he was doing, he glanced up when Lisa spoke. "I know it's not good to be fat. To make sure I don't gain weight, should I eat less and run more?"

"Yeah, sure," he said, turning back to the medical record in his hand.

Although she knew he wasn't paying attention, Lisa took that as permission to start controlling every calorie that went into her mouth. Instead of eating three

healthy meals a day, she would skip meals to save those calories. Then she could allow herself to have a candy bar without gaining weight.

Her plan backfired.

By the end of Lisa's first semester in college, she had gained 50 pounds. Thus began her roller-coaster ride of weight gain followed by extreme dieting.

In college, when Lisa and her boyfriend broke up, she comforted herself with food. She gained 20 pounds in three weeks, then starved herself in an effort to lose them.

In October 1992, 22-year-old Lisa was meditating on Deuteronomy 30:19: "I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life..." (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). Knowing that her food addiction was trying to kill her, Lisa praised her way into God's presence.

"Lord," she said, "I choose life. I choose You."

A Fight for Life

With that choice, Lisa King entered the battle for her life. She started every day saying what God's Word said about her. She never spoke another negative word about her weight or health. She confessed that she was free from food addictions because he whom the Son has set free is free indeed. She confessed that she was lean and healthy—that she only desired the food her body needed for nutrition.

Within two years, those confessions had become a manifested reality.

In 1994, when we first featured Lisa's story, her father, Roy King, had just helped her celebrate her victory by taking her shopping on Rodeo Drive in Hollywood, Calif., to buy a new wardrobe. It's been 25 years since that celebration, so recently we decided to check in with Lisa for an update on her spiritual journey.

"Since my breakthrough in 1992, I've had two setbacks where I reverted to emotional eating and gained weight," Lisa said. "The second time it happened, I gave up and totally surrendered to God. I asked, not about my weight, but about what He wanted me to do with the rest of my life. I told Him I would do whatever He told me to do, and He reminded me what I had heard every night on those CDs, 'Just give a tithe of your time to the Lord, and all will be well with you.' I knew that was my next step."

Surrendering every personal desire to the Lord—including being married—Lisa's heart was flooded with peace.

For more than 16 years, she worked as a sales representative for a pharmaceutical company. Her daytime hours were filled with driving from one medical office to another, meeting with doctors and discussing drugs and their uses. The job was time-consuming, demanding and often difficult because many doctors refused to let sales reps past their receptionists. But Lisa excelled at it. She earned a good salary and bonuses.

Determined to give the Lord a tithe of her time, she adjusted her schedule. She started her mornings at 5 with a 40-minute jog on her treadmill while reading *The BLESSING of The LORD* by Kenneth Copeland, and before leaving for work she spent another hour in the Word. After work, she spent an hour reading her parallel Bible that included the *King James Version* and the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*. Later, she added the *Mirror* translation, which is a Greek paraphrase. She also added daily times of praying in the spirit.

From the beginning, the Holy Spirit guided Lisa to read the New Testament one verse at a time from each translation before reading the next verse. She was immediately transformed by the Word.

Each night, Lisa would listen to Gloria Copeland teach on *Walk With God—A Heart of Obedience*. When KCM no longer offered it, Lisa had her CDs converted to an MP3 file. She also bought Gloria's book, *Walk With God*, which included the same information.

She didn't diet.

She immersed herself in God's Word.

The weight melted away.

In June 2012, the Lord gave Lisa new instructions. He didn't want her to make her own decisions anymore about which doctor she would see when. He didn't want her trying to figure out the best time to catch them or the easiest route. He told her to inquire of Him and get His direction for each step of her day.

In obedience, Lisa began asking God each day who to visit first. She'd follow His leading, make the call, and then sit in her car and pray about who to call on next. Many times, the Lord told her to visit a doctor renowned for refusing to see sales reps.

At first, she'd protested.

"But Lord, he always refuses to see us!" she would say.

Are you going to obey Me?

"Yes, Sir. I am Yours to command."

Following the Lord's direction, she found herself being ushered back to see the doctor. Although she'd always done well, her sales soared and far exceeded all her corporate goals.

Obedience Leads to His Call

Sometimes when she arrived at an office, she found the nurse upset. "Lisa, my daughter is 12 and struggling with her weight. Would you be willing to mentor her?"

"Of course, I will."

Lisa realized that not only was she making sales, the Lord was opening doors for her that would be connected to her life's calling to minister effectively.

"Only He knew where I needed to be and when I needed to be there to help someone," she said. At one point, He told her to attend the uptown campus of a large church and offer to teach a class for young women. Before long, she was leading a Bible study for 35 young women in their 20s.

In June 2014, two years after the Lord had told her to inquire of Him about everything, the pharmaceutical company where Lisa worked announced layoffs. Her job was secure, so she normally wouldn't have given it a thought. But the Lord surprised her with some unexpected directions. He told her to quit and take the severance package.

Although she owned her home and car without debt, Lisa was accustomed to a hefty salary. However, she obeyed God. She took the leap and asked Him every day what He wanted her to do next.

"When I resigned, the Lord told me to continue what I was doing," Lisa said. "I still ran for 40 minutes on the treadmill. I still read *THE BLESSING* and the Word every morning. I still read the Bible every afternoon. I still prayed in the spirit every day. I still listened to Gloria preach every night.

"To date, I've read *THE BLESSING* 23 times. I've listened to the Holy Spirit through Gloria Copeland's voice teaching me every night for 20 years. I've listened to her teach obedience thousands of times. During the day, I do what the Lord tells me to do. He is the One who created this ministry: KINGWORLDWIDE.COM. Jesus is KING worldwide!"

Lisa and her dad now broadcast live via Periscope several times per week. They upload all broadcasts to their YouTube® channel: KINGWORLDWIDE. Their assignment is to teach people how to live victoriously in every area of life—which is God's way.

What about the eating disorder she struggled with for so long? It's no longer a problem.

"Weight is a nonissue," Lisa said. "As a matter of fact, this lifestyle of walking with God and living in the spirit, is exactly what our Father designed for every one of His children!" 🙏

by
Kenneth
Copeland



“As a child of Almighty God, you have the right and the spiritual ability to hear the voice of God for yourself!”

TUNING IN TO THE **Voice of God**

What is the Spirit of God saying to you today? What is He telling you about your spiritual development, your family and your finances?

If you're facing trouble, what word of victory has He spoken to you?

As a born-again child of the living God, you ought to know the answers to those questions.

I've learned by experience, however, that the majority of believers don't. I can tell by just listening to them talk. "Oh, my goodness," they'll say, "I'm in a crisis and I don't know what to do!"

If that's your situation, I'm going to be

straight with you. You'd better go to God and find out what to do. You'd better be quiet long enough to hear what He has to say and pay attention to it. You'd better get rid of that fear and start believing God. Otherwise, the devil is going to end up getting the best of you.

If you read the Bible, you'll see God has been trying to get His people to understand that for thousands of years. In fact, He gave those exact instructions to an Old Testament king named Ahaz back in the days of the prophet Isaiah. Ahaz was in serious trouble at the time. He had two enemy armies coming against him and he had no idea what to do about it. So, God spoke to Ahaz through the prophet Isaiah and gave him a whole new perspective.

Instead of agreeing with Ahaz about how powerful his enemies were, God

“You'd better get rid of that fear and start believing God. Otherwise, the devil is going to end up getting the best of you.”

“Don’t you think we ought to have at least as much faith in God as we have in the television networks?”

let him know they didn’t impress Him much. He referred to them as two “smoking stumps” (see Isaiah 7:4, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). Then He assured Ahaz their plans against him would not stand if he would simply obey the following instructions: “Take heed... be quiet; fear not” (verse 4)...and believe (verse 9).

Check Your Receiver

Before you head down the road looking for a prophet like Isaiah to tell you what God is saying to you, let me save you a trip. You don’t need a prophet to tell you what to do. You have a better covenant than Ahaz had. You’re not just a servant of God like people were in the Old Covenant. Through the blood of Jesus, you’ve become a full-fledged son and the Bible says, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Romans 8:14).

Jesus confirmed that fact in John 10

when He said that His “sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice” (John 10:3-4, *New King James Version*).

As a child of Almighty God, you have the right and the spiritual ability to hear the voice of God for yourself!

“But, Brother Copeland,” you might say, “God never speaks to me.”

Sure, He does. You’re just not listening.

Have you ever turned on your television and found something was wrong with the picture? Maybe it was fuzzy or the sound was crackling with static. Or maybe you couldn’t get a picture at all. Did you grab the telephone, call NBC and tell them that something was wrong with their transmitter? Did you get some television executive on the line and say, “Hey, you guys must not be broadcasting anymore. I turned on my

set and you weren’t there!”?

Certainly not! That didn’t even occur to you. You were smart enough to figure out the problem most likely wasn’t with the transmitter. The problem was with the receiver. The problem was with your own television set.

So instead of blaming the broadcaster, you started trying to find the problem on your end. You might have checked the electrical connections. You might have looked to make sure the cable was hooked up. You might have checked the settings on the television to make sure they were all adjusted correctly.

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least as much faith in God as we have in the television networks? They can break down. They can fail us. But God never will. He has given us His WORD. He has promised He'll lead us by His Spirit and enable us to know His voice. So, if we're having difficulty with those things, we need to stop blaming Him and determine where we're missing it.

Actually, that's not hard to do. When we have trouble hearing God's voice, it's almost always for one of the following four reasons:

We don't believe He is speaking.

We're not paying attention.

We're allowing some kind of interference to drown out His voice.

We just plain don't know what frequency He is on.

Let's focus right now on that last point. Exactly how do you locate the frequency God uses to speak to you?

I'll tell you right off the bat, you don't do it by using those fleshly paddles on the sides of your head—your natural ears. Some people try to hear God that way. They think if He would just speak audibly to them everything would be solved.

They're mistaken. Our natural ears weren't designed to hear the voice of God.

We were created to hear Him in our inner man or what the New Testament calls "the hidden man of the heart" (1 Peter 3:4).

As Hebrews 3:7-8 says, "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts....)"

God leads His children not by outward voices or signs and wonders but by the inward witness of "the hidden man of the heart." So to find His frequency, the first thing you'll have to do is tune in—*not with your head but with your heart!*

Learn to Discern

How do you know the difference between your head and your heart?

Scripturally speaking, your head is your soul, which is comprised of your mind, will and emotions. Your heart is your spirit, which is the core of your being that has been born again and joined to the Spirit of God. Granted, discerning the difference between the voice of your soul and the voice of your spirit can be challenging and it takes spiritual wisdom to do it. But the Bible tells us clearly how to develop that

wisdom: *We do it by spending time in the written WORD of God.*

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that The WORD is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." It contains the voice of God in its most tangible form.

God always agrees with His written WORD and His WORD always agrees with Him. In fact, Psalm 138:2 says, He has magnified His WORD even above His Name. That means God has put His Name on His written WORD the way we would put our name at the bottom of a contract. He has given us His WORD as a covenant and signed it in the Name of Jesus by the blood of Jesus.

Since God cannot lie, there is no way He will ever do or say anything contrary to that WORD. He has absolutely joined Himself to it forever. So, the first place God takes us to train us to recognize His voice is to His written WORD. He uses it to tune our spiritual ears to the real, so we can easily recognize a counterfeit.

Have you ever watched an impersonator mimic a celebrity? If he is good at what he does, you'll think, *I know who that guy is impersonating. It's so-and-so. He sounds just like him!* But if you were to put the real personality right next to the impersonator, the differences would be glaring. If you could see them both at the same time, you'd think, *That guy doesn't sound much like him at all!*

That's the way it is with God's written WORD. The better you know it, the more you've heard God's voice speaking to you through it, the easier it is for you to tell the difference between His voice and another voice. The easier it is for you to divide your soul from your spirit, and discern the difference between the voice of your head and the voice of your heart.

When you're trained to hear God's voice in His WORD, the devil won't be able to sneak deceptions in on you, either. When he tries to razzle-dazzle you with some religious-sounding voice that says, *I love you, my son. But it's just not my will to heal you at this time,* you won't buy it. You'll rise up and say, "That's not the voice of God. That's a lie from hell because it doesn't agree with The WORD that says, 'By His stripes ye were healed.'"

Let me warn you though: You won't

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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get that kind of training just casually reading the Bible now and then. You won't get it by knowing generally what it says, or by mixing what it says with your own opinions. If you desire to truly learn to hear the voice of God in The WORD, you'll have to do with it what God told Ahaz to do.

You'll have to take heed to it. You'll have to pay attention!

Take Aim, Zero In

Paying attention is more than just mentally assenting to a scripture and saying, "Oh yes, hallelujah. Amen." To pay attention means to lock in on what's being said and make a firm decision that from now on, you will see this matter the way God sees it instead

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of the way you've always looked at it.

To do that, you'll have to do the second thing God told Ahaz to do. You'll have to be quiet. You'll have to shut up all the mental jabbering you've been doing, stop thinking about your own opinions and listen—really listen—to what The WORD says.

Do you realize it's possible to read great quantities of Scripture and never really hear what God is saying in it? It's not only possible, people do it all the time. Here's how it happens: We'll read a verse or two and something in them will trigger another train of thought. We may start thinking about what Aunt Sally said about that scripture. Or what Grandma used to say. Or we may even let our mind wander off on something else altogether—all while we're still reading our Bible! We end up with only a vague idea of what we read because we weren't really paying attention to The WORD, we were paying attention to our own thoughts.

Reading The WORD of God that way is like shooting scattershot at a flock of birds—you don't ever hit anything. To hear the voice of God through His WORD, you have to take aim and zero in on every word as you read it. Instead of just breezing through the Bible reading it like you'd read a novel or a history book, read it deliberately.

Meditate on it by asking yourself, *What does that mean to me? How does it change my life?* Ask The LORD to reveal specifically what He is saying to you through that WORD.

Read every verse with the attitude that: *This is God speaking to me and I am going to do what He tells me to do.* Make a quality decision you're going to act on that WORD as quickly as you would the word of your doctor, lawyer or a very close, trusted friend.

Determine in advance that you're not going to bend The WORD to fit your lifestyle. On the contrary, you're going to bend your lifestyle to fit The WORD. With that attitude, your spiritual ears will be open to hear whatever God has to say.

Fear Not!

"But, Brother Copeland, I'm afraid I'll do those things and I still won't be able to hear the voice of God."



When you think like God, you get His victorious results. Renew your mind with the Word and learn to think like God.

God's ways are higher than man's.
Isaiah 55:8-9

There's no agreement between what God thinks and the way natural man thinks.
Romans 8:5-6

We learn God's ways by renewing our mind with His Word. Romans 12:2

The more we walk in the ways of the Spirit the freer we will be.

Romans 8:1-2

Neglecting to learn God's ways can be very costly.

Hosea 4:6



Well, stop being afraid of that! *Fear not!*

Instead, take a step of faith and believe what Jesus said. He said you're His sheep and you hear His voice. So, stop doubting Him and calling Him a liar. Don't ever, ever, EVER again say, "I can't hear God's voice."

Start agreeing with Jesus. Start believing and agreeing with The WORD. Say, "The WORD says I can hear God's voice and I believe it! I do hear the voice of God!"

Then put your faith into action. Open the ears of your heart and start listening for the voice of the Spirit, especially when you're reading The WORD. Pay attention not just to the activity in your brain, but to the quickenings in your inner man (primarily the area just below your chin, or chest area).

If you're not sure where to locate those stirrings, just think back to a time when you had what we sometimes call a "hunch." Suddenly something just dawned on you and you knew or understood something you hadn't known before. Those kinds of dawnings come from your born-again spirit.

Purpose to become more aware of the promptings that arise from your spirit because they are the leading of God. Learn to trust them. The Holy Spirit will help you to step out on them a little at a time.

Initially, He won't be giving you risky, world-shaking kinds of leadings. When you're first learning to identify God's voice, it will be mostly yes and no answers—not to go sell everything you own and invest it in some off-the-wall business venture. He'll begin by showing you simple truths from The WORD that you can act on. He'll reveal from The WORD, for example, how you can obey more fully the law of love. He'll show you ways to bless the people around you.

The more you trust His voice and follow His leadings, the more clearly you'll find you can hear from Him. Before long, hearing from God won't be an occasional event but an everyday part of life. And when someone asks you, "What is the Spirit of God telling you today?" you won't hesitate a moment.

You'll know exactly what to say. 🕊



CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

Kenneth Copeland Ministries partners with churches and ministries in communities around the world that, like KCM, teach the whole, uncompromised Word of Faith, boldly proclaiming that Jesus is Lord. Here's one of our Partner churches:

The Glorious Church of Chelsea Chelsea, Alabama

When Lisa Shirley suffered a miscarriage in 1978, she found no comfort in knowing the church she attended saw and believed her tragedy was part of God's will.

"The church I was in didn't talk much about miracles or speaking in the spirit," says Lisa. "They believed and taught that if God wants to do miracles He can, but that He doesn't do miracles anymore. They said things like, 'If you're sick and you don't get well then it's because God doesn't want you to be well.' Their belief

was basically, 'Whatever happens, happens. Sometimes God puts sickness and disease on you to teach you something.'"

When she became pregnant a second time, she thought that she could lose another child did occur to Lisa. But by then, because of what she had learned by listening to the teachings of Kenneth Copeland, she knew better than to ever blame God.

"Listening to what my church was teaching always caused such a heaviness for me," says Lisa. "I would feel like God was mad at me, or that I could never be good enough to please Him. But when I started watching Brother Copeland on TV in 1979, it was like a light came on. Before then, I didn't know it was the devil that caused me to lose my child. But Brother Copeland taught me that God is the *giver* of life and that it is the devil who comes to steal, to kill and to destroy."

Over time, that revelation led Lisa and a small group of believers to come together and pray, asking God to establish a "Word and

Spirit church" in their hometown of Chelsea. It would be 10 years before those prayers would come to fruition with the launching of The Glorious Church of Chelsea. When the church held its first service in Lisa's home on March 24, 2013, Palm Sunday, Lisa stood before the small congregation as its pastor.

"We are a Word and Spirit Christian church that desires to see all believers know the love of our Father God and the Lord Jesus Christ, walk in the power of the Name of Jesus, live a

life standing strong in faith on the Word of God, and be led by the Spirit of God," says Lisa. "The blood of Jesus purchased our redemption and our healing, gave us authority in the Name of Jesus, and freed us from the powers of darkness in every area of our lives. We desire to see the Church rise in that authority and become the glorious Church He called us to be.

"When you're reading with preconceived ideas of tradition, you're not reading what the Word really says. I wasn't reading it like I do today. Today, I know the Word of God is for me. It's life to me. Hearing Brother Copeland teach the Word of Faith has been life-giving and life-changing. I can't imagine what my life would have been like had he not gone on TV. Kenneth Copeland is my father in the faith. The Lord used him to bring me out of that darkness."

While they prepare to move into their newly constructed church facility soon, the congregation currently meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday in Lisa's home at 1362 County Road 69, in Chelsea. 🕊



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To learn more about The Glorious Church of Chelsea, visit their website at chelseaglorious.com, or call the church at 205-677-4303.

Stage 4 Cancer—Gone!

Jan. 13, 2019, I was diagnosed with stage 4 colon and liver cancer. I went to the Lord, stood on the scriptures He gave me, and had the colon surgery, but no further treatments. I went



home in four days and hit the ground running. I have had no chemo or radiation, no downtime, and God totally healed me by standing in faith on His Word. I am 78 years old and still travel the world ministering. The VA hospital is still calling me, trying to register me for hospice because of the type of advanced cancer it was. I have not taken any pain meds or other medications. They find it hard to believe I have been healed without treatments even though all the tests show that I am cancer free. In addition to that, a large tumor in my liver totally disappeared with no treatment or surgery!

Pastor Jerry B. | Amarillo, Texas

Left at the Foot of the Cross

Dear KCM, thank you so much for your recent reposting of your blog from July 22, 2014, *How to Turn Your Hurts Into Harvests*. Wow, what a life-changing word for me! I had a very abusive and horrific childhood, and never realized how much offense I carried with me, on me, in me. Now I have placed all that trauma and pain and offense at the foot of the Cross, and I am believing and expecting my harvest! In Jesus' Name! Thank you.

Teri M. | Normal, Ill.

Free of Leukemia

My daughter was diagnosed with a leukemia that was untreatable. I called KCM and the minister prayed with me for her to be healed. I just found out today, that my

daughter received the report that she is leukemia free! Thank you, KCM, for being there for us.

S.B. | Beaverton, Ore.

She Put Her Words to Work

During a *BVOV* broadcast Gloria Copeland spoke about receiving a bountiful harvest because the ministry had sown bountifully. After that, I got her book *Put Your Words to Work*. I began to speak what the Word of God says about my life. Since agreeing with the Word and praying with ministers, my daughter, who was suffering with depression, has had that spirit lifted off her. And in two days, I will close on a brand-new home for my oldest daughter who is in college. The Word works! And I thank God and the Copelands for their faithfulness in sharing the Word of God! A.G. | New York

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God is pleased by faith. The more you grow in faith, the happier He is.
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—Kenneth Copeland

‘Pain Completely Left’

I was watching the New Year's Eve service online, when Brother Copeland had a word of knowledge about someone with pain in their nose. I received that word and the pain completely left. C.J. | Saint Johns, Fla.



Cured of Cancer

You have been praying for me to be healed of neuroendocrine cancer of my lung. I have been in remission 21 months and last week my oncologist declared me cured. This disease is classified as “incurable,” but not with God!

P.T. | Tinton Falls, N.J.

Grateful, Faithful Partner

I've been a Partner with KCM for many years. I haven't always walked with God like I should have. At one time I was in service to the church, teaching and studying to be in full-time ministry. I had issues within my marriage that led to divorce, so I was removed from my position.

Pastor Greg Stephens, while lead pastor at Father's House, was a friend of our church and spoke there from time to time. While I was feeling down, rejected and struggling to have a relationship with God, he reached out to me. He showed leadership like Jesus, and was a shepherd who came for a lost sheep. After he left San Diego, I struggled to find a home, and was very relieved when he landed at EMIC. I have been watching every week. I have reaffirmed my faith in Jesus and have been praying about going back to Bible college.

I am very grateful for BVOVN® and excited that it may be coming to DIRECTV®, but until then, I'll be watching on my phone. Brother Copeland's teachings have impacted my entire life, and while I don't get to see him in Anaheim anymore, I still watch online and have been praying to be able to attend Southwest.

Vincent W. | Lakeside, Calif.

RECALL GOD'S MERCIES

by Kenneth Copeland

'God Has Blessed Me'

Last September, I went to the 2018 Charlotte Victory Campaign. I just want to say, my life has changed in a major way!

Pastor George Pearsons laid hands on me concerning financial blessing, and I thank God because I got blessed spiritually as well. I'm called to be an evangelist, but at the time I was just sputtering through.

Now, here we are in April and my pastors have seen a change in my life for the good! God has blessed me. Before this meeting, I was sometimes averaging single

digits in monthly bonuses, but from October until now my bonuses have doubled.

Praise God for what He's done and continues to do! I'm sure I'll be writing back pretty soon with more great news. Until then, thank you for your prayers. Continue to be blessed by the Word of God.

William G. | Goldsboro, N.C.

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:21-23

God is faithful. He's full of compassion. His mercies are new every morning. As a believer, you know all that. But simply knowing it is not enough.

For it to do you any good, you have to recall it. You have to remember it again and again in order to rekindle your hope and stir up your faith.

So, make it a point to remind yourself of God's faithfulness every morning. Remind yourself of the benefits that are yours in Jesus.

What are those benefits? Psalm 103 spells them out:

- 1 He forgives all your sins.
- 2 He heals all your diseases.
- 3 He redeems your life from destruction.
- 4 He crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
- 5 He satisfies your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 He executes righteousness and judgment for you against oppression.
- 7 He sets you free.
- 8 He makes known His ways to you.
- 9 He gives you His grace and mercy in times of need.

Make it a point every morning to say those things out loud to The LORD. Stand before Him in prayer and recall His mercies to you. Keep it up and you'll be stronger in faith and more confident of God's love than you've ever been before.

Don't just settle for *knowing* God's blessings. Remember them every day and watch them come alive in you. 



Enriched In Every Way

The financial system of this world is extremely unstable.

Have you ever noticed that? It's up one day and down the next. Inflation, recession, depression or something else is always threatening, and when it hits, the economy can change so fast that people can go from being rich to being broke overnight.

If you're a believer though, you don't have to depend on the world's economy.

You can get in on God's financial system. You can bring your tithes and offerings to Him, and He'll always respond the same way. As Malachi 3:10 says, He will "open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Talk about a stable and prosperous economy! Heaven's is the ultimate.

It never has any recessions or depressions. Lack is unheard of up there. With streets made of pure gold, walls made of jewels, and gates made of one big pearl, heaven is the most lavish place you can imagine. It's overflowing with abundance all the time.

You don't have to wait until you die to enjoy that abundance either. You can tap into it right now! You can connect with God's economy by believing His Word and doing what He says, and He'll "supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). He'll BLESS you richly and you can live in "days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21).

"But Gloria," you might say, "I don't have any way to get hold of that kind of prosperity. My job just pays minimum wage."



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

The world's economy goes up and down but God's financial promises to you are steady and unailing.

Mal. 3:10

2

Don't look to the world as your source; look to God.

Phil. 4:19

3

As a joint heir with Christ, you're an heir of everything God owns, just as the elder brother was in the story of the prodigal son.

Luke 15:31

4

You tap into your inheritance by speaking words of faith.

Mark 11:23

5

Whatever you ask or dream, if you will believe God and do what He says, He can get it done.

Eph. 3:20-21

So? Your job is not your source. God is and He doesn't pay minimum wage. He supplies you with seed to sow (that's what your job is, it's your seed) and then multiplies it back to you in the form of a thirty, sixty or hundredfold harvest (Matthew 13:23). He increases you supernaturally until you're "enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion" in ways that bring forth thanksgiving to Him (2 Corinthians 9:11, *New International Version*).

What's more, you don't even have to talk Him into doing it. Prospering you was His idea. He's always wanted His family to live in abundance.

You can see that just by reading about the Garden of Eden. God richly supplied Adam and Eve with more than

thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2). Then, through Jesus, He ultimately made us New Testament partakers of that same BLESSING. He redeemed us from the curse and promised that if we seek first His kingdom and His ways of doing and being right, everything else will be added to us as well (Matthew 6:33).

Say Something

Is God really able to keep that promise? Certainly He is! First Timothy 6:17 says, "God...giveth us richly all things to enjoy," and He can do that regardless of the size of our current paycheck and no matter what the natural circumstances around us may be.

When it comes to increasing us

You remember that story. It's about a father with two sons. The younger ran off and wasted his part of the family inheritance on riotous living. The elder stayed home and faithfully served his father, taking care of things on his estate. Eventually the younger son repented and came home, and his father was so glad to see him he said to the servants: "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found" (Luke 15:22-24).

When the elder brother came in from working in the field and found out what had happened, he wasn't happy about it.

"You can tap into it right now!"

You can connect with God's economy by believing His Word and doing what He says."

they could ever need and all of it was very good! Not only was the food there abundant and perfect, it grew on trees. Adam and Eve didn't have to toil over it or even plant it. It just came up by itself.

The Bible even tells us there were precious stones in the Garden. It says there was gold in that land, and the gold there was good (Genesis 2:12).

Sadly, of course, when Adam and Eve sinned, the situation changed. Because they rebelled against God and bowed their knee to the devil, they brought a curse on the earth. After that, mankind had to strive and sweat to make it produce.

Even then, though, God made covenant with those who would live by faith in Him. He spoke to Abraham and said, "I will bless thee, and make

financially, God can get the job done!

If we'll trust and obey Him, He'll keep prospering us even if the economy of the world goes into a tailspin. He'll do for us what He did for Abraham's son Isaac in Genesis 26 and give us a hundredfold harvest on our seed right in the middle of a famine.

Why? Because we're His children, and He loves us. Plus, we're Jesus' joint heirs. In Him, we've inherited everything God owns.

Most believers just haven't realized that yet. Even though 1 Corinthians 3:21 says to us plainly that "all things are yours," we haven't learned to think in those terms. Instead, we've had the mentality the elder brother had in the parable of the prodigal son.

He refused to join in the party and said to his father: "Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And [the father] said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine" (verses 29-31).

Look again at what the father said there. "All that I have is thine." In other words, "What do you mean I never threw you a party? Everything on this estate belongs to you. You just haven't made a demand on it. If you wanted a fatted calf, or a robe, or a ring, you could



**VICTORIOUS
LIVING**

by *Kenneth Copeland*

Do You Know What to Ask For?

“And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.”

Mark 10:51

All of us know what it's like to go round in circles. To pray our way through one financial disaster only to be met by another. To receive healing for one illness just in time to be knocked off our feet by the next.

Oh, we try. We pray. We exercise our faith. But we keep getting caught in the same old problems over and over again. Why? Because all too often, we don't actually know what it is we need to be praying *for*.

I can almost hear your reaction. “Believe me, Brother Copeland, that's not *my* problem. I know what I need. It's getting that need met that's got me running in circles.”

That's what most other folks think too. So they spend all their time working on *getting*. They waste their energy praying for things they don't really need and asking for things they don't really want. Then they wind up going nowhere fast.

Look with me at Mark 10, and I think you'll see what I mean. Blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside begging when Jesus passed by. “And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.... And he,

casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way” (verses 47, 50-52).

Now I want you to think about something for a moment. In the light of what the Scriptures tell us, how many needs did Bartimaeus have? Did he have just one? No! He wasn't simply a blind man, he was a beggar. He probably had more problems than you could shake a stick at, and all those problems would have seemed like legitimate needs to Bartimaeus. But it was sight he *needed*. If he could obtain his sight, all the rest would fall into line.

He *knew* that. So, when Jesus said, “Bartimaeus, what do you want Me to do for you?” he knew exactly what to ask for and he got it.

Jesus is just as available to you today as He was to Bartimaeus. He's just as willing to meet your need. The question is, do you really know what to ask for?

Think about that. Pray about it. Let The LORD Jesus open your eyes and show you what you really need. If you do that, your prayers will take on a whole new power. Instead of hitting around at the edges of your problems, they'll go straight to the heart—and solve them. And you won't have to waste your life running in circles anymore. ♡

“They waste their energy praying for things they don't really need and asking for things they don't really want.”

have had it any time. All you had to do was call for it.”

The same principle applies to us as believers. All that the Father has is ours. We just need to make a demand on it and receive it by faith. If we don't, we'll get to heaven and say to Jesus like the elder brother did, “Lord, why didn't You prosper me while I was on the earth? I loved You. I served You. Why didn't You provide me with enough money to give and enjoy?”

How will Jesus respond? Probably a lot like the father in the parable did. He'll say, “Everything I own is yours. Why didn't you say something? Why didn't you tap into your inheritance by believing in your heart what I said in My Word about it, saying it with your mouth, and expecting it to come to pass?”

That is, after all, what Jesus taught us to do when He was on earth. He said: “Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” (Mark 11:22-24).

If you need a new car, for example, instead of talking about how you don't have it or can't afford it, according to Jesus, you call in that car by speaking faith. You stop talking about the junky old car you have now and instead you start saying things like, “I believe I receive my new car. In the Name of Jesus, I call in the money for it and command the ministering angels to bring it to me. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for my new car!”

Take the Limits Off

“But Gloria,” someone might say, “new cars are expensive, and my budget is limited. Wouldn't it be OK if I just prayed for the money to fix up my old junker?”

Yes, that would be OK, if that's all you can believe for right now. But don't stop there. Keep feeding your faith on what God says about prosperity. Keep meditating on what belongs to you in

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 pray for it; He
 can do it and
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Christ, until you can believe and receive more of it.

When you start seeing in the Bible the truth of God’s financial will for you, it will take the limits off. Rather than thinking just in terms of your current bank balance, you’ll think in terms of God’s riches in glory. Rather than basing your prayers on what might seem reasonable under the present circumstances, you’ll base your prayers on what God promised you in the Bible and on His almighty power.

When you do that, God can work financial miracles in your life. Ken and I can testify to it. Under any circumstances and in any economy, if you’ll quit

reasoning away God’s Word and His leadings and just believe Him and obey, He can get you anything you need.

One time in the early years of our ministry, for instance, we were believing for the money to go on television for the first time. The amount we needed to pay for the equipment and airtime was way beyond our means. Our ministry income was just about enough for us to get by on and at the time we had very few financial assets.

The only big thing we owned was the ministry airplane. It represented three-quarters of the assets of our ministry. Ken needed it to maintain his preaching schedule, yet while we were believing for those TV funds the Lord told Ken to give the plane away—to sow it into another ministry as a seed.

Initially, I wasn’t too thrilled about that. Ken had believed God for the cash to buy that airplane and it was vital to our ministry. So, from a natural perspective, giving it away would put us in an even more impossible situation. Not only would we need \$50,000 extra for TV, we’d need an additional \$150,000 to buy another airplane.

We had no earthly way of getting that kind of money!

I knew Ken had heard from the Lord though, so I got on board with His plan. We planted the plane as a seed and believed God for a harvest. Sure enough, within two weeks, it came in. A woman who’d recently inherited some money walked into our office with a check for exactly \$200,000.

Our ministry had never received a gift anywhere near that amount before! So to us it was an amazing miracle. To God though, it was no problem at all. He wasn’t wringing His hands wondering how He was going to be able to get that much money together. He wasn’t up in heaven saying, “I don’t know if I can handle this.”

He can handle anything because He owns everything. He created it all and He can give it to whomever He pleases.

Just think about what He did for the Israelites in the wilderness. He sent them manna out of heaven every morning, six mornings a week for 40 years! (He sent them a double portion

on Saturday so they wouldn’t have to gather it on Sunday.) When they got tired of manna and cried for meat, He told Moses He would send that to them too.

Moses couldn’t wrap his mind around how God was going to manage that. “Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them?” he asked. “Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord’s hand waxed short?” (Numbers 11:22-23).

I like that question! It’s a good one to remember. Especially at times when our needs, desires and dreams seem to dwarf our current bank balance, we should all ask ourselves, “Is the Lord’s hand shortened that He can’t get me the car I need, or that better job I’ve been wanting? Is the Lord’s hand shortened so much that He can only provide for me according to the limitations of earth and not according to His riches in glory?”

The answer is obvious. No, the Lord’s hand isn’t shortened! He can do the impossible. He can do the unreasonable.

He’s the God who, as Ephesians 3:20 says, “is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” The God who, as the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* puts it, “is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].”

Let this sink in:
 If you can ask it; God can do exceedingly more than that.

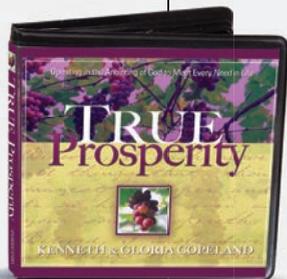
If you can hope for it; He can do much more.

If you can dream it, desire it and pray for it; He can do it and infinitely beyond.

So, look to Him as your Source. Tithe, sow, give Him some words of faith to work with, and then get ready to be greatly BLESSED financially and to become a greater BLESSING.

Expect God to prosper you in ways that are literally out of this world, because whatever it takes, He can get it done! 🙏

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JUDGE: “to look at things, such as people, activities, actions, events, clothes, food (you get the idea) to decide if they are GOOD or BAD.”

COMPARE: “to look at two or more of those things and decide which is BEST.”

These words could mean other things too, but let's call these the Commander Kellie dictionary meanings. Judge. Compare. “Is it GOOD or BAD?” “Is it BETTER or BEST?” We do it every day. We start comparing good and bad when we are babies and it doesn't seem to stop.

You may think, “Babies don't judge and compare.” In some ways you are right. For instance, they may not be able to know if a food is good FOR them, but as soon as it goes into their mouths, they decide if it TASTES GOOD or BAD! How do you know? Their sweet baby faces will tell you! Watch out, when you see the face that says, “Yucky!” That food is about to fly! Snap! That little baby who can't even talk has compared peas to bananas and judged the peas to be BAD even though they are actually GOOD for him. We can learn a lesson from those picky eaters: Babies don't always choose the things that are actually good.

You could think, *I am not a baby, I'm a big kid and I know what's good and bad!*

I could think, *I'm an adult, I know what's good and bad.*

Superkid, compared to the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we are ALL babies!

Even Jesus said He doesn't decide things on His own. He relies on the Father 100% of the time, for ALL decisions! Look at John 5:30, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition:* “I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me.”

Jesus makes decisions only by what the Father tells Him is right. He doesn't mind. The Father is always right, so Jesus is always right! This makes Him right about what is good and what is bad. Aren't you glad that we are not responsible to KNOW good from bad without Jesus to tell us? Think about Adam and Eve. The serpent talked Eve into trying to know good and bad without God's help. That turned out to be a huge problem! God already had a plan to help them know, just like He helped Jesus.

Truly, Jesus wants to do the same for you. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are in charge of helping you and me know what is good and what is bad. He makes an important comparison in John 10:10-11, *New Living Translation:* “The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. **I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.**”



There you have it. Thief—bad, shepherd—good. If it's good it comes from Jesus, if it's not it comes from our enemy. Satan calls the bad, good and the good, bad. He will lie to you like he lied to Eve. Satan even lied to Jesus in the wilderness when he offered Him a “good deal.” “Turn the rocks into bread when You're hungry; jump off a cliff if You are the Son of God; I'll give You the kingdoms of the world if You kneel down and worship me.” It all sounds good, but the devil is a liar!

That's why it is so important that we decide to let Jesus judge our good and bad. If we don't, it is too easy to listen to Satan, THE LIAR.

Jesus will always tell you the truth and He will always bring you good things. There are so many things we could call good and bad; friends, habits, times, memories, subjects and these are just a few. Some seem so obvious, we might think we don't need any help to say they're good or bad, but we do! We always need help from our Savior! He knows everything about us and those who are in our lives, and He knows from the beginning, how our situations end.

So what should we do? Give it all to Him! Whether you think it's good or bad, let Jesus judge it. Let Him have the good. He will give it back to you even better than it was—a GOOD idea becomes a GOD idea, a GOOD friend becomes a COVENANT friend!

And when Jesus says, “It's bad, stay away,” do it! He will be there with you to make it all work out.

Superkid, you can trust Him. If you want to live your life like this, the one thing you need to have is trust. Trust in His goodness and His plan for you, trust that He knows your heart inside and out, and trust that He knows the end from the beginning.

As we pray our prayer, remember, Superkid, it isn't only the good things and bad things we give to Him, but the authority to tell us which is which!

So live your life to HIS fullest and HIS best good!

Until Next Time, Stay Tuned!

Love,
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