

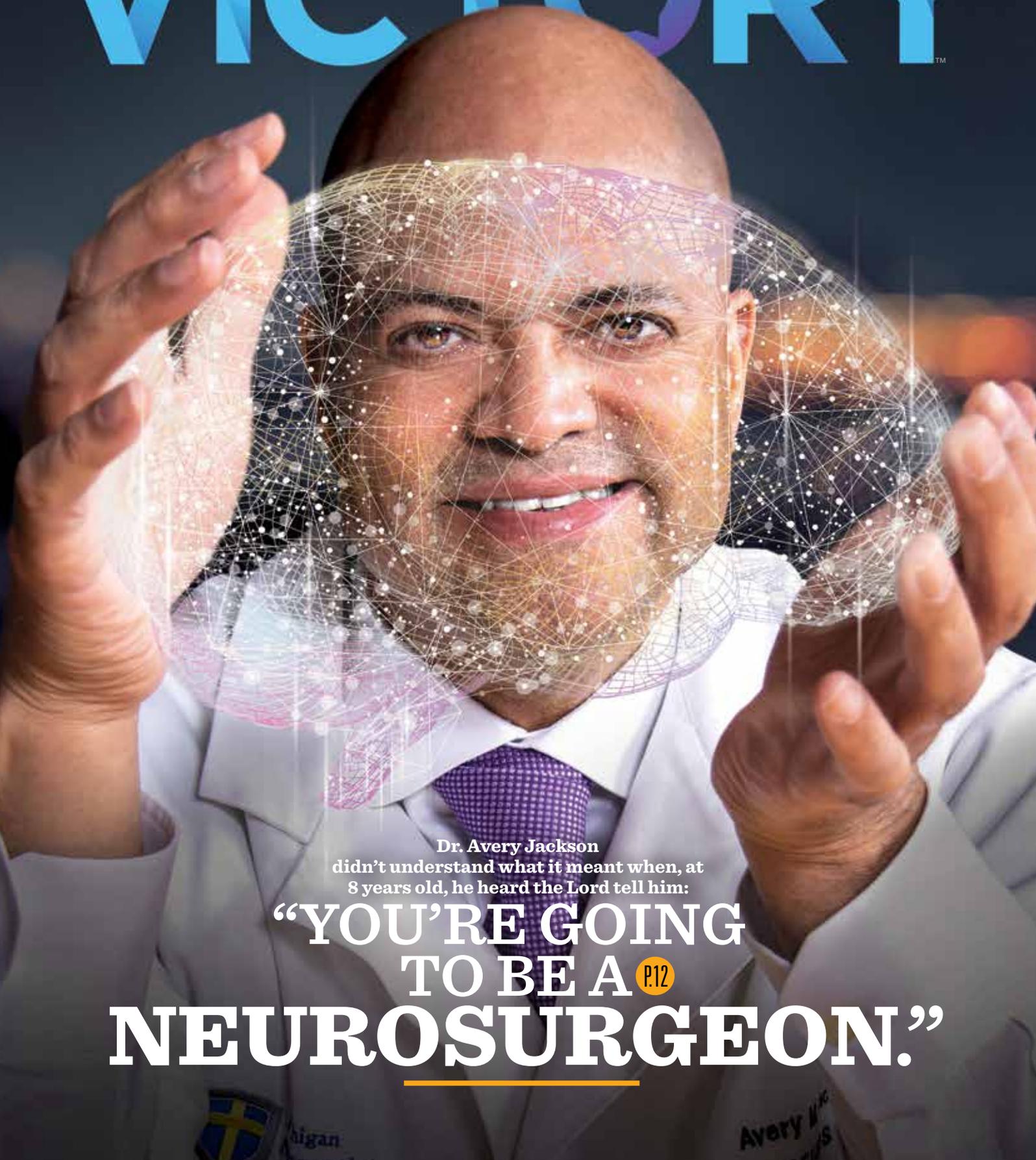
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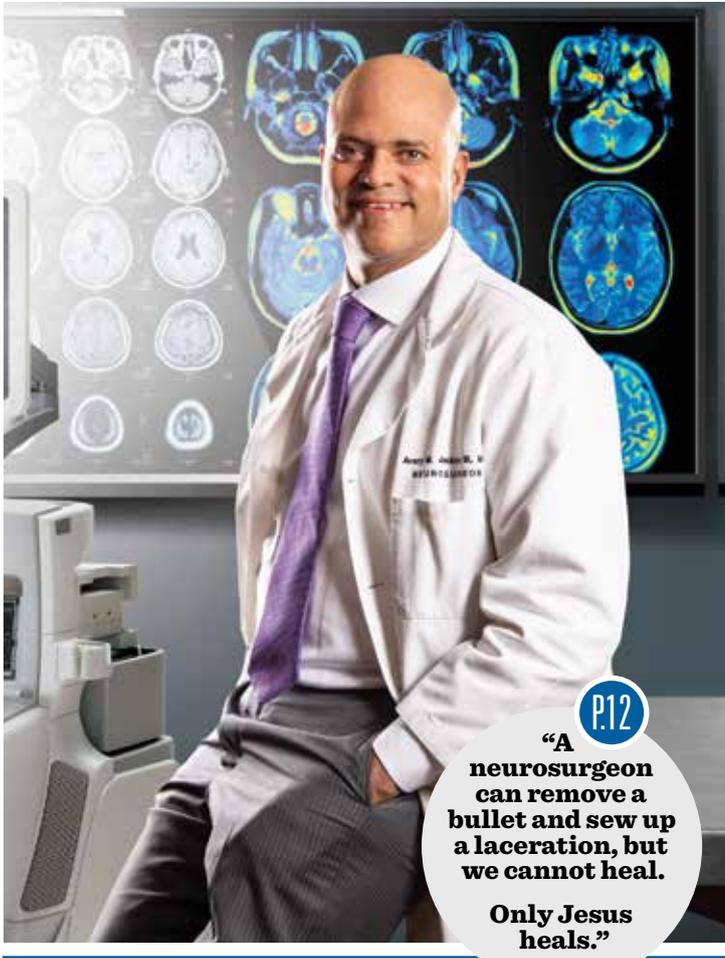
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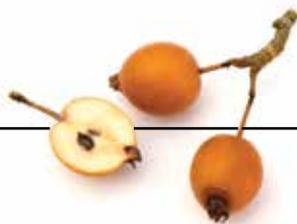
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Get With the Program—and Prosper!

When you were born again you received The LORD Jesus Christ as your Savior. You may also have received Him as your Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and as your Healer. But today, I want to stir you up about receiving Him as your Financier.



Right now, the Body of Christ is in a time of increase where more and more of us are coming to know Him that way. We're learning to strip ourselves completely of our dependency on the world and look to Him alone for our finances. To a greater degree than ever before, we're realizing that although He uses natural channels of supply, He is the Source.

Jesus is our Source for everything!

As our High Priest, He's the One who administers THE BLESSING of God to us—spirit, soul, body, socially AND financially. He's the One who supplies us with supernatural abundance and makes "all grace abound" toward us so that, as 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, we "always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

Verses 9 and 10 tell us, "As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the

fruits of your righteousness."

That, right there, is the profile of the prosperous believer! It's the picture of a person who depends financially on no one but The LORD. It's also the picture of God's will for every one of His born-again children.

He never intended for us to spend our lives worrying about money and trying

to figure out ways to supply our

own needs. He meant for the entire Church to get with His prosperity program so that

He could continually supply us all with seed to sow, food to eat, an abundance with which to BLESS other people, and all things richly to enjoy. (See 1 Timothy 6:17.)

Imagine what could happen on this earth if the whole Body of Christ

got with that program. It would be wonderful not just for us but for the whole world!

"Yes, but Brother Copeland, if that's really God's will for every one of us, why aren't more believers walking in it?"

One reason is a lot of Christians don't think God cares enough about them to BLESS them financially. Even though they

"Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey..."

Deut. 6:3 NIV



“When you’re in your place, you have the grace to win. When you’re not, you’re in trouble.”

know the Bible says that God is love and they assent mentally to the fact that God loves them, they haven’t made a quality decision to believe that love. (See 1 John 4:16.) As a result, when financial pressures arise, instead of looking to God in faith, they give in to fear. They say, “Oh God, how could You love me and still allow me to experience this kind of trouble? Don’t You care?”

This is the problem the Israelites had in the wilderness. They did not believe God loved them. They believed He hated them. Time and again when they ran short of supplies and it looked like they wouldn’t have enough to survive they said, “God brought us out here to kill us!”



“If you make your decisions based on money, you’re going to miss it almost 100% of the time. Make your decisions based on the anointing.”

They were wrong, of course. God didn’t bring them out of Egypt to kill them. He brought them out so He could take them in to the Promised Land. But they kept doubting Him and getting into fear because they didn’t believe His love.

Jesus’ disciples made the same mistake when they encountered the storm on the Sea of Galilee. They saw the boat filling up with water and, rather than trusting Jesus to handle the situation, they panicked and said, “Master, carest thou not that we perish?” (Mark 4:38). They didn’t have any faith in His love!

How do we develop that kind of faith? It comes by hearing and hearing The WORD of God (Romans 10:17). It comes by feeding on scriptures like 1 John 4:8, which says that “God is love,” and meditating on them to the point where every time we see the word *God* in the Scriptures, we automatically think *Love*.

God and love are inseparable. When Jesus said, “Have faith in God” (Mark 11:22), He was saying, “Have faith in Love.” But most of us don’t think that way yet because we still have a lot of mind-renewing work to do. It’s a work of grace, but it also requires Bible study and making a purposeful choice to declare by faith, “I believe God’s love. I trust His love for me. I trust Jesus completely because I completely trust His love.”

Whatever He Says to You, Do It!

Of course, trusting Jesus to be your Financier also involves making a quality decision to submit to His lordship in that area of your life—to let Him direct you and to do what He tells you to do. If He tells you to be the church janitor you say, “Yes, Sir!” and spend your weekdays cleaning the church. Then, if He calls you to go out on the weekends and preach, you do that too.

If your preaching schedule gets so busy you need a jet to fly to your weekend preaching meetings, Jesus will provide you one. He isn’t limited by the size of your paycheck. If you’ll obey Him and be right where He told you to be, doing exactly what He told you to do until He says different, He can BLESS you financially a million different ways.

“But Brother Copeland, I don’t want to be the

church janitor!"

I don't either, but I'll do it if that's what Jesus needs me to do, because I'm a soldier in the army of The LORD. I am His to command.

A soldier in the United States Army can't just decide to go someplace else because he doesn't like the base where he's been stationed. If he's stationed in Iraq he can't just say to his commander, "This place is too hot. The barracks aren't air conditioned. I'm going to go over to our base in Hawaii and serve over there."

No, that's not going to happen! If it did, when Private Stupid showed up with his duffel at the base in Hawaii, they'd lock him up. They'd say, "We have you down as AWOL. You're going to the stockade, brother." If he asked why he couldn't just serve in Hawaii, he'd be told, "You're not needed in Hawaii. If you were, that's where you would have been sent."

As silly as that illustration might sound, this is a major problem in the Body of Christ. Believers have gotten the idea they can just go wherever they want and do whatever they want. They think they can make their own plans and then just ask God to BLESS them.

But that's not what being completely dependent on Jesus looks like! When we put ourselves under His command, we make ourselves available to Him to do His will and only His will. To obey His orders and go anywhere He sends us.

"But He's liable to send me to Timbuktu!"

So? Have you ever been to Timbuktu?

"No."

Then how do you know you won't like it? Even if it doesn't fit your preconceived ideas of what would make you happy, if Timbuktu is where you're supposed to be, you'll ultimately be glad you went. You'll be BLESSED because you'll be in your grace place.

That doesn't mean the devil won't attack you there, of course. He'll attack you anywhere you go on this earth. The difference is, when you're in your place, you have the grace to win. When you're not, you're in trouble.

If Satan finds out you've gotten out of God's will he'll sue you in the courts of heaven. He'll accuse you before the Righteous Judge, and because you're in disobedience to God and haven't repented, Jesus won't be able to defend you. You'll be on the losing side of the lawsuit, because Jesus told you where to be and you decided to go somewhere else.

This happens all the time. A believer will be in

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a wonderful church where his children are being taught The WORD and the gifts of the Spirit are moving. Everything is going great because he's following God's plan. Then some guy offers him a job that pays \$100 more a month in another town, and he decides to move. He pulls his children out of Sunday school, goes someplace he's not called to be, and tries to find a church outside of the will of God.

That kind of thing can wreak havoc in our lives. It can turn us into meat for Satan's table!

The LORD told me this years ago: "If you make your decisions based on money, you're going to miss it almost 100% of the time. Make your decisions based on the anointing." Seek God's direction and ask, "Where am I most anointed? What's the most anointed thing I can do here?" Then stay positioned to hear His answer.

Pray, Praise and Worship

How do we stay positioned to hear His answer? By developing a consistent prayer life. Jesus said in Luke 18:1 that we "ought always to pray, and not to faint." In other words, we're to pray and not quit. We're to make fellowshiping with God in The WORD a consistent priority, putting our time with Him first place in our schedules every day.

It's also important that we spend a good part of our daily prayer time in praise and worship. As Bishop David Oyedepo says, "When we pray, we enter into God's presence. When we praise, God enters into ours."

Bishop Oyedepo knows Jesus as his Financier better than perhaps anyone else I've ever met. He's built one of the largest Christian church buildings on earth, in Lagos, Nigeria. The

sanctuary seats 50,000 and even with five services on Sunday, it's full to overflowing every service. Just phase one of the church campus cost \$500 million (they've moved on to phase two now) and it was built debt free with no American money.

How did a congregation in such an impoverished nation manage to give that much?

They've learned from Bishop Oyedepo how to connect with Jesus' financial program. They've learned to praise and worship Him lavishly, to be tithers and givers, and look to Jesus alone as their Source of supply.

"Well, I don't think poor people should be expected to tithe and give," someone might say. "It puts an unfair burden on them."

On the contrary! It lifts that burden off them. It frees them from the sentence of poverty that's been put on them by the devilish financial system of this world and connects them to the abundance of the kingdom of God.

Remember how The LORD put such a strong desire to give in the hearts of the Macedonian believers in the early Church? They were extremely poor, yet the Apostle Paul not only received their offering, he wrote to the Corinthians about it and said:

Brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints (2 Corinthians 8:1-4, *New King James Version*).



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Paul wasn't pushing those people to give. They were pushing *him* to take their offering. They were begging him, "Let us get in on this!" Why? Because God's grace was working in them. Jesus their Financier was leading them to sow financial seed so that they could reap a financial harvest. "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7, *NKJV*).

This is a big part of Jesus' High Priestly ministry. He administers to us the grace of giving so that we can receive the financial prosperity He provided for us on the Cross. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

One time when I preached on those verses a man came up and told me he didn't want to be rich. He said he and his family were doing just fine on the \$40,000 a year (or whatever it was) that he was making.

"That's probably the most selfish thing I ever heard!" I replied. "What about BLESSING your pastor and giving to help other people? What about financing those on the mission field? If you're happy with the little dab you've got, fine. Believe God for \$100,000, keep your \$40,000 and sow the rest!"

You want to talk about fun? When you shift your motive for prospering from just being BLESSED to *being* a BLESSING, you'll have the time of your life. You'll become so addicted to giving, you'll be happy no matter where God sends you or what He tells you to do.

So go ahead and get with His program. Strip away your dependence on the world. Look to Jesus alone for seed to sow, an abundance to give and plenty to enjoy. Get to know Him not only as your Savior, your Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and your Healer, but also as your Financier! ▼

- Luke 4:18
- 1 Corinthians 2:7-10
- Amos 9:13-15
- Acts 17:26
- Deuteronomy 6:10-11
- Proverbs 9:1
- Proverbs 10:22
- Proverbs 12:7
- Proverbs 15:6
- Proverbs 22:4
- Proverbs 24:3-4
- Proverbs 24:27
- Isaiah 32:17-18
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- Psalms 16:5-6
- Psalms 31:19-20
- Psalms 66:12
- Psalms 68:6, 10, 19
- Psalms 107:7-9
- Psalms 107:29-32
- Psalms 107:35-38
- Psalms 107:41-43
- Psalms 112
- Psalms 118:5, 23

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
Psalms 66:12

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
Proverbs 24:3-4

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.
Proverbs 22:4

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
Psalms 16:5-6

Vision Board:

Put Your Goals in Front of You

The word of the Lord through Kenneth Copeland is that 2020 is the Year of New Visions, Manifest Power and Great Change! One of the ways you can see God's manifest power and great change in your life is by getting crystal clear on your personal vision for 2020.

God created you for a purpose that includes fulfilling the great plans He has for you (Jeremiah 29:11). When you're living a life that honors God, He gives you desires and dreams straight from His heart to yours. But so often, we find ourselves stuck and not achieving the things we and the Lord so deeply desire for our lives.

In a recent study where a group of people were asked what their goals for life were, 80% of Americans said they had no goals, and only 1% had written their goals down and looked at them regularly. The results of the study showed that the 1%, who wrote down goals and looked at them regularly, had become millionaires!

A proven way to help you move into the most successful 1% of people is by creating a vision board.

A vision board is a collection

of images, words or objects that represents your dreams and goals. And not just the simple ones, but also those that may seem impossible. It's a representation of the life you've always wanted to live.

As a believer, your dreams and visions are quite often placed inside you by God Himself. They are His will for your life (Psalm 37:4). You must have a vision for the future, if you're going to achieve your dreams. Because if you don't have a vision of where you want to go, you likely won't go anywhere.



To get started, do these four things:

1 Identify Your Vision for 2020.

This is an essential step toward achieving your goals. You may have a vision to become debt free, serve more in your church, give more to causes that are important to you, buy a house, write a book—the lists can be as varied as the people who dream them.

Some people haven't allowed themselves to dream for so long, this can be challenging.

If this is you, pray and ask the Lord what He has planned for your life. God's Word is a wonderful place to help you find many promises about His plan for you. Give yourself permission to dream with God.



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Write Down Your Vision for 2020.

What the board looks like will depend on you. You may have a small corkboard on your desk or a large board hanging on a wall. It could be a laminated sheet in your Bible; a notebook full of pages you can flip through; or a fancy, crafty display in a room in your house. You may even have a pocket-sized version you carry with you.

3 *Assign a Time Frame to Your Visions.*

As you create your vision board, don't just put down goals without attaching a time frame to them. Include goals—both short- and long-term. Name a specific day or time. Habakkuk 2:3, says, "The vision is yet for an appointed time." Appoint a time for your dreams. For example, rather than just saying, "I will lose 25

pounds," say, "I will lose 25 pounds by May 15."

As you work on creating your board, be prepared to hear the Lord speak to you. He'll give you exclusive insights into where to go and what to do, and He'll also correct your character to keep you in line for a blessing.

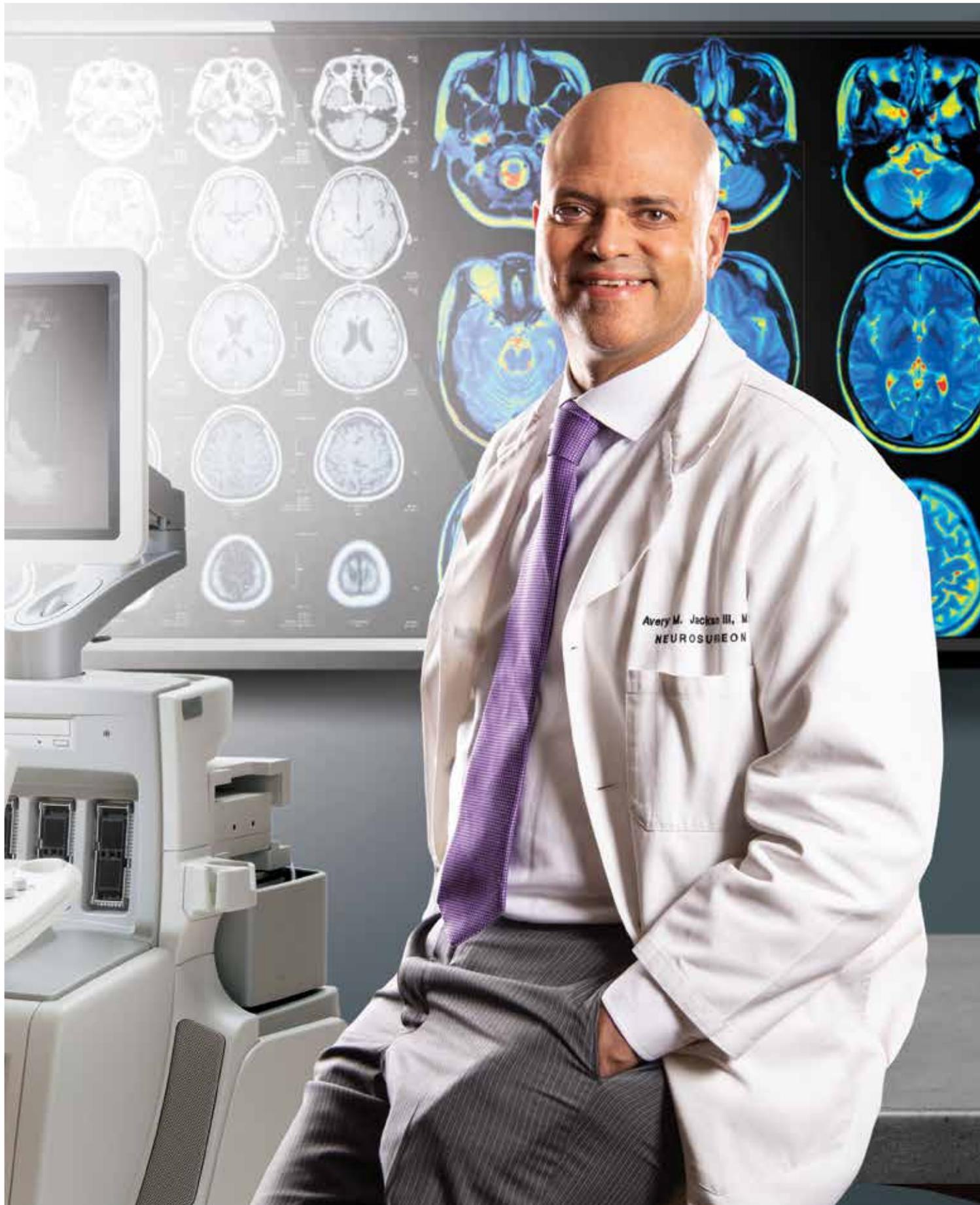
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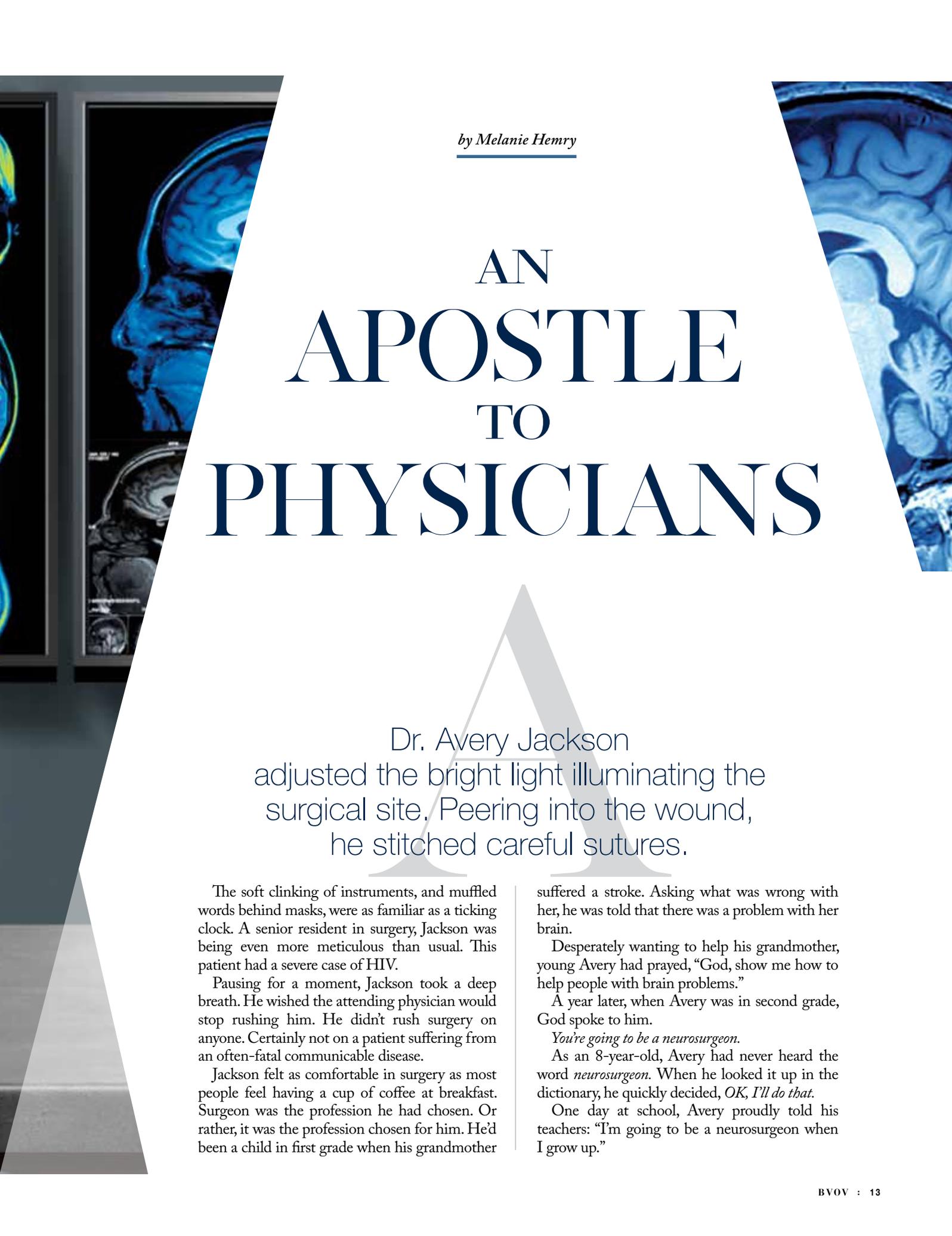
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Keep Your Vision Board Before Your Eyes.

Remember, out of sight, out of mind. Keep your goals before your eyes by placing your vision board in a place where you'll see it every day. Then, look at it every day. Pray over it, believe God for your dreams to come to pass, and thank Him in advance!

To read more about starting a vision board, and how keeping a vision board has blessed others, including Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, go online to kcm.org/personalboard





by Melanie Henry

AN APOSTLE TO PHYSICIANS

Dr. Avery Jackson
adjusted the bright light illuminating the
surgical site. Peering into the wound,
he stitched careful sutures.

The soft clinking of instruments, and muffled words behind masks, were as familiar as a ticking clock. A senior resident in surgery, Jackson was being even more meticulous than usual. This patient had a severe case of HIV.

Pausing for a moment, Jackson took a deep breath. He wished the attending physician would stop rushing him. He didn't rush surgery on anyone. Certainly not on a patient suffering from an often-fatal communicable disease.

Jackson felt as comfortable in surgery as most people feel having a cup of coffee at breakfast. Surgeon was the profession he had chosen. Or rather, it was the profession chosen for him. He'd been a child in first grade when his grandmother

suffered a stroke. Asking what was wrong with her, he was told that there was a problem with her brain.

Desperately wanting to help his grandmother, young Avery had prayed, "God, show me how to help people with brain problems."

A year later, when Avery was in second grade, God spoke to him.

You're going to be a neurosurgeon.

As an 8-year-old, Avery had never heard the word *neurosurgeon*. When he looked it up in the dictionary, he quickly decided, *OK, I'll do that.*

One day at school, Avery proudly told his teachers: "I'm going to be a neurosurgeon when I grow up."



Dr. Avery Jackson performing surgery (top), and at 11 years old (right)



“That’ll probably change next week,” they said. But it didn’t.

In school, Jackson took advanced placement classes. His sophomore year, he attended a school for gifted students. Focused on his goal, he attended the University of Chicago and graduated with a degree in biology. He also attended Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Now in a surgical residency, his goal was within sight.

Death Sentence

“Come on...” the attending physician urged, eager to get on to the next case.

Jackson felt a sharp prick.

Looking down, he saw blood on his gloved hand. He’d stuck himself with a needle—one contaminated with HIV. In an instant, he knew that his career might be over. Even worse, so might his life.

“HIV was a death sentence,” said Jackson. “It

would take two sets of labs and six months to know if I had contracted HIV and how serious it was.” Looking back, Jackson realized this was his third close encounter with death.

The first time was the summer before second grade.

“Several of us kids were playing in the neighborhood when a car full of college boys pulled up,” he remembers. “Come here!” they called. “Look at all the toys we have in the car. Why don’t you be part of our contest?”

“The others remembered being taught about ‘stranger danger,’ a warning to beware of, or to not befriend strangers because they can be potentially dangerous, and to run away,” Jackson said. But being curious, he went straight to the car.

“A neighbor saw what was happening and yelled, ‘Jackie! Come here!’ I turned and ran to him, and that scared the boys away.

“My second close encounter with death occurred when I was in medical school. I was home visiting my mother when I was awakened by plaster falling on my face. Someone trying to kill my brother had fired shots through the wall. One bullet struck a metal bar next to my head. If it had been a half inch on either side, it would have killed me.

“Now, I’d been contaminated with HIV. Fortunately, I knew the power of God to heal.”

Born and raised in Detroit, Jackson had been introduced to that power as a child. His grandparents, who had once been Unitarian, began taking him with them to a new church in town started by a young, 23-year-old preacher named Keith Butler. It was at Word of Faith International Christian Center that Avery and his sister accepted Jesus.

Their mother was born again in her 30s, and soon learned about God’s healing power. When Jackson was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, she refused to let doctors medicate him.

“Instead, she enrolled me in martial arts and had me spend more time in the Word of God,” Jackson recalled.

“DEPRESSION AFFECTS THE STEM CELLS. IT MAKES THE IMMUNE SYSTEM WEAK, DRYING UP THE BONE MARROW, WHICH ABOUNDS WITH STEM CELLS.”

“In medical school, I developed sarcoidosis, an autoimmune disease which causes your immune system to attack itself. I prayed for God to heal me, and He said, *You need to get stress and pressure under control.* He instructed me to spend more time in the Word, more time with my family, and to exercise. I did that and was healed. Now, after being contaminated with HIV, I prayed—and was healed.”

The Next Step

Getting accepted into a neurosurgical residency was no easy task. Four hundred people vied for fewer than 100 positions. But once again God favored Jackson, and he was accepted into a six-year neurosurgical residency program at Penn State. Part of the certification required participants spend their fourth year doing research. Jackson chose to conduct research on head injuries in children.

His research was almost halted when Jackson was asked to fill a vacancy created when a resident left abruptly.

“We know that this is your research year, but we need you to help take care of patients,” officials told Jackson.

Jackson went back to taking care of patients, certain he would be allowed to make up the lost time on his research. But God had a different plan.

Continue your research at night. Don't stop! Jackson heard the Lord say.

“I was pretty tired,” Jackson recalls. “We started seeing patients between 5 and 6 each morning. Then we operated all day. Afterward, we took care of patients until around 10 p.m. That’s when I started my research for two to four hours each night.

“I worked with one of my mentors, and we were able to get a peer review grant approved. That proved we were very active in the research. I didn’t know at the time how important that would be.”

As he neared the end of his neurosurgical residency, an opportunity opened for Jackson to attend a complex spine fellowship, where he would learn the intricacies of spine pathology and how to operate on the spine.

“You can’t go,” a director told him. “For you to meet the criteria, you’d have to graduate a year early, which has never been done before. Besides, you still have to do your research.”

Because of his obedience to the Lord’s prompting to continue his research each night, Jackson met all the criteria and did what no one else had done.

He graduated a year early.

Moving to Chicago, Jackson then completed a complex spine fellowship.

Following the fellowship, he worked for a year in Winchester, Va.

In 2002, he accepted a job in a practice at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Mich. Two years later, in 2004, Jackson bought the practice.

Honor Me Before Men

After moving back to Michigan, Jackson’s family introduced him to a woman named Andrea, a minister on the staff at their church, Word of Faith International Christian Center. Two years later, Jackson and Andrea married.

Four years into his new practice, Jackson heard the Lord tell him to start praying for his patients.

“Lord, You know that Andrea and I pray for my patients each morning before I leave home,” Jackson responded.

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I want you to pray with your patients, Jackson heard the Lord say.

If you won't honor Me before men, I won't honor you before the Father.

From that day forward, Jackson began asking each patient, "Do you mind if I pray for you before surgery?"

"Most are thrilled, and 99.9% say yes," Jackson said. "I pray that God will protect them, that His hedge of protection would be around them, and that He would guide my hands to do exactly what they need to get better. I've always heard that there are no atheists in foxholes, and I think there's some truth to that."

During surgery, Jackson said, he remains aware of God's peace.

"The moment I feel it lift, I stop immediately and wait on God to show me what's wrong and what He wants me to do. He's always faithful to do that."

Throughout his medical training, Jackson said he developed a keen fascination with stem cells.

"They're a healing mechanism that God built into our bodies to help us when we're sick," Jackson explained. "For instance, when you get cut, stem cells cause the wound to scab and heal. Think about it; the largest organ in the body is your skin. Stem cells can remake it. These amazing cells can develop into many types of cells in the body. All stem cells can make copies of themselves. They can also develop into more specialized cells. God put stem cells into us so we can call on them when we need healing.

"I used to wonder why God took a rib from Adam to create Eve. He could have created her from a toenail. Now I understand that choosing Adam's rib was a very logical decision. It's because the highest concentration of stem cells in the body is in the bone marrow of ribs.

"Over the years, as I've studied medicine and the Bible, I've found that they fit together perfectly. For instance, we're told in Proverbs 17:22, 'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.' We know that laughter increases and

improves the immune system. Depression affects the stem cells. It makes the immune system weak, drying up the bone marrow, which abounds with stem cells. It dries up the bones."

Thoughts Matter

"That's why Philippians 4:8 tells us, 'Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things' (*New International Version*). What we allow ourselves to think affects our health.

"The research I've done regarding laughter and how it affects the body really began when my pastor, Bishop Keith Butler, laid hands on me on March 22, 2015."



"Your hands will be used to help people with problems that there are no answers for," Bishop Butler prophesied over Jackson.

After he went home, Jackson said he began receiving huge downloads from the Lord, which he wrote down. This went on for days and days. At one point, he said, God told him what research to study and how the pieces fit together:

I'm going to show you that there's really no difference between My Word, science and medicine, he recalled God saying. My Word is greater than science and medicine, for they came out of My Word. I use science to explain the physical laws in the earth and in your body, which I created. I'm going to download to you the

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blueprint of how I do what I do from the physical properties on earth.

“When you laugh, whether or not you feel like it, your body reacts the same way,” Jackson explained. “Your endorphins and other reactions will decrease chemicals in your body that help to create cancer, autoimmune disorders and stomach problems, when you laugh. You decide from your reasoning frontal lobe to laugh, and it affects your master gland, the hypothalamus. From there it will cascade down to all 50 trillion cells in your body. It’s just phenomenal; God created it that way.”

“I did not understand that God wanted me to put what I was learning in a book. However, He did, and I wrote, *The God Prescription: Our Heavenly Father’s Plan for Spiritual, Mental and Physical Health*.”

Avery and Andrea were both Partners with KCM long before they married in 2006. Today, Partners for more than 20 years, they both still enjoy that partnership.

“Psalm 126:1 says, ‘When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion (Jerusalem), we were like those who dream [it seemed so unreal]’” (*Amplified Bible*), Jackson says. “That’s what partnership with KCM means to us. It’s surreal—as though we were dreaming.”

After Kenneth Copeland heard Jackson speak at a conference hosted by Bishop Butler, he prophesied to Jackson, telling him, “You are an apostle to physicians.”

“When he said that, I realized that I hadn’t thought of it that way but I was already educating physicians around the world by teleconferencing grand rounds.¹ Since then, Brother Copeland asked me to appear on 10 installments of his television broadcast, *Believer’s Voice of Victory*. I think of all the times my sister and I, as children, took a bus to go hear him speak, and I feel as though I am dreaming.”

To date, Jackson has treated more than 100,000 patients and performed over 10,000 surgeries. If there is any confusion, he wants to clarify: “Doctors can’t heal,” he says. “A neurosurgeon can remove a bullet and sew up a laceration, but we cannot heal. Christ is our Healer. He won our healing through His stripes on Calvary. Only Jesus heals.”

In October 1973, Charles Cowan was attending a Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship convention in Nashville, Tenn., where Kenneth Copeland was speaking. Though he’d never heard of the speaker, what he heard preached that day literally changed Cowan’s life forever.

“He was talking about God when I heard him say, ‘He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,’” Cowan recalls. “That went off in me like dynamite! I thought, *I’ve read all those scriptures before, but I have never seen that!* I came up in the Pentecostal ranks, so I thought you had to beg God. When that revelation came out of Brother Copeland, it lit a fire in me.”

Over the next few years, Cowan and his wife, Sue, began attending meetings held by Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Later, as students at Rhema Bible Training College in Tulsa, Okla., in the mid-1970s, they also got to sit under Brother Copeland’s teachings.

“Every opportunity I had, I ate up everything I could get from Brother Copeland,” says Cowan, who has

partnered with KCM since the mid-1980s. “He planted in me the seed of the Word, and it is through that Word that we have built our ministry.”

Today, the Cowans pastor Faith Is the Victory Church in Nashville. Established in 1977, the church’s mission is to help people become who God has called them to be—spiritually, physically, mentally, financially and socially.

“We exist to call men and women to celebrate and be changed by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and His lordship over all of life—for the good of our city and the world,” the church mission states. “Finding God’s perfect plan means that you’re reaching others for Christ, promoting true growth among fellow believers, and finding God’s love and power as you faithfully walk with Him.”

“It’s what I’ve learned from Brother Copeland and Dad [Kenneth E.] Hagin that has blessed my life,” Cowan says.

Faith Is the Victory Church has two locations: one at 3344 Walton Lane in Nashville, Tenn., and in the Rainbow Place Shopping Center in Mount Juliet, Tenn., about 45 minutes east of their headquarters facility. 



To learn more about Faith Is the Victory Church visit their website at victoriousliving.org.

¹ An important part of medical education, a *grand round* is a formal meeting in which physicians talk about clinical cases of patients.



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Thanks for your prayers, your faith and for being good soil. My husband was healed of liver cancer, I was miraculously healed of Guillain-Barré, and we got our new house!

M.B. | Canada

God's Word Prevails

In February 2019, my husband's heart stopped six times in one day. He was given a 10% chance to live, and then with physical and mental disabilities. I spoke God's Word over him while giving CPR, rebuked the devil and would not let him go.

He is now well—mind and body whole! We watch VICTORY, and many of the things that I spoke over my husband, I learned from teachings on VICTORY. We are declaring 2020 a debt-free year!

T.P. | Iowa



'Delivered of an IRS Debt'

Thank you for sowing your materials into our lives. We've literally been changed from the inside out. It is an honor to sow into your ministry. We were just delivered of an IRS debt. In 2017, we received a letter from the IRS stating we owed \$12,000. As of today, we don't owe the IRS anything! Praise the Lord!

W. and T.M. | Yuba City, Calif.

'Timely Provision!'

I sowed R600 into KCM Africa earlier this month. From this amount, I sowed R500 trusting Father God for a hundredfold return to help pay for some big expenses our family had. The other R100 was seed for my dream job. About two weeks

later, Father God brought more than a hundredfold return on the total R600 that I had sown—my husband received a large return on some investments. Praise God for His timely provision!

S.C. | South Africa

School Loans Paid Off!

Praise God! I am debt free! All these years I have been paying on my school loans and finally got them down to where I only had three more years to go. Then someone paid them off! I was told that they wanted me to be out of debt and I had been paying on those school loans too long. HELLO! I was floored! What a God thing! Come on now, let's just praise the Lord and do a happy dance! Praise God! I am DEBT FREE!

J.G. | Helenwood, Tenn.

'Thank You for Being Faithful'

I would like to praise God for KCM in our lives. Back in 2002, when I was diagnosed with stage 3 bowel cancer, someone put a *BVOV* magazine in our mailbox. Reading that magazine started us on the journey of discovering how to not only be born again by faith, but to walk in faith in all areas of life. God has been patient and faithful with us. We've had many victories, and I've been cancer free since the original battle of 2002-2004. Our daughter has fought her way back from the ravages of an eating disorder. Through KCM we were introduced to many sources of help. Keith Moore's free downloads of teaching have been a true treasure from heaven.

Recently, the *BVOV* magazine featured Roy, Sally and Lisa King's story of faith. I'm finding much help in Lisa's story of total surrender and mind renewal which has enabled her to hear God's voice and discover His path for her in His kingdom. I'm confident that we too will continue to get better at hearing and following the Great Shepherd. Thank you for being faithful to the Body of Christ and enabling us to distinguish good from evil.

A. and M.J. | Canada

Thank You for Your Prayers

Update and praise report on my grandson: After 13 days in the hospital going through tremendous pain, last night was his first good night—he slept four hours and the pain has subsided. Praise to You, Most High and loving God, and I thank each one of you for your prayers. God bless you all. Please keep praying for his complete healing.

S.P. | Littleton, Colo.

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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—Gloria Copeland

Healed of Arthritis and Pain

I was watching the Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign and received healing of arthritis and pain in my shoulder. I have had so much pain in my right shoulder, I struggled to raise my arm over my head. Now I have full range of motion. Praise God! I also want to say that I have received revelation understanding of how Jesus has redeemed me of

financial lack. I watched Keith Moore’s program on VICTORY Channel™ where he explains that Jesus not only saved us, but He healed us of all sickness and disease. And, He became poor so that we can be rich!

Thank you for VICTORY Channel. It’s life-changing!

D.M. | Tulsa, Okla.

by Jesse Duplantis

YOUR EVERYTHING

IS HIS ANYTHING

When I got saved, I wanted nothing more than to tell people about Jesus. He saved me. He gave my life purpose and put a driving desire inside me to share the gospel with anyone and everyone, no matter who or where they are.



That “no matter where they are” makes travel a necessity. If they’re in a small town in the middle of America, I want to go. If they’re on the other side of the world in Kazakhstan, I want to go. If they’re on an island in the South Pacific, I definitely want to go!

I’ve owned three jets throughout my life, and the only one I didn’t raise money for is the one I’m believing for right now, the Falcon 7X. It’s

something the Lord has promised me.

He said, "That one, you will not raise money for. That one will just come."

There's nothing wrong with raising money for something like that. A jet is simply a tool to preach the gospel. But by telling me it will just come, the Lord was teaching me something. He was preparing me for a new revelation. He led me to Isaiah 65:24 which says, "Before they call, I will answer."

Suddenly, I knew I had entered new territory. God is stretching me. I see it so clearly now. As the Body of Christ, we need to get beyond *believing* and get to *knowing*.

I want to know. I don't want to believe. I want to *know* in whom I have believed. I want to get past the believing and quit being a Christian auctioneer: "I'm believing, I'm believing, I'm believing. I'm standing, I'm standing, I'm standing."

No, I'm tired of that! I want to get beyond believing. I want *to know*. "I know! I know! I know!"

Ask for Whatsoever

In John 14:12-13, Jesus said, "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."

Read that again. What does *whatsoever* mean to you? The Church often rephrases *whatsoever* as "if it be His will," but Jesus didn't say that. He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do."

Why?

"That the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Think about that. If you don't ask God for something (aka *whatsoever*), then the Father is not glorified.

Some think Jesus was only talking about spiritual things, but He didn't say the *whatsoever* was only spiritual. The *whatsoever* is spiritual, physical and financial because it literally means *whatsoever*!

Then Jesus went even further: "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). That opens up a big world. When you use the Name of Jesus, you have power of attorney. You have the right

and the authority to use Jesus' Name and expect results.

When you got saved, Jesus put His Name in you. That's why you can go boldly to the throne of grace and sit down in His presence with the archangels and the cherubim and the seraphim. They have to stand at attention because you sit in heavenly places. Why? Because God's Name is in you. You are now the biological child of God and you have rights.

Want Versus Greed

Read John 14:13-14 again: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may

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be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

When I read that, Jesus gave me this statement: "Your everything, Jesse, is My anything. Will you glorify Me today? Will you glorify My Father?"

When the Father is glorified, Jesus is magnified because when we believe in the Father, we believe also in Jesus. It's a knowing. It means you can't be convinced of anything else, no matter what happens.



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I don't tell God what I need. I tell Him what I want. I know exactly how much money I want because we live in an economic world. I don't fight money, nor do I fall in love with it. Money doesn't love me, and it doesn't love you either. Money is simply a tool for us to use to function in this natural world.

If you have a financial need, then I submit to you that the reason you *need* is because you don't know how much you *want*. If you have what you want, then you don't even think about your need. Take that a step further: When you have what you want, and need is not even a part of your life, that's growth.

If you're a grandparent and your grandchild says, "Grandma, I want some ice cream," is that greed? No, that's simply a child wanting ice cream. So, why do you think it's being greedy to tell your heavenly Father what you want? It takes great faith to read Christ's teaching, ask for anything and start believing.

Mark 11:24 says, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*." *The Message* translation is especially powerful: "That's why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything."

Everything. Pray for everything—spiritual, physical *and* financial. Pray for it all.

Become Revolutionary

The teachings of Jesus are revolutionary because they're divine. He's di-vine, and we are di-branches! We must be revolutionary, too. It's time we stand up for what we believe, no matter what—or as we say in Louisiana, "Come hell or high water."

The Word of God is so powerful that it makes our brains want to tilt. But the Word of God is not soulish; it's spiritual.

The first sermon Jesus ever preached was in front of a crowd. In Luke 4:18 He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor."

That was the beginning of the prosperity message. The first thing on God's mind was not to finance

poverty but to eradicate it. Then Jesus taught on healing the brokenhearted, then preaching delivery to the captive, then recovering sight to the blind, then setting free them that are bruised, then preaching the acceptable year of the Lord. He closed the book and gave it to a minister and told the people to preach what He had preached—not their opinions.

Renew Your Thoughts

Many believers don't ask anything out of a misplaced sense of protection. They're trying to protect God's reputation by not asking for anything, especially not anything physical or financial. They're afraid. But fear and faith can't cohabitate in your mind.

Kenneth Copeland has often said, "Fear tolerated is faith contaminated."

Each one of us must renew our minds—
thought by thought. When thoughts come that tell us we can't ask for what we want, or we can't ask for something physical or financial, or we can't ask for something because of what those around us might say, we're giving fear a place in our minds.

**“Pray for everything—
SPIRITUAL,
PHYSICAL
AND
FINANCIAL.**

**PRAY FOR
IT ALL.”**

Your everything *has* to be His anything—spiritual, physical, financial. Faith and fear can't cohabitate. Faith must rule in order to obey God. You don't have to protect

Christ's reputation. If people get offended because of what the Lord has promised you, then that's on them. That's not your responsibility. You don't have to protect Him.

When thoughts come or people get offended at what the Lord has told me, I renew my mind thought by thought. They might say, "You can't have a Falcon 7X. You can't do that."

I say, "I don't deal with 'can't.' Your world is *can't*. My world is 'I can do all things through Christ.'"

And that's not only what I believe. It's what I know! 🙌

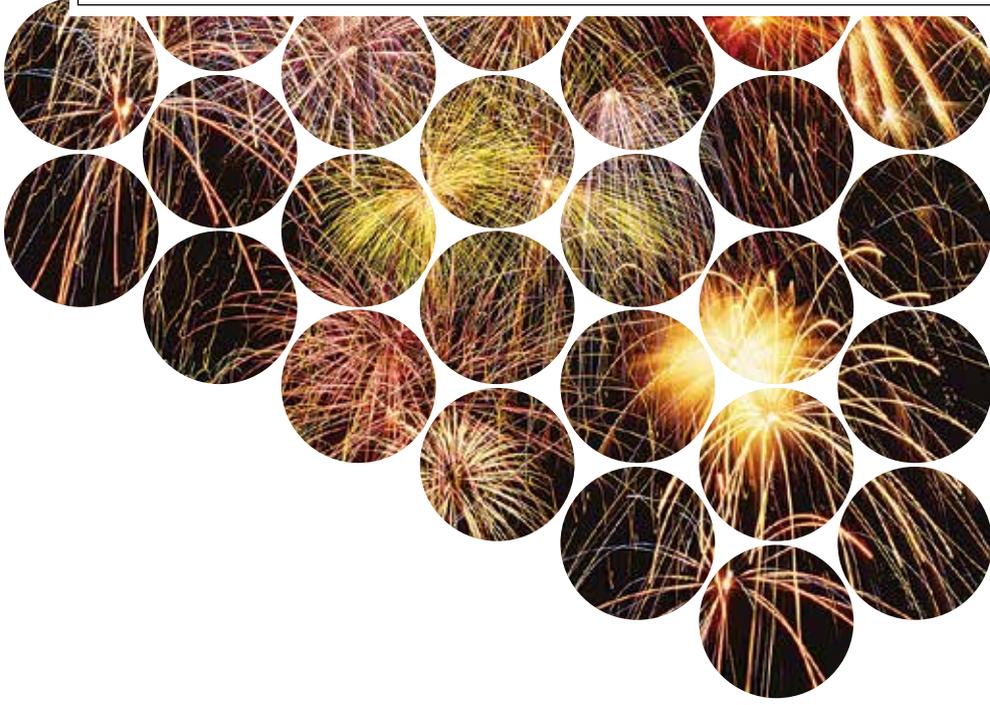


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These Amazing Days

THE DAYS WE LIVE IN ARE AMAZING! THESE DAYS ARE NOT UNLIKE THE DAYS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. HIS WERE DAYS OF ANXIETY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL UNREST, BUT THEY WERE ALSO DAYS OF EXPECTATION BECAUSE OF ISRAEL'S HOPE OF DELIVERANCE. **by Dennis Burke**



Little did the people realize that their hope was on the brink of fulfillment when John the Baptist showed up.

We are introduced to John the Baptist, and God's plan for him, in Luke 1:14-17, when the angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias, John's father, and made the following announcement:

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.... He will also go before Him (referring to Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the

disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (*New King James Version*).

Ready On the Inside

When John's ministry began, the nation was in a dark place, living under the consequences of weak leadership and the rule of another nation. Israel was in need of her Savior—the Savior they had been anticipating for centuries. God anointed John to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord." John's God-ordained job was to turn the nation's attention back to the Lord and get them ready to realize their hope.

To make ready. That's an inner thing. John's task was to make the people ready on the inside, to turn their hearts, so they would be prepared for what was about to take place on the outside. He

prepared them to receive the Lord Jesus!

Scripture says John's anointing was the same anointing as Elijah, whose anointing caused people to sit up and take notice of the work of the Lord. Elijah's anointing caused people to repent of their wicked ways and turn back to God. His anointing gave people hope for their future and caused them to see that their righteous God was working on their behalf. It made them ready on the inside to receive change on the outside.

Just like in the days of Elijah and John the Baptist, while we're in the greatest times history has ever known, we're facing some of the darkest times we've ever seen, heard of or imagined. In every walk of life, the enemy is at work trying to convince people that the way forward is the way of wickedness and darkness. But, thank God, there are people of God who walk righteously and are making the light and life of Christ evident wherever they may be.

In our day, these amazing days, people the world over need to take notice of God's work. They need to repent and change their opinions of Him. People need to have their hope renewed and realize that God is working for them, even now. They need to be made ready and prepared for the Lord!

Today, God's people carry an anointing similar to that of Elijah and John the Baptist. God has empowered His Body to be the force in the earth

These days we are living in mirror the days when I was young and headed down a path of destruction.

Our nation and our churches are craving real leadership.

to make people ready and prepare them for the Lord. What a glorious mission this is! In every nation around the world, the Spirit of God is breathing something very fresh and powerful into the Body of Christ, and into those He has set in positions of leadership in His Body. Once again, in the history of the Church, God has placed His people on the crest of the wave in making people ready to receive the Lord!

It's Nothing New

I say *once again* because throughout history, as we have seen in the days of Elijah and in the time of John, in every nation, in both the Church and in the world, humanity has gone through periods of darkness. People have experienced times of hopelessness and despair. But God knows people. He knows how they respond to circumstances. Ecclesiastes 1:9 tells us there is nothing new under the sun. God has always been faithful to anoint people to make those existing in darkness and despair ready on the inside to receive Him and the deliverance He has prepared for them.

When I compare the times we're living in today with those of my early years, I see many similarities. The '60s and '70s were crazy times! The war in Vietnam was dragging on, and lives were being destroyed—both on the battlefield and at home. Lives were lost during the early days of the U.S. Apollo space program. And, as a nation, we were still recovering from the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. In the wake of these tragic events, America experienced dark days for many years.

And there were some personal challenges for me as well.

Growing up in Southern California, in my early teens I experienced firsthand the violence and horrific unrest that took place in the streets of Los Angeles and Watts in the midst of racial violence. I was introduced to marijuana at age 11, and when I was 13 my life was all but shattered when my father took his own life. Then, my life was about as crazy as it could get. It was a life of hopelessness, darkness and despair. But the truth

is, I was not alone. I was just one of hundreds of thousands around the world who was walking blindly into destruction—living under the influence of darkness, not even seeking the light.

Those were desperate times!

Something New

The good news, though, is that God was never oblivious to any of the things that our country, nor I, personally, was going through. He was not surprised by any of those things. He's always on the scene—ready to raise up His people in messed-up America, and around the whole messed-up world, to make them ready to meet their Lord! For years, I was lost! I was a confused kid with no direction. But God was out to save me and get me on His path of life!

In 1967, something new was going on in America that I knew nothing about. It was called the Jesus Movement. Their way of living, and the message they carried of God's love, prepared people for the Lord. Even I was being influenced by the Jesus people who were on a mission to give people hope for their lives and for the world.

Like so many others, I was confused about my own life and the world around me. I had no clue that my answers could be found in the Lord. I certainly wasn't looking for answers in the Church. I was living the life my father had warned me about when I was 12: that if I started using pot at a young age, it would lead to other things, possibly even heroin. In 1971, I found myself exactly where my dad had "prophesied" I would be—waking up from a heroin-induced stupor. When my first thought that morning was, *I want to do that again, right now*, I remembered his words and at that moment I realized I needed help. I realized I needed Jesus in my life!

I began my pursuit of the things of God, and He guided me every step of the way! And guess where He took me? He took me to church! He connected me with a church deacon who took me under his wing. This man and the people of that church welcomed me and made me ready to meet the Lord. They helped me to know my



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heavenly Father and my Savior, Jesus Christ. And they led me to be filled with God's Holy Spirit.

And here's the great part, I wasn't the only long-haired, drugged-out, spaced-out person they welcomed into their church. That Spirit-led church family became a loving, accepting, forgiving family to Vikki as well—before we were married. They gave us hope for our future. They gave us the light of Jesus. They helped make us ready for a right relationship with the Lord. When God brought me to the church and I met Jesus, everything changed and my life has never been the same!

These days we are living in mirror the days when I was young and headed down a path of destruction. Young people are craving answers. Our nation and our churches are craving real leadership. Voices are coming at people from all directions as we live under the influence of social media and biased news media.

The truth is, each of us has a part in God's Anointing to make people ready for the Lord. Every day He brings people across our paths who are searching for answers and a way out of darkness and confusion, much like we all were at one time. I thank God that His plan is for all His people—that's you and me—to be His voice to our generation.

God has placed an awesome calling on the Church and her leaders. We are experiencing a new and fresh presence of the Holy Spirit. I believe God is asking us to pick up the spirit of Elijah and John—the spirit that readies people for the Lord. He is entrusting us to minister to their needs—then ready them for the Lord.

As we rely on the Holy Spirit of our God, and the love of Jesus to do the work, we can depend upon a fresh authority and a fresh anointing from God, enabling us to stand out, step up and declare together to all people, "Get ready! Your most amazing days are yet to come!" 🙌



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by Gloria Copeland

THE ABUNDANCE *of* THE BLESSING!

Did you know that God never planned for the Church to live from one miracle to another?

Certainly, He's a miracle-working God, and He can give us one if we need it. If our bank account is empty and our electricity is going to be cut off if we don't pay our bill by 5 o'clock, He's certainly able to move miraculously on our behalf (and it's wonderful when He does)! But He has something better for us than that.

He planned for us to live continually in **THE BLESSING**.



What does it mean to live in *THE BLESSING*?

It means living in abundance in every area of life. It means instead of our bank account being empty and our bills overdue, we have more than enough so that all our own needs are met, and we can give generously to others. We can be a BLESSING to someone else and concentrate on something higher than just being able to survive.

Back when Ken and I were first born again, we could hardly fathom that kind of life. Struggling along on an income that was below the poverty level and drowning in debt, we practically had to fast and pray just to buy groceries. Unable to be much help to anyone else, we needed a miracle from God just to make it through the month ourselves.

God is a good Father, so He got us through those days, of course. He understood we were just getting started in our walk with Him and met us right where we were. But it wasn't His will for us to stay in that place.

He has never wanted that for any of His children. He's always wanted His people to be BLESSED!

Even before Jesus came, God said to the Israelites, "Prove me now herewith...if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10). Even under the Old Covenant, He said to those who honored Him, "Your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine" (Proverbs 3:10, *New King James Version*).

Our God is a God of abundance! He had it for Israel. He's got it for the Church. And He has it in heaven.

Heaven isn't just barely getting by. The streets up there are gold. The fences are made of jewels. Heaven has more riches and resources than this world has ever seen, and God doesn't intend for us to wait until we get there to tap into them. His desire is for us to enjoy "days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21).

What does it take to do that?

Faith.

Faith isn't just crying and begging God for a miracle. Faith

"No matter what's going on around you, keep your eyes on the Word... Don't wait until you're in a crisis."

is believing His Word. It's finding out what He said in the Bible, believing it in our hearts and confessing it with our mouths until it comes to pass.

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4)! If you maintain a spirit of faith, you'll still face trials and difficulties, but you'll always come out victorious. You'll march in triumph even through seemingly impossible situations because in the eyes of heaven they're no big deal.

Nothing is impossible for God! He can turn any situation around for us if we'll just give Him some faith to work with. He can BLESS us beyond what we can ask or think if, as 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

One Place Is Not Enough

Notice that verse tells us exactly what real faith does: It believes AND speaks. The speaking part is where most Christians miss it. They get in a hard spot, pray and believe God for help, then go right back to talking the problem. Instead of speaking the Word, they go around saying things like, "I don't have enough money. I'm unemployed. I'm sick. My children are on dope."

After a while, when nothing changes, they quit even trying to believe the Word. "I tried that faith stuff," they say, "and it didn't work."

What really happened is faith tried them, and they didn't work. They didn't fulfill what the spirit of faith requires, which is to keep faith in two places. Keeping it in one place is not enough. **For faith to work as God designed, we must keep it both in our hearts and in our mouths.**

This isn't always a popular message to preach. A lot of people don't like to hear that for God's promises to manifest in their lives, they must speak His Word in faith. But like it or not, it's what God tells us in the Bible.

He's not in this for popularity. He didn't put in the Scriptures only what we want to hear. He put in them the principles of His kingdom so that we'd know what works.

I'm glad He did, too! Otherwise, Ken and I would still be in the same shape we were in during

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We can be a BLESSING to someone else and concentrate on something higher than just being able to survive.

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**POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:**

1

God's will has always been for His people to walk in abundance.

Prov. 3:10

2

We connect with the abundance of THE BLESSING by faith.

Mark 11:24

3

Faith is finding out what God said in His Word, believing it in our hearts and confessing it with our mouths until it comes to pass.

2 Cor. 4:13

4

God created the universe by speaking words of faith; it's His way of operating.

Gen.1:3

5

If we want to live in THE BLESSING, we must operate the same way.

Mark 11:23

the first five years after we were born again. Those were tough years because even though we loved the Lord and had been baptized in the Holy Spirit, we hadn't heard any teaching about faith. We'd heard some unbelief preached. We'd heard things like, "You just never know what God is going to do." So that's all we knew.

Then we began listening to Oral Roberts and Kenneth E. Hagin and finding out how to lay hold of what belongs to us in Christ. We learned the written Word is God speaking directly to us, and whatever it says, we can take and apply to our lives. We learned we can receive by faith whatever the Word promises, and that faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Talk about good news! That was the best news we'd ever heard, so we made the most of it. We absolutely dedicated ourselves to the Word and took a crash course in it. Although Brother Hagin hadn't yet started Rhema Bible Training Center, he had some tapes on faith and we listened to them over and over. We also went to the 14-day meetings he held every quarter. Rain, shine, sleet or snow, we didn't miss a service.

At the same time, Ken was a student at Oral Roberts University, traveling with Brother Roberts to his healing crusades. He was getting to watch Brother Roberts minister by faith the healing, delivering power of God to people who needed it desperately. Brother Roberts used faith like a mechanic uses a tool, and Ken learned a lot about that from working alongside him.

Of course, Ken and I were also studying the Bible on our own. We were learning directly from the Scriptures that healing, for example, is part of our spiritual inheritance. It's included in THE BLESSING of Redemption and we walk in it by faith.

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Isaiah 53:4-5 says that Jesus bore our sicknesses and carried our diseases, and by His stripes we are healed. But up to that point in our lives, when sickness would come knocking on our door, we just let it in. We more or less just put on our PJs, climbed into bed, and said, “I wonder how long I’m going to be sick this time?” because we didn’t know any better.

Once we discovered what the Word says about the matter though, that changed. When symptoms came on us, we didn’t see ourselves as the sick trying to get healed. We saw ourselves as the healed, and our enemy Satan was trying to make us sick. And we responded by standing in faith that God’s Word is true!

Fight the Good Fight

I can tell you, both from the Word and from experience, as long as you’re on this earth, if you want to live in THE BLESSING you must stand for what Jesus has purchased for you. You won’t have to stand like that in heaven because the devil and his darkness won’t be there. But here, where the devil is roaming around seeking whom he may destroy, you must fight the good fight of faith. You must believe and act on what James 4:7 says: “Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (NKJV).

How do you resist the devil?

You don’t do it by fighting with him physically. He’s not a physical being, so you can’t hit him with your fist or use natural weapons against him, because he’s not flesh and blood. But you can take authority over him in the Name of the Lord Jesus and tell him what he can and cannot do in your life. You can speak the Word of God and say as Jesus did, “It is written!” (See Matthew 4:4-11.)

When you do that, the devil has no other option but to flee. He doesn’t have any defense against God’s Word. It’s an undefeatable spiritual weapon. It’s “living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword” (Hebrews 4:12, NKJV).

God’s written Word isn’t just a book! It came out of His own mouth. It contains within it the supernatural power to bring itself to pass. When we speak God’s words by faith, they work for us just like they do for Him. They not only put the

the 2019 Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign, we were able to love, honor and serve our veterans at the Washington, D.C. VA Medical Center. We put together the most-requested Christmas items for the long-term residents and stocked their Christmas store. Then, we hand-delivered gifts to these heroic men and women—letting them know how much we love them and appreciate their service to our country.

In Beltsville, Md., we teamed up with one of our Partner churches, Hope Christian Church pastored by Bishop Harry Jackson, to bless some of its members with gift cards to help their families during Christmas. And along with more than 160 volunteers from Hope Christian Church, we partnered with Feeding Children Everywhere to assemble and pack 22,950 meals for hungry children. These meals were sent to the Capital Area Food Bank for distribution locally.

It was our honor to love on the people, serve the city and show God’s love by rendering random acts of kindness. Because, kindness matters! 📺

If you’ve been around Kenneth Copeland Ministries long, you know we are passionate about partnership. It’s the way God designed heaven and earth to work together—to achieve more together than any of us could do on our own. It’s about showing kindness—wherever you go. That’s why here at KCM, we are partnering with local organizations and churches across the country and sharing random acts of kindness.

Last November, while in **Woodbridge, Va.**, for



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Kenneth Copeland

Mar. 30-Apr. 3
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Covenant of God
Kenneth Copeland



George Pearsons

Sun., Apr. 5
Receive His Covenant
Promise Through Faith
Kenneth Copeland



Terri Copeland Pearsons

Apr. 6-10
God Is a Covenant-
Making God
**Kenneth Copeland
and Greg Stephens**



Greg Stephens

Sun., Apr. 12
You Have a
Covenant With God
Kenneth Copeland

Apr. 13-17
Who Is God?
Kenneth Copeland

Sun., Apr. 19
The Spiritual
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The Names of God
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devil and his dark forces on the run, they release the divine power necessary to bring forth God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

That's what happened at Creation. According to Genesis 1, "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (verses 2-3).

Think of it, God's words created this entire universe! By faith, He called "those things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17), and what He said came to pass. That's how He does everything. It's the way He Himself operates, and it's how we, as His children, are also to operate and live in victory!

Jesus confirmed this in Mark 11:22-23. "Have faith in God," He said. (Or as one translation says, *Have the faith of God*). "For... 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."

"But I don't like that faith confession business," someone might say. "I'm not comfortable saying that I'm prosperous when my bank account is empty, or that I'm healed when I feel sick. Do I really have to do that?"

No, you don't. But then you don't have to walk in divine health and supernatural abundance, either. If you want, you can choose to talk unbelief and just let the devil keep stealing from you. But to live BLESSED you must believe AND speak God's Word, because that's how God designed faith to work.

Calling things that be not as though they were, is God's plan of dominion! It's how Jesus lived when He was on earth. It's how Abraham lived in his day, and how he and Sarah got the son God promised them.

In the natural, having a son looked to be impossible for them. Abraham was over 100 years old, and Sarah was 90 and had always been barren. Yet they took God at His Word

and began declaring it over themselves. They looked past their circumstances, past their old bodies and years of barrenness, and looked instead at the promise of God.

Even though he didn't see how it could happen, Abraham began calling himself, "a father of many nations," just as God did. And sure enough, that's what he became.

As believers, we can have the same experience. We can believe and speak God's Word and see Him do the impossible in our lives. We can come out of the worst situations and into a place of total victory.

We may not be able to see in the natural right now how it can happen. When we look around us with our physical eyes, we may not see any way that deliverance and victory can come. But God *always* has a way out for us. He can always cause us "to triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14) and bring His scriptural promises to pass in our lives.

We just have to maintain a spirit of faith. We just have to follow the example of Abraham, keep the Word in two places, and "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

Faith doesn't look at symptoms or circumstances. It only looks at what God said. It stays focused on His eternal, unchanging Word and keeps declaring it until it fully manifests.

So no matter what's going on around you, keep your eyes on the Word. Don't just look at it now and then. Don't wait until you're in a crisis and you need an immediate miracle. Center your life around the Word all the time.

If you'll practice living that way every day, on those occasions when you do need miracles, you'll be well-positioned to receive them. But you won't need them nearly as often, because you won't be living anymore from crisis to crisis. **You'll be living daily as a world overcomer in the abundant BLESSING of God.** 🙏

CHECKLIST FOR LIFE

How's the new job going, Superkid? Jesus is the best Boss ever, right? I personally love it that He fixes the things I mess up! Now that you've gotten to know the Boss, let's talk about your training. Of course, as a Superkid, you know a lot about God, His Word and living this life as a Christian. But I'm about to challenge you to press in and go deeper—on purpose!

check off

Let's see where we are so far. We can use the scripture we read last month (March 2020 issue) as a training checklist, Romans 12:1-2, *The Message*: "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: **Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.**"

1. Continue DAILY to go to work (live your life) for Him!

"Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, **fix your attention on God.** You'll be **changed from the inside out!**"

2. Keep your attention on your Boss, Jesus. He's here to help you. Wearing your "love clothes" will help you be like Him (February 2020 issue).

Superkid, it's early in the year, and you've already come so far! You're ready for the next level of job training. Read on!

"Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

When you focus your attention on Jesus, you'll begin to know what He wants you to do. Our checklist

will help you. Here is an example you can understand.



Have you ever been watching TV, playing outside or focusing on a video game when your parents told you to do something? You probably didn't even hear them talking to you. Why? You were looking at and focused on something else. Did it surprise you when they corrected you for not obeying quickly? "But, Mom! I didn't know you wanted me to do something!"

It's so much easier to know what your parents want *when you're looking at them and focusing on* what they're saying to you. It is the same with Jesus. When we continue to give Him our attention, He can easily instruct us as we're doing things for Him every day!

You can even hear His instructions through your godly parents. The Bible says in Ephesians 6:1-3 (*New Living Translation*):

"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. Honor your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

It may seem like life is all "take out the trash," "clean your room," "do your homework." But really, your parents and leaders are training you to listen to and obey Jesus. Go back to what Romans 12 says and let's make this the next box on our training checklist:

3. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and QUICKLY respond to it.

What do moms and dads say **A LOT?** "Slow obedience is no obedience!" And it's true—true with parents and with Jesus. Superkid, He is asking us to be quick to hear Him and always listening. When we practice this with our parents, we are on the job with Jesus! This is part of our training, but not the only part.

4. Jesus wants to lead you directly! He wants to even be the One who makes you ABLE to obey your parents.

It can feel hard to obey and honor our parents at times, but you're not supposed to do it without His help!

Galatians 2:20b, *The Passion Translation*, is an awesome truth!

"...the Anointed One lives his life through me—we live in union as one! My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, and dispenses his life into mine."

Jesus is living IN you! He is filling you up with His very own life! His abilities are YOUR abilities. As we press into the Jesus on the inside, He begins to show up on the outside. Superkid, by the time we talk again, you can put checkmarks on No. 3 and No. 4. In fact, because of Jesus, you can CHOOSE this "on the job training" with Him, and you can mark off No. 3 and No. 4 today!

When you work and live empowered by this wonderful Jesus, this checklist will become your everyday power and everyday joy because He is an EVERYDAY Savior, Teacher and BOSS!

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