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every moment to direct us and
tell us what to do.***



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CHAMPIONS IN TRAINING

A number of years ago, when I began teaching again on the basics of faith, I knew it was going to help people who were new to the faith message. What I didn't know was how much it was going to help *me*.

I've been around the faith message for over 50 years now. I thought I had the basics down pretty well. But in setting out to teach them again, I initially found myself struggling and came to a startling realization: When it came to the fundamental operations of faith, I'd let a lot of things slip!

That's an easy mistake to make, and no matter how seasoned we may be as believers, it's one we can't afford. After all, our faith "is the victory that overcometh the world" (1 John 5:4). It's the force by which we triumph over the challenges of life. So for us to finish our spiritual race as champions, we must continually practice the faith fundamentals because, in every arena of life, that's what champions do.

Think about Super Bowl champions, for example. What are you seeing when you watch them play? Masters of the fundamentals of football. What are you seeing when you watch the champions of the NBA? Players who've

become experts at the basics of the game.

In 1961, after the Green Bay Packers lost the championship, the great coach Vince Lombardi addressed his team on the first day of spring training. Holding a football aloft, he reintroduced them to their sport. "Gentlemen," he said, "this is a football."

The Packers were professionals! They were expecting their coach to tell them something they didn't already know. They were hoping he'd let them in on some secret strategy that would give them an edge over the competition and put them back on top. But instead, he focused on the ABCs of blocking, passing, receiving and tackling. As a result, under his leadership, they never lost a championship again.

As a believer, under the leadership of The LORD Jesus Christ, I want to have the same kind of winning record, don't you? I want to live as a world-overcomer, fight the good fight of faith and defeat the devil every time.

That's why I like comparing the Christian life to that of successful athletes and Olympians. Before every one of them got to where they were, they had to answer some questions. They had to say, "I have this body; now what am I going



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They had to say, 'I have this body; now what am I going to do with it? How far am I going to go in this sport?'"



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1
Your faith level determines your victory level.
1 Jn. 5:4

2
We all receive the same measure of the God kind of faith when we're born again.
Rom. 12:3

3
Jesus is the Source of our faith and He will help us develop it if we put His WORD first place in our lives and do what He says.
Heb. 12:1-3

4
The most basic law of faith is believe with your heart and say with your mouth.
Rom. 10:10

5
For The WORD to consistently come out of your mouth it must be in your heart in abundance.
Matt. 12:34



to do with it? How far am I going to go in this sport?" They had to make a quality decision to go for the gold. Otherwise, they would have gotten all excited, and after two weeks of hard workouts, when they got a blister on their toe, they would have reconsidered. Instead of pressing through, they would have backed off and said, "You know, I don't think this is really what I want to do."

The same principle applies in our lives spiritually. If we're going to go for the gold in the kingdom of God, we must all answer some questions, too. Each of us must decide for ourselves: *What am I going to do with The WORD of God? How far am I going to go with my faith?*

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, I'll never go as far as you because you're a preacher. God gave you more faith than me."

No, He didn't. He dealt to all of us the same measure of faith the moment we were born again. (See Romans 12:3.) The development of that faith depends on our own personal choices. But there's no such thing as preacher faith, or somebody getting an extra measure. We all start out with the same faith, and we know it will work because it's the faith of The LORD Jesus Christ!

Faith's Author and Developer

Hebrews 12:2 calls Jesus "the author and finisher of our faith." He is its Source and its Developer. Many believers, however, don't give Him the opportunity to complete His work. They receive Him as their Savior, but they don't receive Him as their LORD. They get the measure of His faith, but then they just go about their own way.

Jesus can't develop something you haven't placed into His hands. He can't finish something you're not paying any attention to. If you want to walk by faith in the fullness of His marvelous will for your life, you must make the decision to yield to His Lordship. You must put Him first place in your life, make His WORD your final authority, and endeavor 100% of the time to do everything He says.

When you do that, you'll be amazed at what Jesus can and will do with you. He'll open your eyes to truths in God's WORD and develop your faith in ways that affect every area of your life.

Take, for example, how He developed my faith some time back where longevity is concerned.

Reminding me that Genesis 6:3 says man's "days shall be an hundred and twenty years," He took me through the Scriptures and showed me that life span is the only scriptural standard.

Except for the 70- or 80-year limit set on the Israelites in the wilderness as a result of their disobedience, there's no other age limit mentioned in the Bible.

Every time it refers to long life, it's talking about 120 years.

The LORD didn't command me to set my faith to live that long. He just asked me the question: *Will you do this for Me?*

And I said, "Yes, I will."

Talk about going back into training! I soon began to realize: *There's a price to this! I can't get away with carrying around 30 or 40 extra pounds, and still make it to 120. I have to stay in top shape.*

I didn't like exercise when I was 23, and I can tell you, at 83 it isn't any easier. But God had laid it on my heart to go for the gold for His glory. So, I made the decision.

I got on my knees before The LORD and said, "Sir, I am Yours to command. In the Name of Jesus, I commit myself from this time forward to do whatever it takes to be in the best spiritual, mental and physical condition I can be."

The commitment, of course, was just the beginning of the process. Once it was made, I had to walk in it—and my flesh protested strongly. "I don't want to do this!" it squalled. "These workouts are hard on me. Can't we just skip them?"

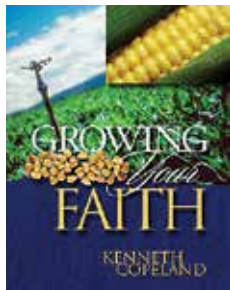
You know what that's like! You have flesh just like I do, and it can really get on you when it gets uncomfortable. When it does, Jesus will meet you, and you'll be able to "bring it into subjection" (1 Corinthians 9:27). But you'll have to do it by faith.

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and the devil himself. That's why our Faith Developer has been reminding us lately that we must stay strong in the fundamentals. It's why time and again, He takes us back to Mark 11 and reminds us that 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" (verses 22-24).

What the Greeks Understood That We Didn't

Those verses reveal the first, most basic law of faith: Believe in your heart and say with your mouth. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10).

The Greek word *sozo*, which is translated *salvation* in that verse, refers to more than the new birth. It covers everything that's necessary for us to be made sound—spirit, soul and body. It covers not only the re-creation of our human spirit but things like deliverance and healing.

Greek-speaking people in the early Church understood this. They received Jesus as Healer at the same time they received Him as Savior because when *sozo* was preached, that's what they heard. As English-speaking people, we didn't. So, we cut THE BLESSINGS of salvation into different pieces.

But they're not different! They're all part of the same package and they're all received the same way: "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" (2 Corinthians 4:13).

What we want to believe and speak, of course, is The WORD of God. We want to say what He says about us. But really, whatever you say is your faith speaking. It may be faith in something you wish you didn't have, such as sickness. But you're always believing and confessing something, and for better or for worse, the law of faith is going to work.

That means if you don't want something, you'd



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better stop saying it. You need to rely on the vocabulary of silence until you can fill your heart with God’s WORD in that area. For as Jesus said: “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.... [And] every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matthew 12:34, 36-37).

What exactly are “idle words”? They’re words that don’t proceed from faith in The WORD of God. Throwaway words. Fear words. Worry words that are based in death, such as, “That embarrassed me to death.” “That just kills me.” “I’m just dying to go.”

Those kinds of words are dangerous and condemning. They will weaken you and rob you of the benefits of salvation. If you keep saying them, they can make your faith so feeble you’ll have to fight to hang on to your very life.

“Well, Brother Copeland, I don’t really mean it when I say those kinds of things.” Satan doesn’t care whether you mean it or not. He’ll accuse you by what comes out of your mouth, because he knows the Bible. He knows what God said about idle words, and he knows his own words were what ruined him. They dethroned him and doomed him forever.

Our idle words would have done the same to us, except that we have a way out. We have a Redeemer, so we can come boldly to God’s throne of grace, repent of our negative, unbelieving words, and Jesus’ blood will wipe them out. We can receive God’s forgiveness and His power to keep our mouths in line.

I can testify to that! Before I was born again, I had the foulest mouth you ever heard. I cussed without even thinking about it. But on the first week of November in 1962, when I gave my life to Jesus, it felt to me like someone put a bar of soap in my mouth. Since then, I’ve refused to express myself by using words and phrases that open the door to Satan and his works.



Am I saying you have to be that picky when it comes to your words? That depends. You do if you want to live as a victor. You do if you’re going for the gold because the words you say are fundamental to the operation of world-overcoming faith.

If you’re picky about your words now in the small matters of life, then the right thing is going to come out of your mouth when your words count big-time. In moments of crisis, when you’re facing something major, words of faith will be the first thing you speak.

First words matter! Proverbs 18:21 says, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue,” so you always want your first words to be words of life. When you get a bad report from the doctor, or the meteorologist says a tornado is headed your way, or you get laid off from your job, the first thing you want to do is shout as loud as you can:

“Thank You, Jesus, I’m healed!” “Thank God, I’m in the secret place of the Most High, and no evil comes near my dwelling!” “The LORD is my Shepherd and I shall not want. He supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory, and always causes me to triumph!”

For such words to be the first ones you say though, your heart must be full of them. They must be in you in abundance because you’ve made a quality decision to make God’s WORD the central focus of your life.

Let me ask you: What’s the last thing on your mind when you turn out the light at night? Is it the news or the weather? Or is it The WORD of God?

I can tell you what it is at our house. It’s The WORD! Especially since I began reteaching the faith fundamentals. Gloria and I have started taking my iPhone and occasionally my iPad to bed with us and listening to and watching services we attended back when we first started learning about faith. We’ve stepped up our spiritual game. We’re focusing again on mastering the basics. Because, like you, we are training to be champions in the kingdom of God! 🏆



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by
Pastor
George
Pearson:

Power of the Prophetic Word

Have you ever stepped into a new year wondering what The LORD had in store? Have you looked ahead on your calendar and wondered what was about to take place—questioning if you'd be in a better place by the end of the year?

I have, and I'm happy to say that The LORD has shown me how to approach each new year full of expectation. He's shown me how to get ready to step over into a realm of glory that I've never stepped into before. He's shown me how to look ahead in faith, with clear direction about what to believe for and what to expect.

You can approach each year like this, too. It comes down to receiving marching orders for the year from His prophets.

Amos 3:7 says, "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

God reveals those things He wants to get done on the earth through His prophets. He always has. Hosea, Zechariah, Micah, Jeremiah and Isaiah all saw and declared the coming of Jesus. They said, "There's One coming! There's One coming!" They spoke



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those words over and over. The devil was confused about it. The political system was confused about it. But that didn't stop the prophetic word.

The LORD used strategic times for prophets to speak His WORD, to keep The WORD alive and moving, to ensure The WORD became manifest at the exact moment and place He desired. He operated with His own rules regarding the power of words, and He used the prophets to declare those words in the earth.

A prophet is a *seer*, seeing things in the spirit before we do. They "see out ahead" of the rest of us, by God's divine appointment. Lynne Hammond once said, "Prophets are like eagles. They are able to see far out in the distance. There is an apparatus that comes down over their eyes that makes things clear. They can see farther than any being on earth. That is the way of the prophet. It is not a natural eye. It is an eye that God gives them to see things that are yet to come."

Weighty Words

The prophetic word hasn't passed away. In fact, we need it as much today as ever. God gave the gift of prophecy to us to edify us, to prosper us and to perfect us for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12). That's why, after all these years, I still listen intently whenever a prophet speaks. I wait with anticipation to hear what Kenneth Copeland prophesies about each coming year. I wait to hear what Jerry Savelle and others have to say, too. Those prophetic voices speak into the world, unleashing God's secrets.

The WORD of God provides insight into the prophet's ministry. Jeremiah wrote:

Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the

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LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant (Jeremiah 1:4-10).

This passage reveals that words are the primary equipment of a prophet's ministry. They are words that come down from heaven itself, into the heart of the prophet, and then are spoken out prophetically. It also shows the weight of a prophet's words. God said Jeremiah had to go wherever he was sent and had to say whatever God commanded Him to say.

Prophetic words are spoken with an unusual force and level of authority. They're words that change realms, spheres, nations and kingdoms. Like an alarm clock, they wake everyone up. Often they even declare coming judgments in order to give people the opportunity to repent and receive deliverance.

To some degree, each of us operates in prophecy. We are the prophets of our own lives. We prophesy and make declarations over our homes and our families. We make declarations over ourselves where healing and prosperity are concerned. On a personal level, as believers, we operate in authority over *our* realm and *our* sphere.

By contrast, the prophetic office deals with massive areas of society. God told Jeremiah he was set over nations and kingdoms, "to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant" (verse 10).

The Berlin Wall

Time and again, we've seen living proof of how a prophet's words carry great weight and effect great change.

On June 4, 1989, The LORD spoke through Brother Copeland, declaring things that would root out, pull down, destroy, throw down, build and plant. Here's just a portion of that prophecy:

Now this is what The LORD is saying. So hearken and heed to it. Take heed to it. Listen. For mighty waves of the supernatural are coming and soon to burst on the scene. Soon to crash like a mighty tidal wave and burst on the scene. Not just here and there, and a little here and a little over there, but as a mighty wave splashes and covers entire continents. And the power of God will rise in places that people didn't even know that there was a God. But it will be there. And there will be things that will fall before the pressure of it. People will shake their





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head and say, 'I never would have believed that could happen.' There are going to be political walls and political fences that crumble right before men's eyes. Mighty, mighty strongholds of political power and political strength in different political systems all over the world will suddenly change hands, crumble and fall; and men will say, 'I never would have thought that would happen, but I'm seeing it. I'm looking at it.'

The Berlin Wall will come down. It's a sign. The Berlin Wall will come down. There will be other walls that will come down. There will be some walls that will go up. Many changes are going to take place. But those that are wise in their heart and listen to the Spirit of God will be quick to say, 'Oh, The LORD is at work in the land.' And they will be quick to pray. And they will be quick to rise up as

a witness in the streets. And they will be quick to testify wherever they go, 'The LORD is working! The LORD is working! He'll save you! He'll heal you! He'll deliver you! He'll bring you into the place that you ought to be.'

What a powerful word! The Berlin Wall was constructed in August 1961, dividing east Berlin from west Berlin. It was a terrible thing that divided families. I was 8 years old at the time, but I still remember seeing pictures of people trying to scale the wall and getting shot.

Twenty-eight years passed and people were convinced the wall was a permanent fixture. But then the prophetic word you just read was declared. The mountain was spoken to and those words started chipping away at the spiritual root of the matter. No one realized what was happening below the mountain, but 158 days later the supernatural force behind those words blew that wall apart!

Believe and Prosper

It's time we paid close attention to God's prophets and take them seriously. Second Chronicles 20:20 says, "Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." That word *prosper* means you will "push forward, break out, advance, make progress, succeed and go over."

Are you ready to live like that? If you are, then take hold of what Paul charged Timothy. In 1 Timothy 1:18, he said, "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare."

When you hear a prophecy, hold onto it. Don't listen to prophetic words at the beginning of the year just for a "good feeling." Keep them before your eyes all year long. Write them in your Bible. Put them on your mirror. Confess them every day. Keep those prophetic utterances alive in your life.

Contend for the words you hear by expecting, believing, praying and acting as if they were true... because *they are!* Apply your faith to the operation of that prophetic word, receive God's marching orders, and fight for them to come to pass.

The prophetic word hasn't passed away. 🕊



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NEW VISIONS 20 MANIFEST 20 POWER 20 GREAT CHANGE

During 2019, the Lord spoke through Kenneth Copeland on several occasions about the year 2020. The following is part of what the Lord said.

The Year of New Visions

“The LORD is revealing new visions this coming year that will be absolutely stunning. They will include insights, ideas and concepts that have never been heard of before. Joel 2:28-29 (and Acts 2:16-18) tells us, ‘It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit.’”

The Year of Change and Manifested Power

“2020 will be a year of great change. Wonderful and magnificent changes in the kingdom of God in the earth. Changes that will come because of insights, ideas and concepts directly from Jesus to His Church by His mighty Spirit. Glorious concepts of how His laws work; the laws governing increase and financial prosperity; the laws of the Spirit that release miracles and divine healings and manifestations of His Almighty power on the earth. New concepts of His love; His very person; for He is love. Insights into the true power and strength of His joy.

“It will be days of political change, great victories and great defeats. For the spiritual enemies of God and His people shall be crushed—spirits, not flesh

and blood. But there are those on both sides of the political divide who refuse to listen to The LORD Advocate General of the Church. Their dreams shall be dashed, their desires shall be wounded, and they will be removed from their offices and replaced, some by the ballot, some by tragedy, and some who in despair will quit and go do something else.”

This is My country, saith The LORD Jesus. It was founded by people who love Me for the sole purpose of their love and desire to worship Me and to worship the Almighty God, and I will never forget that.

Change. 2020—the Year of Change and Manifested Power, saith The LORD.

The Year of Removal of Politicians

Those politicians who refuse My call to unite and become the United States of America, and not just “America.” Those politicians who refuse to listen, and those politicians who continue the pathway of hate, I will remove them from their places. I will remove their influence from the record books. I will remove their candle in their families. I will remove them from office and put someone in there who will. ♣

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Angelic Protection
I was taking my time heading home. I slowed to the light...it was green. I looked before turning. A very fast, small, black car was zooming down the middle of the road. I just sat there through another light, and praised our Lord and thanked Him for angels.

V.D. | Texas

Prayer for a Job

I would like to thank you and the prayer team at KCM for carrying me in prayer—I've found a job that's beyond my expectations. May God richly bless you and the prayer team for standing in agreement with me for God's grace. V. | South Africa



'God Is Good!'

Praise report: My husband is closer and closer to 100% healed from a stroke. This ministry stood in agreement as of Sept. 11, 2017—thank you. God is good! P.M. | Georgia

The Lord Delivered Him!

I submitted a prayer request for my father who had lost mobility due to Parkinson's disease and sepsis. I asked for the prayer of agreement, standing on Psalm 34:19: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

Praise be to God! My father was released from the hospital after four days and has regained mobility. Jesus is Lord over sickness and disease, and High Priest over the ministry of healing!

C.D. | Hawthorne, N.J.

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When I logged in to my medical insurance company's website to pay my monthly premium, it showed that I did not have a payment due. I called them, and they said that I do not owe anything for the remainder of the year. Praise God! That would fall under the "rebates and returns" that Pastor George has us claim every Sunday during the offering confession.

C.K. | Fortson, Ga.

The Year of Abundant Harvest Fulfilled

I want to give praise and thanks to KCM for the word of the Lord regarding the Year of Abundant Harvest. When my self-employment income this year began to disappear, the Lord blessed me with a great job that paid more, paid 100% of my health care coverage, and provided me with a 401(k) retirement plan and contribution. In addition, the Lord greatly blessed my retirement account this year. In the Year of Abundant Harvest, I continually confessed that the Lord has commanded the blessing upon my barns and storehouses (retirement accounts) and all that I put my hand to. I remember years ago, during the Great Recession, Kenneth said, "Remember, that stock is worth what you say it is." I took those words to heart and declared what my investments were worth, and in 2019 they climbed to the value I was declaring. Praise the Lord! It really was a tremendous victory, and I have been giving thanks ever since for the victory God gives us through Jesus Christ.

R.R. | Mount Vernon, Wash.

BECOMING SPIRITUALLY MATURE

Since I've been listening to the spiritual meat of the Word from KCM, I now have a better understanding, have become more mature spiritually (Hebrews 5:14), and the whole essence of my spiritual walk with Almighty God is much clearer. I am now certain that my victory in Christ is assured and guaranteed. Thank you, KCM.

S.A. | Houston, Texas

Faithful Provider

In the past 11 years since my husband went home and I lost my job, my income has never diminished. The Lord told me my barrel would never be empty. Seniors should never use the term "fixed income." It does not exist.

D.P. | Michigan

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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Our computer was hacked over Thanksgiving and all the money we had in the bank, \$3,000, was stolen. We stood on the Word, gave a sacrifice of praise, selected scriptures and stood on them, and forgave and prayed for the thieves. Then I called your prayer line to request prayer for restitution. A very

nice young man prayed with me. Within three weeks, \$6,000 had come in! God gave us double! Thank you for the blessing you are in our lives—for teaching us how to stand on God's Word and for your prayers. Overcoming victory has been given by God in response!

T.B. | Caldwell, Idaho

"NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE YOUR SITUATION MAY SEEM IN YOUR EYES, OR YOUR FAMILY'S EYES, THE LORD HAS THE PLAN TO DELIVER YOU."

—Kenneth Copeland

One Dangerous Marine

by
*Melanie
Henry*

Tom Westberry stepped out of a million-dollar custom home he'd just built. Looking up into the wide, blue Texas sky, he felt joy bubble up from deep within.

There had been a time when he couldn't imagine living a joyous, fulfilled life outside the U.S. Marine Corps.

Some guys washed out of the Marines. Tom received honors. Spending a year in ordnance training, he became an explosives specialist. When Iraq invaded Kuwait, Tom went to his master sergeant, and told him: "This is what I was born to do. I want to be on the first bird out of here." He and one other Marine were the first to deploy to Saudi Arabia—a month before the rest of their unit.

Whether aboard an amphibious carrier making and loading ordnance, or on the ground in combat, God had protected him. Tom couldn't imagine a more fulfilling life.

That changed overnight when President Clinton took office. One of the first things he did was to cut the military. Soon, Tom's military career had ended. Life as he knew it was over.

The Lord directed him to learn to build

homes.

Some years later, after his marriage imploded, God told Tom to take his son, move to Texas and connect with Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

It was there that life began to get better for Tom.

His building business had thrived. He'd remarried and now had a 4-year-old daughter. Tom had also learned to fly and had ventured into doing some flying for various ministries, including KCM.

After arriving home one evening, Tom picked up 4-year-old Hannah and spun her in the air. He then hugged his wife and fist-bumped his 18-year-old son, Robert, before switching on the television in time to catch some breaking national news.

The real estate bubble had burst, the news announcer said. Banks were no longer giving





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Tom at his ministry's nonprofit grocery store The Joseph Storhouse.

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Kenneth Copeland



Gloria Copeland



George Pearsons



Greg Stephens

June 1-5
Prospering in Tough Times
**Gloria Copeland and
George Pearsons**

Sun., June 7
Having a Willing Heart
Kenneth Copeland

June 8-12
Healing 101
Kenneth Copeland

Sun., June 14
The Power in
the Name
Kenneth Copeland

June 15-19
The WORD Is the Victory
That Overcomes All
Kenneth Copeland

Sun., June 21
The Covenant Name
Kenneth Copeland

June 22-26
Becoming
Covenant-Minded
**Kenneth Copeland and
Greg Stephens**

Sun., June 28
Sowing The WORD
as a Believer
Kenneth Copeland

June 29-July 3
Activating Your
Covenant With God
**Kenneth Copeland and
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loans or honoring some they had already made.

Walking into the kitchen he told his wife what had happened.

“Don’t spend another dime,” he warned.

The sequence of events that followed seemed like a row of dominoes falling. Tom lost his business, his wealth and his home. His son moved away, and his wife filed for divorce—leaving him with a 4-year-old child to raise on his own.

Worse, five other builders in the area solved their financial problems by committing suicide, Tom said. “I am so thankful for John Copeland and a few of my close friends through KCM for rallying around me and encouraging my faith.”

No Going Back

“I knew all five of those men; three were good friends,” Tom recalls. “I suspect that I was leveraged heavier than some of them. The banks just stopped lending money and people stopped buying homes.” It was a very dark time in Tom’s life, but he never considered giving up.

“Faith had been planted in me from a young age, and it was inconceivable to stop believing God’s promises,” Tom said.

“In 1973, when I was 3, my parents were born again. We moved to New Orleans where my dad attended a Baptist seminary. While there, he discovered Word of Faith Temple. The pastor was Brother Charles Green. He was, and is, close to Kenneth Copeland. We were always Partners with KCM. I grew up listening to, and later watching, the broadcasts.

“Something happened to my mother a year after we arrived. Almost overnight, she went from being normal to being unable to sit up or walk. She suffered excruciating pain. One Sunday morning we were at church with Dad when Pastor Green announced that if anyone needed healing to bring them to church that evening, because God said, *I am going to heal them.*

A Harvest of Miracles

“I ran up three flights of stairs and down a catwalk to get to our apartment and tell my mother that she was going to be healed. Dad, my

aunt and uncle were able to get her into a wheelchair and to church. There was an altar call where Pastor Green and the associate pastor, Garland Pemberton, laid hands on her.

“I remember watching my mother stand up out of the wheelchair. Then she started walking. The next thing I knew, she was *running* to us. From that day forward, a seed of faith was planted in my heart. I’ve never doubted that God was real or that He healed.

“Sometime later, Dad went to China with Nora Lam who wrote *China Cry*. He came back with story after story of miracles. I couldn’t get enough. Once, my sister and I went with Dad to Alabama where he was to preach. When we left to return to New Orleans, Dad said, ‘Thomas, I want you and your sister to get on the floorboard on your knees and pray. They didn’t give us a love offering and the gas tank is almost empty. We need gas for the trip.’ We prayed and drove all night to get home. We never stopped for gas.

“I’ve seen my dad drive through a flood. We had water up to the hood. ‘Thomas,’ he said, ‘I need you kids to pray.’ Water seeped in through the doors and filled the floorboards. A man in a canoe rowed up and Dad rolled down his window and talked to him. The engine never stuttered or stopped.

“These are just a few stories from my early childhood. You can’t witness those kinds of things without knowing God will always bring you through hard times.”

One of the hardest times in his life happened when Tom was 14 and his parents divorced.

“Although I knew Dad was hard on me and had contributed to the divorce, I also knew I needed to stay close to the anointing on his life,” Tom recalled. “While my three siblings moved to California with my mother, I stayed with Dad. It wasn’t easy, but I never regretted it. To this day, I don’t know anyone who has had more people healed in his ministry than my dad.”

By the time Tom was 14, college scouts were already circling. A gifted athlete, he was a *fast* runner. There were hints at college scholarships and high hopes he would compete in the 1988 Olympics.

That dream fell apart when Tom’s dad moved to Long Beach, Miss., and later took a church in Indiana. Without the support of his team or his coach,

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he didn’t have the help he needed. That’s when he changed his life’s goal and joined the Marines.

God Takes On Biological Weapons

Just prior to President Bill Clinton taking office, Tom had been stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Getting ready for work one day, he noticed that his hair was falling out. Rashes covered his arms and legs. Worse, his bones ached. He also suffered debilitating fatigue.

Doctors at the VA hospital always asked the same questions: “Were you exposed to a nerve agent in combat? Were you ever exposed to weapons of mass destruction?”

“No,” Tom answered, “but when we were deployed for Desert Storm, our superiors were concerned that we would be hit with biological weapons. Someone got the bright idea to give us small doses of nerve agents to make us immune to them. When we were in the desert, they came to us once a week giving us packets of pills. They also gave us each a shot of anthrax. We had to sign a document agreeing never to give blood again. We were also warned not to have any more children.”

Doctors didn’t believe what he said.

By the time Tom was out of the Marines and trying to start a new life in Indiana, his symptoms had worsened. The exhaustion was so pervasive

that some days he had trouble getting out of bed. Circles the size of a silver dollar appeared on his legs. Hair didn’t grow inside them. Worse, his right arm had lost all feeling.

One day, Garland Pemberton, the same minister who laid hands on Tom’s mother years before, came to Tom’s church to preach. Responding to an altar call, Tom went forward and raised his hands. When Pemberton touched Tom’s forehead, feeling began to creep into his shoulder. It traveled all the way to the tip of his fingers.

“I’ve never had a symptom of Desert Storm syndrome again,” Tom explains. “I don’t give blood because I signed a document saying that I wouldn’t. I hadn’t signed anything about not having more children. Although there were stories about vets from Desert Storm having children with deformities, I knew I was healed. I’ve had two perfectly healthy daughters since then, Alyssa is 23 and Hannah is now 16. In the mid-2000s, the government admitted that we’d been given nerve agents. There are benefits available for vets with the syndrome. I’m thrilled that I don’t qualify.”

Building a New Life

True to His Word, God helped Tom rebuild his life following the economic collapse. Tom’s son, Robert, returned home after a short while. In May 2009, Tom married for a third time to Kim, a wonderful

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	1	1 Kgs. 3-5	Acts 20
Tue	2	1 Kgs. 6-7	Acts 21
Wed	3	1 Kgs. 8-9	Acts 22
Thu	4	1 Kgs. 10-11	Acts 23
Fri	5	1 Kgs. 12	Acts 24
Sat	6	1 Kgs. 13	
Sun	7	Ps. 71-72; Prov. 15:1-15	
Mon	8	1 Kgs. 14	Acts 25
Tue	9	1 Kgs. 15	Acts 26
Wed	10	1 Kgs. 16-17	Acts 27
Thu	11	1 Kgs. 18-19	Acts 28
Fri	12	1 Kgs. 20-21	Rom. 1
Sat	13	1 Kgs. 22	
Sun	14	Ps. 73-74; Prov. 15:16-33	
Mon	15	2 Kgs. 1-3	Rom. 2
Tue	16	2 Kgs. 4-6	Rom. 3
Wed	17	2 Kgs. 7-8	Rom. 4
Thu	18	2 Kgs. 9-11	Rom. 5
Fri	19	2 Kgs. 12-13	Rom. 6
Sat	20	2 Kgs. 14-15	
Sun	21	Ps. 75-77; Prov. 16:1-17	
Mon	22	2 Kgs. 16-17	Rom. 7
Tue	23	2 Kgs. 18-19	Rom. 8
Wed	24	2 Kgs. 20-21	Rom. 9
Thu	25	2 Kgs. 22-23	Rom. 10
Fri	26	2 Kgs. 24-25	Rom. 11
Sat	27	1 Chr. 1-2	
Sun	28	Ps. 78; Prov. 16:18-33	
Mon	29	1 Chr. 3-4	Rom. 12
Tue	30	1 Chr. 5-6	Rom. 13

woman who was a great help raising Hannah. That same year, he fasted and prayed for God's direction.

Years before when Tom still lived in Indiana, the Lord had spoken to him: *No longer will you be a builder of buildings. You will be a builder of My people.* In his previous marriage, he had stepped out on that word too soon and before his wife got into agreement. She hadn't wanted to be in the ministry.

One day while fishing, God told him it was time for him to enter the ministry. When Tom told Kim, she wasn't in agreement. This time, Tom didn't act on the word or mention it to her again. Instead, he said, "Father, You heard Kim. I'm not going to make the same mistake again. You're going to have to deal with her."

Two months later, Kim changed her mind.

"If God has called you into ministry, I'll support you."

"What I sensed in my spirit was that our ministry would have some kind of hope center for the community," Tom recalls. "However, my dad had resigned from his church and gone to the mission field. He came to our house to say that the Lord had told him that I was to administer his ministry.

"Kim and I renamed and restructured the ministry, bringing in the best attorneys and CPAs to help. By March 2010, we were a legal entity. The first year, we went to Fiji and held a crusade which we livestreamed. A thousand came each night and a few hundred gave their hearts to the Lord. I created a little studio and read *From Faith to Faith* and created a year's worth of videos to share online."

A Place of Hope

Meanwhile, Don and Mary Colbert had taken Kenneth and Gloria to visit a ministry in Florida. Under the umbrella of Harvest Time International, founders John and Mary Murphy had opened a nonprofit grocery store there called The Hope Center.

"God showed me this 45 years ago," Kenneth said, "but I never knew how to do it."

"We'll show you how and train your employees," John Murphy said.

In October 2010, John Copeland, Kenneth and Gloria's son and then the CEO of KCM, called Tom. "My dad wants me to go look at an organization in Florida," John told him. "I

feel in my spirit that you are supposed to go. Besides, you can help me fly."

Tom toured The Hope Center with the group from KCM.

This is exactly what our ministry would look like, he thought.

Back in the conference room, Tom sat back and listened.

"I told your dad that I would teach them and train their employees so you could do this in the metroplex," John Murphy told John.

"I don't believe this is for KCM to do," John said. "I believe that if God has put this in Tom Westberry's heart, it's his ministry to do. If you will give him your support, we'll help him put this in the metroplex."

Back home in Texas, Tom met with Kenneth and John Copeland.

"If you do this, we'll help see it through," John told him. "We want to do it through you."

"That is so like them," Tom says.

By June 2011, with the financial backing of KCM, World Covenant Ministries purchased and remodeled a 50,000-square-foot building in nearby Haltom City, that had formerly housed a major chain grocery store. Soon after, Tom and Kim opened The Joseph Storehouse, a nonprofit grocery store, based on the model that God gave Joseph: Gather food during times of prosperity and sell to those in need in times of famine.

Operating under the motto, "Providing Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow," the mission of the storehouse, in part, is to demonstrate God's love by reaching out and touching the lives of people in practical ways, including providing high quality, name-brand foods and household items, and other necessities at low, affordable prices. In addition, the ministry is heavily involved in community outreach, providing budgeting classes and one-on-one coaching to teach families to manage their finances. It also maintains close relationships with local churches and other non-profits, such as governmental agencies, corporations and faith-based organizations, to help assist those in need.

"I love this model because it offers people a hand up instead of a handout," Tom explains. "Although you have to qualify to shop here, we help anyone who is struggling. With KCM's help, we've created a ministry that provides food at deeply discounted prices. It sustains



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Joseph Storehouse staff sorting food as it comes into the warehouse



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discipleship training. We have a church that meets on-site. We also have weekly chapel services and other programs.

“We’re in the process of launching a transitional life center to train people in new careers. For instance, I will teach people how to build using Kingdom principles. I don’t think it’s any accident that in the parable of the talents, mentioned in Matthew 25:14-30, the word for money is *talent*. We urge people to use their talents to help other people.”

These days, Tom Westberry is one dangerous former Marine. He’s using God’s Word to attack the gates of hell, preach good news to the poor and set the captives free. He is shining his light and sharing his talents

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with a hurting world.

As testimony to KCM’s confidence in the newfound life and mission of this former Marine, each month Eagle Mountain International Church sows financially into The Joseph Storehouse as part of its local outreach ministry. Tom is also a longtime KCM Partner who is quick to express his appreciation for KCM’s life-changing impact on him and his mission.

“Although I had always studied the Word, never to the degree that I learned at EMIC,” Tom says. “It has made me much more stable in my walk with Christ. I can’t imagine what my life would be apart from my partnership with KCM. They’ve demonstrated covenant to me in ways that are beyond words.”



Healed

BY THE POWER OF THE BLESSING



by Kenneth Copeland

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It's not just *a* blessing. It's a part of *THE BLESSING* God gave to Adam right after He created him. It's a manifestation of the same power that was released upon mankind when "God blessed them, and...said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion..." (Genesis 1:28).

THE BLESSING is the most powerful spiritual force there is. It's more than just something God said to just encourage people to have babies. It contains God's own creative power. It was given not only so mankind could populate the earth, but so they could replenish it.

From the very beginning, God knew (even if most folks today don't) that without THE BLESSING, as people multiplied on this planet they were going to use it up. They were going to eat everything, wear everything, and build with everything and eventually everything would get depleted.

That's what's happening around us right now. The earth is wearing out. It's being depleted. But the depletion isn't just a result of natural conditions. It's not just being caused by the ozone or car exhaust or the lack of windmills.

The real problem is spiritual. The earth is groaning under the effects of the corruption that entered the world when Adam bowed his knee to Satan. It's suffering from the curse that came on it through sin and it's waiting for "the manifestation of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19).

Why is it longing for us?

Because we have THE BLESSING that has the power to fix this place. It contains everything that's needed to liberate creation and turn this planet back into a Garden of Eden.

God didn't leave anything out of THE BLESSING. He made it all-inclusive. He incorporated into it everything that's needed to produce the conditions of heaven on earth.

Wherever THE BLESSING is in operation it brings God's power on the scene to prosper people in every way. It replenishes us spiritually, physically, financially, relationally and even affects our environment. When you walk in THE BLESSING, believing God's WORD and obeying His voice, as Deuteronomy 28 says, "all these blessings...come on thee, and overtake thee" (verse 2):

You're BLESSED in the city and in the field. (verse 3)

The fruit of your body, the produce of your ground, and your livestock are BLESSED. (verse 4)

Your food is BLESSED. (verse 5)

You're BLESSED coming in and going out. (verse 6)

You're BLESSED financially and in every other way!
(verses 7-13)

Notice those verses don't say The LORD "will come and bless you." They say His "blessings will come upon you and overtake you," because as a child of God you're already BLESSED. As you believe and obey Him, THE BLESSING manifests in every area of your life—even while you're living in the middle of a cursed world.

Snug, Dry and Protected

Sometimes, when I read about THE BLESSING in Deuteronomy 28, I envision it like a big umbrella with all God's people gathered up under it. There's rain and hail falling all around us but we're protected. We're nice and snug under there with our Father and everything is just fine.

That's how it is with THE BLESSING. Even in Old Testament times God opened it up like an umbrella as a refuge for His people. He made covenant with them and gave them His WORD so they could be shielded from the curse that was operating out there in satan's territory, and live under THE BLESSING of God.

The power of THE BLESSING was actually what Jesus operated in when He was on earth. It was behind everything He preached, every miracle He performed and every healing that took place in His ministry. The power of THE BLESSING was what raised Him from the dead after He was crucified, caught Him up at the Ascension and carried Him off this planet.

Talk about powerful! If THE BLESSING could do all of that, just think what it can do for you. Certainly it can heal any sickness that tries to attack your body. It doesn't matter whether it's a simple cold or a so-called incurable case of cancer, THE BLESSING can handle it.

"Well now Brother Copeland, you have to remember, while God's BLESSING might be powerful enough to heal anything, sometimes He leaves sickness on us to teach us something. Sometimes He even sends sickness as a blessing in disguise."

No, He doesn't! That's a lie of the devil.

There's not one scripture in the Bible that says sickness is ever a blessing. On the contrary, Deuteronomy 28:61-62 says point-blank that "every sickness" is a part of the curse. It's the result of the evil that came into the world through sin and a

manifestation of satan's hatred of the human race.

Healing, on the other hand, is a manifestation of God's love and redemption. It's the result of His mercy and of the goodness that overflows from His huge, compassionate heart.

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish." Sickness is perishing coming to pass. It's a part of death. It gained access to mankind through Adam's spiritual fall and Jesus came to redeem us from it. He came, as Acts 10:38 says, "anointed...with the Holy Ghost and with power...doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

God Never Appointed Sickness the Teacher

That last verse alone settles the issue! Sickness and disease are not from God. They're not good and never a blessing. They are from the devil and always a curse.

That's why Jesus healed everyone who came to Him. He never told anyone they had to stay sick because God was trying to teach them something. Even when "great multitudes followed him...he healed them all" (Matthew 12:15).

What's more, He continued to heal "all" through His disciples when His earthly ministry was over. He empowered them to do the same works He did and, as Acts 5 records, they were soon healing multitudes too. "Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one" (verses 15-16).

Some people seem to think Jesus changed His attitude toward sickness after His resurrection. They think He decided sickness is good in certain instances and should be used as a teacher. But clearly, that's not true. Jesus continued in Acts, to treat sickness as an enemy. He continued to release the power of THE BLESSING to the sick people who crowded onto the streets of Jerusalem...*"And they were healed every one."*

God never has and never will appoint sickness to be the teacher of the Church! The very idea is not only unscriptural, it's unimaginable. God is a good Father. He would never put cancer on one of His children in

order to teach them something. That would be child abuse in the highest form.

Even we as earthly parents know that. We may not be perfect but we would never purposely give one of our children a disease. We'd never dream of taking away their health or injuring them so they'd learn some kind of lesson—no matter how important that lesson might be.

I remember a time when my son, John, was a little boy and he got interested in knives. He hadn't yet learned that they can be dangerous and one day I found him in the kitchen trying to open a pen knife. "Wait a minute there, son," I said, "that knife is sharp. It could really hurt you. I'll show you how to open it, but I don't want you to try to do it without Daddy here to help you."

"OK," he said.

We had our little lesson and, thinking I'd gotten my point across, I went into another room to do something else. After a while I heard John in the kitchen again yelling at the top of his lungs. I ran back in there to find him flailing around with that pen knife stuck on his hand. He'd tried to open it again by himself and it had closed on his thumb. He'd worked his hand around on the blade trying to get free and it had really done a number on him.

Obviously, if he'd heeded my previous warning he could have avoided that pain. But I didn't just let him suffer in order to teach him a lesson. I didn't say, "Boy, you think it hurts now, let me show you how bad this can be," and then clamp the knife down on him a little harder.

Certainly not. I would never do any such thing and neither would any other decent parent, yet that's what some people have accused God of doing. They've said He gets mad and puts curses like sickness on us when we disobey.

God is not that kind of Father. He's never been into cursing people. He's into BLESSING them. As Psalm 118:1 says, "He is good: because his mercy endureth for ever." Even if we mess up some way and get ourselves into trouble, we can cry out to God and He'll come to the rescue just like I came to John's.

"Yeah, but doesn't God get mad at us when we sin and leave sickness on us for a while as a punishment?"

Absolutely not.

First, to do so would violate His loving nature; and second, it would be unjust. The punishment for our sin has already been meted out. Jesus bore it on our behalf. When He went to the

Cross He paid the price for us to be completely set free from the threefold curse of spiritual death, sickness and poverty. He "redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...that the blessing of Abraham might come on" us (Galatians 3:13-14).

For God to put any part of the curse on us now would be a miscarriage of divine justice. It would be like convicting and sentencing a person to prison twice for the same crime: "Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment].... He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole" (Isaiah 53:4-5, *AMPC*).

This is the good news! Because of what Jesus did, God isn't mad at us anymore and He never will be again, so we can always run confidently to Him. No matter how badly we might have fouled up, we can always repent and come boldly to His throne of grace, knowing that Isaiah 54 declares: "With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee" (verses 8-9).

The scriptural promise about the "waters of Noah" is the most famous in the whole Bible. Every believer knows it. You can stop in any church and ask anyone if God is ever going to send another worldwide flood, and they'll say, "No. God said there wouldn't be and confirmed it with the rainbow. It's a done deal."

For you as a born-again child of God the same is true when it comes to the curse. Your deliverance from it is a done deal. You don't ever have to bear it again. Through Jesus you've been freed from it and you've inherited THE BLESSING in all its creative, replenishing power.

Once you get hold of that reality, and the revelation of it begins to bathe and renew your mind, your days of sickness will be over. You won't have to wait anymore for someone else to say, "God bless you."

Sneeze or no sneeze, your constant, victorious confession will be—"I am healed by THE BLESSING OF THE LORD!" 🙏



ALREADY MADE A

Saint

The world has a very different idea of what it means to be a saint than God does. To the world, a saint is someone who's been dead a long time.



by Gloria Copeland

It's someone who in life wasn't liked by the world much at all (many were ridiculed or even martyred), but now that they're dead, people have decided they were perfect. That they were better by far than the rest of us could ever hope to be.

God, on the other hand, says in the Bible that every one of us who has received Jesus as Lord and Savior is a saint, *right now!*

We don't have to wait until we've been dead a thousand years. We don't have to wait for a group of people to decide we qualify. God Himself has qualified us. He's made us righteous with His own righteousness, sanctified us by Jesus' blood, set us apart for Himself, and made us holy.

"Holy one" is what the word *saint* literally means. So, according to God, if you're born again this is your true identity: You are one of His holy ones. You are indeed a saint. So are all the rest of us in the Body of Christ. That's why God can say to us, as He does in 1 Peter 1:16, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." We have the

capacity to do it. We can be holy on the outside because we've already been made holy on the inside.

Of course, being holy doesn't mean we never mess up. It doesn't mean we've never done anything wrong and never will. (That concept comes from the world, which is why all their saints have to be dead. Only dead people don't mess up.)

No, as Vine's Bible Dictionary says, *holiness* simply "signifies separation to God and conduct befitting those so separated." It refers to being dedicated to God and being His special treasure; to coming out of the darkness of the world and putting Him first so He can fellowship with you and be God in your life.

This is what God has wanted for His people ever since the beginning! It's what He had in mind when He created Adam and Eve.

Remember how, in Genesis 3, He used to come down in the cool of the day to fellowship with them in the Garden of Eden? He did that because He wanted to have a special relationship with them.







Everyone of us, as Holy Spirit-filled believers, knows on the inside of us what God is saying to us about

our individual lives.



He wanted them to be His family, to believe His Word and obey Him so He could be their Source of supply and BLESSING, and they could enjoy His presence forever.

Sadly, however, Adam and Eve decided they wanted something else. They listened to the devil, chose to sin, and after that they didn't want to talk to God anymore. They didn't even want to be in His presence. Instead, they ran away and hid from Him.

Even then, God's desire didn't change. His heart still yearned to have a people who would separate themselves to Him. He still dreamed of having a people who would be His special treasure, who would draw near to Him so He could draw near to them.

He even made a way for the Israelites to do that under the old covenant. After He brought them out of Egypt, He said: "Ye have seen... how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people... And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Exodus 19:4-6).

God's treasure isn't gold or diamonds or jewels! (In heaven, He paves streets and builds walls with those.) The treasure of God's heart is an obedient people. His greatest desire is to have sons and daughters who will walk with Him and do what He says, so He can manifest Himself in their lives and be a Father to them. So that He can be their El Shaddai and be everything they could ever need.

God's Purchased, Special People

People who are good want to do good things. Their greatest joy comes from giving to others, and that's the way God is. His heart yearns to pour out BLESSINGS on people, most especially His children. But He can't do that to any great measure unless they're willing to obey Him.

If you're a parent, you understand that. You probably know from experience that when your

children are disobedient, you can't do a lot of the things for them you'd like to do. You can't give your teenager a car, for example, if they won't follow the rules you've established. Although they might want a car very much, and you might want to give them one, as long as that child refuses to do what you say, you can't wisely give them a car because it would endanger them.

God is in the same position with us. He can't fully manifest His BLESSINGS and power in the lives of His children when they're living in disobedience. He'll do for us all we'll allow Him to do, certainly. But if we really want Him to put His glory on display in our lives, we must obey Him. We must live out our true identity as it's described in 1 Peter 2:9. It says: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

What exactly does it mean to live as God's purchased, special people; to come out of worldly darkness and live like children of the light? Does it just mean we avoid doing the things the world considers to be sin? No, it must mean more than that because the world has no idea what sin really is. Because it's under the influence of the devil, the world thinks that things God says are wrong are actually all right.

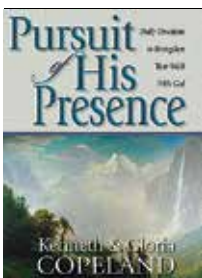
Talk about crazy! Today's worldly culture has gotten people so confused about morality that they've all but completely lost their moral bearings. They've become convinced that whatever their flesh wants is OK. Forget about what the Bible teaches. "We don't have to go by that anymore," the world says. "The Bible is old fashioned. We know more now. We've progressed."

These days, you can turn on the television anytime of the day or night and find adultery, fornication and all kinds of other darkness being broadcast as entertainment. You can find ungodliness being presented as comedy, and people laughing at sin.

What are they doing? Most of them don't realize it, but they're laughing in the face of God.

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They're saying, "God, we don't care what You say. You're out of touch with the times. We like immorality. We want to play around with it. So that's what we're going to do."

Certainly, that's no way for us, as believers, to live. We don't want to entertain ourselves with, much less partake of, the sins of the world. But that's not the end of the story. As God's treasured people, our aim isn't just to live a little better than the world does. Our aim is to be like our heavenly Father.

We want to be holy as He is holy. We want to say yes to everything that pleases Him and no to anything we can't do "to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

How are we supposed to do that?

With the help of the Holy Spirit. He's there on the inside of us every moment to direct us and tell us what to do. He's there to remind us of what God's Word says and empower us to obey it.

Following the Holy Spirit is holy living! As Hebrews 8 says, living according to His leading in our hearts is the New Covenant way. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest" (verses 10-11).

The Guide Inside

Unlike God's people under the old covenant, who were dependent on Levitical priests and prophets to tell them what to do, everyone of us, as Holy Spirit-filled believers, know on the inside of us what God is saying to us about our individual lives. We know when we're giving Him the place of honor He deserves, and when we're giving other things too much of our affection. We know that Voice that speaks to our heart and says things like, *You need to spend more time in the Word and less time watching television. You need to fast a little and get your flesh in line. You're eating too much junk food.*

"Whoa!" someone might say. "You mean the Holy Spirit will even talk to me about food?"

Sure, He will. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. It's been bought with the price of Jesus' blood. First Corinthians 6:20 says you're to "glorify God in your body." So obviously, you can expect the Holy Spirit to have a lot to say about it.

You can expect Him to remind you of what the Word says about controlling your bodily appetites. You can expect Him to speak to you about how to eat to keep your body healthy. You can even expect Him to talk about things you can do physically that will help you walk more closely with the Lord.

I remember one time He spoke to me along those lines when our church was on a Daniel fast. (That's a fast where you temporarily give up something your flesh is fond of in order to focus

"Our aim isn't just to live a little better than the world does."



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

God has always wanted a people who would obey Him and be His special treasure.
Ex. 19:5

2

As a believer, you've been called not to blend in with the world, but to display to the world the glory of God.
1 Pet. 2:9

3

Living in holiness isn't just avoiding what the world calls sin; it's living to please the Lord.
1 Cor. 10:31

4

Following the Holy Spirit is holy living.
Rom. 8:14

5

In these last days, Jesus is going to work signs and wonders, not through a worldly church, but through believers who are walking in holiness.
Eph. 5:27

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more on the things of the spirit.) During the dates of the fast, Ken and I were on a long motorcycle trip with some friends, and the Holy Spirit put it on my heart that while we were on the trip, I was to avoid eating desserts.

In the natural, I wasn't very excited about that idea. On those long days, riding across the country on a motorcycle, I often looked forward to desserts as the highlight of my day. So, for my flesh, giving them up was a big sacrifice. But, knowing that whenever the Lord leads us to separate ourselves from something, it's because He wants to BLESS us, I committed to stay away from sweets during the fast.

For the first few days, it was difficult. It seemed like wherever we stopped to eat, they'd have luscious-looking desserts on display. I'd see homemade carrot cake 6 inches high and lemon icebox pies and think, *Mmmm, that would sure taste nice.*

But then I'd hear that Voice on the inside. The Holy Spirit would remind me of the Daniel fast and of my desire to separate myself unto God, and out of love for Him I'd say no to that cake and pie.

What happened? After a week or so, my desire for those things began to wane, and my desire for the things of God got stronger. Simply by following the leading of the Holy Spirit in what I ate, I experienced to a greater degree the presence of the Lord. I drew near to Him, and He drew near to me (James 4:8).

That's just a small example of how the Holy Spirit helps us live as God's special treasure. Sometimes He'll lead us to lay aside perfectly legitimate things for a time, not because He doesn't want us to enjoy life, but because He doesn't want us to desire anything more than we desire God.

God wants to be first place in our hearts and our lives. That's what making Jesus the Lord of our lives really means. It doesn't just mean that we're saved from sin. It means that Jesus is our Head, and we're His Body; that we're so loyal to Him that whatever He tells us to do, we do it.

Even if our flesh doesn't like it.

Even if it's uncomfortable or hard.

Even if there's something we think we'd enjoy doing more, we do what Jesus says because He is Lord.

"But Gloria, that doesn't sound like very much fun."

Are you kidding? No pleasure the flesh or this world has to offer can even compare with the thrill of what Jesus has for us—especially right now!

We're living in the last days prophesied about in the Bible. God is about to do some mighty things in the earth, and He plans for us to be a part of them. He plans to manifest His glory through us, in signs, wonders, great healings and miracles.

This is the grand finale! God is about to gather into His kingdom the final, great harvest of souls, and He's not going to do it through a lukewarm, semiworldly bunch of backslidden Christians. He's going to do it through those who have answered His call to be holy as He is holy. Through "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but...holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27). The people He has called out of the world and separated unto Himself.

His special treasure.

The living saints of the living God! 🙏

THANKS, DAD!

Hey, Superkids! Let's talk dads!

It's the time of year we celebrate dads, and great dads should be celebrated! When I asked the Lord what to share, He said, *I want to tell them about MY Dad, the Father God. So, this is what He spoke to my spirit.*

My Father Is a PLANNER

Before He created, He planned...everyone and everything. He planned you before you were born and created you with a purpose. He and I worked together creating plans for His people yet to be. Isaiah 46:10-11, *The Passion Translation*, says, "I declare from the beginning how it will end and foretell from the start what has not yet happened. I decree that my purpose will stand, and I will fulfill my every plan.... I have spoken, and yes, I will bring it to pass. I have formed my plan, and yes, I will do it."

My Father planned everything in advance, then made it happen. Everything has a purpose and He shares with Me what He wants Me to do. Does that remind you of your dad, Superkid? When I wanted to skip certain hard things, My decision to obey Him helped Me follow His plan. When I was in the Garden of Gethsemane with My disciples, we all struggled with what the Father told Me would happen!

Matthew 26:36-39: "Then Jesus led his disciples to an orchard called 'The Oil Press.' He told them, 'Sit here while I go and pray over there.' He took Peter, Jacob, and John with him. However, an intense feeling of great sorrow plunged his soul into deep sorrow and agony. And he said to them, 'My heart is overwhelmed and crushed with grief. It feels as though I'm dying. Stay here and keep watch with me.' Then he walked a short distance away, and overcome with grief, he threw himself facedown on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if there is any way you can deliver me from this suffering, please

take it from me. Yet what I want is not important, for I only desire to fulfill your plan for me.' Then an angel from heaven appeared to strengthen him."

When I made the decision to follow My Father's plan, He gave Me strength and helped Me do it. Superkid, when you decide to obey, your dad will be more able to help you too. Dads like to have a plan, and they want you to follow their lead. Remembering that will help you do what is right.

My Father Is ALWAYS FOCUSED

My Father's focus helped Me stay focused, even in such a difficult situation. It was hard for Him to turn His face away from Me, but He had to. So, I had to follow His lead. Isaiah 50:5-7 says, "The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear, and I did not resist; I did not rebel. I offered my back to those who flogged me and my cheek to those who tore out my beard. I never hid my face from demeaning insults or from those who spit on me. The Lord Yahweh empowers me, so I am not humiliated. For that reason, with holy determination, I will do his will and not be ashamed."

Because I focused on My Father's plan, I was able to become your Savior. Call on Me when YOU need help focusing on what your dad asks of you. I have been in that difficult place, so I can help you. Whatever our godly fathers ask, we can do! Proverbs 4:25 says, "Set your gaze on the path before you. With fixed purpose, looking straight ahead, ignore life's distractions."

My Father Is a TEACHER

Have you noticed that fathers are always trying to teach you something? Fathers just want to teach. They learned that from MY Father. Proverbs 4:4 says, "Then my father taught me, saying, 'Never forget my words. If you do everything that I teach you, you will reign in life.'"



One final thing:

My Father Is an ENCOURAGER

Is your dad an encourager? Are you a listener? Are you listening for encouragement? The more you listen, the more you will hear. Proverbs 4:20-22, "Listen carefully, my dear child, to everything that I teach you, and pay attention to all that I have to say. Fill your thoughts with my words until they penetrate deep into your spirit. Then, as you unwrap my words, they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of your being."

Superkid, My Father made man in His own image and copied into him His desire for His children to succeed! Your father may not be perfect, but he has a God-given desire to do the dad-job well. A godly father wants you to succeed. Earthly fathers have to learn how to be great dads and they must look to Me to help them, just as you look to Me to help you. Don't be angry when your dad makes mistakes or be rebellious when he leads, corrects and teaches you. A good father will try to help you develop the gifts and talents he sees in you. When he makes demands, listen and you will learn—AND WIN!

I realize that your father may not be close to you or fit the picture I have painted. Look around. Perhaps the dad-type person I can speak to you through is your mom, grandfather or uncle. If you have no father, you can always look directly to Me for help.

Pray for your dad or the dadlike person in your life, Superkid! Your prayers make a big difference!

Love,
Jesus

PS.

Thank You, Jesus, for that awesome word! Superkids, I join you in appreciating our dads. I give honor to my own dad, Kenneth Copeland. He is a wonderful picture of our heavenly Father. Many have been blessed by his life and fatherly teaching.



Love you, Daddy!—Commander Kellie



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