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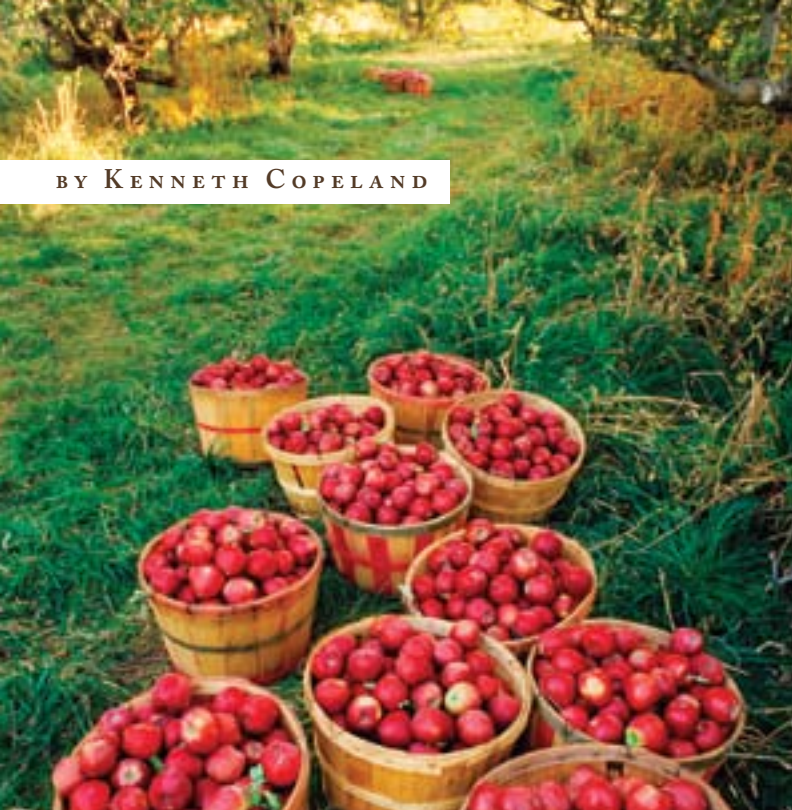
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Picture Yourself a Provider

RIGHT NOW, the devil is desperately working to get you to believe you're a victim of the recession. As the cash flow in the world's economy tightens and bankruptcies increase, he is pressuring you to see yourself as nothing more than *a consumer feeling the pinch*.

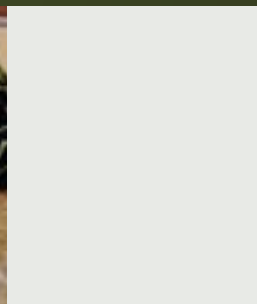
But if you're a born-again child of God, the Bible paints an entirely different picture of you. It says you're a victor not a victim. It says that because the Lord is your Shepherd, you shall not lack. According to the Bible, you're on earth to be more than a pinch-feeling consumer. You are here to be a provider.

That's right—*a provider!*

As the seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:29), you are God's representative on earth. You're BLESSED with the divine power not just to survive recessions (or depressions or any other financial calamity), but to stop them. You're an agent of God sent to take prosperity everywhere you go.

No longer a helpless member of the fallen human race, as a believer you've been re-created in the image of God. You're a member of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ; and the Church—not the government or the banking system—should be the answer to the economic problems the world is facing.

That's been God's plan all along. Ever since the Garden of Eden, He has BLESSED His people and commissioned them to be the benefactors of the earth.



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When He BLESSED Adam and Eve, He told them to fill the entire planet with the goodness of Eden. When He BLESSED Abraham and his seed, He did it so that through them “all families of the earth” would be blessed (Genesis 12:3). Now that the Church has inherited THE BLESSING, God intends to carry out that plan through us. He intends us to be the source of His BLESSING to all people—not just spiritually, but financially as well.

Granted, the Church as a whole hasn’t cooperated very well with Him thus far. For a long time, we let the devil sell us the lie that Christians are supposed to be poor. But those days are gone forever.

The Word has gotten out: *Through THE BLESSING of Abraham that is ours in Christ Jesus, God has made His people rich!*

I found that out more than 40 years ago and started preaching it to anyone who would listen. At first, most people thought I was either a lunatic or a heretic. Maybe it bothered them that while I was preaching prosperity, I was wearing a suit that had been altered so many times it had one big pocket in the back. It didn’t bother me, though. No matter what I looked like on the outside, I was rich on the inside and I knew that before long it would start showing.

Sure enough, it did. As Gloria and I kept tithing and giving out of the little bit we had, all the while believing God would multiply it back to us so we could give more, our financial situation began to change. Debts got paid off. Income increased. Eventually, instead of looking like part of the problem, we started looking so much like part of the solution that one day the bank called us wanting to borrow some money.

That’s the way God meant for things to be.

Focus on the Word, Not Your Bank Account

“But Brother Copeland, I’m not like you!” you might say, “I’m not called to be a provider.”

Sure you are.

If you have given your life to Jesus, you are the seed of Abraham just like I am. You’re as much his heir as any covenant child of God who has ever walked the face of the earth. In fact, you’re as much Abraham’s seed as Isaac himself was. You have the very same BLESSING, and it will do for you what it did for him.

When famine hit the land where Isaac was living, he didn’t run around whining about the bad economy. He obeyed God, put faith in THE BLESSING and prospered right in the middle of the famine. He planted crops and dug wells that ended up providing not only for his own household but for the whole region.

“Yeah, but that’s Old Testament!”

If that bothers you, then go to the New Testament and look at Jesus. He operated the same way. He was always

providing for people. He was the most outlandish giver anyone has ever seen.

Get rid of the religious idea that Jesus lived in poverty when He was on earth. The only time He was poor was when He went to the Cross and gave up everything He had for our sakes. Until then, He was a very wealthy man. He had so much money flowing through His ministry, He needed a treasurer—poor people don’t need treasurers.

Jesus had such tremendous resources and such an outstanding reputation for giving to the poor that when Judas left the Last Supper to betray Him, the disciples assumed Jesus had sent him out to take care of someone’s financial need. Can you imagine that? Most of the time in church if someone gets up and leaves we figure they’re going to the restroom.

But that is about to change. In these last days, as we grow up into the image of Jesus that’s on the inside of us, we will get to the point where we’ll excuse ourselves from the church service or the dinner table not because nature is calling, but because the Spirit of God is calling. He’s telling us, *Go give some money to that person right now! Go meet this need! Go be My agent of provision!*

Every true Christian on the planet would like to be that kind of giver. But most can’t imagine how they could ever afford it because instead of focusing on God’s Word, they keep looking at their bank account. They add up the numbers and think, *I hardly have enough to take care of my own family much less someone else’s.*

That’s the attitude the first disciples had when Jesus told them to feed the multitude. They said, “Lord, all we have are a few loaves and fishes. That’s not enough to feed the 12 of us, much less 20,000 other people!”

Remember how Jesus responded? He didn’t agree with them. He didn’t say, “Oh, yeah! What was I thinking? You guys don’t have much, do you?”

No, He pointed to their seemingly meager supplies and said, “Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full” (Matthew 14:18-20).

For centuries, Christians have missed the biggest part of that miracle by assuming the loaves and fishes multiplied in Jesus’ hands. But if you pay attention to the Gospel accounts, you’ll see that’s not what happened. Jesus couldn’t possibly have handed His 12 disciples enough food to feed 20,000 people—it would have taken all day.

What Jesus did was *begin* the multiplication process. Then He handed the food to His disciples and it continued to multiply in their hands. The people had assembled themselves

in rows, so the disciples distributed the food by giving a portion to the person at the end of each row. He took some for himself and passed the rest to the next person.

Take some and pass it down. As the people did that, the food increased in their hands. THE BLESSING multiplied it until everyone had more than enough.

Can you see it? That's God's plan for the Church! It's why Jesus came to earth! He came to get the multiplication anointing back into our hands. He came to restore to us THE BLESSING of Abraham not only so our needs would be met but so that, by the power of that BLESSING, we could meet the needs around us until there are basket loads left over.

Get a New Perspective

"Brother Copeland, my finances are so tight I just can't see how I can do that!"

That's the problem. You can't see it...so you can't do it.

But the Word can change that. It has the power to help you see things in a whole new light. If you'll open your Bible and find out what it says about your finances; if you'll meditate on the promises of God, choose to believe them and say, "That's true. I agree with that," you *can* start seeing yourself like God does. You can picture yourself as the provider He created you to be.

I won't kid you. It won't happen overnight. Retraining yourself to think in line with the Word, instead of the way you were raised or what you've been around all your life, takes time. You'll have to turn off the news for a while to do it.

Especially in the current economic climate, secular media reports will just re-establish your old ways of thinking. They can only tell you what's already happened. They can't tell you things to come. Any projections they do conjure up are made totally apart from God. Stop looking at the picture the world is painting of you as a victim of recession, and start looking at the profile God has painted of you in His Word.

Spend some time in Psalm 112 and get an accurate news report for a change. Take a good, long look at how God sees you, as a believer. Agree with the profile He has provided of you that says: "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever" (verses 1-3).

Notice, those verses don't say anything about the seed of the righteous struggling to get by. They don't describe the people of God as weak—economically or any other way. They don't paint a portrait of the BLESSED man out on the street because of a foreclosure. They say he has a house and it's full of wealth. They say God's seed is mighty on the earth.

That's what we should be saying too! We shouldn't be

talking about how hard times are. We should be confessing, "I am the seed of the righteous and I am mighty on the earth! Wealth and riches are in my house!"

Be Smarter Than the "Experts"

If you need reassurance that God can make His people wealthy, even when the bottom drops out of the world's economy, read the next few verses. They let us know THE BLESSING keeps working even in the bleakest financial times.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. A good man showeth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies (verses 4-8).

Clearly, those scriptures were written for dark times like these. They were written for times when evil tidings and bad news are a daily affair.

That's what's happening financially right now. The people in charge of this world's economic system have gotten into a mess borrowing money, and now they're trying to fix it by borrowing more. That's the definition of insanity: to keep doing the same thing expecting different results. It isn't going to work. It can't work!

"But Brother Copeland, what do you think they should do?"

I think they should get a Bible. It has all the answers. It was written by the wealthiest people who've ever lived on the earth and it tells how they got that wealth. Anyone who chooses to ignore it—especially when they're in financial trouble—is downright foolish; and yet that's what the world's so-called "economic experts" are doing.

God has people all over the world who are smarter than those experts. One of them is a man I know only as Deacon Lewis. I met him in the mountains of Jamaica years ago when I was preaching some meetings there. As I recall, he had traveled all the way from Kingston to get to the services.

After one of the meetings, I spoke with him. I noticed he hadn't missed a single service and I was curious about it. "Did you come up here to the mountains just for these meetings?" I asked.

"Yes," he answered. "I quit my job so I could come."

"You quit your job?" I'd known people who were committed to coming to church before, but that beat all I'd ever seen.

"Yeah, I had to quit. But that's OK," he said. "I can take what I am learning from you about the Word and get a much better job."

Pass the Prosperity Test

People who don't know anything about THE BLESSING would think what Deacon Lewis did wasn't very smart. Babylon's financial experts would advise against it—especially in a place like Jamaica where good jobs are hard to come by. They'd say, "Forget the Bible study, man. You've got to earn a living!"

But the Word says something different. It says THE BLESSING of the Lord maketh rich and the man who delights in God's Word will guide his affairs with discretion. He'll end up in the light when everyone else is stumbling around in darkness.

Sure enough, that's what Deacon Lewis did. He went back home and got a much better job than he had before. He wrote a letter and told me about it—I wasn't surprised at all.

The Darker the World, the Brighter THE BLESSING

The darker the world's system gets, the brighter THE BLESSING system will shine. The bigger Babylon's problems become, the clearer it will be that God's people are the ones—the *only ones*—with the solution. When others are crying doom and gloom and looking for someone to bail them out, we'll be the ones bringing good news and extending a helping hand.

No matter what your bank balance looks like right now, if you'll dare to believe God's profile of you as a prosperous provider, there will come a time when people around you will say the same thing about you that God says in Psalm 112:9—"He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour."

If you'll imprint Psalm 112 on your imagination and see yourself in the light of it, when others are cutting back on their giving because of the economic crunch, you'll be giving more than ever before. While the world is hanging on to every dollar it can get, you'll be dispersing. You'll be jumping up from the dinner table to go meet someone's need.

The devil, of course, will hate it. "The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish" (verse 10). But so what? Anything he does to stop you will roll off you like water off a duck.

No matter what he does, you and all the rest of this BLESSED bunch will keep multiplying and providing in ever-greater ways. We'll keep getting richer and richer because, as the seed of Abraham, it's not the economy, it's not our jobs, or our sweat and toil that bring us wealth; it's "THE BLESSING of the Lord, [that] maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22).

Now more than ever, we—as God's agents on the earth—need to believe that. For the sake of God's plan and for the sake of a world that is in desperate need of THE BLESSING that's on us, we *must* see ourselves like God does. We must act like 2 Corinthians 8:9 is true: "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."

Jesus became as poor as we were, for only one reason: to make us as rich as He is—not so we could be the consummate consumers, but so we, "having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). He did it so we could become the greatest providers this world has ever seen.

The very idea of wealth scares some Christians. They think having a lot of money is ungodly—but that's not what the Bible says.

God doesn't object to our having money. On the contrary, He "takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant" (Psalm 35:27, *The Amplified Bible*). What God doesn't want us to do is covet money. He doesn't want money to have us! He doesn't want us to love money and make it our god.

So He gave us a safeguard. He gave us, in His Word, a foundational instruction about prosperity that enables us to be wealthy and godly at the same time: "Seek (aim at and strive after) first of all [God's] kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33, AMP).

That is the foundation of biblical prosperity. It's based on God's way of doing and being right. It comes to those who operate in this earth according to His system of life, instead of the world's system.

The world's system has money for its god. It loves and seeks after money. But the kingdom of heaven has the Father for its God. And in His economy, you can't prosper supernaturally unless you give Him and His ways first place in your life.

Granted, there are times when godly people begin to prosper and then get off track. Those people pass the poverty test, but fail the prosperity test. They start out seeking first God's kingdom. But when they begin to experience the financial blessings of that kingdom, they become overly preoccupied with the things that have been added to them. Their hearts begin to grow cold toward God because they don't continue to give Him first place in their lives.

God doesn't want that to happen to His people. That's why He told the Israelites not to forget Him when they entered the Promised Land and started living in goodly houses and enjoying material abundance. "But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18, AMP).

So don't just release your faith to pass the poverty test. Pass the prosperity test as well!

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the Blessed Life



Pamela and Brian Lake,
and their children, Molly,
Melanie and Jordan.



THE MORNING SUN peeked over the horizon as Brian Lake

stepped outside his home in Pennsylvania. Perched on 20 acres of rolling hills and green trees, the dawn washed the landscape with colors so vivid it looked like God had just painted it. The sweeping vista allowed Brian to view parts of Maryland and West Virginia. Some days it seemed as though he could see all the way to eternity.

Brian lived a blessed life, and he never failed to be grateful for it. He walked the property drinking in the sights and sounds, remembering all the ways God had blessed him. In 1992, when he and Pamela married, they had bought the first 10 acres and moved into a double-wide mobile home. They had looked at the adjoining 10 acres and dreamed of building their dream home there. Of course everyone knew this prime real estate wasn't for sale—at any price. Still, Brian had asked on numerous occasions if he could buy it.

The owner said no, God said yes.

Brian and Pamela had walked the land, praying over it while they waited on God. In time the owner decided to sell, and had given Brian a fair price. Two years ago they had built the home of their dreams with enough room for a growing family.

Brian looked back at the house. He knew that soon 6-year-old Jordan and 4-year-old Molly would begin to stir. As much as he loved the rough-and-tumble life with small children, he also cherished his time alone with God. Some mornings, after prayer, he strolled across the property just to thank God for the mountain of blessings that had piled up in his life over the past 31 years.

Those blessings had begun when, as a 10-year-old boy, Brian had given his heart to Jesus. That same day, his uncle had presented him with a copy of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine. Young Brian had used his own money to buy his first teaching series by Kenneth Copeland. Thrilled by what he heard, he ordered more teaching tapes and listened to them day and night.

While other kids rocked out to the radio, Brian Lake's recreational soundtrack featured teachings about the difference between fear and faith. He played tapes at night while he slept. When he did his chores after school on his father's pig farm, he walked up and down the barns preaching the messages he'd heard to the pigs. He even prayed over the pigs and laid hands on them.

Brian's barnyard ministry may have looked like child's play, but God had a purpose for it. As the years passed, He revealed to Brian that the pork industry had serious potential. Watching the changes in the industry, Brian began to

think about potential innovations. As a teenager, he lay in bed at night pondering ideas that—if they worked—would change the market. After sorting through all the challenges and details, Brian started his own business at 19.

"The day my uncle led me to the Lord, he showed me a verse in the Bible that ruined me for ordinary life," Brian recalls. "It was Mark 9:23. Jesus was speaking and He said, 'All things are possible to him who believes.' Anything! Everything! All things! To me that meant there were no doors shut to me; no ceiling or walls to box me in. I could have anything in life—if I could only believe."

"I'd learned about seedtime and harvest at a young age and my company soon became one of the top 10 in the nation in my field. A great deal of my success stemmed from a \$500 seed I'd given anonymously when I was 21. I watched a chain reaction occur following that gift. I won a national award and was flown to Europe for two weeks."

During his European trip, Brian had been whisked away on guided tours of France, Germany and Belgium. He met with the minister of agriculture in each country. They rolled out the red carpet for him as though he were royalty. In France, he sat in the boardroom of a multimillion-dollar company fielding questions. When all was said and done, the company decided to expand their business to the U.S. and asked Brian to oversee it.

Back in Pennsylvania, Brian built a state-of-the-art facility and rented it to the French company. His phone and fax machine jangled with calls from European executives who wanted more of his time, more of his business savvy. His competitors ground their teeth in frustration because they'd spent years trying to win those European accounts. The most infuriating thing was that Brian was only 21 when he landed the French contract.

Now, 10 years later, Brian finished his morning stroll and marveled at the thought that his business had actually grown too large to work with the company from France. Settling into his office chair with a sigh of contentment, he thanked the Lord one more time. The business he started when he was 19 was on the cutting edge of the industry and was barreling toward a promising future.

The shrill ring of the telephone jolted him out of his reverie. Listening to the caller, the color drained from his face. The world slowed on its axis and he felt as though he'd been frozen in slow motion as he put the telephone back in its cradle.

The client who supplied the bulk of Brian's business was in financial trouble and had declared bankruptcy. Not only had Brian just lost the majority of his business, the client owed him thousands of dollars—money he would never see.

The Domino Effect

"I was stunned," Brian admits. "I'd been in business long enough to understand there was a domino effect—when one company toppled it knocked others down. Within a short time I realized that without a miracle we'd topple too. I knew I had to guard my heart and every word that came out of my mouth. Over the years others had gone into bankruptcy owing me money, and my response to them had always been the same. I knew what I had to do."

Brian paid a personal visit to the businessman who owed him thousands of dollars. What he had to say needed to be said face to face. Grasping the man's hand, Brian looked in his eyes and said, "I want you to know you don't owe me anything. Your debt is forgiven—it's wiped clean. I don't want you to give it another thought." The man sagged with relief.

Brian had no idea how long it would be until he felt that kind of relief over his own situation. For him, business failure was uncharted territory.

"With the foundation of faith I had established at a young age, my life had been so blessed I'd never experienced much adversity," he says. "Pamela and I prayed for new business to come quickly, but as weeks turned into months, the bills mounted and creditors hounded us. We knew we were in for the fight of our lives."

Brian and Pamela equipped themselves for the fight by posting scriptures all over the house. They put their Partner Letter from Brother Copeland on the refrigerator as a reminder they weren't alone. They prayed, they praised. They continued to tithe and give offerings in spite of intense financial pressure. They clung to God and listened to Brother Copeland teach. It seemed they needed tremendous amounts of scripture to get them through a single hour.

Joy Is Strength

As months passed, everyone advised them to declare bankruptcy to save their home from foreclosure. Tears streamed down Pamela's face as she put the children down for a nap and tiptoed out of the room.

"I couldn't quit crying," Pamela remembers. "I didn't want to lose our home but I had no peace about declaring bankruptcy. I loved staying home with my children, but I knew

I could find a job somewhere. I was more broken over Brian than anything else. He'd never worked for anyone except himself. I couldn't imagine what this was doing to him.

"My sorrow over the situation began taking a toll on me. I couldn't seem to pull my emotions together. Then the Lord reminded me of a decision Brian and I had made before we married. We understood that faith operates through love and nothing could derail faith as quickly as strife. We made a quality decision there would never be strife in our home—and we've never fought. That doesn't mean we always agree, but we both refuse to fight.

"Keeping strife out of our home was a choice. The Lord helped me see that joy was also a choice. I knew I had to make a quality decision to be joyful—no matter how I felt. Every time I caught myself weeping, I went to the mirror and made silly faces at myself until I laughed. Even though it was forced, the laughter felt good and the joy strengthened me."

The Secret Place

The single, most-important thing that had marked Brian's life for years was his intimacy with God. During those dark days, Brian realized it was the one thing no man could take from him. There was no court high enough or devil big enough to disrupt the manifest presence of God he experienced as he praised his way into the secret place of the Most High described in Psalm 91. With the storms blowing against their home and business, Brian and Pamela took refuge there and continued to do all they knew to do.

They kept walking in love with everyone. They kept tithing and giving. They continued meditating on the Word of God, living in joy and standing in faith.

Three months passed and nothing changed. Six months passed. Then nine months. For a full year they rejoiced in God and stood on the Word without declaring bankruptcy. Their breakthrough came with no fanfare and no hope in sight. Another company bought the one that had declared bankruptcy. Because Brian had extended mercy, never gotten angry or threatened to sue, when the previous owner was given his job back, he took his business back to Brian.

As suddenly as disaster had hit, relief had come. The phones rang with calls other than creditors. Business hummed and bills were paid. Life was good. Just like that. At home, the house resounded with the sounds of laughter. In time, God blessed them with another child, Melanie. Brian and Pamela started teaching their young children how to live by faith and hear the voice of God. "Kenneth Copeland taught me to live by faith," Brian says, "and it's my job to reproduce that."

Letting Go

As grateful as he was for the restoration of his business,

partnership

the place to grow your faith

Brian had known for years that for him business was not the endgame. Back when he was a boy preaching to pigs, the Lord had told him that one day he would be called into full-time ministry. In the meantime, Brian continued to believe in God's goodness and that He would prosper whatever he set his hand to.

In 2005, God activated Brian's boyhood call.

After decades of being involved in the day-to-day operation of his business, Brian found it hard to take his hands off the controls. "God instructed me to turn over the operations to someone else, and for a couple of years there was a transition that was strange," he says. "I started feeling spiritually sick. I no longer enjoyed running the business. Some days I couldn't stand it. The harder I worked, the more spiritually sick I felt. The tighter I held on to the business, the more I squeezed the life out of it. When I turned the operations over to someone else and let go, the business tripled."

Today, Brian's business ventures support him and his family. The ministry, which is a family endeavor, is financially self-sufficient. Brian, Pamela, Jordan, Molly and Melanie have traveled not only to churches across the U.S. but around the world. Jordan, now 15, operates in the gifts of words of knowledge, healings and miracles. When his hands get hot, he prays to release the fire of God. Molly, now 13, is meek and mild but operates in a strong healing anointing. Even Melanie, now 5, releases the power of God through her prayers.

While Brian preaches and prays for people, Pamela, who has a high degree of compassion, feels people's depression and anxiety. She spends time helping them connect with God.

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"Everything in my life is a result of the influence of KCM," Brian says. "I became a Partner April 16, 1985, when I was 14. I couldn't afford *not* to be a Partner because partnership released a canopy over me and opened doors. It marked my life. My ministry is also a Partner with KCM and it has prospered as I've given twice-sown seed. I want the same anointing on my ministry that's on my personal life. I know I wouldn't be in ministry today if not for the foundational teaching KCM imparted into my life."

For years, for each of his birthdays and Christmas, Brian asked for books or teaching series. In addition to his extensive library, he has not only read—but kept—every issue of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine since he was 14.

Following in their father's childhood footsteps, Jordan, Molly and Melanie Lake listen to the teachings of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland while they romp and play. At night, when Brian and Pamela peek into their bedrooms they hear the voice of Kenneth Copeland preaching the Word of God while they sleep. Their children not only have the same foundation of faith that Brian developed at a young age, they also lay hands on the sick and they recover. They have witnessed countless miracles, signs and wonders and they know without a doubt it is the hand of God at work.

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How do we prosper?

Many people are seeking the answer to this question. And 3 John 2 gives us crucial understanding of the subject. It says, "Beloved, I [pray] above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." | Notice when John said, "I pray above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health," he added the very telling phrase, "even as thy soul prospereth."

In other words, you will never be healthier or more prosperous than your soul.

Man is a spirit, he has a soul—which is the mind, the will and the emotions—and he lives in a body. Thus, you should be prospering in all three areas: *spiritually, mentally and physically*.

To prosper spiritually, you must be born again. When you accept Jesus as your Savior and make Him the Lord of your life, your spirit is reborn and brought into fellowship with the Father. This puts you in a position to receive from Him *all* the things promised in His Word.

To prosper in your soul, you must be able to *control* your mind, your will and your emotions. Prosperity of the mind comes when you use accumulated knowledge—controlling your mind instead of your mind controlling you.

Second Corinthians 10:5 says you are to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (or against the Word of God), bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. *You cannot control your mind completely without the Word of God being alive and operating inside you.*

You must control your will in the same way. God doesn't want a broken will that He can dominate. He wants your will whole and in submission to His will so the two of you can work together in unity. In Deuteronomy 30:19 God said, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life...." What a privilege! *The choice is yours!*

When a man's soul is prosperous, his will is in line with God's will. How can you get in line with God's will? You can't until you know what His Word says. His Word and His will are the same! *If you are in line with the Word of God, you are in line with the will of God.*

An emotionally prosperous person can control his emotions. Jesus had complete control over His emotions, yet

He wept at the tomb of Lazarus! His weeping didn't cause Him to join the grief-stricken throng. He continued to move in the Spirit. He put His priorities where they belonged and raised Lazarus from the dead. He showed emotions, but He was not moved or controlled by them.

The world's definition of *physical prosperity* (prosperity of the senses) includes gold, silver, financial favor or power, political favor or power, and social favor or power. The world's definition of *mental prosperity* (prosperity of the soul) is "knowing it all." Put these two ideas together and you have a person who can use his mind to get financial and political power. This is the world's total concept of prosperity. Wealth and power cannot answer every problem. Money makes a lousy god! It can't buy good health or prevent sickness and disease from taking over the human body. Yes, it can go toward buying it, but the world's system of healing just isn't good enough.

In the mental realm, a person can have all the facts in his head and not have the ability to use that knowledge to obtain the money or the health he needs.

You can be born again, even filled with the Holy Spirit, and still not be prosperous in your soul. What produces spiritual, mental and physical prosperity? What brings all these areas together?

The Word of God.

The Bible says in Hebrews 4:12 that the Word is alive, powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. It divides the soul and the spirit, the joints and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. *When you are walking in the Word of God, you will prosper and be in health.*

God's will is for us to be made whole—spirit, soul and body—and to stay that way until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Thessalonians 5:23). As you walk in the light of God's Word, you will become prosperous in every area of your life. **VICTORY**



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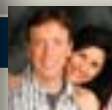
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THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET MICAH, GOD ASKED A QUESTION OF HIS PEOPLE WHO HAD LOST SIGHT OF THEIR IDENTITY AND PURPOSE IN HIM. | “NOW WHY DOST THOU CRY OUT ALOUD? IS THERE NO KING IN THEE?” (MICAH 4:9). | IF THE CHURCH WERE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION TODAY, I’M SURE WE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT ANSWER:

“Yes, there is a King in us—the King of kings and Lord of lords!” We know we’ve been made royalty as joint heirs with Jesus, and personally sent as ambassadors to bring the blessings of His heavenly kingdom to the whole earth.

So why, then, is the Church not making more of an impact on the world? Instead of living like we’re citizens of a kingdom

that has all the provision this world needs, why do we, in so many ways, manifest what King Solomon foresaw? “There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler: Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth” (Ecclesiastes 10:5-7).

The reason the Church has not yet manifested the fullness of her place and purpose in the world is found in God's Word through the prophet Isaiah:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it (Isaiah 55:8-11).

What we've lacked is not information about God, but kingdom perspective. We hear His words, but process them to mean something entirely different than what He is saying. Our programming is messed up. What we need is a download of kingdom thinking!

WHAT ARE WE THINKING?

This download of kingdom thinking begins with an understanding that we have been chosen with a kingdom purpose. Like Joseph, we've been chosen—from our families, our communities, our countries, even our planet—to be trained according to the ways of another kingdom and to come back manifesting The Blessing so men will not miss heaven.

Joseph was forced out of his family by brothers who were jealous of The Blessing of Abraham manifesting in his life. Yet Joseph refused to take his identity from being a slave and a prisoner. And he refused to hold anger against his brothers, or resentment against those who accused him unjustly.

Instead, he lived as an heir of the promise and assignment given to his great-grandfather that "in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 22:18). When the wisest men in Egypt ran out of answers, Joseph reached into the wisdom of a greater kingdom. As a result, he was raised to the second-highest position of authority in the land by a ruler who observed: "Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?" (Genesis 41:38).

God had deliberately planted Joseph in Egypt. When his brothers came seeking food during the famine, Joseph explained: "Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for *God did send me before you to preserve life*" (Genesis 45:5).

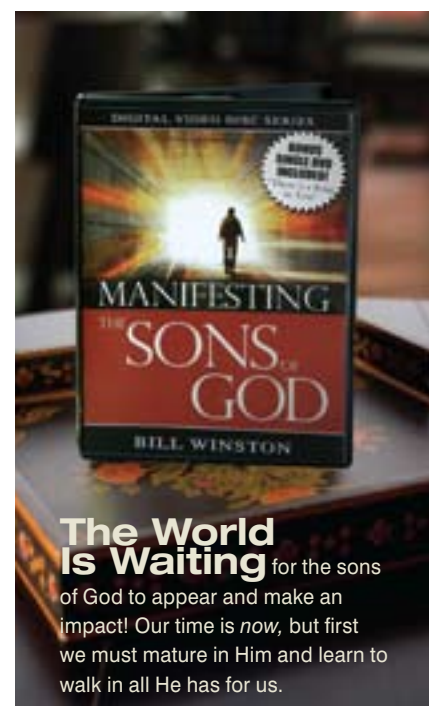
God purposefully trains and deliberately plants His people where His light, life and Blessing will be needed most. He raised up Esther to be chosen queen of a Persian king, for example, to prevent a massacre of her people (Esther 4:14). And, He created such a great display of His kingdom in preserving Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that Babylon's king declared: "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word.... There is no other God that can deliver after this sort" (Daniel 3:28-29).

Daniel's faithfulness to God and deliverance in the lions' den caused the Persian King Darius to write "unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end" (Daniel 6:25-26).

All were chosen, taken out and raised up to represent the kingdom of God before the kingdoms of this world.

God's assignment on *your* life is no less deliberate and purposeful. There *is* a King in you. As with Joseph, Esther, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the situation

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THE ADVANTAGE OF KINGDOM THINKING

As I began to hear these things and go through the Word looking at things from a kingdom perspective, everything shifted. I saw that once I got a kingdom mentality, I could go places I had never been able to go in my natural thinking. That's when our ministry absolutely took off.

Several years ago, God spoke to me and said, *I want you to buy that mall*. At first I thought that could *not* be Him. I couldn't hear because I didn't know of a church that owned a mall. Because I hadn't seen it, my mind kept rejecting it. But experience, whether your own or that of others, is not the final authority when you are learning to think kingdom thoughts. God kept speaking to me until we purchased a 33-acre mall and began to develop it according to His direction.

Later, He told me to start a school of business to educate kingdom thinkers in principles that would survive the failings of the world economy. Most recently, He instructed me to purchase a commercial bank.

The old way of thinking asks: "What does a church need with a bank?" That's the wrong question. The question should be: "What does the kingdom need with a bank?" In 2002, nearly \$120 billion came in to churches in the U.S. and made income for banks that did not have a kingdom purpose or vision. Imagine how many churches could be started and church buildings built debt free with the help of a bank that had a kingdom vision for the income off investments from those deposits!

The Church has not thought of all the ways God has to take the light of His kingdom into the darkest places—through people who will begin to think like He thinks.

CHOSEN, PREPARED AND PLANTED

Don't automatically reject the situation you are in right now because of the darkness that is in it. The best place for light is where it's dark—where you can go in and be the most effective. The kingdom is in you, and Jesus teaches, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

You and I are the mustard seed in Matthew 13:31-32, where Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is as if a man would plant a mustard seed in his field, and that seed would grow up, and be greater than all the herbs in the field.

God chose us to be brought out, trained up and sent back with the good news and demonstration of another kingdom. He transplants us into a field with His Anointing on our lives. Just as the sons of Israel in Babylonian captivity were observed to be 10 times more

excellent than all the other young men, The Blessing in us will cause us to rise up to take over the field we are in.

Not only has God chosen us, He has also equipped us. He has given us an advantage—revelation knowledge. Joseph was raised up because someone recognized: "This guy knows something I don't know." And Daniel was promoted because he had information no one else had.

Revelation knowledge is knowledge of what already exists. It's not advance knowledge of something that's *going to* happen. It's something that has already happened. God has given you the ability to see, by His Spirit, things that are not visible to the natural eye (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

Equipped as ambassadors of His kingdom, we go out into our various areas of influence—politics, media, medicine, education, government, sports—with His Anointing and giftings to be the people of influence in our fields. We go into those fields bringing resources such as love and righteousness that dismantle the hate, bribery and manipulation that are all they have known. And as we go, we find ourselves transforming things.

DISMANTLING A FAILED KINGDOM

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We are learning to think the way God thinks, representing a different mentality, with a different outlook, with a different moral standard, different principles, different culture and values. We are bringing in a brand-new kingdom.

Not only are we going to recover what was lost—we are going to dismantle the devil's system. The kingdom the enemy has set up seems powerful until it is confronted by kingdom-minded citizens—people who are in the kingdom of God. We've been sent to overthrow the kingdom of darkness and establish the authority of the kingdom of light.

Yes, there is a King in us! And we have been equipped and assigned to establish His kingdom—to take dominion. The Church didn't come to take sides. We're not here to coexist with the kingdom of darkness.

We're here to take it over! **VICTORY**

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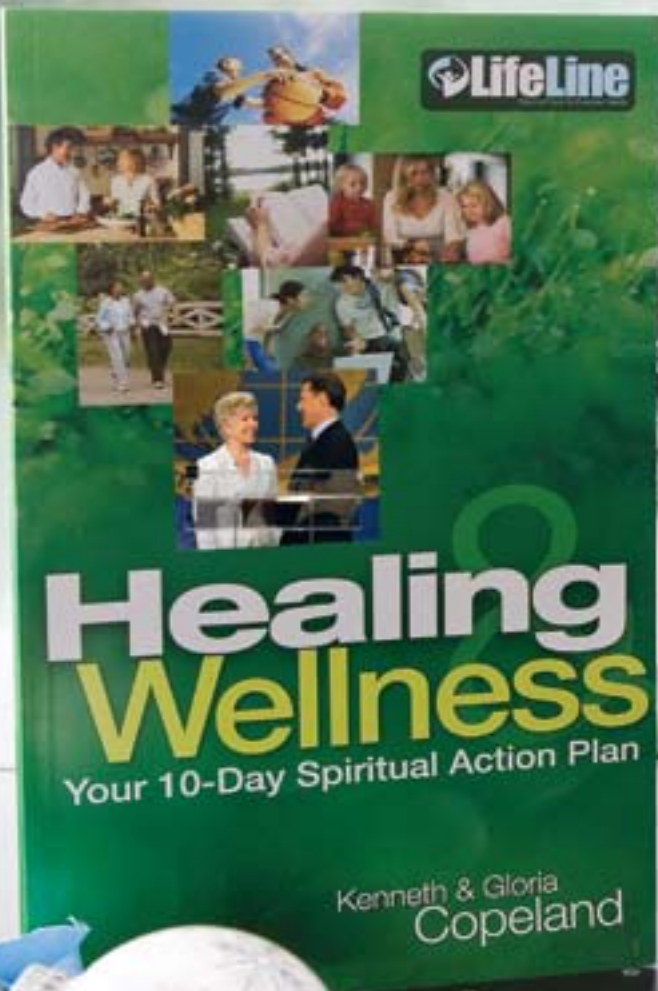
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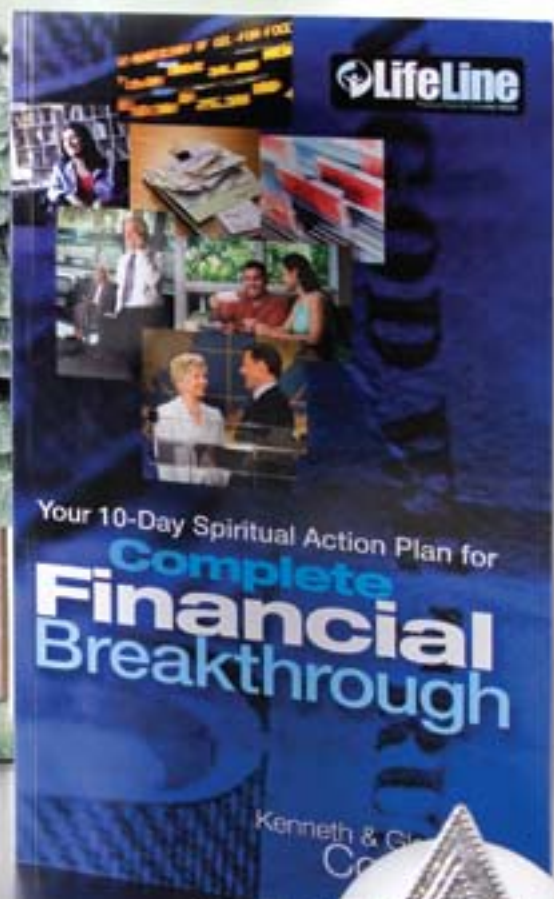
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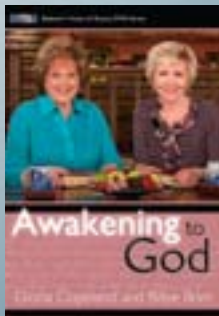


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Blessings From Partnership

I've been a Partner for about 17 months and incarcerated for 20 months. During this period of time I've been set for trial and rescheduled many times. I also became gravely ill and contracted contamination of the blood stream and bone marrow. I was pronounced dead, but by the grace of God, I survived.

When I made it back to the correctional center I received two Bibles from KCM. I want to thank you for them. The Bible has been a priceless treasure to me. At times in my life I went months without speaking to Jesus, but now I feel uncomfortable if I'm *not* speaking to God throughout the day. Through KCM I have developed a personal relationship with Christ Jesus and learned to be committed to the Lord.

J.W. :: Louisiana

Restoration From the Lord

Over the years we have been really inspired by your teachings. They have delivered us from sickness, poverty and debt. It is such a blessing to know you all at KCM really care about us.

Jesus has restored us over the last two years. I was shot in an attempted hijacking in 2007, but God restored me in *every area*. I am healed and well. I received a promotion at work, although I wasn't even qualified. We are debt free and living in THE BLESSING without measure!

S.D. :: South Africa

Prayers Avail Much

I received a letter from you thanking me for my contribution and telling me that you were praying for my marriage and the salvation of my family. That same day, when my husband came back from work, I noticed he was a different man—his attitude toward me was so different! I thank the Lord for that and for giving me the opportunity to meet your ministry. It's been such a blessing in my life and I will never stop declaring “Jesus Is Lord!” Thank you again for all your prayers and the blessings I have received through your ministry.

G.M. :: New York

Blessed Business

In 2005 I started a company after I got a dream from the Lord. I rehabilitate roads and I'm now the only one who is able to do this in Scandinavia, since we have such hard stones. We have also used your God-given principles in our youth ministry at church and our group has grown!

L.S. :: Norway

A Peaceful Place

My husband started viewing your TV program last year. He became a Partner and your ministry sent him all types of wonderful materials. And he has shared everything with me. One of the best things I ever read was your article in the *BVOV* magazine about THE BLESSING. This article and Gloria's book *God's Will Is Prosperity* have truly transformed how I now think and live. I thought there was no way you would bring us any better news, but I was wrong.

When we read the article “Put Out the Fire” it put everything in its right place. We have struggled for years financially and there were times we didn't understand why. We are good people who love God, our children, parents, pastors, etc., but we simply couldn't seem to get ahead. We realized we had been under a curse of strife. In the past I would have told you,

“No, that's not me you're talking about.” But God shined a light on that word in such a way that it couldn't be denied. Thank you for sharing what God has shared with you.

P.G. :: Georgia

The Power of Prayer

I was having problems with my left knee. I had been wrapping it, but since watching Gloria on the broadcast pray about healing, I have not had to wrap my knee. Thank you!

L.L. :: Nevada



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No High Like the Most High

This morning I was on fire with the Holy Ghost and praising the Lord after watching Gloria and Billye Brim on the *BVOV* broadcast. I have been delivered from marijuana, sexual immorality and cigarettes. I don't need pot anymore for my joy. The Holy Ghost is my high now, and He's better than any high out there! Thank God for you and for your obedience. I would not be who I am today in Christ if it weren't for the *BVOV* broadcast.

I love you all and I am thrilled to be your Partner.

Jody Lee Jensen :: La Vista, Neb.

Healthy and Whole

Last February while watching Dr. Don and Mary Colbert on the daily broadcasts, I made a quality decision to get healthy.



I got so excited and took notes so I could share with my husband the things I was learning. Between sugar, junk food, lack of exercise, etc., I realized everything I was doing was wrong! Dr. Colbert talked about other things that harm our bodies that we really can't control like pollution, fumes from exhausts and secondhand smoke. Well, there went the brakes! I'd been smoking for over 40 years, tried to quit many times and failed. I believed I could never quit.

After that I called your prayer line about a different matter and before I hung up the prayer minister was praying for me to be delivered from nicotine! All I could say was, "OK, Lord, I'm taking You at Your Word." I highlighted 1 Corinthians 10:13 in my Bible and stood on it. I knew in my heart that if I was serious about getting healthy, I would have to quit. The following week on the daily broadcast you had Keith Moore teaching how to resist temptations!

God told me He would give me new lungs if I didn't light up—and I didn't! Instead, I accepted His offer! My life has totally changed and it all started because of our partnership. Since I have stopped smoking the Lord has done a great work in me. I thank God every day for your faithfulness and obedience to Him.

Linda Lopez :: Michigan

Business Opportunities Abound

I asked you to stand with me in prayer as I believed God for a job fitting my skills. Just to let you know, a door opened and I have begun a temporary position and I'm truly grateful. More importantly, I believe the Lord has dropped a business idea in my heart which I've already begun pursuing! Thank you all at KCM for being a blessing.

D.A.D. :: England

Unexpected Provision

Praise the Lord—we had two "suddenlys" happen. I'm back to 40 hours a week at my job and someone bought us a set of four brand-new tires anonymously! Praise God!

W.K. :: Oregon

Possession Through Confession

I had been suffering from Bell's palsy for an entire month. I read in the *BVOV* magazine where Brother Copeland said to confess the Word in faith. So I did, confessing that by Jesus' stripes I am healed. During this time the Lord taught me how to be patient, too. I am now healed from Bell's palsy.

Jesus also blessed me with finances to pay my son's school fees. And my husband said that even in this time of recession, his company has given him a raise. And only to him! Praise the Lord! Jesus is my Healer and Provider.

M.L. :: Dubai

True Freedom

Ever since I received the *BVOV* magazine it has changed my life. I know I owe a lot to Kenneth and Gloria, because they have helped me change my life when I needed it most. I am ready to be released from prison soon and the most wonderful thing is I came in by myself, but now I am leaving with the Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless all the staff and prayer teams that work for KCM. I would not be reading and learning as much as I have if it was not for you guys. Thank you very much for caring and showing me what it really feels like to have God in my life.

J.E. :: Arizona

Successful and Victorious

I am so thankful to the Lord for enabling me and giving me the victory. I have successfully passed all the exams for my official veterinary license! It was three years of standing on His Word, putting my complete faith, trust and confidence in Him, and refusing to allow Satan to steal my victory. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

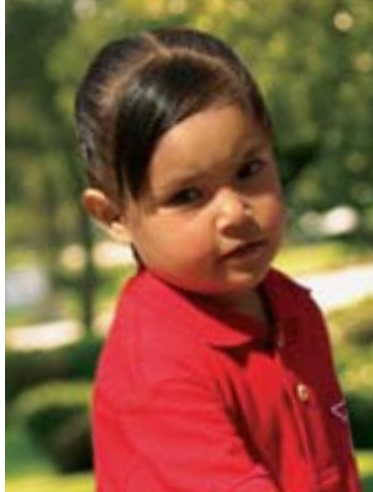
E.L.L. :: Canada

From Faith to Faith Brings Encouragement

I am a South African woman who is imprisoned in Brazil. I was given the *From Faith to Faith* devotional by someone. I have shared the daily reading with my roommate, who is also from South Africa, and with the other ladies here. My roommate was in a lot of stress. As I read out of the *From Faith to Faith*, God led me to read "Your Children Released From Captivity." It made her realize she needed to accept Jesus in her life. Praise God!

T.B. :: Brazil





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—Kenneth Copeland



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Making a Difference at El Mexicanito Orphanage

When young Veronica Banada and her eight brothers and sisters arrived at El Mexicanito Orphanage, they didn't know what to expect. Heartbroken from the tragic death of their parents, they only knew they wanted to be safe. Thankfully, they found more than safety; they found a loving, stable home where they could grow up *together*, as a family.

"I was able to live and grow with my family," says Veronica, now an adult. "[El Mexicanito Orphanage] is a place where one of their main concerns is to keep families united. It is a place where they teach life values. They teach you to love God. They teach you to share and love others."

Meeting the Needs

El Mexicanito Orphanage is located in Mexico City, the second largest city in the world and a vibrant metropolis that's home to more than 20 million residents. For many, it offers a multitude of opportunities. But for the 240,000 abandoned children who have been left to fend for themselves, the expanse of a city holds little comfort. Nearly 14,000 of those children live and work on the streets. That's the problem El Mexicanito Orphanage has worked to resolve for decades.

"Our mission is to embrace all the children who find themselves in desperate situations, whether they're orphans, homeless or living in risky circumstances," said El Mexicanito's director, Sister Rufina Avila.

The sisters, or ministers, at El Mexicanito receive children—such as the Banadas—into a safe, loving home. They love them, care for them, educate them, prepare them for life and teach them about the Lord.

Making Improvements

It's that commitment to the children's spiritual, emotional and physical well-being that drew Kenneth Copeland Ministries' attention and led to their partnership with the orphanage. Currently, 107 children call El Mexicanito home, and thanks to KCM and our Partners, their home just got a little nicer. Since joining with the orphanage, KCM has helped improve the orphanage's facilities by:

- Providing necessities like blankets, clothes and beds
- Renovating the boys' bathroom with new showers, bathroom stalls, tiled walls and plumbing fixtures
- Installing a new water-purification system in the kitchen to improve the quality of the drinking water

- Repairing the roof in the boys' building
- Painting the girls' bedrooms
- And restoring the main, gated entrance

"I get so excited about those little guys and [seeing] their bright, little faces," Brother Copeland said. "They're so thrilled about the new beds and the new sheets. But I'll tell you what: They were [just as] bright and pretty when they were sleeping on those old mattresses because those sisters [at the orphanage] have so much love and goodness and kindness."

Proud Partners

KCM is proud to partner with El Mexicanito Orphanage, and as a KCM Partner, you're right there with us—joining us, sowing with us and wrapping loving arms around each child. Second Corinthians 9:8-9 says, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.)" The work KCM and our Partners are doing at El Mexicanito is definitely "abounding" to "every good work."

"The Partners have made this what it is by their obedience to God," Brother Copeland explained. "Gloria and I believe God will do it anyway, but not on the same level, because [our Partners] are not only bringing their finances together, they're bringing their faith together, and that's what counts."

The Gift Goes On

As part of KCM's Twice-Sown Seed program, 10 percent of all the offerings KCM receives is sown into other outreaches, and El Mexicanito is one of those extensions. It's a partnership that will have a long life...and lifelong results.

"Our partnership with El Mexicanito is an ongoing thing," Brother Copeland said. "The Lord said, *I want you to become a good partner with them and get in there and be whatever you need to be, because Jesus is Lord in that orphanage around those kids.*"

So thank you, Partners, for giving, praying and standing in faith for the children and ministers at El Mexicanito Orphanage—and for all the other outreaches you help support through this ministry. Your gift truly does go on and on. It's just another way that, as we're here for you, you're reaching out to others! **VICTORY**



Living *in the* good days

Lately we've been hearing a lot of bad news about a lot of things. We may be hearing people talk about "the good old days," thinking if we could turn the clock back to another time in our lives or another era in history everything would be better. | When Ken hears people talking like that he always says, "There never have been any good old days since the Garden of Eden. *These* are the good old days!" | Yes, we are living in the good days—we live in good days of heaven on earth.

BY GLORIA COPELAND

You may be thinking, *Gloria, you haven't seen my checkbook. You don't know what I went through last night with my kids. All I see in my life right now is bad stuff. I don't know how to turn it around to good.*

Well, if that's the case, read on! God has plenty to say about good days. And I think you'll find reason to shout when you see you don't have to be moved by what you hear other people say...not the government, not the media, not your friends or relatives. We don't have to be shaken when we hear about the problems in our nation or anywhere else in the world.

The Body of Christ, as citizens of the kingdom of heaven, is governed by God Himself. In the kingdom of God, we're having good days. We're not having down days or sad days. We're not having broke days or unemployed days. We're blessed! God has supplied everything we need according to His

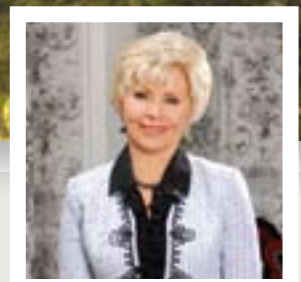
glorious riches found in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Trusting in God's Goodness

David gives us a foundation of God's will for our good life in Psalm 34:8-10, *New King James Version*: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing."

Pay attention, David says, and you will be able to find out just how good the Lord is! Stop focusing on the world. Quit paying attention to all the bad news and start focusing on the good news from God. That's your starting place!

Blessed is the man who trusts in (who has faith in) God. If our faith is in the world's system, then we are doomed to failure. The blessing is ours when



we trust in the One who is the source of all good. And, because we reverence Him and give Him first place in our lives, we will have everything we need. We shall not want (Psalm 23:1).

Now, Ken and I have known days of need in times past—surely not our “good old days.” But once we began to seek God, to trust Him and to put Him and His Word first place in our lives, our journey into the blessing of the true “good days” began.

We are living proof that trusting God, making Him a priority and diligently seeking Him are the first steps to living the life of goodness. He has proved Himself true and trustworthy in the big things and the little things. And, for us, the most glorious thing is He has allowed us to help thousands and thousands of our Partners and Friends all over the world get hold of the good life He gives.

They have made the change from being shaken and upset by the world’s “bad news” to being strengthened and upheld by heaven’s good news of His love and goodness that has come to us through Jesus. They have realized the world’s system has no hold on them and has no effect on their lives. That’s the beauty of the good life He’s made available to every one of us throughout all our days!

So, that’s our foundation! We can see God’s desire that we live in His goodness. We can trust Him for the good life. We can put Him first and expect our lives to be filled with His goodness. And we can set

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But there's more! This is the part that takes the blessing and goodness of God beyond ourselves and gets Him into our world and into the lives of the people who don't know Him.

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know
Jesus
as your Saviour 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.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please contact us and let us know of your decision. We have a free Salvation Package we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus! Simply write and ask for offer #K0602, tick the circle on the order form that comes with this magazine or call +44 (0)1225 787310.

Tapping In to the Goodness

You see, the good life God gives us is not just for ourselves and our situations. His goodness is for the world, and for each of us it is for our own "world." As we go about daily living in His goodness, we bring change to our surroundings... to the atmosphere, to people, to situations. We become a conduit for His goodness as it flows from Him right through us to our world.

We receive a whole lot when we take hold of the goodness of God. And receiving is wonderful. But, Jesus said something that has become a timeless adage..."It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Let's read on in Psalm 34: "Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart

from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (verses 12-14, *NKJV*).

That's the starting place for us individually. These verses clearly tell us that our receiving His goodness—our loving and living in the good days—is directly related to our relationships with people. Our receiving His goodness beyond measure is dependent on our interaction in the love of God with the rest of this world He loves so much.

Once we get the foundational truth in us that God desires to load His goodness into our lives, we can't go around continuing in our old way of life. We can't continue to treat people hatefully. We can't continue to lie and cheat and steal from them, or stay at war with them.

Receiving His goodness is through faith, just like everything else we receive from God. We see and hear God's Word and we get it into our hearts. We focus on what comes out of our mouths regarding His goodness and we stop speaking evil and deceitful things. We stop talking bad news!

So, who doesn't desire life and long, good days? We all do! Remember what Paul said in Romans 2:4, "...the goodness of God leads you to repentance" (*NKJV*). When we "taste and see" the goodness of the Lord, how could we want to continue in our old ways?

His goodness leads us to see things and people differently. Even in the midst of trouble we have peace.

Our faith in His ultimate goodness will be evident during trouble. And it will be evident to those who are watching us. When they hear and see us draw on the goodness of God, they will see God work in our lives.

God's Goodness in Troubled Times

When we face times of trouble our faith is tested. Whatever is in our hearts comes out in full force when we're in the throes of a trial. Whether it is financial trouble, family conflict, unemployment or health issues, when we tap in to

the goodness of God, we can come through trials to a much better place...if we believe we can!

Let's continue in Psalm 34: "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (verses 17-19, *NKJV*).

David says, *Cry out—the Lord will deliver you!* Why is He so willing to deliver us? David has already told us—because He is good!

And He has qualified us as *the righteous*! We are *the righteous* because, and only because, Jesus made us righteous. When we humbled ourselves and came to the realization we needed a Savior and accepted Jesus as our Savior, we were born again *righteous*. Right then and there, whenever that moment was for each of us, we were saved from all our afflictions—and we continue to be saved from them all!

God has saved us because He is good!

David knew what he was talking about. He had trouble in his lifetime. Yet, his heart was set on one thing...God is good.

You can search the Psalms and find time and again where right in the middle of a terrible situation, David would cry to God and declare His goodness. Read his biography in the books of Samuel, Kings and the Chronicles and see how often David was in trouble and was delivered. He humbled himself before the Lord, and his heart's cry never wavered from his trust that God is good, no matter what the circumstances were.

Repeatedly David says, "God is good and His mercy endures forever!"

That's exactly what Ken and I declare in the face of every trial and affliction we come up against. We speak the promises of God that cover whatever the situation is—finances, health, family—and we speak those promises into the trial. And we declare the goodness of God in every area of our lives.

God's goodness has never failed us! And it won't fail you, either.

We don't have to beg and plead to our Father. We certainly don't have to worry and fret. We know His Word and have it in our hearts in abundance. We have been trusting and tapping in to the abundant goodness of God for so long that speaking it out is first nature to us.

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Faith

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Some years ago, in the midst of all the moves of the Spirit, God began to awaken people to the subject of faith. My first thought was, *Boy, here we go again. This is another wave.* People called it that. They called it the faith movement.

Some people still do. They talk about faith like it's a theological fad passing through the Christian community.

But I'll tell you something. After living the faith life for more than 40 years, I've become convinced that faith is not just a movement. It's not simply a spiritual phase sweeping through the Body of Christ. It's much more than that.

The awakening of faith we've seen over the past years has come as a result of the call of God. He is calling people from all denominations to move into a life of power. He is revealing to us a way to live victoriously—day in and day out, in good times and bad times. And isn't that what we want? Isn't that what we need?

He is teaching us that faith in His Word works, even when nothing else works. He is calling us to live by faith, not just temporarily, but as Ephesians 4:13 says, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge

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

If God is calling you to live a life of faith, and you've been tiptoeing around it... wondering if the movement thing is real or not...jump in now! Faith is not a movement. Faith is how God operates and lives...it's how He wants you to live.

Faith will open the door

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Ephesians 4:13

to the kingdom of God for you. And once you're in, it will keep you there—safe and healed and prosperous. Faith in the Word will keep you armed and dangerous to the devil. It will keep you free from sin and enable you to grow in the fruit of the spirit. It will enable you to please God. Faith is a permanent way of life for the people of God. It's a way that works when nothing else does. Faith is here to stay. VICTORY

These Are Good Days!

So, yes, we are in the midst of some pretty troubling times. Economies around the world are weak. Health epidemics threaten us. Wars and political upheaval continue. But, you know, throughout the history of the world there have been times like these again and again.

We can see that, as Ken says, there haven't been any "good old days" since the Garden of Eden. And when he says, "These are the good old days," we know it is true only because we live as citizens of the kingdom of God.

Because we are children of God, we live under a different system of laws. We live under higher laws. We live under the laws of abundance, not under the laws of recession or depression. Heaven is not suffering any depression!

We live under the good laws of blessing from our heavenly Father who "meets all of our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." We don't look to the world's system as our source, and we don't live according to its bad news. We live according to the good news—the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We know intimately the One who gives us good days. And we can influence our world as we receive all the goodness He has given and depend on His goodness to bring the solutions to our trouble. We can help people see the difference is in the heart. We can help them take hold of God by faith even as we demonstrate our own faith.

As we read in Psalm 34:12-13, one thing we can do is keep our tongue from speaking evil. Keeping our tongue from evil is only possible when we keep our hearts full of the truth of God's Word and His goodness, always being aware that we can bless people with our words.

I recently realized a common phrase we use every day is actually a blessing and a means of declaring goodness over people's lives. The word "goodbye" is a contraction for "God be with you." Did you know that? (I learned that from the dictionary.) Now I realize that every time we say "goodbye" to someone, we are declaring His goodness and presence in their lives whether they acknowledge it or not. That thrills me!

So, I believe we *are* living in the “good old days!” And we can proclaim our faith in that truth in all our ways. We can live according to the laws of our

Father’s kingdom every day. We are citizens of that kingdom. And I, for one, declare over your life today, “God’s goodness be with you!” **VICTORY**

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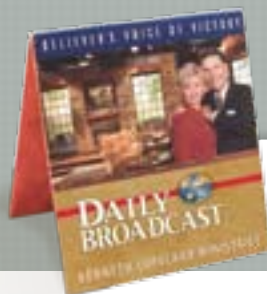
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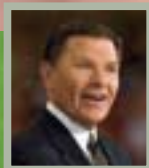
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