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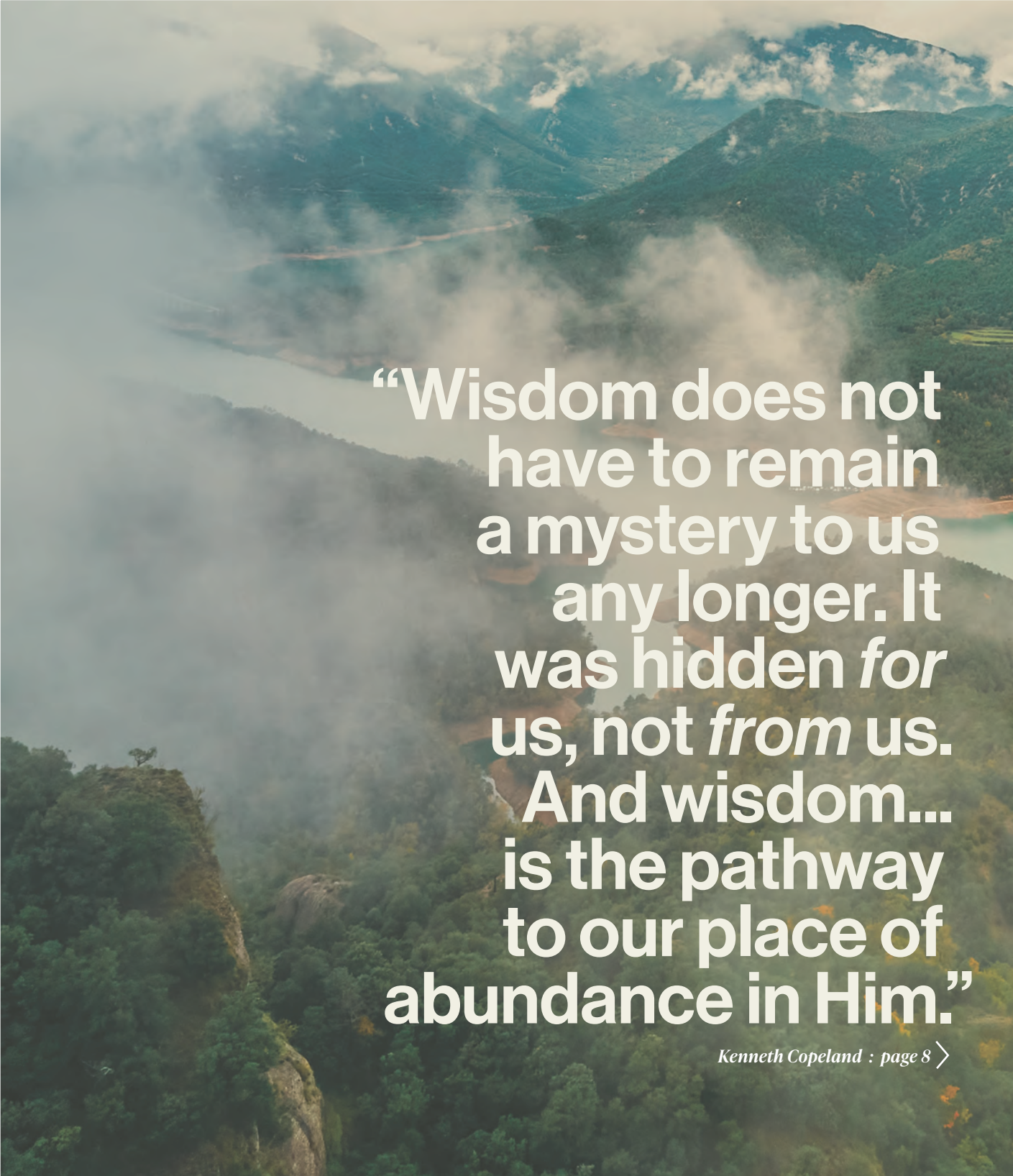
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From The Editor

YOU'RE HALFWAY THERE!

It's June, which means the year is nearly half over.

For some who have had a good year so far, that may be a good thing as they look excitedly toward what the next six months will bring. But what about those who haven't had such a good year? Or those who have failed at every turn and are ready to give up hope that anything good will happen?

Thinking on this reminded me of something a friend told me about an experience his sister, who lives in New York, once had.

For years, she had wanted to walk across the Brooklyn Bridge. For reference, the bridge, which extends across the East River and connects the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, is 1.13 miles long. At a leisurely pace, most people can cross the bridge in 20 to 30 minutes.

When she had walked halfway across, she began to get tired. Completing the last half suddenly seemed more difficult than she had imagined. At that point, she heard a voice say to her, "Turn back. You're never going to make it! Just go back. Don't even try to finish."

Almost immediately, she heard a second voice: "That's dumb! You're halfway there! The distance from where you are to where you began is the same distance from where you are to where you will finish. If you're going to

make a move, make the right move. Move forward!"

The words from that second voice gave her the strength and confidence she needed to continue her journey. Through God, she was able to make it to the other side of the bridge. She finished, and she finished strong!

What does that say to you, especially if you're still waiting to see your dreams for 2026 fulfilled? Are you going to give up, or do you have the faith to keep moving forward? If your dream wasn't fulfilled in the first half of this year, and if it's something God intends for you, then maybe it's waiting for you somewhere in the next six months. If you give up now, you'll never know.

June only marks the halfway point of this year. The year's not over. You still have six months left to pray, fast, believe and trust God for whatever it is you're desiring. Success is God's plan for you. But you can't reach success by going backward—by retreating. God wants us to always be continually moving forward—taking steps of faith that will cause us to win in life.

You're on a spiritual journey, and you didn't start it to quit halfway through.

Don't quit now. You're halfway there!



Ronald C. Jordan
Managing Editor



2026

YEAR OF THE

BIG *Fix*

Near the end of every year, Kenneth Copeland shares a word from the Lord for the coming year, setting spiritual direction for believers worldwide. Recent past declarations include: 2024—the Year of More and More and More and More!; and 2025: We will come alive!

If you've been following us throughout this year, then you may have already been walking in great excitement and expectation because of this year's word from the Lord. On Jan. 4, Kenneth Copeland shared the word of the Lord for 2026, and the message was unmistakable: 2026 is the Year of the "Big Fix."

This isn't a surface-level adjustment. This is God stepping in with restoration that extends from the global stage to the details of everyday life. What began with a visible reset in Venezuela is a picture of what God is doing among nations and among His people.

The Lord said He has seen the mess and is fixing it. His peace is being released, just as Jesus spoke to the storm and said, "Peace, be still." That same authority is still at work today, especially concerning Israel and the United States.

This word of the Lord isn't something believers observe from a distance. God invites us to participate. Through Jesus, we've been given authority and the power of attorney, all in the Name of Jesus, which is greater than any sickness, any lack, any anxiety, any depression or any debt. When we speak in faith, we partner with God as He performs a big fix in our lives, bringing His will into our homes, bodies, finances and communities.

Instead of temporary resolutions, this year calls for quality decisions—firm, faith-filled choices that don't waver. As Brother Copeland challenged believers, it's time to declare: "I'm a fixer!"

That begins by allowing the Holy Spirit to lovingly point out areas that need adjustment. Maybe it's health or time in the Word. Perhaps it's restoring relationships or reconnecting with the local church. The Big Fix often starts with small, obedient steps.

The plan has always been clear. Before anything else, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). He already laid out the blueprint for the Big Fix in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me...to bring Good News to the poor.... to proclaim that captives will be released... the blind will see...the oppressed will be set free" (*New Living Translation*).

The Word of the Lord produces abundance, liberty, healing and deliverance. As we stand firmly on the Name of Jesus, we can expect restoration, not someday, but now. God is fixing what's broken. He's restoring what was lost. And He's inviting believers to walk with Him through every step of the Big Fix.

2026 is not a year to fear. It's a year to believe, speak and see God's promises fulfilled. 🙏



If you'd like to watch the entire Jan. 4 service with Kenneth Copeland, scan the QR code or go to kcm.org/bigfixvideo



We're Here for You!

In the closing scenes of the 1993 movie *Schindler's List*, Oskar Schindler is shown saying farewell to the Jews he saved from certain death during the Holocaust of World War II. Understanding the gravity of his actions, Schindler looks at his shiny, luxurious automobile and some other possessions for a moment, then turns to Itzhak Stern, a key figure in his efforts to rescue the Jewish people from the Holocaust, and delivers a moving monologue expressing regret that he was not able to do more.

"I could have got more...I didn't do enough," Schindler says. "Why did I keep the car? Ten people right there.... This pin.... This is gold. Two people. He would have given me two more, at least one. One more person.... I could have got one more person, and I didn't. I didn't!"

Each month, throughout the pages of this magazine, as well as other social media platforms we utilize here at Kenneth Copeland Ministries, you will see the various ways your partnership with this ministry of God's Word is bringing another two, another 10, and in some cases even thousands of souls into the kingdom of God.

I cannot tell you how thankful my parents, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, the staff here at KCM, and I personally are for the faithfulness of Partners like you.

I believe we all can see the Lord must be

coming very soon. And you, just like me, are probably wondering: *What can I do to help get five more into the kingdom of God?*

Mom and Dad have the same kind of urgency. They have ever since they founded this ministry nearly 60 years ago. It's not just about getting the Word out, but about helping every Partner do his or her part because the end is so near. They know they can't do it alone. The answer is for every Partner—every believer—to walk in the fullness of his or her calling.

That's exactly what partnership is about. It's a covenant.

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There are things God wants accomplished in this earth through KCM that Mom and Dad cannot do without you and me. And there are things God wants us, as Partners, to do that we cannot do without Mom and Dad—without being Partners in the anointing and sharing the grace for ministry that is on their lives.

I believe we all desire to do our part. We desire to prosper in every area of life so others will see and desire the healing, the peace and the victory we have. We desire to grow financially so we can support the fivefold ministry in these last days. We desire to lay hands on the sick and see them recover, to minister the reality and power of God's Word to those around us every day.

We're in a spiritual war. The time is short and we need to bring everybody we possibly can into the family of God. To do that, each of us must do his or her part.

I encourage you to take the KCM ministry tools that have changed your life and give them to someone else who needs that same encouragement. Use them to introduce as many people as possible to the message of all the rights and privileges that are theirs as believers. Boost the hope of a friend or neighbor by introducing them to this magazine; the Victory Channel, our 24/7 Christian network; the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast; our

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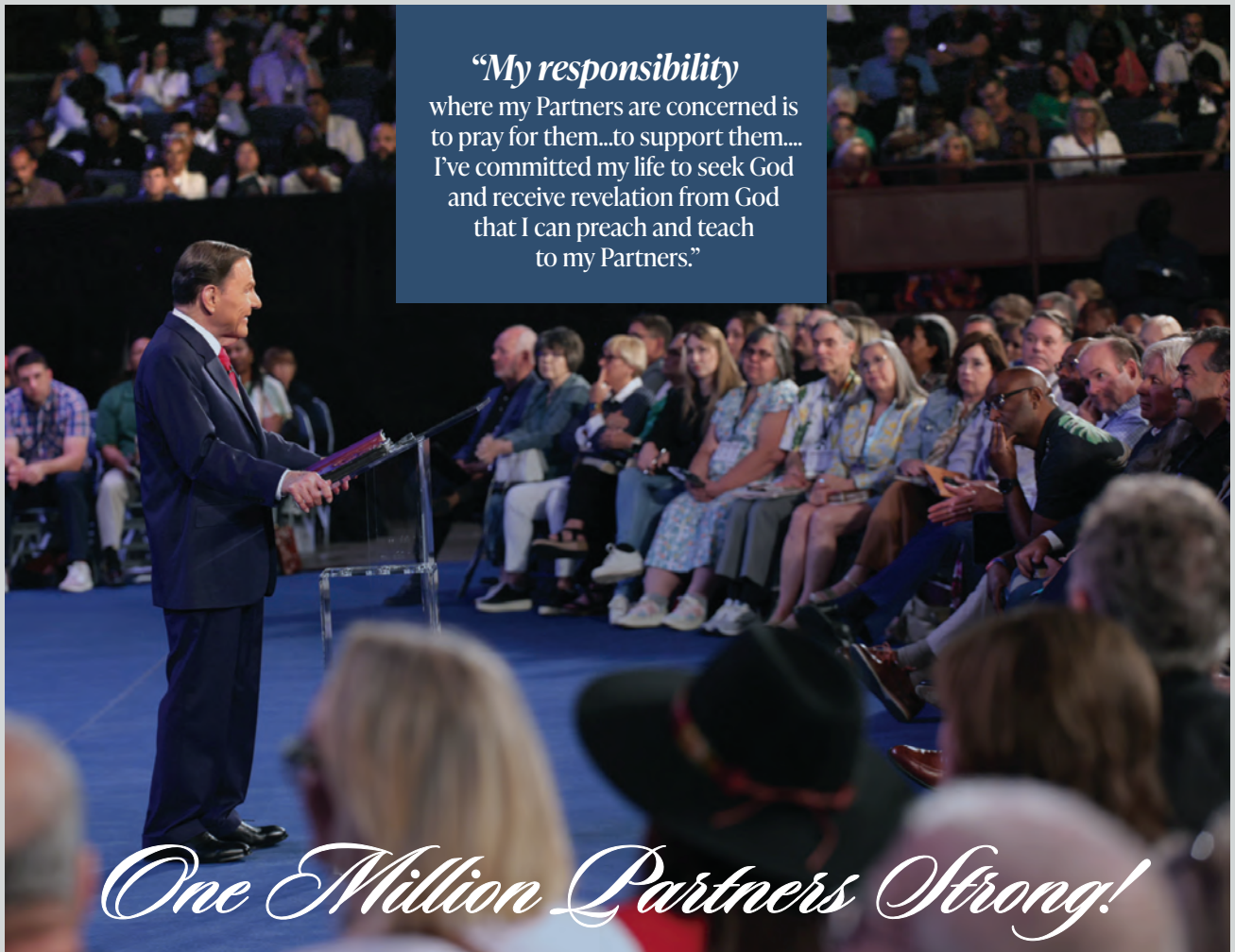
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by Kenneth Copeland



Discover the Mysteries

“Wisdom is far more than just having a lot of information stuffed in your head. It is the divine ability of God to correctly use the knowledge that you have.”

In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue...and discovered a wealthy place in God. He discovered the Americas.

What got him on the pathway to that place of abundance in God?

Wisdom. God's wisdom.

While schoolchildren can recite the courageous voyage of Christopher Columbus to the New World, there's a part of the story that most adults have probably never heard.

It wasn't until 1987 that the memoirs of Christopher Columbus had been translated into English and openly made known. That's because there were people who did not want the world to know all that he had to say.

It was Columbus who wrote:

“People have claimed that I was a navigator. But I knew little about navigation. I knew much about my God.”

In his memoirs, Columbus made it clear that it was God who put it in his heart to set out in search of the New World. But while the desire was strong, Columbus simply did not know what to do. So he sought God's wisdom.

During that time of seeking wisdom from God, the Holy Spirit led Columbus to Proverbs 8:27: “When he prepared the heavens, I [Wisdom] was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth.”

As Columbus read that verse, the Spirit of God said to him, *It cannot be a compass unless it is round.*

“The LORD Jesus Christ, in His wisdom,” Columbus later wrote, “showed me in His WORD that the world was round, and there was no way I could fail. I set sail based on that verse.”

God's wisdom had unlocked the door to the entire Western Hemisphere of the globe.

Insider Information

Wisdom is far more than just having a lot of information stuffed in your head. It is the divine



ability of God to correctly use the knowledge that you have.

Christopher Columbus had plenty of knowledge. Yet, he even admitted that he didn't know enough to find his way to the New World. He needed wisdom. He needed insight and understanding from God as to what to do with what he did know.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:6-8:

We speak wisdom among them that are perfect [or mature]: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The wisdom of God is hidden. It is a mystery. But it's not just a mystery to a lot of unsuspecting humans—including Christians.

No. God's wisdom is also hidden from all angelic beings—good or bad.

As programmed spiritual beings, angels and demonic spirits (meaning, satan and his bunch) do not have the equipment necessary to process wisdom.

That would be like a computer waking up one morning and saying, “I'm tired of keeping track of this company's inventory. I don't want to know about car parts anymore. I want to know all there is to know about basketball.”

That will never happen unless someone reprograms the computer with basketball data.

In the same way, God designed angels to serve Him and us (Psalm 103:20-21). Consequently, they can only lay hold of God's wisdom after you

and I manifest it in this natural realm. They either receive it directly from God, or indirectly from us.

So, while God's wisdom remains a mystery to these angelic beings, it is available to us. In fact, God hid His wisdom *for* us before the foundation of the world, and He hid it for a very special purpose.

We just saw in 1 Corinthians 2:7 that God hid His wisdom "unto our glory."

Now, to many church people, *glory* means nothing more than, "Oh, yes, glory to God!" It has no real substance in their thinking.

Yet, it's interesting that the first time the word *glory* was used in the Bible, it was used to describe the wealth that Jacob had accumulated because of THE BLESSING of God on his life (Genesis 31:1). It's interesting because, in biblical study, there is what's called the law of first usage.

which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

The glory of God, like the wisdom of God, has been a mystery. In fact, in this passage, Paul was actually quoting what Isaiah had prophesied centuries earlier (see Isaiah 64:1-4).

Isaiah had caught a glimpse of this heavy, weighty goodness of God. And while he did not fully understand all he had seen of God's glory, he saw enough to know that nations would tremble in the presence of it.

Jeremiah expanded this revelation of God's glory when he prophesied: "It shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them [the children of God]: and they

"The word *glory* refers to the heavy, or weighty, things of God."

When a word is used for the first time in the Bible, its meaning in that first reference is carried over into every reference that follows. Even if the word is used in a different context, the original definition of the word remains with it to some degree.

In this case, the Hebrew word in Genesis 31 that we translate as *glory* literally means "super heavy." Jacob's wealth was described as "super heavy."

Have you ever heard someone called a "heavyweight"? It usually refers to someone who has a lot of money—and all the power that goes with it. Well, God is *the* Heavyweight. And in subsequent passages of Scripture, the word *glory* refers to the heavy, or weighty, things of God.

Me...a Heavyweight?

The Apostle Paul made the connection for us between the heavy, weighty things of God and the wisdom of God when he wrote: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things

shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it" (Jeremiah 33:9).

Even before the foundation of the world, God made man wealthy beyond his wildest dreams and imaginations. God had established a place of abundance for His people in Him. A place abundant in Love, joy, peace, health, wealth and so on (Psalm 66:12).

That's what Paul was talking about when he wrote:

For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live] (Ephesians 2:10, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

All this "good life" was made ready for us before the foundation of the world. Yet, today,

this wealthy place in God still remains a mystery to much of the Church. We have not known how to lay hold of the *super-heavy* goodness God set apart for us in this lifetime.

How do we get on that pathway to our abundant life in God?

Going back to 1 Corinthians 2, we find that Paul went on to say: “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received... the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God” (verses 11-12).

It is by the Spirit of God that we “know the things that are freely given to us of God.” Colossians 2:3 says that “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” are hidden in Christ. They are hidden in the Anointed One, and in His Anointing. That means those treasures are hidden inside us the moment we are born again.

The wisdom of the ages is only 18 inches below our head. It’s tucked deep within our inner man, in our born-again spirit. All we need to do is get it from our hearts to our heads.

Your Own Hidden Treasure

When Adam first sinned in the Garden of Eden, the glory of God left his spirit. The light and life of God were shut off from him. He was separated from God and took on the sin nature of the fallen angel satan, the once-anointed cherub, whose wisdom had also been corrupted (Ezekiel 28:17).

In the end, man lost contact with God’s wisdom.

As we saw earlier, however, God had already hidden His wisdom for our glory (1 Corinthians 2:7). He had hidden it in Jesus before the foundation of the world.

First Peter 1:20 says that God also ordained Jesus before the foundation of the world. What did He ordain Jesus to do? To make known “unto us *wisdom*, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30).

We were reconnected to God’s wisdom the moment we were born again. Like most believers, however, we have just not known how to tap into it.

That reminds me of my grandfather who was a farmer in the Texas panhandle, where farming was

tough because it was so dry and windy.

One day my grandfather’s oldest son, who had graduated from college and was involved in agriculture and worked for the state government of New Mexico, came home and told his dad that there was a massive underground river beneath their farm.

Well, when my grandfather decided to drill—out it came, water like they had never seen before. He ended up having one of the first irrigation wells in that area, and he started having bumper crops all the time. One year, he was the only farmer in the whole county who had a crop.

The point is, all those farmers had sat on a river of wealth for years, but they never tapped into it. They didn’t know it was there.

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God's wisdom—that mighty Holy Spirit river of knowledge that goes beyond all natural understanding—lies deep within us, and it is the pathway to our wealthy place in God. For the most part, however, it lies there untapped.

Solving the Mystery

The key to drawing the wisdom of God out of our hearts and into our heads is found in 1 Corinthians 14, where the Apostle Paul describes yet another mystery: "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries" (verse 2).

It's important to realize that this *mystery* Paul is talking about here—the mystery of speaking in tongues, or praying in the spirit—is directly tied to the mystery that we found in 1 Corinthians 2—the mystery of God's wisdom. They are the same mystery.

Yet, it is equally important to realize that the wisdom of God and speaking in unknown tongues do not have to remain a mystery to us. In 1 Corinthians 14:13-14, Paul tells us why: "Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful."

When we pray in tongues, we are not relying on our mind to pray. We're drawing those utterances out of our spirit, by the Holy Spirit. It's our spirit that does the praying. And as we've already seen, our spirit is where God hid His wisdom. So our spirit is in contact with all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

All that is to say: When we need the wisdom of God for any given situation, we can do what James 1:5 says to do—ask for it. We can pray, "Father, You said wisdom is the principal thing (Proverbs 4:7), so I'm asking You for it in this matter I'm facing. Holy Spirit, as I begin to pray, I believe You to give me utterance to speak the mysteries concerning this."

Now, based on what we just saw in

1 Corinthians 14:13-14, we're still not finished. We also need to pray as Paul instructed: "Father, as I pray out the mysteries over this matter, as I speak out Your wisdom about this matter in other tongues, I'm asking You for the interpretation of it, as well."

"Well, Brother Copeland, how do I know if I'm saying the right thing? How do I know I'm not just making something up?"

To begin with, *anything* having to do with prayer, or God, is a matter of Faith. We take God at His WORD. If He says to pray that you may interpret, then pray—and believe—that you will interpret and be fruitful in your understanding.

It is helpful, however, to know that an interpretation of what we pray out in the spirit may come to us as an inner knowing.

A *knowing* is simply when our spirit picks up on something spoken by the Holy Spirit and relays it to our mind, which is primarily how God talks to us anyway. Oftentimes, we just need to keep our spiritual ears tuned to what He's saying.

An interpretation of what we pray in the spirit can also come as an inner conviction about the right thing to do in a situation. Or, it may be something that we just blurt out of our mouths, without even thinking about it. We didn't think about it because it's not coming from the mind. It's by the Spirit to our spirit.

Also, I don't know how many times I've been in a meeting where someone was preaching, reading The WORD or ministering in music, and suddenly the answer to a situation just seemed to explode inside me. Well, that was the wisdom of God that I had been praying out and believing Him to reveal.

The bottom line is, wisdom does not have to remain a mystery to us any longer. It was hidden *for* us, not *from* us. And wisdom—God's wisdom—is the pathway to our place of abundance in Him.

So start building that bridge from your heart to your head today. Begin translating heavenly revelation into earthly instructions.

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From Inmate to Prison Chaplain

From the dark confines of a prison cell
to becoming a spiritual beacon for incarcerated men
across the state of Mississippi, Reggie Watts' journey is
nothing short of miraculous.

Once facing a life sentence with no hope of release, today he serves as the head chaplain over all the prisons in Mississippi, living proof of God's redemptive power.

Born into what he describes as a "Leave It to Beaver" family lifestyle, the New Orleans native compares his childhood to that of Wally and Beaver Cleaver, the teen and preteen brothers from the late '50s to early '60s TV sitcom by the same name. The youngest of four children, Watts says he was always sheltered and protected.

"I call it a 'Leave It to Beaver' lifestyle because we were pretty much considered middle class in an underclass neighborhood," Watts explained. "My dad had trash trucks and we worked at the mall. As kids, we were able to work and make money. I was privileged to be able to wear the latest fashions."

For all practical purposes, Watts had a loving home and good family support.

"Even though my parents didn't get beyond

eighth grade, they were determined none of their children would be undereducated," Watts says. "I have one sister and two brothers, and we all went to college."

No One To Blame but Himself

That's why Watts doesn't point to his family as the reason why, following high school, he fell headlong into a life of drug addiction, crime and subsequently, incarceration.

It was because of his own bad choices, Watts admits.

"I fell because I got away from what I was taught by my parents," he says. "During my last semester as a junior at Texas Southern University, I went to a frat party where I was introduced to cocaine. I didn't know what I was doing. It was just a moment. But I got hooked."

That "moment" would eventually become the gateway to years of addiction, financial ruin and criminal behavior for Watts. Trying to hide

his addiction from his family led to a web of lies, unpaid debts and a shrinking circle of friends that left him with nowhere to turn to help feed his habit.

“You tell so many lies and you borrow money from so many people and never pay them back that eventually, you run out of friends and your circle gets smaller and smaller,” Watts said.

When that happened, Watts turned to crime.

“I started stealing to support my addiction, which led to jail,” he said.

His first arrest came in 1990 in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Initially arrested for robbery, the charge was reduced to assault. Watts received credit for time served and was released. But the cycle had just begun. Upon his release, Watts left prison armed with a new strategy. Instead of continuing to use drugs, he would sell them.

“That lasted maybe a week,” he said, “then I was back to using the drugs, as well as selling them.”

Over the next several years, Watts cycled through county jails and state prisons across Mississippi and Louisiana until, in 1996, his offenses landed him a life sentence.

“At first they gave me 25 years,” Watts said,

“but then vacated the 25 years and resentenced me to life under the habitual offender law. No probation. No parole. No suspension of sentence. It was a LIFE sentence! In other words, I was to die in the Louisiana State Penitentiary.”

That may have been the state’s plan for Watts, but God had something else in store.

A Bible, and a Turning Point

In every prison cell there is a Bible, Watts explained. Not every inmate chooses to read theirs, but after a while Watts decided he would read his. Picking up his Bible one day, it fell open to the book of Romans. Watts’ eyes fell on verses 18 and 19 in Chapter 7, which read: “And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t” (*New Living Translation*).

Watts read the verses. Then he read them again.

“I always wanted to please my parents,” Watts said. “I always wanted to do what was right. But I kept going back to doing the drugs and stealing, and all the stuff that comes with it. That moment sparked a spiritual awakening in me. That’s when I broke down. I told God He was right and I was wrong, and that I needed His help.”

That moment did something else; it started Watts on a journey of pursuing God. Before long, he became deeply involved in the spiritual activities inside the prison. Eventually, he became a spiritual leader among the inmates—mentoring others, as well as preaching.

Watts also had a chance

“Mike Barber gave me structure and faith; Kenneth Copeland taught me about consistency and faithfulness. Every time I heard him preach, he gave me scripture to back up what he said.”



Mike Barber ministers to an inmate from outside his cell at Mississippi State Penitentiary in 2025.

meeting with Kenneth Copeland, who had come to the Angola prison unit to minister to the inmates. Soon after, Watts began listening to the teachings of both Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

Watts also got connected with Mike Barber, a former NFL player-turned-prison minister who eventually became Watts' mentor and spiritual father.

"Mike Barber was my hero before I ever met him," Watts shared. "I used to watch him play for the Houston Oilers. Years later, through Mike Barber Ministries, he came into the same prison I was in and God used him to change my life. Mike taught me that the walk with God isn't about emotion, it's about discipline and obedience."

For 15 years, Barber visited regularly with Watts, mentoring him in the Scriptures and praying and

believing that Watts would one day be set free. That day came on Sept. 28, 2020, when, after being incarcerated for over two decades, Watts walked out of Angola State Penitentiary a free man after receiving a parole. Waiting for him at the gate was his friend Mike Barber, who gave Watts a job and a place to stay.

As Barber was driving Watts to his new home outside of prison, he received a phone call from the Mississippi Commissioner of Prisons. Word had spread that Watts had been released and the commissioner was trying to get in touch with Watts to offer him a job with the prison system.

"Within two hours, I went from having been in prison for 25 years to being asked to be a chaplain in Mississippi," Watts said. "It was amazing—the power of God not just to get me out of prison, but

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One such twice-sown seed recipient is Mike Barber Ministries in Houston, Texas, which, with a group of volunteers, goes into prisons and ministers until every inmate has heard about Jesus. Through its partnership with MBM, KCM is reaching greater numbers of people than any of us could ever reach on our own—people who might have no other way to hear the good news.

Over the years, KCM has worked hard to share the power of the blessed life to those behind bars—from supplying books and other resources for

to already have my purpose lined up the way that He knew I would accept it.”

Standing in the lobby at KCM’s Southwest Believers’ Convention last year, Watts reflected on his journey and how it has come full circle.

“I am directly indebted to Kenneth Copeland Ministries,” he said. “Mike Barber always told us, ‘My name is on those study papers we give y’all, but it’s Kenneth Copeland Ministries that allows me to come here.’”

Today, Watts serves as a reentry coordinator and prison ministry leader in Mississippi. He brings Christian-based rehabilitation programs, mentorships and worship services into prisons.

“I bring the gospel behind bars because that’s where God found me,” he says.

Watts also travels nationwide, speaking in

churches, schools and prisons—often partnering with ministries inspired by both Mike Barber and Kenneth Copeland. His goal is simple: to show others that redemption is possible, no matter how far they’ve fallen.

Since his release, Watts has remained closely connected with Mike Barber and Kenneth Copeland Ministries, whose teachings Watts says have helped him grow and mature spiritually and stabilize his new life of freedom.

“God used those men to rebuild my foundation,” says Watts. “Mike Barber gave me structure and faith; Kenneth Copeland taught me about consistency and faithfulness. Every time I heard him preach, he gave me scripture to back up what he said. That’s what I love about him—he’s grounded in the Word.” 📖



chaplains; to donating \$250,000 to construct a chapel for inmates in Texas; to partnering with others, like MBM. In 2025, KCM USA sent over 60,000 Bibles, *From Faith to Faith* devotionals, and other products to prison chaplains, free of charge, to be distributed to inmates. Also last year, KCM received an average of 574 letters a month from inmates, and added an average of 85 inmates monthly to our mailing list.

KCM’s prison ministry is just one more way we’re taking the saving message of Jesus around the world. It’s our way of letting people everywhere know that we’re here for you—no matter who you are, where you are or what you’ve done.

Your seed not only supports KCM and its worldwide ministry operations, but through partnership it also goes to help ministries in places like Africa, Canada, Australia, Haiti, Central and South America, Ukraine, Europe, and Mexico. It not only reaches behind prison walls, but it shares love with ‘at risk’ young women through Mercy Multiplied Ministries homes for girls; flies medical missionary teams to those in pain via Air Transport for Christ; provides relief to ministry Partners and residents

“You may not hold the office of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher. But if you’re in partnership with a minister who is doing the work of God, fighting alongside him or her through prayer or through giving, you’ll receive an eternal reward for every person who is born again, and every believer who is strengthened or healed or delivered as a result of that minister’s endeavors.”

—Kenneth Copeland

during disasters such as the recent floodings in the Hill Country and Central Texas; shouts out at evangelistic outreaches; teaches children about the Lord; and much, much more.

The bottom line is this: When you give to KCM, your gift is immediately and globally multiplied with the greatest of stewardship. So when we say thank you for your faithfulness, we’re not just speaking for ourselves. We’re also speaking on behalf of many other ministries around the world. Through Twice-Sown Seed, when Partners and Friends like you give to KCM, you’re literally changing the face of the earth! 📖

Testimonies of Real-Life VICTORY

Totally Free Indeed!

In 2008, I was charged with seven counts of bank robbery. After serving five years of my 30-year sentence, I was introduced to KCM. I had never heard the Word of Faith preached the way Brother Copeland taught the Word of God. The more I listened to him preach, the more the Word of God came alive in my life, and I was able to believe God for the impossible.

Once I learned about the spiritual law of sowing and reaping, and the power of tithing, my life really began to change from the inside

You Preserve Man and Beast

I want to thank Kenneth Copeland Ministries and the prayer ministers for praying with me. I called the prayer line and they prayed a prayer of agreement for healing for my dog. The prayer minister gave me Psalm 36:6 to stand on. I'm grateful to report that my dog is back to his old playful self! Thank You, Jesus! V.W. | California

Faith Comes by Hearing

I am 94 years old, and often share that I didn't grow up reading the Bible. The BVOV broadcasts became a major source of encouragement and helped me grow in my faith. The teachings and resources strengthened me spiritually, and I'm grateful for how they shaped my walk with God. L.B. | Ontario

out. I began to send my tithes and offerings to KCM, and the anointing that is on Brother Copeland and Gloria began to show up in every arena of my life. And my life has never been the same since then. To make a long story short, I was released from prison after only serving 17 years of that 30-year sentence.

Thank you, Brother Copeland, for everything. You and Gloria have become distant spiritual parents to me. R.S. | Ohio

For His Kingdom

I am a chaplain in a detention facility in Castle Rock, Colo., and wanted to let you know we appreciate you partnering with us in sharing God's Word with our inmates. Thanks to your Bible donations to our facility, we can put the transforming Word of God into their hands. As the Holy Spirit ministers in the lives of our inmates, lives are being changed. Through your ministry, many of our inmates have been introduced to God's Word and have their own copy to take with them when they leave our facility. For some, it is the first time they have had a Bible to call their own. Thanks for your continued commitment to ministering to those who are incarcerated. B.W. | Colorado

'Diligence To Change'

I have been blessed by BVOV for many years and absolutely love all the content presented. But I was so moved by John's total transparency on the broadcast when he shared openly and honestly the struggles he had with substance abuse and his deliverance.

I also loved how transparent he was about his relationship with his dad. As a parent in ministry, this truly witnessed to me. It was a blessing how Brother Copeland admitted that he had mistakenly put the ministry before the family, and his diligence to change. I love this family so much and I thank God for all of you. Most of us have no idea how difficult it is to live life with absolutely no privacy. Your family sacrificed your privacy so that we could have a closer walk with the Lord.

T.W. | Tennessee

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WHEN YOU'RE TEMPTED TO QUIT!

Everyone experiences failure. But I learned a long time ago, even in the midst of failure, *don't quit*. When you get knocked down, get right back up—every time! It's a lesson I've learned well. In fact, it's become the theme of my life.

Years ago, right after I started my ministry, a church invited me to preach at a ranch in Hot Springs, Ark. The members sat on lawn chairs in front of a makeshift platform so small the church's drummer had to sit on the ground beside it.

Nonetheless, I was so excited to have the opportunity to preach that I preached as hard as I could—everything from Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts and T.L. Osborn all rolled together. As I ran back and forth across that platform, fired up, I stepped too close to the edge and fell off the stage—right into the bass drum.

Can you imagine? There I was, the preacher, my bottom in the bass drum and my arms and legs sticking out! Everyone in the audience stood wide-eyed, looking to see where I had gone.

"Lord, what do I do?"

Get up quick, He said. Do a Micah 7:8: When I fall, I shall arise. Don't even mention the fall. Just get up, take up right where you left off, and act like this is the way you preach all the time.

I did just as He said. I didn't quit. I got up, stepped back on the platform and kept preaching. It turned out to be a great service.

Afterward, a lady approached me. "Brother Jerry, why did you fall off the platform?"

"It was an accident," I admitted, "but did you



see the getting up? That was quite a recovery!"

"Do you fall often?" she asked.

"No. Did you see the getting up?" I repeated.

"Is there something wrong with you?" she pressed. "Do you need prayer?"

"I don't want to talk about the fall," I said. "Did you see the getting up?"

Many people are like that woman. They spend their entire lives talking about the fall. They think God's teaching them something down there, but God doesn't want us to focus on the fall. He wants us to get back up and talk about the recovery.

The Art of Continuing

I understand the urge to quit. Quitting used to be a way of life for me. I'd get under pressure, and I'd look for the path of least resistance. It started when I was young. After high school, I planned to go into the automotive business like my dad, but my dad had other plans. He wanted me to go to college, so that's what I did.

Then two weeks before the first semester ended, I quit.

"Son, what are you doing home in the middle of the week?" my dad asked when I pulled up in my '57 Chevrolet.

"I quit," I said. "I want to work on cars. Can you give me a job?"

Two weeks later, in the fall of 1964, I received a draft letter for the war. Since I didn't want to go



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to Vietnam, I returned to college. During the day, I worked on cars. At night, I took classes. After Carolyn and I married, I decided that balancing everything was too much, so I quit college again.

I started doing paint and body work for my dad, who was now the body shop foreman at a Buick dealership. About six weeks later, I quit and started working for the Lincoln Mercury dealership. Two months later, I quit and changed jobs again.

Quitting became my lifestyle. If someone made me mad, I’d quit. If I believed I’d been wronged, I’d quit.

Thankfully, all that changed when I first heard Brother Copeland, dedicated my life to the Lord, and got into the Word of God. The first scripture I read was John 8:31-32: “If ye *continue* in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (emphasis mine).

That little word *continue* jumped out of my Bible and into my heart. The Lord said, *This is the missing ingredient in your life. You have always been a great starter, but you’ve never been a great finisher. And if you don’t develop the art of continuing, you will never be the minister I want*

you to be, the husband I want you to be, and the father I want you to be. You have to settle it once and for all that from this day forward, quitting is no longer an option in your life.

God turned a quitter into someone whose life's theme has become "Don't Quit." Forty-nine years later, quitting is still no longer an option.

Why People Quit

Proverbs 24:16 says, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." If the devil knocks you down seven times, then get up eight. That's how you beat him. Sadly, many in the Body of Christ give up too quickly. I believe they do so for one of three reasons.

The first reason is that they are not convinced that God will keep His Word. One day after reading Hebrews 11:1, which says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," I asked the Lord, "What is Your definition of faith? Give me something easy to relate to."

He said, *It is a deep conviction of the reality that it is impossible for Me to lie.*

Read what the Lord said to me again: *It is a deep conviction of the reality that it is impossible for Me to lie.*

That's faith! You can find confirmation of this in several other verses of Scripture, including Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Psalm 89:34; and Isaiah 40:8. If you're not deeply convicted that it's impossible for God to lie, then you'll always struggle with your faith. As Brother Copeland has said, when you get to the place where you believe God's Word as quickly as you would the word of your doctor, your lawyer or your best friend, then you won't struggle with your faith anymore.

Another reason people quit is because they're not willing to wait.

Believers who give up have never developed the force of patience in their lives. Hebrews 10:35-36 says, "Cast not away therefore your confidence [or your faith], which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." *The Message* says, "So don't throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It's still a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God's plan so you'll be there for the promised completion."

If you "stick it out" you will receive a promised

completion. That motivates me. It keeps me standing (Ephesians 6:13-14). It may take two days, or it may take 20 years, but there's a promised completion if you stand with faith and patience.

A third reason I believe people quit is because they don't spend enough time in fellowship with God and His Word. Acts 20:32 states, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

God and His Word are one and the same, and they're both able to build you up as you spend time with them. They'll make you strong and cause you to become established, which will turn you into a person who will never quit.

Become Established...and Flourish!

When you're tempted to quit, don't run from God, and don't run from His Word. Run to them! Once again, they're able to build you up; strengthen you; and cause you to become established, settled, secure, firm and immovable.

Become like the person described in Psalm 112:6-8: "Surely he shall not be moved for ever.... his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid."

When you become strong and established, you become someone who is able to receive everything God has promised. You'll be able to testify about another blessing that has come into your life, and another victory you have experienced. If you will not quit, then you'll flourish (Psalm 92:12).

Whenever you find someone abounding in the blessings of God, it's clear why—they're strong and established. Their faithfulness stands out. Don't get upset with them. Don't become envious or mad at them. Don't make ugly remarks about them. Instead, follow their example. What He's done for them, He'll do for you.

If you won't quit, and if you'll remain faithful, then get ready to flourish like never before. Get ready to abound in God's blessings. That's what happens to people who refuse to quit. 🍷

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As pastor of a large church in the state of Michigan, I can't just hop on a plane and leave town for a few days, as I often must do to minister in other cities—and leave my congregation in Detroit unattended.

I have to leave someone in charge.

Usually, that person is one of my assistant pastors. While I'm away, the assistant pastor stands in my place of authority over the church. They have the power to act in my stead. And with that authority I expect them to think like me, talk like me and act like me—because they are representing me.

It's no different for us as believers.

Just before Jesus left this earth and ascended into heaven, He empowered His disciples by telling them: “All *power* is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 28:18-19).

With those few words, Jesus transferred

every bit of His God-given authority to us. In doing so, He gave us the power to move heaven and earth, as well as hell itself. But the question is: How do we do it?

Beware of Loaded Guns

In Acts 19, we are told how the sons of a Jewish chief priest named Sceva traveled around trying to cast evil spirits out of people.

Then, one day, having heard of the results the Apostle Paul was getting in his ministry by using the Name of Jesus, these seven brothers decided to try his technique. Problem is, when they tried using Jesus' Name, it didn't work. It backfired on them.

Instead of running off a devil, a devil ran them off—but only after a good beating and the revealing question found in verse 15: “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?”

Though they said the *right* thing...used the *right* Name...and tapped into the *right* gospel... they had no understanding of the authority behind Jesus' Name. They had no idea what they were doing.

And that's where too many believers find themselves today when it comes to the authority they have in the Name of Jesus. To most Christians

the Name *Jesus* is simply a title. It carries no more weight and no more significance than if I were to tell them that my name is *Keith*.

Going back to when Jesus gathered His disciples together before He ascended into heaven, He told them this:

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover (Mark 16:15-18).

Notice the phrase, *In my name*.

We see this phrase throughout the New Testament. Here, the Greek word translated *name* is *onoma*. It means “authority.” It can also be translated as *character*, but let’s focus on its reference to *authority*.

Now certainly, there are times in the New Testament when the word *name* is used to refer simply to a person’s title—to distinguish one person from another. But more often, you will find the Greek word *onoma* used to emphasize the authority in that situation.

So, in Mark 16, Jesus was emphasizing “*In My Name* they shall cast out devils...*in My Name* they shall speak with new tongues...*in My Name* they shall take up serpents....”

In other words, to do all those things—cast out devils, speak with new tongues, not die from a snake bite, and more—you must understand the power that backs Jesus’ Name.

Jesus Came Highly Authorized

Jesus operated in the Word of God in four different levels of authority. He operated in Adam’s authority, Abraham’s authority, David’s authority and in the authority of the resurrected Son of God.

In recounting the creation of man, Genesis 1:26 explains that God gave authority over “the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

Psalms 8 says that God crowned man with glory and honor. That *glory* was the anointing. It was the

Spirit of God on man that was his “authorization” by God to rule over the whole earth, which included authority over all the parameters of the earth, all the elements of the earth.

That’s why Jesus could speak to the wind and the waves and they would obey Him. They had to obey. He had been given authority over it all through Adam. That was His first level of authority.

Later in the book of Genesis, we find that Jesus inherited a second level of authority when God made this promise to Abraham: “Because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies” (Genesis 22:16-17).

The Hebrew word translated as *possess* means “to occupy by driving out the previous tenant.”

In other words, Abraham’s “seed”—that is, Jesus—would drive out the devil and take back the

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authority Adam had lost in his rebellion to God.

Galatians 3:13-14 explains it like this: “Christ [the Anointed One] hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the *blessing of Abraham* might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Now let’s add to all of this Jesus’ third level of authority, which will actually result in His millennial reign. This third authority came as a promise from God to King David, and is found in 2 Samuel 7:12-13: “I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.”

As the Seed of David, Jesus will be the One sitting on that throne.

So that leaves Jesus’ Name carrying with it the authority of Adam, the authority of Abraham, and

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now the authority of David.

But there's one more level that remains.

The Final Blow

Jesus fulfilled the mandate that God gave Him. He preached the gospel, laid hands on the sick, cast out devils, fed the hungry, and so on. Acts 10:38 says Jesus "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil."

But His work didn't end there. Jesus' range of authority did not stop at just heaven and earth.

Once Jesus was crucified and buried, Satan thought it was all over. Not so.

We are told, had the devil and all his cohorts known what was about to happen, "they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:8).

Why?

Because the moment God raised Jesus out of the grave, He exalted Him and gave Him "a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth" (Philippians 2:9-10).

Adam only had authority in the earth. But here is Jesus with authority in three worlds now—authority over things in heaven, things in earth and things under the earth.

Today the Name *Jesus* is loaded with all the authority you could possibly want or need—with all of heaven standing by to back it.

What you and I need to do then is begin to meditate on all that authority. As we do, it will begin to build a confidence and faith like we've never known.

It's no longer a matter of do we have the faith to overcome cancer, or the faith to overcome debt or whatever.

No, it's a matter of us making some demands in Jesus' authority. It's a matter of us showing our circumstances who's in charge now.

Thank God, Jesus is in charge!

And now, we have the right to stand in His Name. 🙏

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It's not hard these days to figure out why the Bible tells believers not to be conformed to this world. All you have to do is look around and you can see: This world is messed up!

Sometimes I can hardly believe how messed up it actually is. I hear about the ungodly ways people are behaving and the ridiculous things they're coming up with to try to solve society's problems and I wonder, *What's wrong with them? Why would anyone think and act like that?*

Then, of course, I remember: *They're in the dark, that's why.*

“HE COMPLETELY
conquered THE DEVIL,
THE WORLD AND THE FLESH;
AND WHEN YOU PUT YOUR
FAITH IN HIM YOU INHERIT
His victory. YOU WERE
REBORN IN HIS IMAGE AND
UNITED WITH HIM, AND YOU
INSTANTLY BECAME *a victor*.”

Their minds have been blinded by the god of this world, the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4). Everything in this world system is under his dominion. What it accepts as truth comes from him, and he's the father of lies.

Talk about twisted! It's no wonder this world can't think straight. It's under the influence of the ultimate deceiver.

As a believer, however, you don't have to surrender to that influence. You don't have to live like the world does, in darkness under the devil's thumb. You can walk in the light and live on this earth as more than a conqueror. You can reign as a king in life through Jesus Christ.

“For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith” (1 John 5:4, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

“Well,” you might say, “I certainly haven't felt like much of a conqueror lately.”

Are you born of God?

If the answer is yes, then this verse is talking about you. You are victorious over the world!

The word *victorious* means “having conquered in battle or contest; having overcome an enemy or antagonist; conquering; vanquishing as a victorious general and victorious troops.” That's an accurate description of who you are as a believer. You're one of the victorious troops of your victorious General, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He completely conquered the devil, the world and the flesh; and when you put your faith in Him you inherit His victory. You were reborn in His image and united with Him, and you instantly became a victor. You may not have known right away how to walk in victory, but all the elements of it were born into you.

It's like when you were born physically; you were born to walk, but you didn't just immediately take off walking. You had to grow and learn to use the ability you were born with. In the same way, spiritually you were born an overcomer with God's victorious nature and dominion on the inside of you. To operate in that dominion, you must learn some things. You must spend time in the Word of God and learn to think like He does.

If you don't, you'll continue to think like the world...which means you'll keep talking and acting like the world...which means you'll keep getting the world's results. The world is under the curse, so everything it does results in corruption and destruction. That's not what your heavenly Father wants for you!

He redeemed you from the curse so you can walk far above it in THE BLESSING, and He's provided you with everything you need to do it. Not only has He multiplied His grace and peace to you, and to all of us, as believers, as 2 Peter 1 says: "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (verses 3-4).

Yielding to the Flesh Is Dangerous

The word *lust*, as it's used there, doesn't just refer to sexual temptation. It includes all the carnal drives, passions and desires of the flesh. Those things are dangerous. The devil uses them to pressure people into advancing his evil agenda for their lives, and when yielded to, they bring destruction.

We, as God's people, escape that destruction by bringing our souls and bodies into conformity with Him. We find out what His will is, put our faith in His power that's at work in us, and live accordingly. Instead of yielding to carnal drives and passions, we yield to our reborn spirit and put into operation the principle revealed in Galatians 5:16: "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

Not all Christians these days, however, have been taught to do this. On the contrary, they've been told that because New Covenant believers are not under the law, they can just do whatever their flesh wants. After all, indulging carnal passions and drives is just part of being human, so it's really no big deal.

But it is a big deal! According to James 1, when a person is "drawn away of his own lust, and

enticed.... when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (verses 14-15). In other words, even for the believer, sin is deadly.

Sin won't keep you out of heaven if you're truly born again, but it will shorten your time on earth. It will also rob you of the abundant life God intends for you to enjoy here. It will doom you to defeat and rob you of the victory that belongs to you in Christ.

What's more, living according to the flesh and yielding to sin is contrary to your identity as a believer. I'd even go so far as to say, it's hypocritical! A hypocrite is someone who pretends on the outside to be something he's not on the inside; and born-again believers aren't sinners on the inside. We're not inwardly like the world.

"Satan was stripped of all power and authority at Jesus' resurrection. He doesn't have anything left to use against us but his lies...we don't have to believe those lies. The god of this world isn't our God."

We live in this world, obviously, but Jesus said we aren't of the world any more than He is (John 17:16). We're of God. Our inner man has been created in His image, in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24).

How do we go about letting the man on the inside of us come out? Romans 12:1-2 gives the answer: "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

According to *W.E. Vine*, the renewal of the mind is the adjustment of the moral and spiritual vision and thinking to the mind of God. It's the change that takes place in your soul when you feed on His Word. The soul conforms to whatever information it's fed—and the information in God's Word is vastly different from the world's

information.

The world says, “Hey, do your own thing.” The Word says, “Do all to the honor and glory of God.” The world says, “If it feels good, do it.” The Word says, “Whether it feels good or not, if it’s sin don’t do it, because it will bring death.” The world says, “Go along with the crowd. Everybody’s doing this.” The Word says, “Be imitators of God as well-beloved children imitate their father.”

Feeding on God’s information renews your mind—and a renewed mind is amazing! It will reject the lies of the world as fast as a computer rejects data that’s contrary to its programming. Because it’s taught and trained by the Word of God, your renewed mind will cast off worldly ideas, habits and behaviors that have kept you in bondage; and open the door for you to experience true liberty.

As Jesus put it in John 8: “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (verses 31-32).

If you don’t continue in the Word, on the other hand, and your mind remains unrenewed, it will continually trip you up. When the Holy Spirit tries to help you by directing you to do things God’s way, your unrenewed mind will reject His direction. It will say, “I’m not going to do that. It doesn’t make any sense to me.”

Say, for example, you’re going through a time of financial lack. When the Holy Spirit tells you to sow seed during that time of lack by giving a big offering or blessing someone else who is in need, if your mind isn’t renewed, you’re likely to resist the Spirit’s leading. *I can’t give now!* you’ll think. *I’m running short as it is.* You won’t realize that giving is your answer, because he who sows generously will also reap generously (2 Corinthians 9:6).

Don’t Complicate Things

I’ve been renewing my mind with the Word of God for 55 years now and I can tell you—it works! It works victory. It works deliverance. It works when nothing else out there in the world is working. I can also tell you, though, that if you

want the Word to work for you, it must be your standard. You must agree with what it says and reject everything that contradicts it. You must decide, *I’m not going to change the Word to fit my lifestyle, I’m going to change my lifestyle to fit the Word.*

“But Gloria, don’t you think sometimes life is more complicated than that?”

No, I don’t. That’s one reason renewing my mind with God’s Word has always been so easy for me. I’m just simple. I believe God is smarter than I am. I don’t have to prove for myself by experience whether or not His Word is true. If He said it, it’s true. So, I don’t argue with Him. I simply put His thoughts into the computer of my mind, align my thinking with what He said, and bring my will into harmony with His.

The will is the part of the soul that turns thinking into action. It’s the part of you that decides whether you’re going to move toward God or away from Him. You got saved, for instance, as an act of your will. You heard the



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So, bottom line, the decision is yours. What do you want to do? Do you want to walk with God in victory, or to be overcome by the world?

Personally, I'm choosing to walk with God! I sampled what the world has to offer, before I got born again, and I didn't like it. I found out there was no peace or joy there; only distress, frustration and failure; desiring but never attaining.

When I got into the Word of God and learned to do things His way, however, I found out that in Him is everything good. I discovered that He sustains me, strengthens me, talks to me, teaches me, and as I renew my mind with His Word, He even *transforms* me, as He promises in Romans 12:2.

The Greek word translated *transform* in that verse is *metamorphoo*. It speaks of the kind of metamorphosis that transforms a caterpillar into a butterfly. That's the kind of change we, as believers, experience as we continue to

fellowship with the Lord in the Word and by His Spirit. As 2 Corinthians 3:18 puts it: "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass" (or "[in the Word of God]" as the *AMPC* says) "the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Think about that! Not only are we born as victors, we're transformed by God's Word and His Spirit from glory to glory! Our victory is so sewn up that the devil and all his legions can't take it away from us.

This is a one-sided deal, if you want to know the truth about it. Satan was stripped of all power and authority at Jesus' resurrection. He doesn't have anything left to use against us but his lies—and unlike the world, we don't have to believe those lies. The god of this world isn't our God.

We're born of the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth! He's wiped out all our sin, delivered us out of the kingdom of darkness, and translated us into His kingdom of light. He's re-created us in His own image in true righteousness and holiness, given us His written Word so we can renew our minds, and filled us with His own Holy Spirit. He didn't just send an angel to help us, He moved into us Himself. He came to live inside us so He could personally teach us and empower us with His own mighty power.

Satan doesn't stand a chance against you as a born-again believer! If he weren't so despicable, you might almost feel sorry for him. His only hope is that you don't find out what God's Word says or don't obey it, because once you do... there's nothing left for you but overcoming. There's nothing left for you but to go from glory to glory. There's nothing left for you but to be more than a conqueror because you were born for victory! 🏆

When you were born again you instantly became a victor. (1 Jn. 5:4)

You can be delivered from destruction by bringing your soul and body into conformity to God. (2 Pet. 1:4)

You live in this world, but you are not of the world any more than Jesus was. (John 17:16)

Your inner man has been re-created in the image of God. (Eph. 4:24)

The more you renew your mind with the Word, the more you will act on the outside like who you are on the inside. (Rom. 12:2)

KEY POINTS

Make a Splash!

Commander
Kellie's Corner

Superkids, Father's Day is this month. So, before we do anything else, let's take time out and honor our SUPERDADS!

I'll start. My dad, Kenneth Copeland, is a wonderful example of the Father to me! He has always been so good to me, being an example of all the fruit of the spirit we've talked about! Like my mom, he taught me to love God and, by example, showed me how to walk with Jesus.

I know that some kids don't have a close relationship with their dad. That can be hard, but think about the granddads, uncles and other godly men who have loved, led and encouraged you. We can all honor them, too. Also, there is One very special Dad who gave you everything He has! Our heavenly Father is Dad No. 1 to us all!

So now, Superkids, stop and thank the Lord for all your dad and father figures. Think about what makes them special. One fruit of the spirit especially shows up in all good dads: "The fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action" (Galatians 5:22, *The Passion Translation*).

There's a clue in that verse that makes it easy to see what sets kindness apart. Kindness has action to it and shows the INFUSION of the Spirit. Look at how it shows up in the FATHER. Romans 2:4, *New Living Translation*, says, "Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you?... Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"

Kindness is love that changes hearts. The Father's kindness turns us toward Him, then OUR kindness can help others turn toward Him too. This is the power that causes people to truly forgive! It's the infusion of Jesus Himself coming out of you that makes the difference.

Because He lives big (and EXTRAVAGANTLY) in you, that same kindness can flow through you to others. Your story with your dad (or a friend's story)

may be complicated. Yet, this mild-sounding word, this heart-melting infusion of LOVE in action, can change YOUR heart as you yield to the kindness already growing there.

This works toward everyone, even siblings, friends or enemies. You may never see the person you gave kind forgiveness to again, but God can use it to bring that person to repentance. The story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10 is a perfect example of the INFUSION KEY:

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
And a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior passed that way,
He looked up in the tree,
And He said, "Zacchaeus,
you come down,
For I'm going to your house today!"

Look for the Infusion Key. The clues are in the song. Was Zacchaeus tall or short? Why did he climb a tree? He wanted to SEE Jesus! What happens when we do that? We become like Him; infused with



KINDNESS. Since Zacchaeus had been a tax collector, most people saw him as a sinner, but Jesus saw him forgiven. Who would go home with a sinner?

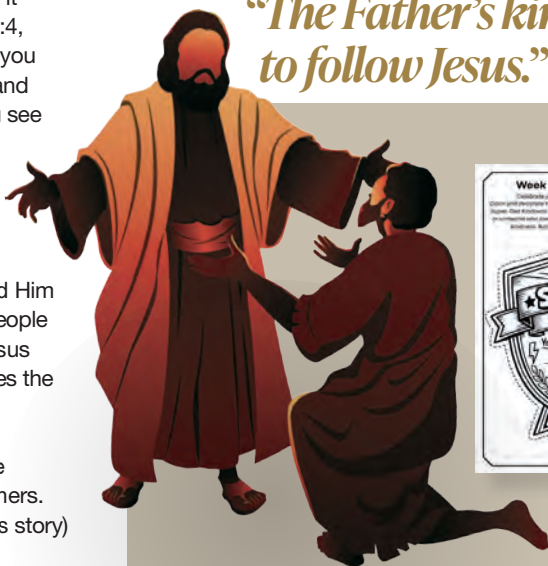
Jesus! Zacchaeus' heart melted! He said, "Half of all that I own I will give to the poor. And Lord, if I have cheated anyone, I promise to pay them back four times as much as I stole" (verse 8, *TPT*).

Zacchaeus was moved by Kindness Himself to pay back more! All because *he found himself face-to-face with Jesus*. That's what happens when we BEHOLD Jesus; everyone gets blessed! Kindness broke a hurtful cycle in Zacchaeus' life and it will change your life too, as you look to Jesus to live by the Spirit. Practice on those dads...and moms. Practice on the whole family this month!

I declare this over YOU, Superkid: "The Father's kindness leads your heart to follow Jesus, so you are infused with love in action! Your words heal, your actions help, and your life starts good ripples all around!"

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