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“Called to reach the World with the Word of Faith”

Being Covenant-Minded

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. [Hebrews 8:6](#)

Simply Believing God's Promises

Dear Friend and Partner,

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. [3 John 2](#)

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. [2 Corinthians 8:9](#)

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Christ 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. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. [Galatians 3:7,13,14,29](#)

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. [Romans 4:17-21](#)

Knowing Your Covenant

There are reasons why children of God do not live and enjoy prosperity. One reason is they don't realize they have a covenant with God. In that covenant are benefits and blessings, if a believer will obey God's Word and believe the Word by acting on God's promises. One way we can act on God's Word, or "do the Word" (**But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.** [James 1:22](#)) is by meditating on God's Word. God said in [Joshua 1:8](#), **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

A believer must contend for the faith (**Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.** [Jude 3](#)) and keep the faith ([1 Timothy 6:20,21](#)) until the promises of God's Word become a reality and revelation to them. One usually has to see themselves possessing the blessing before it manifests in their life. There may be some exceptions to this, but usually, one has to persuade themselves that God wants them to have whatever it is they need at the time in their life.

Abraham is known as the father of our faith ([Romans 4:11,16](#)),. He believed God for one of the greatest personal miracles that has ever been accomplished in the face and presence of all the evidence and circumstances that were speaking to him, saying, "You and your wife are too old to have a child."

Not only were Sarah and Abraham almost 100 years old, both of their bodies were dead in respect to reproduction. But that did not deter them from believing God's Word. They had to make a decision to either go the way of the world, or the way of the Word in the face of all contradictory circumstances. They chose to take their new names and to call those things that be not as though they were. By them speaking what God said, it caused faith to come alive . . . and not only that, but it caused their bodies to come alive!

What You Say is What You Will Get

Whether a person realizes it or not, what they say is eventually what they'll believe, and what they will say and believe is eventually what they will become (**For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them** Mark 11:23,24).

A person may think there is not much harm in making statements such as, "I can't afford to go," "That's just too expensive," "That's a waste of money," "That costs too much," "We'll never be able to afford that," "My problem is that I don't make enough money," "That's a rip-off," etc. Statements such as these sear your conscience and limit your faith from believing God for more. If God did not want us prosperous, there would be no prosperity scriptures in the Bible and there would be no promises in the Bible pertaining to prosperity whereby we could obtain it.

The Bible tells us what God has, what He can do, and what He's making available to the one who will believe His Word. When you open up a menu at a restaurant, you can tell what kind of restaurant it is. What's listed in that menu is what the restaurant offers its patrons. All of us, at one time or another, have ordered something on the menu that they were out of. They may have run out of the soup of the day, for instance. But the difference between what man can do and what God can do, and what man offers and what God offers, is that man is limited and God is unlimited; man runs short, and God never does. Man is a respecter of persons, and God isn't.

Become Fully Persuaded

As you read through the Bible, mark the promise verses. Memorize them and meditate on them until they get down in your

spiritman and until you are fully persuaded. Abraham became fully persuaded of what God promised: (**As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.** (Romans 4:17-21).

Religious Unbelief

When you hear believers say things pertaining to prosperity scriptures like: "It may not be God's will for me to be prosperous. 3 John 2 and 2 Corinthians 8:9 mean spiritual prosperity, God knows my needs, and He'll give me just what I need," they're telling you that they're not fully persuaded in the promises of God pertaining to prosperity, nor have they renewed their mind to God's Word:

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. Romans 12:2

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:21

Believers who say these statements are usually persuaded to their own beliefs, man's traditions, or their religious teachings, but they are not New Covenant-minded. They have not put the time in the Word that they need to in order to eradicate all the doubt and unbelief (**So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Romans 10:17). They don't realize that prosperity is from God, and poverty is from the devil. Poverty is a part of the curse that came because of sin upon mankind. (*Prov.*

If you listen to people talk, you get your answer right away why they're not living in abundance. They even make up excuses why someone else isn't prosperous. They'll say that someone else '...doesn't have any money, but they **love** the Lord. There's no one who's got more faith than they do. They're a good

Christian. What they're really saying is they base their beliefs on someone's experience more than they do the Word of God, so if brother or sister so-and-so isn't prosperous or isn't healed, it must not be God's time or God's will for them to be prosperous or healed.

All these excuses started somewhere after the book of Acts. Someone got prayed for and didn't get healed, and then someone prayed for money or a job and didn't get it, or someone said they believed God for *whatever* and didn't get *whatever*.

Out of all this, there sprang up a new religion in Christianity called, "**It Must Not Be Gods Will.**" It must not be God's will to always heal, God doesn't want everyone prosperous, God took their job, house, or car to teach them something. And, if you ever do pray for anything, always pray, **'If it be Thy will.'** So therefore, someone started a church and named it "**It Must Not Be The Will of God Church,**" and from then on they began to preach it must not be God's will, otherwise you'd have what you prayed for.

The religion of "**It Must Not Be God's Will**" was birthed out of failure and not out of victory. They started a "**We Didn't Get Healed**" religion and "**Why Have The Best When The Other Will Do?**" and, "**Why Spend That Much Money When There Are People Starving Around The World?**" It's like when Judas said, "**Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?**" (John 12:5)

There's no end to the damage this kind of belief causes the body of Christ. Because, once a person starts down the road of *'if it's God's will'* on everything, it's like a snowball rolling down a hill and gaining momentum. Eventually, it will lead into *'God doesn't want every believer filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues,' 'Not everybody has to be born again and saved to get into heaven,' 'You're ok just as long as you believe God exists,'* and on and on and on come the compromises of God's Word. **You either believe that the Bible is God's Word, and He meant what He said and said what He meant, or you don't.**

And, when you tell people that 3 John 2 and John 10:10 and 2 Corinthians 8:9 do not mean *financial* prosperity, and when you tell people 1 Peter 2:24 and Matthew 8:17 do not mean physical healing of the physical body, **you're adding to the Bible.** And do you remember what God said about anyone who added to the Bible? **For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written**

in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. Revelation 22:18,19

You may not be experiencing divine prosperity, or physical healing or health, and you may not be speaking with other tongues, or partaking of whatever the Word of God says belongs to you as a child of God, but **...that's your choice.** But for you to go tell people that tongues are of the devil, and they have passed away, that they're not for us today, or that God put sickness on people to teach them things, or so that He can get glory out of someone being sick – whether you realize it or not, you're taking sides with the devil. You're going against the written Word of God and you're blind and deceived, and you may not even know it.

Believing the Word = Victory

Whether or not anybody ever gets healed, whether or not anybody ever speaks in tongues, or becomes prosperous, it's still in the Bible! And God is going to have a people, whether it's today, or 100 years from today that are going to be prosperous, living in divine health and not getting sick, or experiencing any financial lack or poverty, for Jesus is coming back for a glorious church without spot or wrinkle: **...even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**(Ephesians 5:25 -27).

And ever since then, people have been making excuses for failing to walk in victory, and we've had people in the body of Christ who didn't believe anyone should have anything that's really expensive. Their philosophy is if everyone would just give up their luxuries and just live on necessities, everyone in this world would have a little bit. **But that's not the way God believes.** Matthew 25:14-30 TLB says, "**Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going into another country, who called together his servants and loaned them money to invest for him while he was gone.**

"He gave \$5,000 to one, \$2,000 to another, and \$1,000 to the last-dividing it in proportion to their abilities-and then left on his trip. The man who received the \$5,000 began immediately to buy and sell with it and soon earned another \$5,000. The man with \$2,000 went right to work, too, and earned another \$2,000.

“But the man who received the \$1,000 dug a hole in the ground and hid the money for safekeeping.

“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to him to account for his money. The man to whom he had entrusted the \$5,000 brought him \$10,000.

“His master praised him for good work. ‘You have been faithful in handling this small amount,’ he told him, ‘so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Begin the joyous tasks I have assigned to you.’

“Next came the man who had received the \$2,000, with the report, ‘Sir, you gave me \$2,000 to use, and I have doubled it.’

“‘Good work,’ his master said. ‘You are a good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over this small amount, so now I will give you much more.’

“Then the man with the \$1,000 came and said, ‘Sir, I knew you were a hard man, and I was afraid you would rob me of what I earned, so I hid your money in the earth and here it is!’

“But his master replied, ‘Wicked man! Lazy slave! Since you knew I would demand your profit, you should at least have put my money into the bank so I could have some interest. Take the money from this man and give it to the man with the \$10,000. For the man who uses well what he is given shall be given more, and he shall have abundance. But the man who is unfaithful, even what little responsibility he has shall be taken from him. And throw the useless servant out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Benefits of Tithing

We, as believers, not only have to work physically, but we also have to work spiritually. We have double the responsibility. My parents worked hard all their lives and never prospered. But they never tithed, either. It’s not enough to work hard. You also have to do the Word. When we tithe, we put ourselves in the position for God’s blessings to overtake us. God said in Malachi 3:10-12, **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer**

for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 1 Corinthians 16:2

And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. Hebrews 7:8

Your Church, Your Church, Your Church

People usually only believe what their church believes, and if you’re in a church more than you’re in the Word, you’ll be more excited about your church than you are about the Word. Thank God for our church, but Abraham was not rejoicing about his synagogue –you could say that– not that he had a synagogue, but you see the point. He was rejoicing about the promises of God. Many church-going believers only believe what their church says, and we know this, for they are quick to tell us, “**Our church doesn’t believe that way,**” or, “**I don’t believe that way.**” They usually have more confidence in their church and their own beliefs, than the written Word of God. And this is very dangerous. They don’t talk the Word because they don’t know the Word, and they don’t know that they don’t know the Word. They assume that what they hear there is enough to maintain their spiritual life and welfare just because they go to church. They’re content with their present spiritual condition and they don’t realize that God has offered so much more than what they have been taught.

Meat in God’s House

A lot of pastors (*and I am a pastor*) criticize the television ministries, but they don’t realize that God had to raise them up in order to get his sheep fed on His Word.(John 21:15-19) They should have then been getting the Word in their local church, but in too many instances, too many of God’s people were not growing spiritually. Satan was robbing too many of God’s children and getting by with it. And then these very individuals are being told in church that God is trying to teach them something or grow character in them, *or whatever cockamamie idea they can pass on* to the suffering people. People need to go to church because they need to be fed on God’s Word. But when you keep going to the same place, and you’re not being

fed the Word, all you've done is practice religion with no results. Most of us who are hungry for God's Word and a move of God have been to many different kinds of churches looking to be fed on the Word of God, and in many instances, have left disappointed, because the expectation wasn't fulfilled.

If you're a pastor, a shepherd of God's sheep, feed God's people on the Word of God. Teach them how to use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17: **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**). Teach them how to live a life of victory, prosperity, and success. Teach them how to be led by the Holy Spirit and teach them how to judge teachings and manifestations, so they won't become deceived and manipulated by others. Teach them about the devil and what he comes to do (**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...**

John 10:10). Teach them how to resist the devil and how to stand on God's Word for results. Teach them how to wait on God in prayer until they hear from God. Teach them how to walk in the God-kind of love, how to keep the flesh under, and how to be a witness. And most of all, teach them how to put God first by putting His Word first place in their life (**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you** Matthew 6:33). Teach them the Word of God by precept and by example — for instance, don't just teach them about prayer; have prayer meetings, also. For, it is written in Isaiah 28:9-13, **Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...**) And Jesus said in John 21:16, **Feed my sheep**. Paul said, inspired by the Holy Spirit, **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine** (2 Timothy 4:2).

The Great Commission

I'm blessed to be able to travel all over the country, and sometimes other countries, as the Lord leads. I'm a pastor wherever I go. I love people. There's no one I don't love. I've never met a person I didn't love, whether I'm on a bus, a train, a

plane, or in a cab, a hotel, or restaurant. I witness to people everyday about Jesus. I listen to Christians talk about what they believe and don't believe.

There's one thing I've come to learned about living in NYC, especially after 9/11. **Everybody needs Jesus, whether they realize it or not. Many Christians have not been taught how to believe God.** Our task and mission of God is to take the Word to all the world. Together, you and I and all the body of Christ can get this accomplished if every day, we will do all that we can do to be a witness to someone else about the power of God. After all, someone witnessed to you and me. Someone brought us the message. Tell somebody today about Jesus and tell somebody today as well as everyday that God wants them to be prosperous financially, because Jesus became poor that they might be rich.

Remember, Jesus is coming soon and we must be about our Father's business (Luke 2:49).

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.
Deuteronomy 8:18

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