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

Are You Getting Abundant Results with What You Believe?

Sadly, the big difference with the body of Christ today, compared with the body of Christ in the gospels (*the body of Christ then was Jesus Christ*) is that Jesus got results with what He believed.

Too many believers today are not getting the results they need, although they seemingly periodically do get a breakthrough. They have a few good days, and then they seem to experience bad days.

But, whether you realize it or not, **God wants every day in your life to be a good day.** He wants every day to be a day of health and no pain, a day of wealth and prosperity, a day that you experience no lack or need, and a day that you realize the Lord has lavished blessings upon you in every area of your life. It should be like Psalm 91:16 which says, *With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.*

When anything rose up in Jesus' life, whether it was a storm while He was traveling, or not enough food to feed people, or taxes had to be paid, or if persecution came, He always had peace, joy and victory.

Today, we are the body of Christ. Jesus is the head of the body of Christ, and we are the body of Christ on this earth. We are to live today the way Jesus lived then. He had the best clothing (John 19:23). Financially, He was so blessed, not only was He able to take care of the 12 disciples and the other seventy He appointed, He was also able to feed the great multitudes that followed His ministry.

He didn't get upset when Mary poured the expensive perfume on Him, or when Peter caught too many fish. If you just stop and think about it, the first miracle Jesus did was in an area where people were experiencing lack. They ran out of wine, and Jesus gave them the best.

Is what you believe today when it comes to God and His Word causing you to experience an **abundance** of **joy**, an **abundance** of **health**, an **abundance** of **victory**, and an **abundance** of **peace**? Or, are there areas in your life where you're experiencing lack? Can you say that you've got too much? Or could you stand some more joy, more health, or more prosperity? Does the driveway have room for another new car? Do you have all the new furniture you want? Are you able to take the vacation this summer that you desire to take?

We always have to analyze what we believe.

And, if what you believe is not producing results, it's not based on God's promises.

In this newsletter, I'm going to share with you how to start on the right road: The Word Road – The Avenue to God's Blessings. This road will take you to what you want from God.

Almost every day, someone asks me something about New York City. They tell me they're going to come and visit me. I usually respond by asking what they want to do when they come. Many times they respond by saying, "Well, what do you mean?" I say, "Do you want to see the Empire State Building? Or, do you want to shop for clothes, do you want to visit the vendors on the street? Do you want to go to the Diamond District or the Theater District? Depending on what you want to see and experience determines what avenue or street we get on."

What is it that you want and need in your life from God? To receive the abundant life, you've got to make sure you're heading in the right direction. **That means approaching God with His promises**, not with your religion or your ideas, or your thinking, **but with His Word.**

So I want to encourage you to read on, partner, and be blessed with this newsletter!

Our Authority in Jesus' Name

When I first received the Lord as my Savior, there always seemed to be someone around who told me it was God's will that negative situations happened to me. From the time I lost my job, to when my apartment was broken into and robbed, and even when my floor-covering van and tools were stolen, people said it was God's will. At first, I was willing to accept all this as the Lord's will, but thank God, in the process of time, the Lord sent someone to teach me how to take authority over the devil.

If I had not been taught scriptures like Mark 11:23 and Mark 16:17, I would have never gotten my van and tools back. For even though my van and all the tools had been stolen (*which happened because I hadn't listened to the Lord,*) immediately what rose up from my heart came out of my mouth. It was a verse of scripture and the Name of Jesus. I heard myself commanding the devil to bring my van and all my tools back, in Jesus' Name. And, a little over twenty-four hours later, I got my van back, and all of my tools! This miracle that God performed seemed to be a real shock to many dear people, *-including most of the people I went to church with-* who just "knew" and hoped I'd never get it back.

Once a person receives Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they immediately need to be taught who they are in Christ Jesus, how to be led by the Holy Spirit, and **definitely** how to resist the devil. If you were anything like I was when I got saved, most of the Christian friends you had believed everything that happened to you was God's will. (That is, everything from being killed in an auto accident to totaling your car or losing your job).

The Dominion Dilemma

There always seems to have been a divide within the church concerning the teaching and doctrine of who has the authority in and over your life: **God**, who created you, and recreated you in the new birth, **or you**, as an individual born-again child of God. I think that if a person has an open mind to the teaching of the Word of God, they will begin to see from the very beginning of the book of Genesis, that God has given **us** authority and dominion in this world over the devil, his kingdom, and the life-threatening circumstances in this world **in the Name of Jesus**.

Adam and Eve lost their lives because they did not use their spiritual authority over the devil, just as many believers today suffer circumstances and situations that God never intended for them to suffer. Many have even died prematurely because they did not use their authority over the devil and/or accept their deliverance (Hebrews 11:35).

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion 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. ²⁷So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26-28 **See also** Genesis 2:15.

Being that this is such a controversial subject in the body of Christ, I'm going to give you several scriptures pertaining to this subject to help renew your mind to God's Word, and to use to defend yourself in times of tests and trials.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6: 10-18

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: Matthew 8:16

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19

In Mark 4:35-41, as well as in the scriptures that follow, Jesus shows us how to take authority over life-threatening situations by rebuking the situations and circumstances:

And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

³⁶And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him

other little ships. ³⁷And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. ³⁸And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

³⁹And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.

And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? ⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12

Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. Matthew 12:29

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 1 Peter 5: 8,9

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

If we don't stop the devil in the Name of Jesus, by speaking the written Word of God and using our spiritual authority and the dominion that God gave us as believers, Satan will be able to get by, stealing, killing and destroying in our lives, as Jesus said in John 10:10, (***The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...***) and in Luke 13:16, (***And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound...***) and in Acts 10:38 (***How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil...***) and in Job 2:7, (***So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown***).

We also resist the devil by resisting the thoughts that he brings to us, as we see in 2 Corinthians 10: 4,5: (**For the weapons of our**

warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Thinking on God's Word, as well as always maintaining a spirit of thanksgiving and praise helps keep our resistance up against the enemy. Just making statements like, "Praise the Lord, Thank God, Glory to God, Thank You, Jesus," enable a person to stay in faith in the midst of bad news and tests and trials. We can see this in Philippians 4:4-8 : **Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1:12-14

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:16,17

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -23

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Hebrews 13:15

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Peter 2: 9

Praising and thanking God is one way we can stay in faith and act in faith. It also helps us to keep from worrying and stressing out. Satan uses worry and stress against us to kill our joy and victory. If you ever step out of faith, and get out of the Word, the first thing you lose is your victory and joy. This is the #1 reason why Christians that are in religion have no joy, peace or victory. They end up living on the level of God just meeting their needs. They never get over into divine prosperity and living in financial abundance. God loves you as well as everyone else, and He promised He'd meet your needs. But if you are going to get over into the surplus of abundance, you'll have to get out of religion and get into the Word day and night.

The first sign that you are in the Word is the enthusiasm you have for God's Word. No matter how many times you've heard a verse, you can't wait to hear it again!

**The # 1 way to resist and rebuke the devil
and life-threatening circumstances
is by speaking the Word of God
in the Name of Jesus.**

Here's an example of how to take authority over the devil pertaining to the areas of your life and loved ones' lives, whether there are problems you are currently experiencing, or thoughts of worry, fear, doubt and unbelief that are bombarding your mind.

It is our responsibility as believers not only to resist the devil by taking authority over him in Jesus' Name, but also to cast down every thought and imagination that comes to our mind that is contrary to God's Word, as we have already read in 2 Corinthians 10:4,5.

It is equally important to speak to mountains and problems in our lives and command them to be removed, in Jesus' Name, as we

are taught in Mark 11:23: **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.**

Authority for Healing

When the thought comes to your mind that you are not going to receive your healing, or when symptoms of pain and other alarming symptoms attack your body, the first thing to do is say, *"Satan, it is written, Christ hath redeemed me from the curse of the law; Jesus bore my griefs and carried my sorrows; He was wounded for my transgressions, He was bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him. Jesus Himself took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses and by His stripes I was healed. I refuse any sickness, disease or pain in my body. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and God wishes above all things that I prosper and be in health, even as my soul prospers, in Jesus' Name. Satan, it is written, 'And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses'. I'm walking in love and I've forgiven everyone of everything. I'm not breaking any of the commandments of God. Therefore, you cannot put sickness or disease on me. I refuse it, in Jesus' Name, for it is written, 'And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil"* (Isaiah 53:4,5 & Exodus 23:25,26).

Authority for Finances

Concerning your finances, say, *"Satan, it is written in Mark 11:23, '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.'* I refuse any lack, poverty or indebtedness, for it is written, *I owe no man anything but to love one another; God wishes above all things that I prosper. My God supplies all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus; Jesus became poor, that I, through His poverty I might be rich.*

Satan, it is written, I'm an heir of God, a joint-heir with Christ Jesus and an heir of Abraham's blessing. I refuse poverty and lack; I bind you from my finances. Jesus gave me power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy.

You can't keep me from prospering, and according to Mark 11:23, Jesus said I can have what I say and I say I live in

abundance, and all my bills are paid on time. I'm debt-free and I have favor with God and man. Whatever I do prospers. I'm redeemed from poverty and lack, and I'm an heir of wealth and prosperity.

I'm a tither and a giver, and Satan, it is written, '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 delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again' (Malachi 3:10-12 & Luke 6:38).

Satan, you can't keep blessings from coming to me, nor can you keep people from giving unto me, for I have what I say in Jesus' Name, and you have to obey me."

Authority over Fear and Worry

If it is fear, or worry that is coming to you, just say, "*Satan, it is written, God has not given me a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind; I have the mind of Christ, and the memory of the just is blessed. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world; I can do all things through Christ.*

It is written, whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven; draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you; resist the devil and he will flee; Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith... 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. I have power to cast out demons in Jesus' Name, for it is written, 'Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...' (Philippians 2:9-10).

Authority over any Present Problem

Dealing with present problems, say, "*Satan, it is written, I have favor with God and man; no weapon formed against me shall prosper, but whatever I do will prosper. In Jesus' Name, Satan, I take authority over you and I bind you from _____.* It is written in Romans 8:28,31,32, & 37, '***And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. What shall we***

then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? ³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.' In Acts 27:25, it is written, '***Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me...'*** in His written Word, in Jesus' Name".

These aren't formulas that you say just one time; they are principles from the Word of God that a believer has to practice to scripturally exercise their authority over the devil in Jesus' Name. Every time the devil talks to you or brings thoughts to your mind of worry, doubt, fear or unbelief, immediately say out loud: "*Satan, I rebuke you in Jesus' Name.*" Whether it is day or night, or if you are with a crowd of people or by yourself - wherever you may be, anything that would be stealing, killing or destroying, immediately take authority over it, in Jesus' Name.

"Doing" the Word of God

Practicing and exercising your authority and diligently working the Word, speaking the Word, standing on the Word, obeying the Word and believing the Word is what James 1:22 means when it says being a 'doer of the Word' of God. Doing the Word will produce victory in your life, and someday it'll even save your life.

Many times, worry and fear can grip our minds so that we can't even think, but automatically, out of our mouth, up from our heart will come a verse of scripture in the Name of Jesus. All of the time we put into practicing, confessing and meditating on the Word will pay off and produce miracle dividends in our life, called divine protection, prosperity, health and favor with God and man.

When I was a little boy, I was attacked by a dog and bitten on the face, and I grew up being afraid of every dog. Even after I was born-again, I was still ruled by fear, but I kept confessing the Name of Jesus day and night.

Little did I realize that soon I would be tested. It was one day, when as a carpet installer, I was attacked by a dog that was bigger than a German shepherd. The homeowner of the place we were to carpet sicced his dog on me; it happened so fast. It scared me so much that I couldn't even think of what to do. The dog's mouth was so large that it came all the way around my leg. Just as its jaws were coming together, out of my mouth came the Name of Jesus. The man was so amazed when his dog ran back to hide under the porch swing; he swore and then accused me of macing his dog.

It was Satan's plan to take my leg that day, but thank God, someone taught me how to use my authority over the devil. ***You, too, can use your authority and walk in divine***

protection. And, by doing so, God will be able to come through with His miracle power, in Jesus' Name. In order to do this, you have to know from God's Word and get it settled in your heart that good things come from God and God only. Bad things come from Satan. God is a joy-giver Satan is a joy-taker. God gives peace. Satan comes to take it. God has given you victory and Satan is after it.

I started out with the following verse of scripture. It was John 10:10. Through this scripture, the Lord helped me begin to see that Satan is a thief and that is who the thief is. He comes to steal, kill and destroy. But Jesus came to give me the abundant life. So if it's stealing, killing or destroying, I now know it's from Satan, for Jesus said, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** John 10:10

The word **abundantly** is the Greek word **perissos** in Strong's Concordance, Vine's Expository of New Testament Words and Young's Analytical Concordance. It's word #4053 in Strong's, and it means *superabundant in quantity and superior in quality. The word also means exceeding abundantly, overflowing with increase materially, and excess in superabundance, more than is necessary or usual.*

Different Levels of Faith... Which are You?

Some believers live in poverty and lack because of a lack of knowledge of God's Word: **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge...** (Hosea 4:6). Their faith in believing God for the financially abundant life of divine prosperity is compromised...*limited*. Therefore, they never have enough, so their faith level is at the place of **"never having enough"**. They believe God wants them to struggle financially. They make statements such as, *"I don't make enough money... I can never get enough to make ends meet, God knows my needs better than I do - He's in control,"* etc. ...

Some believers live from paycheck to paycheck. They say, *"I just have enough to make ends meet."* So, they have **"paycheck to paycheck faith"**.

Some believers believe God just to get their needs met because that's where their faith is. So, they have **"need-meeting faith"**.

Some believers are at the borrowing money level of faith. When they need appliances, an auto, or a house, the first thing they think of is to believe God just to get a loan. So, their level of faith is the **"borrowing-money faith"** level.

Other believers borrow, but believe God to pay it off early. They pay their car, house, or whatever, off months or years ahead of time, because that's where their faith is. They have **"debt-pay-off-early faith"**.

Some believers take God's promises and believe God for a super-abundantly excessive financial life to the point that they have **too much**. Their cup is running over. Their storehouses are overflowing. **(Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. / 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.** Psalm 23:5, Malachi 3:10) They're always looking for someone they can bless with their abundance. They have developed their faith to the level of **living in financial excess**. They have **"financial excess faith"**. How did the **"financial excess faith"** people get there? They took their God-given faith and developed it from need-meeting faith to having **more-than-enough faith**.

Types of Faith Found in the Word of God

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly...

2 Thessalonians 1:3

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. Matthew 8:10

And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? Matthew 14:31

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; Romans 4:20

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4

And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. Matthew 9:20-22,27-29

And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. Matthew 13:58

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. Mark 10:27

Until a believer realizes that it's up to them, as an individual, to develop their faith in God's promises, and to take the responsibility of getting in to the Word day and night, as well as exercising their God-given authority over the devil and present circumstances, they'll live in complacency and be swallowed up by religion. Spiritually, they'll slumber and sleep and become controlled by lack and poverty (Proverbs 6)

Displace Doubt & Replace it With the Word

If you are going to go from having your needs met to living in superabundance, you must spend time in the Word of God so much that you displace all doubts, unbelief, and the poverty & lack mentality, as well as religious teaching. You have to get to where your mind is renewed to God's Word and your heart is filled with faith. You have to displace all debt, poverty and lack from your vocabulary to the point that you listen to **every word** that comes out of your mouth. People who do not listen to how they're talking or what they're saying usually always assume what they're saying and speaking is OK. **But once the born-again child of God gets the revelation of Mark 11:23, they are always making changes in their vocabulary, as well as making adjustments in their life. 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.**

Increased Word Time = Increased Faith

When it comes to believing God in the financial area, whether it is living in poverty and lack or in excess and abundance, you'll get **exactly** what you believe God for. Many born-again children of

God don't believe in living the financially abundant life. Therefore, they never have it.

If you are experiencing any debt, poverty or lack in your life, or if you are stressed out financially and worrying most of the time about your bills, it is an indication that you are spending too little time in the Word and too much time in something else. Maybe it's too much TV and not enough time in the Word, or too much worldly activity, which robs you of time in the Word. God told us that He wants us to live in prosperity, which will only come and manifest in our lives as we meditate on His Word day and night. **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.** Joshua 1:8

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

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

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye 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. Rom. 12:1,2

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

If you are not speaking the Word enough, you are never going to have enough. The choice is up to you. Jesus said, **I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly.** So the "**might**" is up to the individual. You can be the "**might**" that has, or you can be the "**might**" that doesn't have. God wants your life to be running over in the abundance of health, wealth, success, prosperity, victory, joy, and peace to the point that you have no financial debts, no financial lack, no physical pain, sickness, or disease, and no emotional stress or worry.

God Wants You to the Point that 3 John 2 is Fulfilled in Your Life:

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

Psalm 23:5 says, **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Ask yourself the question, *What level of faith am I presently in? What level of faith do I want to be at?* You can be at the level that God meets all your needs, or at the level that you have **too much prosperity**. The bottom-line is God's name is El Shaddai, which means the God that is more than enough, which means He's the God of too much.

**What you say is what you believe.
What you believe is what God will do.**

As long as you struggle with the faith message and fight it, resist it, refuse to hear it, and keep attending a weak, watered-down Word message church, you're faith will never get strong. You'll never take what belongs to you in your New Covenant. Rather, you accept what happens to you as being God's will for your life. You'll end up believing that your past and present experiences have been God's will for your life. You're in religion and you don't even know it!

**You are never to believe that your experiences are God's will for you.
You're only to believe that God's promises are His will for you.**

You don't try to twist the Word to fit your experiences. Instead, you form your life to God's Word by being a doer of the Word. And until you have the victory in every area of your life, you are not walking or living in all that Jesus has purchased for you. As long as a believer has a little bit of lack, poverty, pain sickness, disease, stress, worry, doubt, unbelief, it's too much. A little bit of the curse is having **too much** of the curse in your life. God wants us lack-free, poverty-free, pain-free, sickness-free, disease-free, stress-free, worry-free, doubt-free and unbelief-free, having life more abundantly. He always wants us to be thankful for our blessings, but never tolerant of the curse.

The wilderness that the children of Israel went through, with just having enough to get by day-by-day was never God's will for them. Nor was it God's will for them to live in Egypt as slaves and in poverty. Though He permitted it, it wasn't His perfect will for them. His perfect will was the promised land that flowed with milk and honey. He gave them His promises so if they would obey Him and act accordingly to what He said, they would be blessed, protected and healthy.

God's Perfect Will is Excessive Abundance for You!

God's people were never in the will God until they got into the land that flowed with milk and honey, where the grapes were too big for one person to carry! (Numbers 13)

**The land of prosperity,
the land of more than enough,
the land of too much milk and honey -
was the only place where the people
were in God's perfect will.**

They could've had it long before that, but they chose to listen to the majority and their negative report. They chose to speak and talk about the things they saw and what they thought and believed about what they saw. They began to murmur and complain and be filled with doubt and unbelief. Because they chose to believe the majority, and not what God had told them, they died never having enough. God couldn't get them to believe or act on His Word.

Then they came to what is now known as the Valley of Eshcol where they cut down a single cluster of grapes so large that it took two of them to carry it on a pole between them! They also took some samples of the pomegranates and figs. The Israelis named the valley "Eshcol" at the time (meaning "Cluster") because of the cluster of grapes they found! Numbers 13:23,24 TLB

Come, Inherit the Promises of Abundance

Just as Caleb and Joshua did all they could to persuade the people to possess what God said was theirs, they ridiculed and criticized what God was trying to get them to do. (Numbers 14) Likewise, today's prosperity preachers are doing all they can to persuade you to step over into the promised land that flows with milk and honey (your New Covenant)! Don't fight against them or criticize them, but instead, grab the promises that they are preaching from God's Word and use them for yourself!

The majority of the body of Christ does not believe in divine prosperity. Therefore, they don't have it. Many have chosen to accept and be satisfied with just barely getting by, living from paycheck to paycheck. They have persuaded themselves that this is the way God wants them to live, no matter how hard you try to persuade them *from God's Word* that God has so much more for them in this life. Instead of claiming their New Covenant benefits, they've chosen not to fight the good fight of

faith, or aggressively use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17). They're satisfied with their present circumstances and have lost the enthusiasm and expectation of possessing the promises.

When you accept your present circumstances as God's will for you, you automatically forfeit the joy of expectation and the excitement of God's promises. You are never turned on to God's Word. All you can think about is what your church believes and not what God's promises say.

Receive Tithing's Blessings

We do not tithe and give legalistically. We do it enthusiastically, because we know from God's Word that we are investing into God's kingdom, and we're going to receive a return from our investment now, in this time, as God said in Mark 10:29& 30, **And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.**

6[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings.

7Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving].

8And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

9As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever!

10And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity].

11Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 AMP

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. ¹²And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts. Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? Malachi 3:10-14

So, instead of spending your days in wondering where your hundredfold return is, and where your prosperity is, put the time in God's Word and *let the devil do the wondering.*

- Let him wonder how far you're going to take God's Word.

- Let him wonder what you're going to do with God's Word.

- Let him wonder what you're going to believe from God's Word.

- And then, let him wonder who the next person is that you're going to share God's Word with.

If anyone should be wondering, it should be Satan, and not us! **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony ... Revelation 12:11**

Are you living and enjoying the abundant life? If not, you can start today! Get turned on to God's Word and watch God turn your present circumstances into abundance! You may start out in Egypt and you may have wandered around in the wilderness, but don't stay there. Come over! Come to the land that flows with milk and honey and let your cup run over and bless others. You'll have good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over: ***DIVINE PROSPERITY!***

God is El Shaddai, the God of Abundance

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32

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 Cor. 8:9

⁹[As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. ¹⁰Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;] ¹¹Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

¹⁰Bring 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. Malachi 3:10

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. Luke 15:31

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. Isaiah 45:3

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. Genesis 15:14

He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Psalm 105:37

⁹Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Proverbs 3:9,10 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. ⁶And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. Genesis 13:2,5,6

¹⁰And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹²So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. Job 42:10 & 12

Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. 1 Chronicles 29:26,28

So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. 1 Kings 10:23

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

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

³And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; ⁴But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. ⁵Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. ⁶And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD... 2 Chronicles 17:3-6

²⁷And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; ²⁸Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. ²⁹Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much. 2 Chronicles 32:27 - 29

²⁶Behold, God is great...he the people; he giveth meat in abundance. Job 36:26,31

For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance... Matthew 13:12

That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. Proverbs 8:21

³According as 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: 2 Peter 1:3

⁴Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. ⁵And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. ⁶And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. ⁷And they beckoned unto

their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. ⁹For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: Luke 5:4 - 9

If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. Every good gift and every perfect [free, large, full] gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light, in [the shining of] Whom there can be no variation [rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [as in an eclipse]. James 1:5,17

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