

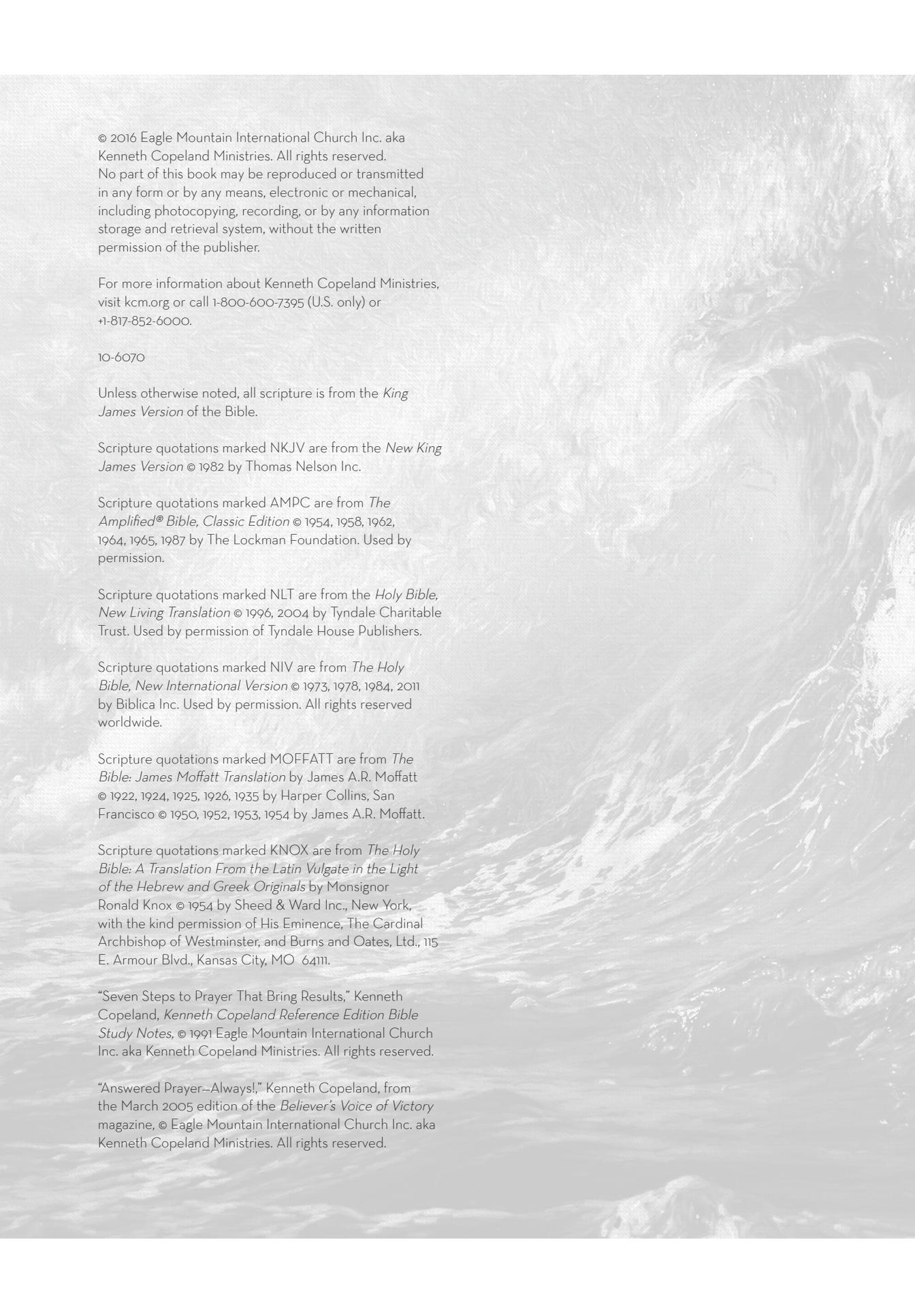
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DAY 1

STEP # 1

Decide What You Want From God

A. Hebrews 5:13-14—We Must Become Skillful in Faith

1. Many wonder why they are not getting the results they desire.
 - a. “Why is it taking so long?”
 - b. “It seems like my faith is not working.”
2. That may be the case.
3. They are not properly working their faith.
4. A believer can’t succeed if he doesn’t know how to pray and stand according to biblical principles.
5. We can become more skillful at praying the prayer of faith.

B. James 5:16—The Effectual, Fervent Prayer of a Righteous Man Avails Much

1. NIV: “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”
2. NLT: “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”
3. Learning how to pray the prayer of faith is vital to our success.
 - a. It is not just asking for something.
 - b. There is more to it than just that.
4. There are faith steps we need to follow to achieve the most effective results.
5. I have been refreshing myself with two classic faith series:
 - a. *Steps to Answered Prayer* by Kenneth E. Hagin
 - b. *Seven Steps to Prayer That Bring Results* by Kenneth Copeland
 - c. “If one would faithfully follow these steps, they will always be assured of an answer.” —Kenneth E. Hagin, *Steps to Answered Prayer*, Message 4

C. Step #1: Decide What You Want From God

1. Habakkuk 2:2: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."
2. What are you specifically believing for?
 - a. Too many are vague and indefinite in their requests.
 - b. "What are you praying for?"
 - c. "Nothing in particular."
 - d. "That is exactly what you will get."
3. Examples of those who were specific about what they wanted
 - a. Mark 5:28: "For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole."
 - b. Mark 10:51 (NLT): "What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked. 'My rabbi,' the blind man said, 'I want to see!'"
4. The Lord will help you identify exactly what to believe for.
5. Matthew 6:8 Your Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him.



Faith in God's Word is the element
that makes all things possible!

—Gloria Copeland

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STEP #2

Locate Scriptures That Promise You What You Want From God

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

A. 2 Peter 1:1-4—Locate Scriptures That Promise You What You Want From God

1. God's Word covers everything we would ever need.
2. Prayer that brings results must be based on God's Word.
3. Start with the answer (the Word) and not the problem.
4. Take your stand on the Word.
5. God's Word is your blood-sworn, legal document.
 - a. The Word guarantees your answer.
 - b. It is forever settled in heaven.

B. 1 John 5:14-15—God's Word Is His Will

1. AMPC: "And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him."
2. Faith begins where the will of God is known.
3. Faith stops at the question mark.
4. Many are not praying with confidence.
 - a. They are not locating scriptures that prove God wants them to have the things they desire.

- b. They don't know if it is His will.
 - c. They waver and hesitate.
5. Whatever God's Word says you can have, you can have.

C. Locate at Least Three Scriptures That Promise What You Need

1. Deuteronomy 8:18: "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."
2. 3 John 2: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."
3. Psalm 35:27: "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant."



When you've got God's Word on it,
it shuts the devil's doubt out.

—Gloria Copeland

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STEP #3

Get Those Scriptures Firmly Fixed in Your Heart

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

A. Joshua 1:8—Meditate Therein Day and Night

1. Success in life comes from meditating God's Word.
2. It takes time to build the Word into our spirit to stand in faith.
3. Matthew 4—Jesus had to have spent much time meditating the Word in order for His response to be, "It is written."
4. We must constantly meditate on the Word for it to effectively work.
5. We can become so strong by meditating the Word that every response to every challenge is faith.

B. Psalm 1:1-3—What Meditation in the Word Accomplishes

1. It gets the Word firmly deposited and fixed in the heart.
2. It paints an inner image of the Word on the heart.
3. It expands our capacity to believe and receive in a greater way.
4. It brings our mind and emotions under the control of the Holy Spirit.
5. It strengthens our ability to use the Word against the enemy who would try to make us doubt God and rob us of what we desire.
6. It is the basic law for establishing the heart.
7. It bathes our minds and hearts in the Word in order to become more sensitive to the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

C. John 15:7—How to Meditate the Word

1. Get quiet by praying in tongues.
2. Acknowledge the integrity of God's Word.
3. Dwell upon what God's Word says about us.
4. Apply the Word personally.
5. Allow the Holy Spirit to make the Word a reality.
6. Let the Word mold and reform our thoughts.
7. Agree with God as to how He sees us in the light of His Word.

Real faith is built on the Word. We should meditate on the Word; dig deeply into it and feed on it. Then, the Word will become a part of us just as natural food becomes a part of our physical body when we eat.

What natural food is to the physical man, the Word of God is to the spiritual man.

The Word builds into us confidence and assurance and helps us to believe.

When we get our hearts full of the Word, believing is inevitable. We must feed upon the Word until acting on the Word is all we want to do.



You abide in Him and His Word abides in you—
that's a winning combination!

—Gloria Copeland

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STEP # 4

Ask God for What You Want and Believe You Receive When You Pray

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

Step #4—Ask God for what you want and believe you receive when you pray.

A. Matthew 7:7-8—Ask and It Will Be Given

1. Once the scriptures are firmly fixed and anchored in the heart and we have a firm grasp on what belongs to us, we are in position to ask boldly and confidently.
2. Hebrews 4:16 (AMPC): “Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace.”
3. John 15:7: “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”
4. Asking is the act of withdrawing what already belongs to you.
5. John 16:24: “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

B. John 16:23—Ask in the Name of Jesus

1. “Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.”
2. John 14:14: “If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”
3. Asking in the Name of Jesus places a legal demand upon what is already ours.
 - a. We have the legal right to use His Name.
 - b. It is the code that unlocks the source.
4. We have been cleared for unqualified use of the Name of Jesus.
5. That Name gives us access to all of heaven’s reserves.

There is no new way! —Gloria Copeland



C. Mark 11:24—Believe You Receive When You Pray

1. NKJV: “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”
2. Many want to receive it first and then believe.
 - a. Faith doesn’t work that way.
 - b. We believe first and then we receive.
 - c. “If God’s Word says so, it is mine and I have it now.”
 - d. Faith says, “I have it now even though I can’t see it.”
3. We believe we have our answer before we see it.
 - a. We appropriate God’s Word by faith when we believe we receive before it is manifested.
 - b. When we pray, we say, “I know God heard me. I have my answer now because the Word says so—not because I feel anything.”
4. Hebrews 11:1 (MOFFATT): “Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see.”
5. 1 John 5:14-15 (AMPC): “And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.”

D. Sample Prayer of Faith

Heavenly Father, I come boldly into Your presence. I come to the throne room of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Father, I see in Your Word that it is Your will and desire for me to have wisdom to know what to do about my situation. According to Jeremiah 33:3, I am to call upon You and You will answer me. You have plans to prosper me. According to John 16:13, You will show me things to come.

It is written according to 1 Corinthians 1:30 that Jesus has been made unto me wisdom. James 1:5 says if any lack wisdom, let him ask of God and He would give it to all men liberally.

I boldly and confidently ask You according to Your Word for the wisdom I need. I ask this in the Name of Jesus, for You said in John 14:14, “If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.”

Father, I give You all praise and thanksgiving for the completion of it. I legally appropriate that wisdom from heaven’s storehouse and boldly declare, “I believe I receive when I pray!”

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MARK 11

Take off your debt, seek payment
Put on garment of righteousness & praise

11:23 Put God in remembrance
Ps 119:49
Remembrance

24 Believed Jesus was anointed

ST. MARK II Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The temple purged

Eph 4:15 Speak the truth in love.
Say something! If you aren't saying, you aren't creating!

"What do you want me to do for you? ... master let me receive my sight.
And Jesus said unto him, Go your way; your faith has healed you. **Amp** **Barth!** **Now!**

"I want to see": Jesus answered all night. You can see, your faith has healed you. NLT

all things!
Matt 21:22

Holy Spirit
"Admit"
John 30:22
Acts 19:1

12 has deeper
gen 1
words
F.A.T.H.

And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.
50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. **Luke 18:35** Receive thy sight

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Faith comes by hearing
Rom 10:17
Goes by saying
Matt 11:23
word things
Rom 14:5
Luke 17: plant
Say
When you said a word
you said a thing

3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and began to blaspheme the kingdom of heaven, and to deride him that sendeth his angels to shew the salvation of God. **Matt 5:23** **Ps 50:23**
Amp "to him will I demand my heart as price, O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing praise to thee, O Lord."

8 And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and he said unto them, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

16 And would not suffer any vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

if you are not satisfied w/ it, what you have, change what you say. L.H.
MK 11:23 need to feed on confession & how faith works because THERE IS NO NEW WAY TO GET A. God deals with us in our spirit, I have to get it in our spirit. That's the way we keep = by faith! There is no higher message than this for victory. Every promise and revelation works this. (9:8-99) "When we don't know the complete plan, we do know the mark 11:23-24 plan. Walk in that, saying what you want to come to pass. ONLY what you want

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STEP # 5

Refuse to Allow Doubt and Fear to Enter Your Consciousness

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

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Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

Step #4—Ask God for what you want and believe you receive when you pray.

Step #5—Refuse to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.

A. 2 Corinthians 10:5—Guard Your Mind

1. Refuse to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.
2. Satan works in the arena of suggestions, dreams and visions, and he tries to undermine your faith.
3. You are the establishing witness.
 - a. Satan (doubt) is on one hand saying you don't have it.
 - b. The Word (faith) is on the other hand saying you do have it.
4. Refuse to accept anything against you and your receiving.
5. Most will try to talk you out of your stand of faith—don't let them do it!

B. James 4:7—Resist Doubt

1. Many think wrong things and are defeated as a result.
2. In order to receive answers to your prayers, you must eradicate every image, suggestion, vision, dream, impression, feeling and all thoughts that do not contribute to your faith, and that do not affirm that you have what you have asked God for.
3. Rebuke all thoughts of doubt and fear.
4. Replace those thoughts with God's Word.

5. If you will guard against every evil thought and think only on those things which affirm that God has heard and answered your prayers, you will be cooperating with God in faith.

C. Philippians 4:6-9—Be Positive in Your Thinking

1. Let every thought and desire affirm that you have what you prayed.
2. Never permit a mental picture of failure to remain in your mind.
3. Once you've asked, never doubt for one minute you have the answer.
4. To get your mind on the answer, you must get your mind on the Word.
5. Constantly affirm that the promises of God are true and that prayer has been answered.



Faith—it's not for wimps!
—Gloria Copeland

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STEP # 6

See Yourself Succeed and Not Fail

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

Step #4—Ask God for what you want and believe you receive when you pray.

Step #5—Refuse to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.

Step #6—See yourself succeed and not fail.

A. Romans 13:14—Don't Prepare to Fail

1. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."
2. Make no provision for the flesh to fail.
3. Let every thought and desire affirm that you have already received what you prayed.
4. Never permit a mental picture of failure to enter your mind.
5. Eradicate all thoughts of failure that do not contribute to your faith.

B. Isaiah 26:3—Protect Your Mind

1. NLT: "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"
2. You must deal with your thought life because it can defeat you.
3. Thoughts are governed by observations, associations and teachings.
4. Guard yourself against every thought of failure that comes to your mind.
 - a. The 10 spies brought back an evil report.
 - b. "We can't take the land!"
 - c. They were talking failure and fear.

5. Stay away from all places and things that do not support your affirmation of success that God has heard and answered your prayer.
 - a. You may have to stay away from some churches.
 - b. You can't be around people who always talk about failing.
 - c. It will eventually rub off on you.

C. Joshua 1:8—Prepare to Succeed

1. "For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."
2. See yourself with what you asked for.
3. Make plans accordingly as if it were already a reality.
4. Whatever the Word says you have, you have.
5. If you can see it, you can have it.



It's not a mind over matter thing,
it's a Word over matter thing.
—Gloria Copeland

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FAITH Steps

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STEP # 7

Give God Continual Praise and Thanksgiving

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

Step #4—Ask God for what you want and believe you receive when you pray.

Step #5—Refuse to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.

Step #6—See yourself succeed and not fail.

Step #7—Give God continual praise and thanksgiving.

A. Psalm 34:1—Continual Praise and Thanksgiving

1. “I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”
2. This should take place every waking moment.
3. We should be thinking on the greatness and goodness of God.
 - a. Lift your heart to God constantly in increasing praise.
 - b. Express gratitude for what He has done and for all He is doing.
4. Spend time counting your blessings and faith will increase.
5. If you want to enlarge your faith, cultivate a lifestyle of thanksgiving.

B. Philippians 4:6—With Thanksgiving

1. Praise and thanksgiving are mighty affirmations of faith.
2. After the “amen” of our prayer, we continue to thank God for the supernatural manifestation of our desired result.
3. Because the Word is true, we thank God for our answer before we ever see it come to pass.
4. Thanksgiving positions us to more easily receive from God.

5. Verse 7 (NLT): “Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

C. Psalm 67:5-7—Praise and Thanksgiving Move Things Along

1. “Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.”
2. “The depth of your praise will determine the magnitude of your harvest.” — Jerry Savelle, Day 39, *Prosperity and Praise*.
3. What we do between the time we pray and see the manifestation is crucial.
4. Praise and thanksgiving supernaturally accelerates the time it takes to see the results.
5. “Because the Word is true, I thank God and give Him praise for my answer before I ever see it come to pass!”



Thanksgiving is a receiving language.
—Gloria Copeland

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FAITH Steps

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STEP # 8

Make Every Prayer a Statement of Faith Instead of Unbelief

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

Step #4—Ask God for what you want and believe you receive when you pray.

Step #5—Refuse to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.

Step #6—See yourself succeed and not fail.

Step #7—Give God continual praise and thanksgiving.

Step #8—Make every prayer a statement of faith instead of unbelief.

A. 2 Corinthians 4:13—The Spirit of Faith

1. “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”
2. This is where the battle is won or lost.
3. We can make statements of faith as easily as we can make statements of unbelief—it is our choice.
4. It is thinking faith thoughts and saying faith words that leads us out of defeat into victory.
5. Once we pray the prayer of faith, we never need to pray it again.

B. Matthew 6:7—Avoid Vain Repetitions

1. “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.”
2. A vain repetition would be asking for the same thing over and over again.
3. Smith Wigglesworth said, “If you pray seven times for any one thing, you

prayed six times in unbelief.”—From *The Bible Prayer Study Course* by Kenneth E. Hagin.

4. Andrew Murray said, “It is not good taste to ask God for the same thing over and over again. . . . If what you have prayed for hasn’t materialized, and you do pray again, don’t pray for it again in the same way because that would be unbelief. . . . remind God that you asked for it and remind Him of what His Word says; put Him in remembrance of His promises (Isa. 43:26). Tell Him that you’re expecting it, and thank Him for it.”—From *The Bible Prayer Study Course* by Kenneth E. Hagin.
5. Don’t dig up your seed by saying it didn’t work.
 - a. That contradicts your own faith.
 - b. Don’t nullify your faith by asking over and over again.

C. Kenneth E. Hagin’s Example

1. A woman had a daughter with epilepsy.
2. She contacted Brother Hagin and said she was bringing her daughter to his meeting.
3. She said they had already prayed and claimed her daughter’s healing.
4. She asked, “Can we still bring her?”
5. Brother Hagin said, “Yes, under the right conditions.”
6. “Before you come up to the healing line, tell the Lord, ‘I am not going up there like some of the others. I am going up there for Brother Hagin to agree with us that we already have what we believe.’”
7. They stayed in faith by praying the prayer of agreement, according to Matthew 18:18-20.
8. The girl never had another seizure.



If the devil can steal your words,
he can get control over the whole thing.

—Gloria Copeland

If he can get your words, he can get you.

—Pastor George Pearsons

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FAITH Steps

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STEP # 9

Testify to What You Believe

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

Step #4—Ask God for what you want and believe you receive when you pray.

Step #5—Refuse to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.

Step #6—See yourself succeed and not fail.

Step #7—Give God continual praise and thanksgiving.

Step #8—Make every prayer a statement of faith instead of unbelief.

Step #9—Testify to what you believe.

A. Revelation 12:11—We Overcome by Our Testimony

1. “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”
2. We are redeemed by the blood of Jesus.
3. Because of that, we have a right to all Jesus can do.
4. We add our testimony to what we have received by the blood.
5. The Word of God is our testimony.

B. Hebrews 10:23—Maintain Your Confession

1. “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).”
2. Our words will make or break a perfectly good prayer of faith.
3. Don’t dig up the seeds of faith with negative words.
4. Verses 35-36 (AMPC): “Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward. For you have

need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.”

5. Ephesians 6:14 (AMPC): “Stand therefore [hold your ground]. . . .”

C. Psalm 34:2—Testify to Others

1. AMPC: “My life makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble and afflicted hear and be glad.”
2. Your testimony of faith will encourage others and help build their faith.
3. Mark 5 (NLT)—The madman of Gadara
 - a. Verse 15: “A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.”
 - b. Verses 18-20: “As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, ‘No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.’ So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.”

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FAITH Steps

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STEP # 10

Get on the Giving End

Step #1—Decide what you want from God.

Step #2—Locate scriptures that promise you what you want from God.

Step #3—Get those scriptures firmly fixed in your heart.

Step #4—Ask God for what you want and believe you receive when you pray.

Step #5—Refuse to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.

Step #6—See yourself succeed and not fail.

Step #7—Give God continual praise and thanksgiving.

Step #8—Make every prayer a statement of faith instead of unbelief.

Step #9—Testify to what you believe.

Step #10—Get on the giving end.

A. Luke 6:38—Give and It Will be Given

1. If you are believing for finances, sow into someone's life.
2. If you need extra time, sow your time.
3. If you are believing for debt freedom, sow toward debt freedom in someone else's life.
4. Terri and I were believing to become debt free.
5. We sowed into others' homes and reaped a harvest of debt freedom.

B. Luke 10:33-35 (NLT)—Get Involved Helping Someone Else

1. Faith works by love.
2. Our faith is strengthened as we reach out to others.
3. Verse 33: "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him."

4. Verse 34: "Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him."
5. Verse 35: "The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'"

C. Our Motivation for Accumulation Is Distribution

1. "True prosperity is the ability to use the power of God to meet the needs of mankind in every realm of life—spirit, soul, body, financially and socially." —Kenneth Copeland
2. "True prosperity is walking with God to be able and equipped to do for others whatever He needs done, whenever He needs it done and with whatever He needs it done." —Kenneth Copeland
3. Philippians 2:4: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."
4. Galatians 6:10 (KNOX): "Let us practise generosity to all, while the opportunity is ours; and above all, to those who are of one family with us in the faith."
5. Pastor Creflo Dollar emptied his entire account and sowed the money toward KCM's airplane.



If you want to be in on the receiving end,
get in on the giving end.
—Gloria Copeland

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STUDY NOTES

SEVEN STEPS TO PRAYER THAT BRING RESULTS

Foundation Scriptures: Matthew 21:21-22
Mark 11:24

- I. Prayer that brings results **must** be based on God's Word. Start with the answer which is the Word (John 15:7; 1 John 3:22, 5:14-15; Isaiah 55:8-11).
- II. Begin the application of faith.
 - A. Confession
 1. Believe you receive *when you pray*.
 2. Hold fast to your confession (Hebrews 4:11-16).
 - B. Act as though it was already done (James 2:14-24). To be "afraid" to confess or act as though it is already done is to doubt God's Word.
- III. **Refuse** to allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness.
 - A. Satan works in the area of suggestions, dreams and visions. Visions, dreams, etc., must agree completely with the Word. (Refer to Point I.)
 - B. **You are the establishing witness.** Satan (doubt, etc.) is on one hand saying that you don't have it; the Word is on the other hand saying that you do.
 - C. 2 Corinthians 10:5—Control your mind with the Word.
 - D. Dwell on the **answer** instead of the **problem**.
 - E. Refuse to accept anything against you and your receiving! Most people will try to talk you out of your stand of faith on the Word!
- IV. See yourself succeed, not fail.
 - A. Proverbs 4:20-22
 - B. Matthew 6:22-23
 - C. Romans 13:14—Make no provision for the flesh (to fail). Prepare to succeed.
- V. Testify of what you believe—**the Word** (Revelation 12:11).

- A. You are redeemed by the blood of Jesus. You have a right to all Jesus can do.
- B. Add your testimony to what you have received by the blood.

VI. Get involved helping someone else (Galatians 5:6).

VII. Get on the giving end (Luke 6:38).

- A. If you need healing, pray for someone else (James 5:16).
- B. The way you measure out is how it will be measured back to you.
- C. The Word says God is love.
 - 1. Theology magnifies the power of God rather than His love (compassion).
 - 2. The Word magnifies His *willingness* to use His power more than the power itself.
 - 3. **Never** doubt God's willingness to use His power to set us free!

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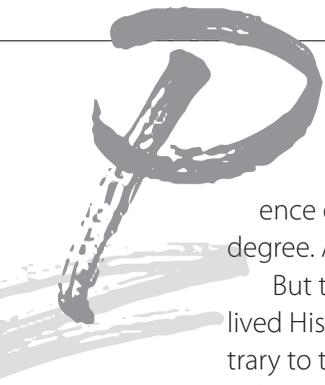


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ANSWERED PRAYER—ALWAYS!

BY KENNETH COPELAND | From the *Believer's Voice of Victory Magazine*



PRAYER WORKS.

For many people, however, prayer is some kind of abstract experience or just an escape valve. They don't see their prayers answered to any degree. And really, they don't *expect* their prayers to be answered.

But that's contrary to the way Jesus lived His life on the earth. And it's contrary to the way He taught His followers to live. He taught them (and us) to live a lifestyle of faith and prayer—and to expect results.

As Christians, prayer should be as natural and powerful to us as it was to Jesus when He spoke to the fig tree in Matthew 21:18-22:

Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, *If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say*

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unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Notice that when Jesus was answering their questions about the fig tree withering, He was answering their questions about something literal. He was not *just* referring to something spiritual.

So *speaking to the mountain, asking in prayer, and believing to receive* work not only in the spiritual realm, but also in the physical, material realm.

When Jesus spoke to the fig tree He was demonstrating and teaching us that by using our faith, the Word of God and prayer, we too can bring circumstances in line with God's will.

Praying With Power

When you pray do you expect results. . .every time? Well, you should, and you can. Here are seven steps that can help you see results in prayer—every time.

1. Base every prayer on the Word.

Prayer that brings results must be based on God's Word. So start with the answer, which is the Word. Jesus said in John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

For prayer to bring results, you must pray specifically. That means you must find scripture that applies to your situation and base your prayer on that scripture. For example, if you're facing sickness, find scripture that pertains to healing. Your prayer could be based on 1 Peter 2:24 because that scripture says, by Jesus' stripes you were healed.

When you have God's Word about a particular issue, you have a foundation on which to believe Him. And when you put God's Word in your spirit, it feeds your faith. Romans 10:17 explains, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

2. Apply your faith.

Once you find scripture that reveals God's will regarding the situation you are facing, here's the next step: *You must apply your faith to the problem.*

To apply your faith, *say* what you believe (speak in agreement with God's Word). Confess the Word out loud and start thanking God that you have what He said you have. Act as though you have received it, as though it is already done.

In Isaiah 43:26, God says: "Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified." To put God in remembrance of

His Word and declare your case, say something like this: “Lord, right now I believe I receive what *You* have said in Your Word. I believe [quote the scripture you are standing on]. I’m not saying it because I feel it or see it. I’m saying it because I believe Your Word. I believe it’s done, in the Name of Jesus!”

To be afraid to confess and act as though it’s already done is to doubt God’s Word. So hold fast to your confession (read Hebrews 4:11-16)!

3. Refuse doubt and fear.

Don’t allow doubt and fear to enter your consciousness. Satan tries to undermine your faith through suggestions, dreams and visions. He will do everything he can to try and convince you the circumstances are not going to change. But remember what God’s Word says! It’s your responsibility to believe what God says and refuse doubt and fear when it comes your way.

Second Corinthians 10:5 tells you to do that by “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.” You must control your mind, and you do that with the Word of God.

Dwell on the *answer* instead of the problem.

And be advised, some people will try to talk you out of your stand of faith. But you can refuse to receive anything that goes against the Word of God. It won’t be hard if you do what God says in Proverbs 4:20-21: “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.”



4. See yourself succeeding.

See what you’re believing for as done—finished. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is...” The Word says you have it—*now*.

So take the scripture you’re standing on and begin to see that Word as being a reality in your life.

Take that Word and renew your mind—change your mental attitude about your situation. Don’t be conformed to the world. “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).

Keep your mind on the Word and be transformed, changed. Begin to act as if you already have it. That’s acting in faith and faith will open the door for God to move in your life.

Prepare to succeed! Make no provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14). Make no provision to fail.

5. Testify of what you believe—the Word.

Revelation 12:11 says, “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.” You have a right to everything Jesus’ sacrifice bought and paid for. So testify to that right. Proclaim it!

You have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus!

You are what the Word says you are!

You can have what the Word says you can have!

But knowing all that won’t do you any good if you don’t believe it, receive it, apply it in your life...and make it the word of your testimony.

6. Help someone else.

Galatians 5:6 says faith works by love. So love others. Get involved in helping people the way Jesus did. Pray for and encourage them. Give your testimony—tell them what Jesus has done for you.

When you start sharing Jesus with others, your problems will begin to roll away.

7. Get on the giving end.

Luke 6:38 says, “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.”

This is not just talking about money. You can give in the area where you have need. Give of the little you do have, and it will be “given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over.”

For instance, if you need healing, pray for someone else to be healed. James 5:16 says to “pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Remember, seeing results in prayer can become a way of life for you,



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when you follow Jesus' instructions. He said "all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Notice He didn't say you would receive half or three quarters of your prayers answered. Jesus said *all*, and He meant exactly what He said.