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Declare thou (set forth thy cause),
That thou mayest be justified.

-Isaiah 43:25-26

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— by Kenneth Hagin

Someone said, "It is more important that men learn to pray than to gain a college education." Notice he did not say that a college education is not important. He said learning to pray is more important. People go to great effort and expense to gain a college education. We may have to go to some effort, but it won't be very expensive to learn to pray.

I feel so sorry for folks who don't know how to pray when the crises of life come. They know how to say words, but just spouting words off into the atmosphere isn't praying--there is a vast difference.

PRAYER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

In the 18th chapter of Genesis, we find Abraham praying:

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: And that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

-Genesis 18:23-25

Prayer is joining forces with God the Father. It is fellowshiping with Him. It is carrying out His will upon the earth.

John Wesley, founder of Methodism said, "It seems like God is limited by our prayer life. He can do nothing for Humanity unless someone asks Him to do it."

You might ask, "Why is this?" You see, God made the world and the fullness thereof. Then He made man and gave man dominion over all the

work of His hands. Adam was the god of this world. Adam, however, committed high treason and sold out to Satan and Satan became the god of this world. He is called that in the New Testament (II Cor. 4:4). God doesn't just move in on top of Satan. If He did, then Satan could accuse Him of doing the same thing he did. But--God has devised a plan of salvation and sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ whom Satan could not touch and did not touch. Through Jesus, God redeemed mankind! Now authority has been restored to us through Jesus Christ and when we ask God--then He can move! That is why it seems He can do nothing unless someone asks Him to.

Here in Genesis, God refused to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah until He had talked it over with Abraham, His blood covenant friend. Abraham's prayer here is one of the most suggestive and illuminating prayers of the Old Testament. Abraham was taking his place in the covenant that God had made with him... the Old Testament...the old covenant.

Abraham had, through the covenant, received rights and privileges which we very little understand. The covenant Abraham had just solemnized with the Lord, Jehovah, gave him a legal standing with God. Therefore, we hear him speaking so plainly as he intercedes for Sodom and Gomorrah, "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"

All through the Old Testament we find men who understood and took their place in the covenant. Joshua could open the Jordan. He could command the sun and moon and stars to stand still in the heavens. Elijah could bring fire out of heaven to consume the altar as well as the sacrifice. David's mighty men were utterly shielded from death in time of war as long as they remembered the covenant. When you read of

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them in the Old Testament you will think you're reading of "Supermen". Practically all the prayers of the Old Testament are prayers of covenant men. They had to be answered. God had to give heed to their petitions.

Let's talk about praying under the new covenant for a moment. The believer today has covenant rights just as much as they had covenant rights. In fact, the Bible says we have a better covenant established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6). We ought to be able to do all they did and more in a greater way because we have a new covenant, a better covenant, established upon greater promises.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

here is a challenge from a covenant-keeping God to Israel. And, it is also a challenge to the Church:

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. -Isaiah 43:25-26

First, God says, "I, even I, am He who blotteth out your transgressions and I will not remember your sins."

God doesn't remember that you have ever done anything wrong, so why should you remember it? If you can come to the Lord without a sense of sin-consciousness, you can come with faith and boldness and get your prayer heard and answered. Do you see what confidence that gives you? As long as you come under condemnation and with a sense of spiritual inferiority, you are going to come tongue-tied and fear-filled and you won't get anywhere. God said, "I will not remember thy sins." He has no knowledge that you have ever done anything wrong.

That is, providing you have been born again and have become a child of God. And providing that since being a child of God when you have failed you have confessed it. We are told in the New Testament, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Many people say when praying to receive the Holy Ghost or to receive healing, "I don't know if the Lord will hear me. I've missed it and failed. I'm such a failure." Well, He doesn't know you are a failure, so don't tell Him. He plainly

said here, "I will not remember your sins." He doesn't remember that you have done anything wrong so why should you remind Him of it? It is not good taste to remind Him. To remind Him that you have done wrong is to accuse Him of being a liar. He does not remember--so don't you remember. Then with what confidence you can come before the throne of grace.

Secondly, He said, "Put me in remembrance." What does He mean by that? In other words we are to remind Him of His promises in regard to prayer. When you pray, stand before the throne of God, remind Him of His promises, lay your case legally before Him, and plead it as a lawyer. A lawyer is continually bringing up law and precedent. You bring His Word. Bring His covenant promises. He said here, "Put me in remembrance, let us plead together, declare thou (or as the margin of the King James translation says, 'Set forth thy cause') that thou mayest be justified." God is asking you to bring His Word, to put Him in remembrance. He is asking you to plead your covenant rights. Here is a challenge from God to lay the case before Him. If your children are unsaved, whatever it is you are praying about, find the scripture that covers your case and then lay the matter before Him.

Be definite. Find the scriptures that definitely promise you those things. When we come according to God's Word, God's Word does not fail.

STAND ON HIS WORD

11 ...Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

-Isaiah 45:11

this scripture is prophetic and quite startling. It does not apply to Israel, it is yours. Israel were servants of God. We are sons (1 John 3:2). This verse in Isaiah has reference to us and it is in perfect harmony with the following scripture from the New Testament.

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.

-John 15:7

The Greek word translated "ask" here means "demand".

"Demand whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you," He said.

You do not command in tones of arrogance, but as a partner, a worker-together with Him, you lay the case before Him. You call His attention to His part in the drama of life.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

-Isaiah 55:9-11

The eleventh verse is a scripture you should continually use in prayer. It is the very backbone of the prayer life. No word that has gone forth from God can return unto Him void.

God said, "...I will hasten my word to perform it" (Jer. 1:12). The marginal reading of the King James translation reads, "I will watch over my word to perform it."

He will make His Word good if you dare stand by it! The greatest answers to prayer that I have ever received were when I brought God's Word to Him and reminded Him of His Word, I reminded Him of what He said. Praise God and thank God He keeps His Word.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

I followed this procedure exactly in an experience you may have heard me relate before.

In the last church I pastored, the Sunday School Superintendent, a pumper in the East Texas oil fields, fell off the engine house down into the machinery.

As I drove through town someone stopped me and said, "Did you know that Brother Haynes is dead?"

I said, "No, he isn't dead I was just out on the lease fifteen minutes ago talking to him."

"Well, after you left he climbed up on the engine house and fell down into the machinery and he is dead."

I hurried out to the lease and made my way through the crowd that had gathered to the engine house where he lay on the ground. I walked up and knelt down beside him.

Dr. Garret said to me, "Reverend Hagin, I thought he was dead, however, he isn't quite dead yet. But he is dying. He will never regain consciousness. We can't move him; he will die lying right here. I wish you would take Mrs. Haynes aside and prepare her."

I took Sister Haynes by the arm to lead her to one side but before I could say a word to her she said, "Dr. Garret doesn't think Daddy will live, does he?"

"No," I answered.

She looked up and smiled through her tears

and said, "Isn't it wonderful that you and I have 'inside information'?"

I said, "It surely is!"

We prayed. He kept on living.

The ambulance waited about an hour and a half. Finally, Dr. Garret said, "Well, let's try to get him to the hospital. I didn't think he would live this long."

I rode in the ambulance with him to the hospital some thirty miles. Three specialists were waiting when we arrived.

To make a long story short, we had been there two days and were facing the third night. One of the doctors said to me, "Reverend, I will tell you the truth about it, we don't even know the extent of his injuries because we can't move him. How he has lived this long we don't know. We do know his left lung is deflated, however, we don't know what internal injuries and hemorrhaging he may have. He is still in shock and we can't bring him out. There is no chance of his making it."

Sister Hayne's faith was slipping. When you sit with a person over a period of hours and grow tired physically it is easy for your spirit and your faith to be affected. So I knew I had to get her out and I did.

This was the third night I had been up with very little sleep and at about two o'clock in the morning, I began to fall asleep. The special nurse awakened me as she stirred around the bed. The way she looked I asked her if Brother Haynes was dead and she replied, "I thought he was, but he isn't quite yet. I know I'm not supposed to talk this way to you, but he will never make it till seven o'clock in the morning when I go off."

I got up and went out into the corridor and at two o'clock in the morning in that hospital I did just exactly what I suggest you do. I did just exactly what God said to do. He said, "Put me in remembrance." He said, "Let us plead together." He said, "Set forth thy cause that thou mayest be justified."

So I said to the Lord, "Lord, I am not going to let him die. First of all, he is only 49 years old and a man 49 years old is not old enough to die."

I reminded Him, "You promised us in Your Word at least 70 or 80 years."

"Secondly, he is our Sunday School Superintendent. He usually endeavors to visit every absentee himself. He is really the only Sunday School Superintendent I have ever had in all of the churches I have pastored. There is not another man like-minded in our church. This isn't my church, it is Your church. I am the under-shepherd, but You are the Great Shepherd. What I need, You need. I need him."

"Thirdly, He is my deacon. He always stands

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right with me solidly and all the other men follow him. I need him. If I need him, You need him.

"Fourth, he has influence for good in our town. The business men and practically everyone in the city have more confidence in him than in all the rest of the men put together. I need him.

"Fifth, he gives 20% of his income into the church. If we take that out, we are almost bankrupt. I know You can meet every need but Your ways of meeting needs are through men."

(God is not going to rain money down out of heaven. He is not a counterfeiter. God's way of doing things is through men. Remember that Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom...." .. Shall men give.)

And so I said, "This is not my church. We are the body of Christ. You are the Head. What the body needs, the Head needs. Lord, we need him. The church needs him and so I am not going to let him die.

"Besides that, death is of the enemy. It is of the devil."

(Death is an enemy. It is not of God. Death is the last enemy that shall be put under foot the Bible says. However, God has taken the sting out of death for us.)

So I said, "I rebuke death and I command it to leave his body in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth."

I went back into the room. Brother Haynes was breathing well and his color looked good. The nurse was reading a magazine. I sat down but when I got still I became sleepy again and I fell off to sleep. She awakened me as she moved about. When I first looked at him I thought, "My, I have gone to sleep and let the devil come in here and take him and he has died on my hands." I got up and went through the same procedure again. I argued my case the same way. We did that the third time before he rested well.

At eight o'clock the doctor came in. The moment he listened to his heart he said, "Nurse, get the stretcher. We are going to take him to X-ray." He turned to me and said, "This man has come out of it. He is out of shock. He might make it now." Thank God, to make a long story short, he did make it!

When he came back to church, he testified. (I had never told him or anyone how I had prayed.) He said, "Folks, don't ever feel sorry for Christians who die. The last thing I remember was falling. I never remember hitting the machinery. The next thing I knew I woke up in the hospital.

They tell me it was several days. It seemed like only a few minutes. When I did wake up I never did hurt. I never had any pain. I actually just sort of had a big time. It was most amazing.

"The only thing that I can remember while I was unconscious is that I must have died. I went up. I went up to heaven and I saw the angels. I heard them sing. Oh, such singing as you have never heard. I saw the saints robed in white. I stood among them. And I saw Jesus. He came to me. I was just about to fall down before Him to tell Him how much I loved Him and appreciated Him when He pointed His finger to me and said, 'You're going to have to go back.' I said 'I don't want to go back.' Again He pointed His finger at me and said, 'You are going to have to go back.' I said, 'I don't want to go back.' He said the third time, 'You are going to have to go back to the earth.' And I said the third time, 'I don't want to go back to the earth.'

"He reached around as a person would if he were standing by a window and pulled back a curtain. It seemed that He pulled back a curtain and when He did I heard Brother Hagin say, 'Lord, I'm not going to let him die. I'm not going to let him die.'

"He said, 'See, you are going to have to go back. Brother Hagin won't let you come yet. ' "

I have always believed we have more authority than we think we have!

I stood before the throne and pled my case like a lawyer. Praise God we can! We have Scripture for it. "Put me in remembrance," God said, "Let us plead together. Declare thou. Set forth your cause (or your case) that you may be justified."

In 1950 my father-in-law had an operation. He had never asked anyone to pray for his healing but he asked me to pray with him and I did. Nineteen days after the operation he was still in the hospital. Complications had set in.

My mother-in-law had stayed with him night and day and had never left. When she saw that he just wasn't going to make it she had a nervous collapse. My wife had gone home with her. I was there with him and he was unconscious.

Incidentally, the Lord revealed to me exactly what was happening to him physically. I mentioned this to the doctor and he looked at me in amazement and said, "How did you know that? That is exactly what is happening to him, but a person would not know that unless he were medically trained." I am glad the Lord knows everything!

As I stood there I said (quietly to myself as there were others in the room), "Lord, do You want me to curse this death and command it to go? Shall I command this sickness and physi-

cal condition to be made well? I believe I will just do it."

Immediately, the Lord said to me, "No, don't do it."

(Notice the text says, "Let us plead together." You can talk to Him and He will talk to you.)

The Lord began to plead His case. He said, "Now he is seventy years old. He is ready to go. He hasn't always been ready to go but he is now. He has all of his business settled. Financially, materially, spiritually--everything is ready. He will never have a better time to go than now. You leave him alone and let him go."

Immediately I said, "All right, Lord, on one condition. You let him come out of this death and leave a good testimony and I'll let him go."

I hadn't gotten those words out till he opened his eyes. He looked at me and said, "Kenneth."

I said, "Yes sir, Mr. Rooker."

He said, "I'm dying."

I said, "I know."

"The sooner the better," he said. "I know what I'm doing now. I'm at myself."

The doctor said afterwards, "I would not have believed that if another doctor had told me. If I had not seen it with my own eyes I would not have believed it." He gave me some medical term. He said that he wasn't exactly dead and he wasn't exactly alive, but about half way between the two. He told me he had never seen anybody come back when they were out that far.

That night we had a great time. Mr. Rooker sat up in bed and we brought our children in. He sat up and laughed and talked and you would have thought he was going on a vacation the next day. He kissed those grandchildren, the only ones he had, goodbye without a tear.

The next day at about the same time as the afternoon before, he became unconscious. I knew that when death fastened its final throes upon him he would regain consciousness momentarily because I had been down there so many times myself.

And so when he came to that point I saw that look of consciousness flash across his face. He quickly fastened his eyes on me and said, "Kenneth, I'm dying."

I said, "I know, Mr. Rooker, but you are not afraid."

"No, I'm not afraid."

"Just lie back on the pillow and let her go."

He just lay back, bless God, and went to sleep. A smile flickered across his face and he went to be with Jesus.

He had said to me the night he had regained consciousness, "There has been a man right up there for the last two days. Every now and then he will motion to me to come on."

He had said to him, "Sir, I don't rightly know who you are but I'm not quite ready yet. You will have to wait a little while." Praise the Lord!

I still believe that we have more authority than we have ever used upon the earth.

God said, "Let us plead together." There may be times that you will plead with God and He will plead with you. You can see that under the circumstances that was the best way to handle this particular case. He did answer my prayer. Immediately Mr. Rooker had come out of it. He left a good testimony.

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.
-Psalm 78:41

Can you limit God? The Bible says that Israel limited Him. The marginal rendering reads, "And they turned again and tempted God and limited the Holy One of Israel."

We have limited Him. We have limited Him with our prayer life. We have let the great promises of fellowship and cooperation with God go by untouched and unrealized. But, thank God, we can act upon His Word.

NEW TESTAMENT PRAYER PROMISES

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.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
Matthew 18:18-20

This Scripture is amazing! "...Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I!" We often quote that verse in regard to a church service. It has no reference to a church service; however, it is true the Lord is there. He is saying that wherever two people are who agree, He is right there. That would be an executive meeting so to speak, with the Master. We come together to do business. Sitting in His presence, planning, discussing, and then praying. For He said, "...if two of you shall agree...." Unless you do some planning and discussing you won't know what you are agreeing on.

The group may be small; just a husband and wife. But, if they agree as touching anything they ask--it shall be done. It shall be done! This is a challenge!

We have never fathomed the depth of what this Scripture can mean to us. And we will not until we act upon it and continue to act upon it.

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Where two agree in prayer the power of the two increases ten-fold over one. The Bible says that one shall put a thousand to flight but two will put ten thousand (Deut. 32:30). You can be mighty in prayer in God alone, but you can be mightier in prayer, united or joined together with someone else. Every "believer" should find an "agree-er". Someone to join with him in prayer.

We should lay out a program of prayer, making a list of subjects and of people to lay intelligently before God, the Father.

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.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

-I John 15:7-8

If ye abide in me.... If we are born again, we do abide in Him. If He had just said that and that alone, we would have had it made. But He adds, "...AND my Words abide in you...." His Word abides in us in the measure that it governs our lives. In the measure that we act upon it.

If His Words abide in us, we are bound to have faith because the Bible says, "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). It would be an impossibility for His Word to abide in us and us not to have faith. Unbelief (or doubt) is a result of ignorance of the Word of God.

If we are living the Word, then when we come to pray that Word dwells in us so richly that it will become His Word on our lips. It will be as the Father's Words were on the lips of the Master, Jesus.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

-John 15:16

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

-John 16:23-24

Pray is addressed to the Father in Jesus name. This is Divine order. And this statement, "...whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you," has enwrapped within

it the ability to bring God into our circumstances, into our finances, into our businesses, into our families, into our homes, into our nation or whatever it is that we are praying about.

We are not praying to Jesus. We are praying to the Father in the name of Jesus. That's the way Jesus said to do it.

You can fellowship with the Master and talk things over with Him. But when it comes to prayer based on legal grounds it is to be addressed to the Father in the name of Jesus.

Jesus really gives us the power of attorney. That means that what Jesus can do we can do. That means that Jesus' name gives us the right to go into the presence of the Father God and receive answers to our prayers. Jesus backs our prayers! He makes it good.

THE WILL OF GOD IN PRAYER

14 And this is the confidence (boldness) that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

-I John 5:14-15

The believer, walking in fellowship with the Word, will never ask for anything outside of the Father's Will (outside of the Word). We need not worry about that. If he is not walking in fellowship with the Father, or with the Word, he is no. going to get anything anyway.

You see friends, we can find out God's will in the Bible, for it is His Will, His Covenant, His Testament. It is His will for us to have what He has provided, what He has purchased, what He has brought.

We know that saving the lost is His will--- for this end He died. We do not pray, "God, save my Mother who is lost--if it is Your will. Don't let her go to hell--if it is Your will. If it is not your will let her go on." No! Why do we not pray that way? Because in God's Will, His Word, John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We know that saving the lost is His will because the Bible also says, "The Lord is not... willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). Saving the lost is His will.

All right then--when you pray for someone who is lost, you pray according to His will. This text says, "...This is the confidence that we have in Him...that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us. And if

we KNOW that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we KNOW that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." Even when it comes to the salvation of the lost in ones own family.

In my own family I have never done any personal work. It is most difficult among your own family. I have never even invited one of my family to go to church. I was saved on the bed of affliction and I never mentioned that. But, in my spirit I believed these scriptures were so, therefore I acted upon them. And every single one has been saved.

(When I say my family, I do not mean my children. I have never prayed one prayer that my children would be saved because I knew from the moment they were born that they would be. I have authority in my household.)

We KNOW that saving the lost is His will because to that end Jesus died. Yet, instead of having confidence, people are wondering whether or not it will work. They are turning in prayer requests that it will be so when all the time the Bible declares, "This is the boldness that we have toward Him...that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." Well, saving the lost is His will. "THEN... He heareth us. And if we know that He heareth us---THEN we know that we have the petitions that we ask of Him."

You see, it isn't a matter of "If I have enough faith God will save this loved one." It is a matter of His will. It is a matter of knowing the Word again.

We know that healing the sick is His will. Because God's Word tells us, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24). And because His Word says, "...Himself took our infirmities, and bare out sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17). It is His will that we have what Jesus bought for us.

We know that praying for finances to meet obligations is His will according to Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." In the fourth chapter of Philippians he is talking about finances.

It is His will that our needs be met. God said to Israel, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land" (Isaiah 1:19). Of course, you can't walk in disobedience and enjoy the good things of God. But if you are willing and obedient God wants you to have the best. He is not a miser or a tight wad. He didn't put everything here for the devil and his crowd.

Some people have the idea that you should

never have anything financially or materially if you are a Christian. That you should go through life with your nose to the grindstone.

Jesus said, "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children. How much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11).

Oh, He wants to. He wants to. But folks won't cooperate with Him and let Him.

How many of you parents would desire that your children go through life sick and afflicted, down-trodden, down-and-out, poverty-stricken, nose to the grindstone? None of you!

Jesus said, "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, HOW MUCH MORE...." How much more! He wants us to have the best folks. God wants us to prosper and have the good things of this life.

No, He does not want us to be covetous. That is wrong. In fact, the Lord said to me once, as He came and sat down by my bedside and talked to me for an hour and a half about being led of the Spirit, "My Spirit will lead all of my children. The Bible says that as many as are led by the Spirit they are the sons of God and the Spirit leads by an inward witness. I will lead you and not only you but any child of God. I will show you what do with your money. I will show you how to invest it. In fact, if you will listen to me, I will make you rich. I am not opposed to my children being rich. I am opposed to them being covetous."

Someone could be covetous and not have a crying dime. Some misread and say, "Money is the root of all evil." The Bible does not say that. It says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil...." (I Timothy 6:10). It is all right to have money. It is wrong for money to have you."

We can pray for ministers that they will speak in the power of the Spirit. We can pray for the lost in heathen lands. All this is in His will.

Then with what boldness we can come to Him. This is the confidence that we have in Him: that if we ask anything according to His will--He heareth us. (All of these things are according to His will so we know that when we pray about them, He hears us.) And we KNOW if He heareth us, we KNOW we have the petitions that we ask of Him. We KNOW we have it! We Know it! Praise God!

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

-Mark 11:24

21 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 unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
-Matthew 21:21-22

Believe it first and then you will have it. If you believe you have something you are going to thank God for it.

Faith is actually thanking God for something which you already possess but which has not yet materialized, however you know that it is yours. And you possess it. You possess it without seeing it.

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

-Mark 9:23

All things...all things are possible to the man who cooperates with the Lord, who fellowships with the Lord, who is a co-laborer of the Lord.



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