



"be willing and obedient...[and] eat the good of the land" (Isaiah 1:19), which means you ought to be driving the good, wearing the good and living in the good.

In short, God wants you to be a walking manifestation of what the Bible says in Psalm 112: "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever."

Talk about a truly prosperous life! When you're delighting greatly in The WORD of God, your children are doing well, you have a house full of wealth and riches, and at the same time your righteousness is intact, you've got it all happening, my friend. Life doesn't get any better than that!

I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU TODAY. THEY ARE QUESTIONS RELATIVELY FEW CHRISTIANS SERIOUSLY CONSIDER, BUT EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER.

WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR INCOME TO BE?



What should you have financially in order to live well, be debt free, have some healthy savings accounts and give generously?

Have you ever sat down and thought about that? Have you ever put a pencil to paper and, with the guidance of The WORD and the Holy Spirit, figured it out?

If not, it's time you did. It's time you stopped just trying to get by on whatever comes in and started getting serious about walking in the fullness of God's financial will for your life.

His will is for you to "prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 1:2, *New King James Version*). His will is to "increase you more and more, you and your children" (Psalm 115:14). His will is for you to

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, when it comes to the amount of money we're going to have I think we're better off leaving it up to God. We ought to just let Him choose how much He wants to give us, don't you agree?"

No, I don't...and more importantly, neither does the Bible. It says very clearly that God has already made His choice in the matter. He's already chosen to cause THE BLESSING of Abraham to come upon us in Christ (Galatians 3:14). He's already said to us all throughout the Scriptures:

"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you." (Genesis 17:4, *NKJV*)

I will BLESS you in the city and in the country. (see Deuteronomy 28:3)

I will BLESS you coming in and going



God's will is for you to be truly prosperous and enjoy good things in every area of life. Isaiah 1:19 In Christ all things are yours, but choosing to believe for them is your responsibility.

Deuteronomy 30:19

To receive supernatural income, start by determining not just what you need but what you want. Psalm 23:1 Once you've decided on an amount, ask God for it, believe you receive, and then stand in faith without wavering.

James 1:6-7

Bind the devil by telling him to get his hands off your money and loose the angels to bring it in. Matthew 18:18 out. (see Deuteronomy 28:6)

I will command THE BLESSING on you in your storehouses and in everything you do, make you plenteous in goods, and prosper you at every turn. (see Deuteronomy 28:8, 11)

I've made My choice to BLESS YOU. Now the choice is yours. I've set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. So choose to be BLESSED! (see Deuteronomy 30:19)

As the Apostle Paul put it in 1 Corinthians 3:21, in Christ "all things are yours"! Everything that you will ever need or want in life beyond your wildest dreams already belongs to you as Jesus' joint heir. But deciding how much of it you choose to receive and enjoy isn't God's responsibility.

It's yours.

You're the one who has to take by faith what His WORD says already belongs to you. You're the one who has to decide what you want and believe for it...and if you neglect to do it you're going to miss out on a lot!

The Exact Amount at **Exactly the Right Time**

I first began to discover this in the late 1960s when Gloria and I went into the ministry. We didn't know back then everything we know now about prosperity, but we had learned enough to pay off a seemingly insurmountable mountain of debt. We were also learning to believe for the income to do what God had called us to do.

One time after I'd preached a threeweek series of meetings in Louisiana, we found ourselves \$900 short of the budget with only one service left. Nine hundred dollars, with inflation factored in, was like \$6,000 in today's economy and to us that seemed like a fortune. We'd never received anything close to \$900 in one

So in the natural, the situation looked impossible.

We'd already agreed before the meetings began, however, on the exact amount we needed to receive. We'd released our faith according to Matthew 18:19 where Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." So we weren't just hoping the money would come. We saw our agreement like a signed contract with God. We'd done our part by acting on His WORD and we believed He'd do His part by bringing it to pass.

Even so, all day long before that last meeting, while I was preparing to preach, the devil kept hammering at me. "These people have given hardly

anything during this whole series of meetings," he said. "What makes you think they're going to give \$900 tonight?"

"I don't think they are," I answered. "I know they are because I have God's WORD on it!"

Hour after hour, I kept fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the devil's pressure on my mind. When I couldn't stand to stay in that little motel room any longer I went outside and walked around praying in the spirit and confessing The WORD of God. Since it was wintertime, no one was out there to hear me so I just kept saying out loud, "This full amount belongs to me. We believed for it when we started this meeting, and it's coming in, glory to

When the devil contradicted me I'd make my confession again. "Shut up, satan!" I'd say. "You're a liar and the father of lies. I have the words of Jesus on this. They're written in red letters and they can't lie, so we're not coming up short. We have an agreement and it's coming to pass."

After a while, I looked up to see a car pulling into the motel parking lot. When the driver saw me he started honking the horn like something was wrong. Pulling to a stop right alongside me he hollered, "Brother Copeland! I'm glad I caught you. I've been to every service you've preached here but I have an appointment tonight. I'm still going to come to the meeting but I'm going to be late and I didn't want to miss out on the opportunity to give my offering!"

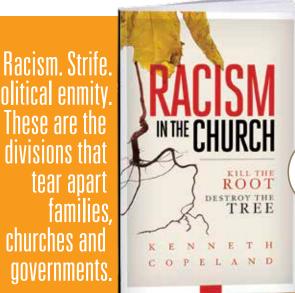
Then he handed me a check for \$500.

We didn't have many \$500 checks coming in back in those days, so that was a marvel in itself. What's more, when the rest of the offering came in that night the total came out to be the exact amount Gloria and I had agreed on and written down three weeks earlier. We didn't miss it by even one penny!

Same Steps, Same Results

"Well, those kinds of things happen to you, Brother Copeland, because you're a preacher."

No, they happen to me because I'm a believer, and if you're a believer they should be happening to you too. Just like



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Gloria and me you should be receiving supernatural income—and you will if you'll follow the same basic steps.

No. 1: Decide on the amount you want. Determine how much it would take not only to meet your needs and supply your necessities, but also to fulfill your desires.

Fellowship with The LORD over such questions as: Where would we like to be financially as a family? Would we enjoy a bigger home than this? How much would we like to have in our storehouse? How much would we like to be able to give when the pastor announces the church is building a new sanctuary? A thousand dollars? Ten thousand? More?

As you pray about those things ask The LORD, "Where do You want me to set my faith right now? What do You want me to plan for and believe for?"

If the answer you come up with stretches you too much, spend extra time meditating on what God said in His WORD about supplying your needs, wants and desires. Get rid of your old poverty mentalities and expand your thinking with verses like these:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1)

"They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." (Psalm 34:10)

"Delight thyself...in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psalm 37:4)

"The desire of the righteous shall be granted." (Proverbs 10:24)

Once you're ready to take your faith stand and you've decided on the amount you desire, get it fixed in your heart so you know, *This is what we're going to have. We're going to increase this year by 40 percent* (or whatever).

Then settle it before The LORD by acting on Mark 11:24. Ask, believe you receive, and agree with God that it's already yours.

From that time forward, be singleminded about it. Stick to your agreement. When doubts try to come, fight the good fight of faith on the

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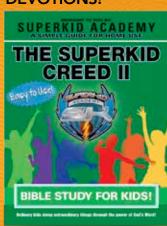
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battlefield of your mind and refuse to waver because, as James 1:6-8 says: "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Use Your Authority to Bind and Loose

"But what about the devil?" you might ask. "Won't he try to get in and hinder my income flow?"

Yes he will. So don't let him do it. Use the authority that belongs to you as a believer to keep him out of your financial affairs.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:18, "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." So after you've prayed the prayer of faith, bind the demonic spirits in the atmospheric heavens. Address the devil and his cohorts directly and say, "I bind you and I command you right now, take your hands off my money, in Jesus' Name!"

Then go ahead and loose your angels. There are more of them than there are demons operating in the atmospheric heavens and they are "all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). They've been commissioned by God to respond to His WORD and they're waiting on your command. So put them to work on your behalf.

Don't wait on God to tell your angels what to do. He's turned that job over to you. So speak to them and say, "Ministering spirits, in the Name of Jesus, go forth and cause my money to come. Do whatever is necessary to help bring to pass my faith agreement with my heavenly Father!"

All kinds of amazing things can happen when angels get involved in situations. Take, for example, what happened to a pastor friend of mine. Some years ago, he found himself in a predicament that could only be solved supernaturally. The bank was demanding immediate payment of \$135,000 on the \$500,000 he owed on his church building. He had no way in the natural to come up with the money so he took the problem to The LORD, stood on The WORD, and believed for the amount he needed.

Shortly thereafter, he was on a ministry trip in a hotel room and as he was getting ready to go preach he heard the door open. Assuming the hotel had mistakenly given someone the key to his room, he turned toward the door and was astonished to find two gigantic angels standing there. "What are you here for?" he asked.

"We're here to help you get the money for your building," they replied. "That's our job."

"Wonderful! What are you waiting on?"

"The command," they answered.

"Go!" he told them, and—whoosh!—they were gone.

Long story short, a few days later he was in the office with his attorney and a man in a jogging suit walked in holding a \$135,000 check. "I don't much like your preaching, pastor" he said, "but I was out running today and I got a strong sense I should give you this."

A few days later the same man showed up again—this time at one of their church services. "I realized I was actually supposed to give you \$500,000," he said. "So here's a check for the balance."

Think about that! Those two big angels finished the whole job. They helped bring in enough money not just to meet the immediate need but to pay off the entire church building.

God wants the same kind of things to happen to you. So start taking the necessary steps. Determine the amount of supernatural income you want to receive, settle it with God and believe you receive. Bind the devil; give command to your angels; and maintain your confession.

Step out by faith into the fullness of God's financial will for your life!