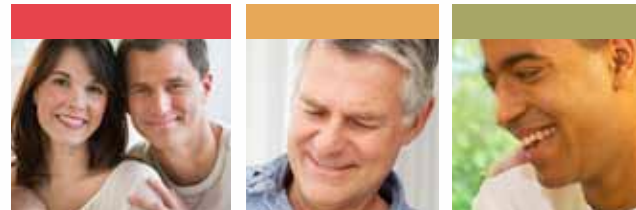


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It was just a few years ago that a local news broadcast caught my attention. A shop owner was relating how a young man with a hoodie and a pistol ran into her boutique and demanded that she give him the money in the register.

While the sole customer stood there stunned, what happened next shocked not only the customer, but the robber as well. The owner pointed her finger at the young man and demanded, "You get out of my shop in the name of Jesus!" The security video shows the shop owner wagging her finger and the confused, would-be robber looking over at the customer. He hadn't expected anything like that.

Then as the man stood frozen, the owner said it again, "Get out in the name of Jesus!" In a flash, he turned to the door and ran out faster than he had run in!

This woman knew something that many believers have overlooked or never even considered: There is power in the

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name of Jesus—and He has given His family the right to use His name!

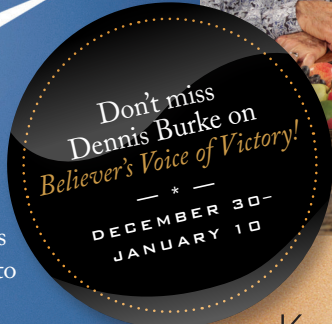
I have told that story many times and watched people come alive to their authority as a believer. Soon after I recounted that experience at a Bible college in Australia, one of the students faced her own crisis just a few days later.

This student trains horses and was in the arena working a \$200,000 horse. Suddenly she saw that the arena gate was standing wide open. She never left the latch undone, but there the gate was—open. The horse saw it at the same time she did. Outside the gate, it was open land for miles. There would be no stopping the horse once it ran out of the arena.

Suddenly the horse bolted toward the gate! There would be no catching it now. Like a flash of lightning, the memory of the shop owner's experience exploded in the trainer's mind. Instantly the trainer pointed her finger at the horse and shouted, "Stop in Jesus' name!" Just like that, the horse put on the brakes and came to an abrupt stop just outside the gate. Then it stood still until the trainer could walk over and take the limp reins.

It was the power of God that drove the robber out of that store. It was the same divine power that brought a racing horse to a sudden stop. God's power in our hearts and in our faith-filled words really will change things!

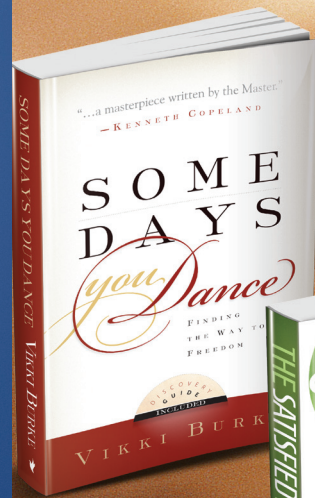
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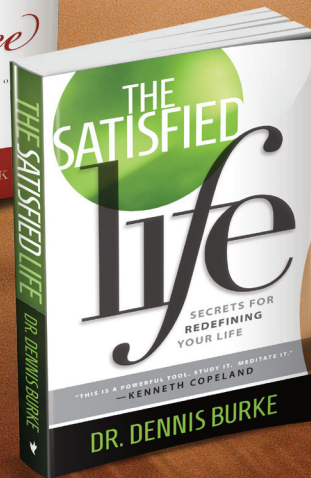


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business, your family, your health, and your finances. The anointing of God that is activated with your words has the capacity to turn around *any* situation that needs to come in alignment with God's will!

The anointing of the Holy Spirit to change things is a lot like electricity in nature. Electricity will cause one device to heat up and another to cool down, depending on the purpose of the device you plug into the electric outlet. The results will vary depending on the need—but it is the same power.

So often we all face situations or conditions that need to be changed by the power of God. Nothing else will do the job. They may not be as dramatic as those I've just described, but they are important to us when we face them.

At times, it can seem like challenges arise in just about everything we do, whether we're working with people, dealing with business affairs, or resolving issues at home. Even just getting a meal at a restaurant can spark trouble. This is especially true when we're walking with



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God and trying with everything in us to deal with each new challenge in a way that will honor Him and overcome the trouble.

God has answers for us and has given us the tools to stand strong in the face of every adversity. One of those tools is as close as your breath.

The Holy Spirit once said to Vikki, "My Word is voice-activated." We are to activate God's power ourselves with our words. Amazing, isn't it? The technology developed only recently

has been God's system all along. His Word is where His power is found.

There is a clear example of this in Jesus' ministry. A Roman centurion came to Jesus asking for Him to heal His servant. Jesus said He would go with him and heal the servant. Then this soldier said something startling:

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one,

'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."<sup>1</sup>

The centurion understood the power of a spoken word. He also recognized the authority Jesus held over disease. He knew that if Jesus spoke to this disease, the servant would be healed. And the centurion was right. Jesus did exactly what the soldier asked of him, and the servant was healed.

When Jesus first heard what this soldier said, the Bible says He marveled. Wouldn't you like Jesus to marvel over something you said – in a positive way?

Look at what Jesus said about it in the next verse: "When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!'"<sup>2</sup>

This man's faith was the greatest Jesus had seen among the rabbis of the land or even among His own disciples. It was faith in the authority of Jesus and the power of His Word.

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Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." We can choose to fill our words with God's life and know that His power is activated with our spoken words.

Jesus said it this way: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."<sup>3</sup>

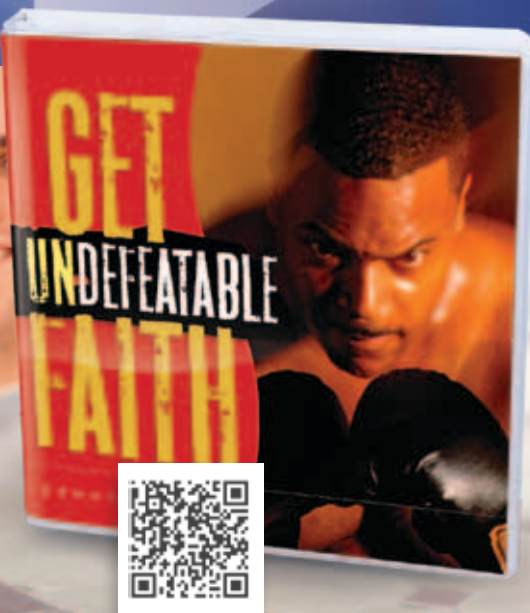
We will lift others and ourselves when our words are filled with God's life. Our words encourage, heal, restore, and prosper when we fill our speech with His truth. We can choose to avoid speaking things that will discourage or condemn. We can also choose to declare boldly and confidently the things God says about us. He has called us *righteous, healed, prosperous, filled with joy, and qualified* to receive His inheritance!

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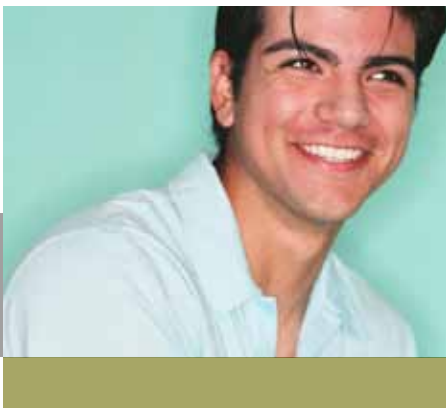


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**T**he news media has reported a great deal about our military's use of heat-seeking missiles during the last decade. In simple



terms, a heat-seeking missile is aimed at a target. Then once it's released, the missile chases down the target until it makes contact. Heat-seeking missiles are so sophisticated that >>





even when the intended target zigzags in different directions, the heat-seeking missile will track it down until it overtakes the target. Certainly this is amazing technology for our military pursuits; however, the blessing of God has been working like a heat-seeking missile ever since God pronounced it on Abram!

God declared: “I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”<sup>1</sup> Because we are the seed of Abraham, this same blessing

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever....”<sup>3</sup> *The King James Version* translates the Hebrew word for “follow” in a variety of ways elsewhere, such as “chase,” “hunt,” “pursue,” or “put to flight.” Doesn’t it sound like goodness and mercy come after us much like a heat-seeking missile tracks its target? Even if we zigzag a little off course, the blessing of God will *hunt*, *pursue*, and *overtake* its intended target: believers!

We also see this in Proverbs, where it says, “Trouble chases after sinners, while blessing *chases* the righteous.”<sup>4</sup> The blessing of God is attracted to us as believers the way a magnet is attracted to

Some people say Joseph had to go through those horrific circumstances in order to get him to Egypt where the blessing was. But that isn’t true. If you believe that, you have to believe that God was a party to the hatred that caused Joseph’s brothers to sell him into slavery; that God caused Potiphar’s wife to seduce, lie about, and ultimately betray Joseph; and that God caused Joseph’s cellmate, Pharaoh’s former cupbearer, to forget him for two years after he was restored to Pharaoh’s palace, allowing Joseph to languish in prison just a little longer. But God is never a party to evil or injustice. His throne is built on

righteousness and justice.<sup>5</sup>

When those horrible things happened to Joseph, the blessing of God chased him through the years of his zigzag detour

until it finally found its target in—of all places—a prison. Joseph’s experience tells me that we cannot get so far off the right path that the blessing is unable to track us down and overtake us! There is no place on earth that can prevent the “heat-seeking” missile of God’s blessing from tracking us down!

Joseph didn’t say he had to go to Egypt to find the blessing. He had an entirely different point of view about what had happened to him. Joseph told

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The “heat-seeking” power of this divine blessing is recorded in Deuteronomy 28: “And all these blessings shall come on thee, and *overtake* thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.”<sup>2</sup> The blessing of God can “overtake” you even if you take a few detours in your life or zigzag in the wrong direction! What’s more, Psalm 23:6 says, “Surely goodness and mercy shall *follow* me all the days of my life: and

metal. It’s as though we are “magnetized” because the blessing is *drawn* to us.

If you think about it, that’s exactly what happened to Joseph after God gave him a dream that would bring the blessing not just to one person, but to nations. The blessing of God was drawn to Joseph—pursuing him from his homeland to Egypt, from Potiphar’s house to prison, and from prison to Pharaoh’s palace, where it finally overtook him.

his brothers, “As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil, for he brought me to this high position I have today so that I could save the lives of many people.”<sup>6</sup>

No matter what people did to mistreat Joseph, he refused to blame anyone and kept a watch over his words. That’s why their attacks were never powerful enough to deflect the heat-seeking missile of God’s blessing! As Proverbs 12:13 says, “The wicked are trapped by their own words, but the godly escape such trouble.” If anyone had just cause to inflict retribution on those who mistreated him, it was Joseph. But he had made a decision to focus on the dream instead of on discontentment—and that decision paid great dividends.

Many people believe in the blessing of God, but they don’t see it reflected in their lives. Why is that? There can be a number of reasons, but one is that people often focus on and talk about their unpleasant circumstances or how mistreated they are. Another reason is that they think about their problems more than they meditate on the prospect of living the dream God has promised them. This pattern of destructive thinking and speaking has a “demagnetizing” effect on people that blocks the blessing from tracking them down and overtaking them. But do you know what *does* find them? The negative things they think and talk about!

We can only achieve the success Joseph attained if we behave the way he did. For instance, notice Joseph’s attitude when an inmate asked him why he was in prison. He could have spewed any number of facts about his family and former employer. But

instead, Joseph said he was “kidnapped from his homeland.”<sup>7</sup> Joseph protected his words, so bitterness and resentment were never able to attach themselves to him.

The Bible doesn’t tell us to speak the facts, but it clearly instructs us to speak the truth—and God’s Word is true. Truth changes facts! The fact may be that we’ve been cheated and mistreated, but the truth is that we are highly favored and God’s blessing belongs to us!

Regardless of what life brought Joseph, he kept his thoughts and words focused on the dream God had given him. That focus acted like a magnet that drew the blessing to him, no matter where he went.

When we commit to honoring God in everything we do, His blessing

will be like a magnet, drawing good things to our lives. We don’t have to try to manipulate the circumstances to turn out in our favor. God can bring the right people into our lives at the right time to provide just the right things we need! Talent, hard work, or education alone won’t bring what God can bring to us. But when we follow after God’s ways and allow Him to bring *His* opportunities to us, His favor can take us farther than someone with more talent or education.

I remember my Dad telling me on many occasions that if I worked harder than anyone else, people would notice and reward me accordingly. I took that to heart, and I always outpaced my coworkers.

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### November 17

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Word of Life Worship Center | 131 Hwy WW  
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### December 8-9

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### December 22

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After working for a while at my first office position, the company went through a staff reduction. Three women were laid off, and I was given their tasks in addition to my own. I believed that my hard work would be noticed and that I would receive a big, fat raise on my next evaluation. But that didn't happen. I got the same measly raise as my last evaluation. I was so utterly disappointed that I quit my job and moved on.

Applying my Dad's work ethic year after year only made me more and more disillusioned. Years later, I was thinking about how my Dad's ethics just weren't true and how I'd been duped by believing such malarkey—when suddenly the Lord interrupted my thoughts. (I love it when He does that because I know I'm about to grow in wisdom!) He assured me that my Dad's work ethic was true, albeit misplaced. The Lord then corrected me, saying, "If you'll do what's right, I will notice and I will reward you." That's when I realized I had been expecting my reward to come from people—yet *God* is the One who had promised to bless me for living uprightly.

Wrong thinking like that can prevent us from receiving from God. Although God may use people to bring His blessing into our lives, we cannot put our expectation in people. He can bring the blessing through a variety of avenues that we can't even imagine!

So be faithful to live uprightly before God, and continue to believe that He will reward your faithfulness. Stand on His promises that "a faithful man shall abound with blessings...."<sup>8</sup> and "...no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."<sup>9</sup> There are good things that have your name on them! When you honor God with upright living, no matter how others conduct themselves, His blessing will overtake you! Don't be discouraged if it doesn't happen overnight. Instead let your attitude be, "Something good is coming my way today!" That's magnetic speech!

You don't need to seek the blessing. When you put God's Word first place in your life, the blessing seeks after *you*! Matthew 6:33 tells us that when we seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, all the other *things* will be added to our lives. You can relax and enjoy great peace, knowing that you are like a magnet that attracts God's blessing. The favor of God will track you down like a bloodhound. God will open doors that no man can shut. There are great things stored up for

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you as you meditate day and night on what God has promised you!

One more thing—you cannot look regretfully at the past and expect to receive God's best in your future. I've learned a very powerful principle about regret. If I regret a past mistake, it means I didn't learn anything from it. So whenever I have undesirable experiences, I refuse to focus on how bad it was. Instead, I focus on learning something from it. That's how bad experiences lose their power to cause regret.

Both our present and past experiences pale in comparison to what God has planned for us. He knows how to get us where we're supposed to be. So let's commit ourselves from this point on to living uprightly and receiving God's best in this life. As we do, we will become irresistible *magnets* of divine blessing!

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