



## DEVELOPING AND TRAINING THE BORN-AGAIN HUMAN SPIRIT

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### DAY 1 – DEVELOPING YOUR BORN-AGAIN HUMAN SPIRIT

It is possible to develop and train your born-again human spirit to use faith and to hear God speak to you. People look to the outside or check their feelings to find evidence of God's WORD working in their lives. When you are born again, your spirit man is reborn. The spirit and flesh are two different systems. God is a spirit, and He doesn't change.

### STUDY IT

- I. It is possible to develop and train your born-again human spirit to use faith and to hear God speak to you.
  - Brother Copeland was hungry to know more about faith and have faith experiences.
    - He studied with Oral Roberts and Kenneth E. Hagin.
    - He had the opportunity to watch Brother Roberts use faith like a tool.
    - He didn't realize he already had faith, and he just needed to learn how to use it.
  - Brother Copeland heard The LORD say to him, *I want you to teach My people faith.*
  - That's part of the original mandate of Kenneth Copeland Ministries—teach faith.
- II. People look to the outside or check their feelings to find evidence of God's WORD working in their lives.
  - Spiritual things work from the root.
  - Jesus spoke to a fig tree (Mark 11:12-24). Sometime during the next 24 hours, the tree dried up from the roots.
  - When Peter saw that the tree had dried up, Jesus answered him by saying, "Have faith in God."
  - Jesus was demonstrating to them and us, that as human beings created in the image and likeness of God, we have the spiritual capability and capacity to do what God did and still does.
- III. When you are born again, your spirit man is reborn.
  - We are a new creation—in the spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). Everything about the *new* man is from God.



- Jesus' DNA was from God. The Holy Spirit hovered over Mary, and in her womb was conceived the Holy One, Jesus (Luke 1:35).
- In the same way, your DNA is of God. How? You said it with your mouth and believed it in your heart (Romans 10:17), the Spirit of God hovered over you, and inside was conceived a holy person.
- Concentrate on the inner man in which the force of faith lives.

IV. The spirit and flesh are two different systems.

- Jesus said, *whatever is born of the spirit is spirit, and whatever is born of the flesh is flesh* (John 3:6).
- We are told to, "believe in your heart..." (Romans 10:9).
  - The writer used the word *heart*, because the heart of a man is where the life of the man is. He was talking about your spirit.
  - You can't believe with your physical heart, but you can believe with your spiritual heart.
- God works with spiritual forces—the most powerful forces that exist.
  - Faith, hope and love are spiritual forces, and the greatest of these is love—that's God, because God is Love (1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 John 4:8).
  - The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, or in the inner man, by the Spirit of God (Romans 5:5).
  - The Spirit of God puts His attributes, or His fruit, into your spirit. You can live like God by using the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- You *are* your spirit, your inner man. You are not your body.
- You can live without your fleshly body, but your body can't live without you.
- We have been naturally oriented instead of spiritually oriented.
  - We were taught biblical principles from a natural point of view, and the spiritual power was removed. There was not an understanding of the spirit.

V. God is a spirit, and He doesn't change.

- God doesn't have to change. He got it right the first time.
- One of the Names of God is *Jehovah Rapha*, which means "The LORD our Healer" (Exodus 15:26).
- He is still Jehovah Rapha, our Healer.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Spend time thinking about God's WORD. Meditate on what He said. Let the Holy Spirit reveal to you, just like He does to Brother Copeland, the reality of God's WORD. Start by meditating on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. Then go to Mark 11:22-24. God wants to talk to you personally. Give Him your time every day, and listen! You will be changed.



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### DAY 2 – MEDITATE ON THE WORD OF GOD TO DEVELOP YOUR SPIRIT

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#### STUDY IT

- I. The believer has a voice, and it's the voice of victory.
  - This is the victory, even our faith (1 John 5:4).
  - We are majoring on you—the inner man.
  - You *are* a spirit. Inside your spirit is your soul, your mind, will and emotions; and you live inside a physical body.
  - Jesus told about the rich man who died. Even though he was in the place of the dead, his mind, memories and emotions were active (Luke 16:22-25).
    - The rich man recognized Abraham, whom he had never met in this life.
    - Abraham told him, "Remember...." He still had his mind and his memories.
- II. We must learn to use the laws of the spirit.
  - The brain is the physical go-between. It takes the brain to express the intellect and thoughts in your mind, and the wisdom and direction of the Spirit.
  - If you don't know something, it's because you haven't been taught.
  - The laws of physics for man to fly would've worked even before the airplane was invented. But at that time, no one understood those laws.
- III. The heart is the core, the center, the life inside you.
  - The life of the body is in the blood. That makes your physical heart and its functions very important.
  - When the Scripture talks about your heart, it means your inner man, your spirit (Mark 11:22-24). You believe with your heart.
  - The heart is *you*.
  - You cannot live without your heart, neither the physical heart nor the spiritual heart.





- IV. The Bible is a spiritual book that will train you to grow up.
- The inner man needs to be trained and grow up. Spiritual babies need help.
  - We should desire the milk and the meat of The WORD (1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:13-14).
  - Part of the mission of Kenneth Copeland Ministries is to help the Body of Christ move from spiritual milk to meat.
  - We live in a word environment. Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21).
  - God's Spirit will teach us.
  - To grow, we must meditate in God's WORD. To *meditate* means "to mutter." Talk to yourself about The WORD you just read (Joshua 1:8).
    - Brother Copeland learned the importance of meditating, allowing the Holy Spirit to teach him when he read about Jesus and the multitude going to the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus didn't follow the crowd to the religious center. He turned aside from the group to go to the pool of Bethesda to heal a man (John 5:1-2).
    - God encouraged Joshua to lead the people and win battles by continually meditating on His WORD.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration every day:

*I believe God's WORD is life to me. My spirit has been born again. I want to grow in the things of God, so I choose to meditate day and night on His WORD. I expect my faith to grow and develop as I seek God every day!*



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### DAY 3 – TRAIN YOUR SPIRIT FOR VICTORY WITH THE WORD

We understand training the mind and body, and we must understand how to train our spirits. We can only understand how the Bible works by understanding the spirit, soul and body, in that order. The LORD encouraged Joshua in his assignment as leader of the children of Israel. Jesus has provided a way for all of us to receive our desires. Meditate, believe, and you will have it! See yourself with it!

#### STUDY IT

- I. We understand training the mind and body, and we must understand how to train our spirits.
  - Spiritual laws govern the kingdom of God. We must be trained through The WORD of God how to use our words to receive from The LORD (Mark 11:23-24).
  - The most important part of you is the real you. When you make Jesus The LORD of your life, the real you is born again. You are completely re-created—you are made righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21).
  - The real you is a spirit.
  - If you could step outside your body, people would still recognize you.
- II. You can only understand how the Bible works by understanding the spirit, soul and body, in that order (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
  - The laws of the spirit are unchangeable just like the laws of physics. In fact, the laws of the spirit created the laws of physics.
  - Physical laws are mirror images of spiritual laws. They work when they are put to work.
  - You need to know how to work spiritual laws.
  - God promises to give us victory (Mark 11:22-24).
  - The word *whoever* means anyone can believe and speak, then receive.
    - The word *therefore* should be examined to see what it is connected to. Therefore, whatever things you desire, immediately begin to pray, believe you receive them, and you will have them.



- III. The LORD encouraged Joshua in his assignment as leader of the children of Israel (Joshua 1:5-9).
- The last time Joshua was in the Promised Land, there were giants and high-walled cities. The devil was tempting Joshua to be afraid and to quit.
  - God promised to stay with Joshua and cause him to win, all the days of his life. The LORD said, "Be strong and courageous. I'll not leave you nor forsake you. Mediate on My WORD, not on the memory or the fear of the giants."
  - We are not to mediate on the pain, the situation or the trouble. Only think about and speak God's WORD day and night.
    - You are meditating on something all the time. You hear a word, and a picture appears inside you.
    - God's WORD inside you will change the picture!
  - Keep your mind on The LORD, and you will prosper, have good success and deal wisely to make God-based decisions, not money-based decisions.
- IV. Jesus has provided a way for all of us to receive our desires.
- Meditate on what God said (Mark 11:24). What is your desire?
  - Brother Copeland's immediate desire was to have a pain-free body. His long-term desire is to finish his course in the earth.
  - Jesus answered him, *OK*. Today, Brother Copeland has no pain in his body!
  - The revelation that God wants to give you what you desire built hope inside Brother Copeland.
    - God has provided faith, hope and love (1 Corinthians 13:13).
    - Sometimes the reason we don't receive is not weak faith, it's weak hope.
    - Without hope, faith has nothing to bring to pass—there's no hope or only weak hope. Hope deferred makes the heart sick (Proverbs 13:12).
  - Brother Copeland realized that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law that THE BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles (Galatians 3:13-14).
    - THE BLESSING of Abraham is summed up in Deuteronomy 28.
    - The more Brother Copeland read, the more excited he got. He meditated on THE BLESSING of Abraham. That BLESSING made Abraham rich (Genesis 13:2) and Isaac even richer (Genesis 26:13).
    - Brother Copeland told Gloria they were rich, even though they didn't have any money at that time.
  - Hope concerns things in the future—faith is now!
- V. Meditate and believe, and you will have it! See yourself with it!
- By God's Spirit, you can do anything.
  - The LORD told Brother Copeland to begin speaking on the radio. God did the miraculous to make it happen.



- Brother Copeland argued with God about this big step, and then asked for a “burning bush” sign. An immature Christian can get away with asking God for a sign, but as you mature, you must receive what God says simply by faith.
- One of his friends gave Jimmy Swaggart some of Brother Kenneth’s tapes. Brother Swaggart called him and said, “Why aren’t you on the radio?”
- God said, *There’s your burning bush. What else do you want?*
- Brother Copeland makes a practice of meditating on God’s WORD.
  - For example, Brother Copeland read that Jesus moved to the city of Capernaum (Matthew 4:13-16). Every time he saw Capernaum in the Scripture, he wrote in the margin “Home.”
  - As Brother Copeland studied, he became more aware of each time he read the word *Capernaum*.
  - As a result, The LORD gave him many revelations about Capernaum and the healings and miracles that happened there.
- Meditating on God’s WORD will open your eyes and your faith to know and understand more of God.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write down your desires, hopes and dreams. Find scriptures that give you confidence of God’s desire to answer. Meditate God’s promises that pertain to your requests. Put the date when each has been accomplished.

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Prayer: *Thank You, LORD, that as I meditate on Your WORD, like Joshua, I will develop and train my born-again human spirit to receive all that You have for me. Thank You, Sir! In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 4 – KEEP MEDITATING ON THE WORD TO SEE RESULTS

Educate and train your spirit man, and you will see results. The first step to develop your spirit begins with meditating God's WORD. Become a dreamer, because to dream is to hope. Meditating on God's WORD will expand your spirit and build your hope. God will have prepared everything *before* you step into His plan.

### STUDY IT

- I. Educate and train your spirit man, and you will see results.
  - You are a spirit. You have a soul, the intellectual part of you, and you live in a physical body.
  - The rich man in hell saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. He recognized Abraham, even though they had not met in this life (Luke 16:22-25).
  - Heaven is far more alive than our life on earth.
- II. The first step to develop your spirit begins with meditating God's WORD.
  - Think about the scriptures and meditate them, especially the ones that pertain to what you're dealing with. Your spirit will begin to expand, because God is living in you.
  - Rufus Mosely, a preacher in the early 1900s lay prostrate on his face before God praying, weeping and crying. Finally, he stopped and said, "Here lies a fool who knows nothing, doing all the talking to One who knows everything."
    - We should remember to *listen* to God, who has all the answers, more than we *talk*.
  - When you begin to meditate God's WORD, you stop talking, and let God expand your thinking. The answer is not coming out of your mind, it's in your spirit.
  - The more you meditate, the more active your spirit becomes in that area.
- III. Become a dreamer, because to dream is to hope.
  - Make sure your dream is oriented in God's WORD. Faith is the substance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1).
  - Gloria dreamed of building a house. She found pictures of houses and the furnishings she was interested in putting into *her* house. She had scriptures that covered the house, the furniture—everything. She's a WORD-woman!







- There came a time that she committed her dream to The LORD. She said, "If You don't want us to build this house, we'll lay down all our plans and not mention it again."
- At the instruction of The LORD, Brother Copeland ministered the house to her, and she was so excited because he used the same scriptures she had been standing on since the beginning for the house.
- The day they poured the foundation, the money was in the bank for the whole project!

IV. Meditating on God's WORD will expand your spirit and build your hope.

- When praying for family situations that look impossible, don't meditate on the impossibility of them.
  - Look up family Scripture promises and meditate on them.
  - If and when Brother Copeland's children did things he and Gloria didn't approve of, they didn't fuss. They had already meditated on God's plan for their children, and that's what they continued to believe and speak.
  - They are not afraid of what the devil might do to their children, because their hearts are established, trusting in God.
- That peace and confidence came by meditating the Scriptures. Lean not to your own understanding, but trust God with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- Don't ever blame God and don't be double-minded (James 1:6-8).
- During a storm, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, don't You care?" Don't do that!
- Meditate on God's WORD all the time, so you don't get blindsided by what the devil is trying to do.

V. God will have prepared everything *before* you step into His plan.

- Joshua sent two spies into Jericho, and there they met Rahab (Joshua 2:8-11).
  - Rahab said, "All of us in Jericho know The LORD has given you the land."
  - They had heard about the Red Sea opening (Exodus 14:21-22), and the defeat of King Sihon and King Og, enemies of the Jews (Numbers 21:33-34).
  - The people of Jericho lost their courage and were afraid of the children of Israel.
- Meditate on God's plan before you begin. If you meditate on the hard part, that's what you'll get—the hard part. It will choke off your spirit.
- The children of Israel kept saying they would die in the wilderness. God had to let them die, because they kept saying it (Numbers 14:2).
- Junk in your mind and your mouth will stop your spirit from getting the victory.
- Brother Copeland changed his spirit, mind and words to enjoy the task of taping daily television programs for the ministry and participating in the things that are good for him, like physical exercise. He has the victory!





## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Prayer of faith:

*Father, Your WORD promises me success and victory as I meditate on it, and develop and train my human spirit. I want to be like You, I want to please You, and I want to rejoice over every challenge, knowing You are with me, and together we win! Thank You! In Jesus' Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 5 – EXERCISE THE WORD TO DEVELOP YOUR SPIRIT

The born-again human spirit needs to be trained and educated, and the mind needs to be renewed. You can see things in the spirit that you can't see with your mind. Meditation in The WORD of God is the first step in developing the human spirit. The second step is to be a doer of God's WORD. The third step is to forgive.

### STUDY IT

- I. The born-again human spirit needs to be trained and educated, and the mind needs to be renewed.
  - It's your inner man, your spirit being, that is born again to make you a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-18).
  - You are not just forgiven; your spirit is actually born again. The spirit of a man is the candle of The LORD (Proverbs 20:27).
  - "Born again" is not just a religious expression. It literally means born of the Spirit. Jesus said what is born of the flesh is flesh and what is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:6).
  - The spirit man is born again; not your mind nor your body.
- II. You can see things in the spirit that you can't see with your mind.
  - Your mind can't see things that are not seen (Hebrews 11:1).
  - Doubting Thomas said, "I will not believe unless I see" (John 20:25).
  - The spirit of faith is to believe and then speak (2 Corinthians 4:13-18).
  - Jesus told us how to use faith. We must believe in our hearts and then say what we desire (Mark 11:23).
  - Start believing the moment you pray. Don't wait until things are already changed; that's not faith.
- III. Meditation in The WORD of God is the first step to the development and training of the human spirit.
  - The inner man will be renewed day by day if you develop and train it.
  - God told Joshua to meditate the Scriptures day and night, and he would "see" what to do.





- Joshua didn't know what he was going to do at Jericho until he meditated in God's WORD. Then, He "saw" the children of Israel marching around the city, and the trumpets blowing. The natural mind would not think of this method of victory.
- Your problem gets bigger because you meditate on it. Instead, meditate on faith and prosperity.
- God told Brother Copeland when he needed more finances to preach, *Seek ways to get The WORD out, not ways to get the money in.* When he obeyed, the finances flowed in.

IV. The second step to train your born-again human spirit is to be a doer of God's WORD (James 1:22-25).

- You have to make certain commitments and decisions concerning the written WORD of God. Faith comes by hearing The WORD of God (Romans 10:17).
- This WORD is the perfect law of liberty. It will make you free!
- People read the Bible, study the Bible, and even memorize the Bible, but they don't make a decision to act on what it says.
- Why do some people have results and some don't?
  - You must make a decision to act like the Bible is true. If you don't, you're deceiving yourself.
  - Even though you read and study, if you don't apply God's WORD, you won't have what it says you should have.
- Distinguish between what are facts and what is truth.
  - The symptoms of sickness and disease are facts, not the truth. The truth is, "By Jesus' stripes, I am healed" (1 Peter 2:24).
  - Meditate on the truth, and the facts will change.
- Keep God's WORD in your eyes and heart (Proverbs 4:20-22). Spend time daily meditating on the truth.
- Meditate The WORD, and become a doer of The WORD.

V. The third step in developing and training your spirit is to forgive.

- Forgiveness is a decision of your will, not an emotional response.
- You must forgive and not hate, otherwise the love of God is not in you (1 John 4:8).
- It takes a strong, born-again human spirit, in control of the mind and body, to forgive.
- Make this confession: "I'm a meditator. I'm a doer of God's WORD. And I put God's WORD first place in my life."





## MAKE IT PERSONAL

God will help you develop and train your born-again human spirit. Study this lesson; and let us know how you have applied what you learned along with the results you are receiving! [Click here to share your experiences](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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