



RELEASING THE NATURE AND POWER OF GOD IN YOU—PART 1

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DAY 1 – GOD'S DIVINE NATURE IS LOVE

Faith is precious because it comes from Jesus. God's divine nature is found in His WORD. God is Love and His divine nature is wrapped around Love. Moses saw God at the burning bush that represented sin and judgment. God met with Moses on Mount Sinai to reveal Himself.

STUDY IT

- I. Faith is precious because it comes from Jesus—His words and demonstrations.
 - You have precious faith just like Simon Peter had (see 2 Peter 1:1).
 - You will receive grace and peace from the knowledge of God's WORD.
 - "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue [excellence]: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious [covenant] promises"—promises sealed by the blood of Jesus (see 2 Peter 1:3-4).
- II. God's divine nature is found in His WORD. God is Love and His divine nature is wrapped around Love.
 - Man was created in God's image. The man and woman were mirror reflections of God (see Genesis 1:26).
 - When Adam sinned, he broke the mirror reflection of God and lost God's divine nature. Adam and Eve died spiritually (see Genesis 2:17).
 - People have difficulty having faith in the Father because they only see His reflected image in a distorted way.
 - Jesus Christ was and is the only One who perfectly reflects the image of God.
- III. Moses saw God at the burning bush that represented sin and judgment (see Exodus 3:2-6).
 - Moses left his path to go see this bush.
 - God introduced Himself: "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."



- Moses was discouraged because he had tried to create his own purpose rather than finding the purpose God had for him.
 - At the burning bush Moses found God's purpose.
 - There's a big difference from pushing your purpose and finding God's purpose for your life.
- IV. God met with Moses on Mount Sinai to reveal Himself (see Exodus 19:20).
- Moses built an altar and sacrificed an animal (see Exodus 24:4-8).
 - He took half the sacrificial blood and put it on the altar and the other half he sprinkled on the people.
 - At that moment, the covenant became a blood covenant. God was going to hold them to obedience.
 - Moses came down with the Ten Commandments written by God on a sapphire stone made by God, and found the people worshipping an idol (see Exodus 32:15-16, 19-20).
 - Moses, in his anger, broke those heavenly tablets.
 - God called Moses back up the mountain to replace the tablets. This time, Moses had to make his own stone tablets on which God would write the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 34:1).
 - The first five Commandments identify our duties in relationship with The LORD.
 - The other five Commandments speak of our relationships with one another.
 - When we get the first five correct, we'll be in position to get the other five correct.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God's divine nature is founded on Love. His Love is in, on and around everything He is and everything He does. As we come to God calling upon His Love, He will give us the answers we need.

Begin to see your needs from the perspective of the Love of God. With your need in mind, tell yourself, "God's Love will take care of me." God is Love and He will not fail you.

Write down a declaration of rejoicing and praise for His Love-answers, and see them fulfilled—not because you spent time worrying, but because He loves you!



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DAY 2 – THE 13 ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

The promises God made to us are great and precious and are revealed by faith. We have a holy, divine gift that was bought and paid for by Jesus' blood. The 13 attributes of God reveal Him and His ways. *Chesed*, covenant Love, is revealed in God.

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- I. The promises God made to us are great and precious and are revealed by faith (see 2 Peter 1:4).
 - Jesus said, "Who do you say that I am?" (see Matthew 16:13-19).
 - Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 - Jesus replied, "Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father."
 - *Christ* is the Greek translation of the word *Messiah*.
 - When you, by revelation knowledge, know who God is, God expects you to exhibit His divine nature.
- II. We have a holy, divine gift that was bought and paid for by Jesus' blood.
 - Our Savior loves us so much, He made the receiving of it the easiest thing.
 - The shortest salvation prayer on record was when Saul of Tarsus got knocked off his horse and said, "Who are You, LORD?" His name was changed to Paul.
 - Paul was a great scholar and knew much of the Law.
 - Like Moses, Paul was trying to do his calling. He was just going about it the wrong way.
 - When God taught him, Paul found his calling as an apostle to the gentiles (see Galatians 1:15-18).
- III. The 13 attributes of God reveal Him and His ways.
 - "And The LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity (premeditated) and transgression (rebellion) and sin (mistakes), and that will by no means clear the



guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation” (see Exodus 34:6-7).

- God spoke His Name:
 - *The LORD* (a translation of Yod-Hey-Vov-Hey), *The LORD*, (again a translation of Yod-Hey-Vov-Hey), *El* meaning “All-powerful, El Shaddai, Elohim.”
 - God’s Name is written three times to indicate the Trinity.

IV. *Chesed*, covenant Love, is revealed in God.

- God, the Greater, makes covenant with man, the lesser, bringing the lesser up to the standard of the Greater.
- Jesus accomplished this for the believer through the new birth. The new covenant is for us, God’s children.
- Jesus said, “In that day, you’ll ask the Father in My Name and He will give it you” (see John 16:23).
 - Have faith in the Name of Jesus, the Covenant Name above all names.
- Jesus said, “I will not leave you orphans. I will send a Comforter. He has been *with* you, but now He will be *in* you” (see John 14:16-18).
 - Fifty days later, the Holy Spirit came to indwell the believers (see Acts 2:1-4).
- The Day of Pentecost for the Jews is the celebration of the Law given to Moses.
- The day Moses found the people worshipping the golden calf, 3,000 of them died.
 - On the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in the upper room, 3,000 more people were born again.
- Jesus fulfilled everything to the letter. Now, we are being led to fulfill the works of Jesus in the earth.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God is holy, separate. He is not a human. He is greater than we can imagine. Knowing God’s attributes helps us know Him and understand His WORD and His ways.

Pray this prayer with us:

“Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Yourself to us. Thank You for Your WORD and Your Holy Spirit who teaches us all things. Thank You for Your promises and Your faithfulness. I want to know You more and more. As I seek You, fill me with revelation about who You are, how You think and how You love. I desire to be like You, Sir. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”



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DAY 3 – CALLED BY GOD TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Peter changed from a disciple of Jesus to an apostle. Our heavenly Father has taught us many things. Be followers, imitators of God, and walk in Love. God taught the people how to pray according to His attributes.

STUDY IT

- I. Peter changed from a disciple of Jesus to an apostle (see 2 Peter 1:1).
 - Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment: love one another. The world will know you are My disciples by the way you love one another” (see John 13:34-35).
 - A disciple is a follower; one who is disciplined to the one he is following.
 - When Jesus said “Go into all the world and preach the gospel” (see Mark 16:15), the disciples became apostles.
 - When they *called* us Christians, we *became* Christians; anointed ones.
 - The Name *Christ* means “the Anointed One and His Anointing.”
 - Whatever is associated with the Anointed One becomes significant.
 - When you gave your life to Jesus, you became associated with Him and you became significant. You carry the anointing.
- II. Our heavenly Father has taught us many things. His grace and mercy cause Him to continue to teach us, whether we obey the first time or not.
 - Reproofs of instruction are a way of life (see Proverbs 6:23).
 - The LORD told Kenneth to *start walking and don't quit*.
 - He didn't take that as a commandment, so he didn't obey. He should have physically walked every day, but he didn't.
 - Eventually, a disk in his back exploded, and Kenneth was in extreme pain.
 - After he recovered, he made the decision to walk every day. His diet is now correct, he walks every day, and he has no pain.
- III. Be followers, imitators of God and walk in Love (see Ephesians 5:1-2, *AMPC*).
 - Just as children imitate their parents, we are to imitate God.
 - Generational curses are actually generational teachings.



- Children imitate the diet and habits of their parents. So, if the parents' diet is not healthy, the children's diet will not be healthy. If the parents don't exercise, the children will not either.
 - Therefore, the diseases that come on the parents will come on the children.
 - This is not due to a generational curse, it's due to having the same bad habits that lead to poor health.
 - Heart attacks and cancer are not hereditary. They are self-induced by unhealthy eating habits and lack of exercise.
 - We eat what our parents told us, but many times it's not a healthy diet.
 - In other situations, parents teach us correctly, but we rebel.
- IV. God taught the people how to pray according to His attributes.
- Once the attributes of God were announced, they flowed all the way through the rest of the Bible (see Exodus 34:6-7).
 - The LORD is longsuffering, abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression (see Numbers 14:17-19).
 - God forgave them.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

If we are going to be disciples of Jesus, we must love others as Jesus loves them.

Write down ways you can show the Love of God to those around you.



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DAY 4 – THE LORD’S PRAYER REVEALS HIS DIVINE NATURE

God Anointed Jesus with His divine power (*dunamis*). He revealed His nature from the beginning. God’s divine nature is already in you because Christ is in you. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray.

STUDY IT

- I. God Anointed Jesus with His divine power (*dunamis*) (see Acts 10:38).
 - *Dunamis* is explosive, miraculous power—the same power with which God created the universe.
 - God has given us this same power; and through this divine power we have all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge we have in Jesus (see 2 Peter 1:3-4).
 - Jesus has given us great and precious covenant promises so we, by faith, can access all that He has given us.
- II. God revealed His divine nature in the beginning—in Genesis and Exodus.
 - As time went on, people forgot what had been told to them by their elders.
 - For example: Abraham’s nephew, Lot, took the best-looking land to be his own. Lot had no revelation (see Genesis 17:8-12).
 - Abraham took what was left by faith, and God BLESSED him with green pastures and gave him more than enough.
 - The children of Israel forgot what God had promised, especially when they spent time in Egypt. Remember, they had no written WORD of God.
 - God realized they needed a demonstration.
 - Half the people stood on one mountain that was lush and green. It was THE BLESSING mountain. The other half of the people stood on another mountain facing THE BLESSING mountain. That was the curse mountain.
 - Then, the priests read THE BLESSINGS for obeying God and the curses for disobeying God; and after each one, the people shouted, “Amen!” (See Deuteronomy 27.)
 - God was instructing them about who He is and who they were in Him.



- III. The divine nature is already in you because Christ is in you.
- You are supposed to be exhibiting God's nature in the earth today by showing as much faith and Love as Jesus had in the earth.
 - When you pray, pray the Covenant WORD. God will answer.
 - When the apostles prayed, God literally shook the place as a demonstration of His power (see Acts 4:31). They were tapping into what was already in them, the attributes of God through Christ Jesus.
- IV. As Jesus prayed, the disciples said, "Teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1-4).
- Jesus got results when He prayed, so they asked Him to teach them to get results.
 - When you pray, say, "Our Father who art in heaven." God is your Father, and He wants to connect to His children.
 - "Hallowed be Thy Name." Jesus is referring to the Name of The LORD—LORD, LORD, El (see Exodus 34:6 and Notes Day 2).
 - Jesus taught the disciples to pray in relationship with God, not as a religious exercise.
 - What Jesus taught them to pray has all of God's attributes expressed in a different way (Exodus 34:6-7).
 - Later, Jesus taught them to pray in His Name, because they were accessing God through a different, better covenant ratified by the blood of Jesus (see John 14:13).
 - Jesus was transitioning them from law to faith.
 - We have been given the same authority as Jesus.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The LORD's Prayer is not only our example of how to pray, but also contains revelation about God's will.

Pray The LORD's Prayer out loud, slowly, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the attributes of God it contains.

Write down what these phrases from The LORD's Prayer mean to you.

Our Father: _____

Your kingdom come, Your will be done: _____

Give us this day our daily bread: _____



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DAY 5 – WE ARE TO LOVE AS HE LOVED US

Jesus has given us a new covenant. Healing is included in salvation. It's all in the mercy, grace and goodness of God. God has given us covenant promises so we can partake of His goodness. Lift up Jesus. Preach The WORD.

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus has given us a new covenant.
 - Jesus said in the Last Supper, “I give you a new covenant, a new commandment that you love one another as I have loved you” (see John 13:34).
 - God so loved the world (see John 3:16).
 - Jesus is God’s gift to the world.
 - When we accept Jesus, we are made new creatures (see 2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - Jesus said, “I’m not leaving you orphaned. I’m sending you a new Comforter, Standby, Intercessor and Strengtheners. I’m sending you the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit. He has been *with* you; He will be *in* you” (see John 14:16).
- II. Healing is included in salvation. It’s all in the mercy, grace and goodness of God.
 - Pray The LORD’s prayer and all prayers with the proper motive, not to impress others (see Matthew 6:5).
 - We ask, and we receive. We seek, and we find. We knock, and it is given to us. The Greek word for *seek* means *research*.
 - Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He will give it to you (see John 14:16). That’s the answer to every situation.
 - Jesus was transitioning the disciples into the new covenant which included having the Holy Spirit in and upon them.
 - They were to receive the Holy Spirit and all that God had for them.
- III. God has given us covenant promises so we can partake of His goodness (2 Peter 1:4).
 - It’s a covenant that’s received by faith. Legalism will disconnect a person’s heart from living by faith.



- Go after knowledge and information from the standpoint of a disciple.
- Continually desire to know Jesus, and study to seek Him.

IV. Lift up Jesus. Preach The WORD.

- We are to love *as God loved us*.
- Don't try to earn righteousness. Receive it as a gift of God. You have been made the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Practicing the fruit of the spirit produces holiness (Galatians 5:22-23).
- The Pharisees wanted to fix people. Jesus wanted to restore people to the Father.
- Gloria didn't try to fix Kenneth. Her love changed him. Forgiveness will do nothing about your past, but it will change your future.
- You have the same power and authority to forgive that God has.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

It makes such a difference when you love people with the Love of God. It softens the whole atmosphere. It's the nature of God. Let us know about your experiences living in the divine nature of God. Share with us by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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DAY 1 – MIX FAITH WITH THE PROMISES OF GOD

Peter called faith *precious*. Anything that comes from God is precious. The prayer connection between God and the believer is precious. To be effective, promises have to be mixed with faith. Don't mix your born-again spirit with the world's system of debt.

STUDY IT

- I. Brother Copeland's guest is Professor Greg Stephens.
 - Brother Copeland introduced his granddaughter, Jenny, her husband Elias, and baby, Andrew.
- II. Peter called faith *precious*. Anything that comes from God is precious.
 - The Apostle Peter called himself a servant of Jesus Christ, which is like a bond-slave—a slave because he wants to be (see 2 Peter 1:1).
 - When we were born again, we were made new creatures (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). Our old nature passed away, and we were given a new, precious nature the moment we were born again.
 - As believers, we have been given precious faith, divine power, divine promises and divine nature all through the power of covenant.
- III. The prayer connection between God and the believer is precious.
 - Prayer is found all the way through the Bible.
 - Don't pray to Jesus. Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name (see John 16:23).
 - Moses was the intercessor/mediator between the children of Israel and God.
 - They did not mix The WORD preached with precious faith (Hebrews 4:2).
 - Jesus became the Mediator between God and us.
 - Jesus was faithful like Moses. The difference was that Moses was faithful as a servant. Jesus was faithful as a Son over His own house (see Hebrews 3-4). We are Jesus' house.
 - We enter into God's rest because we mix faith with God's promises.



- IV. To be effective, promises have to be mixed with faith. Faith is the activating force.
- As an example, Professor Stephens showed a bottle of red water representing man without God and a bottle of blue water showing God's nature.
 - We *were* the red water.
 - One drop of red water mixed with one drop of blue water makes purple water—the color of royalty.
 - When we receive Jesus as LORD, we are like the purple water—we become children of God and our spirit man is royalty.
- V. Don't mix your born-again spirit with the world's system of debt.
- "The borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7). That's part of the curse.
 - If you are in debt, you are servant to the lender, and you are in bondage.
 - If you owe a bank or loan company, you don't know who you are spiritually in covenant with. Those people may or may not be godly.
 - Pastors, remember the following:
 - Churches that owe money on the church building are in covenant with someone who may or may not be a Christian.
 - Churches that invite the spirit of grief into their church at a funeral suffer the bondage of that spirit until it's cast out.
 - The church, the pastor and the people will suffer.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Anything that is from God is precious, including His powerful faith that He has given us.

Write why faith is precious to you.



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DAY 2 – PRECIOUS FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

The Bible is a book of checklists. Here is a top 10 list of what benefits would happen if God's Love is preached too much. The fruit of the spirit is born into the human spirit at the time of the new birth. The gifts operate as the Spirit wills, but the fruit is in you. The *King James Version* uses the word *charity* to express God's Love.

STUDY IT

- I. The Bible is a book of checklists.
 - Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels and have not love, it won't work! (1 Corinthians 13:1).
 - The word *charity* is the Love of God. In Greek, it's *agape*. In Hebrew, it's *ahabah*, indicating a love that gives. God so loved that He gave.
 - When Love is part of you, it will cause you to give.
- II. Here is a top 10 list of what benefits would happen if God's Love is preached too much.
 10. The world will know Christians belong to Jesus because of their Love for one another (John 13:34-35).
 9. Wives will be extravagantly loved because their husbands will Love them as Christ loves the Church (Ephesians 5:25).
 8. Christians will be extravagantly generous because Love is giving by nature (John 3:16).
 7. People will have a revelation of God's Love for man.
 6. Christians will have more confidence in Love because they believe in the Love God has for them.
 5. People will fall in Love with God and fall out of love with sin.
 4. They will perfectly and accurately reflect the true nature of God's character because He Is Love.
 3. They will be free from fear because Love drives out all fear.
 2. They'll be spiritually mature (Ephesians 4:15).
 1. They'll never fail because Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8).





- That's the checklist a Christian should go through.
- III. The fruit of the spirit is born into the human spirit at the time of the new birth.
- You can only say "Jesus is LORD" by the Holy Spirit (see 1 John 4:2).
 - Brother Copeland had a logo made with a banner that said: Jesus Is LORD, with a little airplane going around the middle of the world.
 - Those were Jesus' instructions: *Preach that Jesus is LORD from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle—the uncompromised WORD of faith.*
- IV. The gifts operate as the Spirit wills, but the fruit is in you.
- Professor Stephens mentions Gloria Copeland's book *Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit: Releasing the Nature and Power of God in Your Life*.
 - It all begins with the divine nature (see 2 Peter 1:4).
 - Gloria exemplifies the fruit of the spirit.
- V. The *King James Version* uses *charity* to express God's Love (1 Corinthians 13).
- The Love way is the more excellent way (see 1 Corinthians 12:31).
 - If you don't act in Love, what you say has no benefit (see 1 Corinthians 13:1).
 - However, if you have the gift of prophecy and all knowledge, and move mountains, it has no profit without Love (see 1 Corinthians 13:2).
 - Without Love, the spiritual gifts, including your giving seed, are useless and dead (see 1 Corinthians 12:7-11).
 - Your preaching is useless unless you Love the people you are preaching to.
 - Remember precious faith works by Love, and the Love of God has been shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit.
 - Put yourself in every one of the statements in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, and you will never fail.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Read 1 Corinthians 13 and write how you can exhibit God's Love to others.



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DAY 3 – GOD'S LOVE STOPS DEPRESSION AND GRIEF

Gloria Copeland lives the fruit of the spirit. Her Love for Kenneth changed his life for the better. Quotes are given from Gloria's book *Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit: Releasing the Nature and Power of God in Your Life*. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and life." God is Love and He has faith. Jesus is the Author and Developer of your faith.

STUDY IT

- I. Gloria Copeland lives the fruit of the spirit. Her Love for Brother Copeland changed his life for the better.
 - One time Gloria told Kenneth, "I'm quite sure that Jesus finds no fault in you, and neither do I."
 - Gloria spoke to Kenneth's spirit man, not his flesh. She softly prayed and took authority over the spirit of depression attacking him. He has been free ever since.
- II. Quotes from Gloria Copeland's book *Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit: Releasing the Nature and Power of God in Your Life*.
 - "Clearly, if we want to enjoy God's manifested blessings, we must keep Love at the forefront of our thinking."
 - "The fruit plus the gifts equal maximum power.... Develop your faith to walk constantly in the fruit."
 - "We are called to be a living revelation of God's Love, life and divine character."
- III. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and life" (John 6:63). The WORD of God brings life.
 - God said, "I place before you life and death; BLESSING and cursing. You choose life that you and your children may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).
 - You choose! You choose life! Choose to be free from depression.
 - Depression is grieving over something you haven't lost.
 - Depression is a spirit. You have authority over every demonic spirit.



- IV. God is Love and He has faith. He's a covenant-keeping God.
- His commandments were designed to help the children of Israel and BLESS them.
 - Read the 10 Commandments from God's perspective (Exodus 20:1-17).
 - Commandment: Have no other gods before Me. God says, *Why would you want another god?*
 - Commandment: Thou shalt not covet another man's wife. God says, *I'll get you a better woman for your wife.*
 - Commandment: Thou shalt not murder. God says, *Vengeance is Mine, I will repay. Do what I tell you to do, and I'll take care of everything else.*
- V. Jesus is the Author and Developer of your faith (Hebrews 12:2).
- Receive Jesus as your Savior, your Healer and your Developer of your faith.
 - Make sure your faith is developed in healing and prosperity and in praying people into the kingdom of God.
 - "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]" (Hebrews 11:1, *AMPC*).
 - Listen to people who preach God's promises. Keep feeding on His WORD and faith will come.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The spirit of grief will try to destroy you. It's a weapon against you from the devil. Many people take the spirit of grief when a loved one dies. Others take grief over a disappointment or betrayal.

It's up to you to reject the spirit of grief. You can choose your thoughts, what you meditate on. Turn your thoughts on purpose to the things of God. Forgive those who hurt you and concentrate on giving the Love of God to everyone around you. You'll find that your faith works and that BLESSINGS fill your life.

Use James 4:7 as a weapon against grief.

Write it here: _____



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DAY 4 – LIVING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

Spiritual growth is unlimited. Excellence is God's way. Walk in the spirit by faith and love. In her book, Gloria tells us how to live mindful of who you are in Christ.

STUDY IT

- I. Spiritual growth is unlimited.
 - Every BLESSING Moses told the people has been given to us through God's divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).
- II. Excellence is God's way.
 - In Gloria Copeland's book *Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit: Releasing the Nature and Power of God in Your Life*, she says: Live like you really are—a born-again child of God.
 - The fruit of the spirit are manifestations of the nature of God that's inside you.
 - You may not change immediately.
 - Your flesh part has to be taught, trained and disciplined to yield and cooperate with the forces in your born-again spirit so it confirms who you really are in Christ Jesus—your spiritual identity.
 - Love your neighbor as yourself—that's the whole law (Galatians 5:14).
 - We must avoid the fruit of the flesh.
 - "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21).
- III. When should the word *spirit* be capitalized?
 - The people who translated the Greek text to English had to decide which words to capitalize.
 - The fruit of the spirit is talking about the fruit of the human spirit, so the "s" should not be capitalized.



- Walk in the spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (human spirit) (see Galatians 5:16).
 - The flesh lusts against the spirit—not the Holy Spirit but the human spirit (Galatians 5:17).
- IV. You walk in the spirit by faith, and faith walks by Love. Therefore, you walk by faith by Love.
- Jesus spoke to the fig tree. He didn't tell it to die. He spoke the end result. The fig tree died (see Mark 11:14, 20-21).
 - Jesus spoke nine words to the tree. "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever" (Mark 11:14).
 - Jesus spoke nine words about faith. "Be thou removed; be thou cast into the sea" (Mark 11:23).
 - Faith requires us to not doubt but believe that whatever we say will happen.
- V. In her book, Gloria tells us how to live mindful of who you are in Christ.
- We don't overcome the pull of our flesh by living like the people did in the Old Testament.
 - We don't muster up our own natural willpower and try in our own strength to conquer our fleshly tendencies to keep God's laws.
 - The flesh can only be brought into submission by the nature of God that comes from within us as we allow our spirits to take the forefront.
 - Lust is pressure. Grief is pressure.
 - Weeping that comes up voluntarily feels good because it's part of a person's emotional make-up.
 - Those who are grieving need to be ministered to spiritually so they can find strength in the joy of The LORD to defeat that spirit of grief.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

"Heavenly Father, You are so good to us. You fill us with Your Holy Spirit and You give us love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, patience and self-control so we can live as a reflection of You. Help us put away our old manner of living, and choose Your ways. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus' Name. Amen."



RELEASING THE NATURE AND POWER OF GOD IN YOU—PART 2

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DAY 5 – JOY IS THE HALLMARK OF GOD'S NATURE

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STUDY IT

- I. Take hold of faith connected with the fruit of the spirit and it will change your life.
 - Do more than just listen to the broadcast. Get the notes and study it for yourself.
 - The scriptures you get excited about are the ones that work for you.
 - When you begin to realize there's a way to live without failure and fear, that all your bills can be paid and more, and that all your family can come into the kingdom of God, you'll know it's the only way to live.
 - God's nature should be exuding out of you all the time and changing everything around you.
 - When it does, you will never fail or fall (see 2 Peter 1:10).
 - The gospel will change the destiny of your entire family. Professor Greg's grandfather was saved and it changed the trajectory of his whole family. He went from being a moonshining hillbilly to preaching the gospel.
 - Professor Greg is here because one man made a decision based on Love.
- II. Joy is one of the primary hallmarks of God's nature.
 - Gloria Copeland's book *Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit: Releasing the Nature and Power of God in Your Life* talks about the fruit of joy.
 - One chapter is "Drinking God's BLESSINGS With Joy."
 - Faith and joy are addressed in the book of James.
 - "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (see James 1:2-4).
 - Joy was born into you when you accepted Jesus. You have His joy.
 - Nehemiah, Ezra and scribes told the people, "This day is holy unto The LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the



words of the law. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of The LORD is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:9-10).

- They stopped thinking about their failures, and then they moved into joy.

III. Don't grieve. Resist depression.

- If you let it, joy will rise up inside of you.
- Start laughing at the devil. Laugh by faith and yield to the Spirit of God to see the devil as God sees him.
- If you start laughing, soon it will just bubble out of you.
- Dr. Avery Jackson, a neurosurgeon, prescribed laughing as medicine. He has laughing classes and lets laughter overcome the pain. Laughter can overcome even cancer.
- Get the victory over sorrow. Your heart will rejoice and no one can take your joy away from you.

IV. Apply another principle to your life—the power twins, faith and patience.

- The word *patience* means "constancy, constantly constant."
- Don't let go of your faith because of how something feels or what it looks like.
- Praise and worship The LORD consistently in faith.
- We have secret information. We have the fruit and the gifts of the Spirit.
 - They are within you because you accepted Jesus as your Savior, and you have a new nature.
- Love deals with things in grace.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The fruit of the spirit comes in you when you accept Jesus as your Savior and LORD. As you grow in your Christian walk, you will see the evidence of that fruit. We are praying for you to walk in all the fruit of the spirit. Share your victories with us by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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