



Our Core Values

PASTORS GEORGE & TERRI PEARSONS

DAY 6—Core Value #4—We Are Led by the Holy Spirit (Part I)

A. Our Core Values

1. We are looking at core values—what they are, and sharing key principles for living that release the blessings of God in our lives.
2. What are core values?
 - a. They are what we hold most dear.
 - b. They are an internal compass guiding all decisions and actions.
 - c. Everything is filtered through our values or beliefs.
 - d. Our core values are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions because we believe them.
3. It is possible to influence society and be relevant, yet remain grounded in who we are. To do so, we must know what we are called, by Jesus, to do, and be grounded in our values—to such a degree that outside elements cannot move us.
4. Hebrews 4:12: “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
5. The Word of God will talk to us, as Oral Roberts used to say, “in the now.”
6. We identified seven core values a believer needs to stay steady, and as Jesus said, to occupy till He comes. The world is pressing hard against God and everything good. We can shine bright over the dark.
7. Our core values:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - i. We make and keep it prominent.
 - ii. The Word of God is wisdom and always is our answer.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - i. Everything in God is by faith.
 - ii. Brother Copeland has said, “If I can’t get it by faith, I won’t have it.” Thus, our ministry is debt free.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - i. Faith works by love, so love must be the greatest motivation in our life for the ministry we’re involved in.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
8. As we get these core values inside us, negative beliefs will be flushed out.





9. We must reset our core beliefs to the point that, regardless of what comes against us, we cannot be moved off the Word of God.
10. God will always lead us to "triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

B. Core Value #4: We Are Led by the Holy Spirit

1. How can you be led by Him if you're not aware of Him?
2. 1 John 5:7 (NKJV): "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."
3. God and His Word are One. God and His Spirit are One, and because He is love, He doesn't hold back.
4. The Holy Spirit is qualified to lead us. Every quality that is found in God and in Jesus is found in the Holy Spirit.
5. John 14:26 (NKJV)—Jesus said, "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."
6. Romans 8:14 (AMPC): "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."
 - a. *Sons* in the Greek indicates these are more than infants.
 - b. You aren't maturing in God if you aren't growing in being led by Him.
 - c. It will be important for us to be led by the Spirit in these last days.
7. "When God sent the Holy Spirit, He didn't send the B-team or the junior squad."
—Pastor Terri

C. The Work of the Holy Spirit Is Vital to Mankind

1. By the Spirit we have access—connection—to the Father (Ephesians 2:18).
2. He is the Spirit of truth, grace, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2; John 14:17; Hebrews 10:29).
3. He sheds the love of God in our hearts (Romans 5:5).
4. He reveals the Father, the Son, the Word and the future. He sees all, knows all, and is the third Person of the Trinity.
5. John 16:13-14 (AMPC): "But when He, the *Spirit of Truth* (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will *guide you into all the Truth* (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and *He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come* [that will happen in the future]. He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and *will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.*"
 - a. He will declare, disclose and transmit what we need to know.
 - b. The Holy Spirit will tell us things that are to come.
 - c. The Lord said, "I will lead you through troubled times."
 - d. This is not always like you think. It can be, *Call your mother. Or, Add more to your savings. Pray for your pastor. Check your phone. And, Get up early.*
 - e. Be listening to His leading all day, and quickly obey.



- f. Direction can have big consequences, like on 9/11. A man from Pastor Dan Stratton's church was on the street right by the Twin Towers. The Holy Spirit told him, *Run!* He promptly ran. Obedience saved his life.
 - g. Believe to always be in the right place at the right time.
- 6. God is speaking all the time. Only a few are listening.
- 7. John 6:63 (NKJV): "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."
- 8. Life comes out of the Spirit. We are to be inside-out people.
- 9. Romans 8:16 (AMPC): "The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God."
 - a. NKJV: "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."
 - b. The Holy Spirit communicates to us through our spirits.
 - c. "I check in with the Holy Spirit all the time." —Pastor George
- 10. Kenneth E. Hagin said, "Many times...we seek guidance by means other than the way God said. When we do, we get into trouble. We sometimes judge how God is leading by what our physical senses tell us. But nowhere does God say that He will guide us through our physical senses.

"Too often we look at things from a mental standpoint and endeavor to reason out things. But nowhere does the Bible say God will guide us through our mentality. The Bible does not say that the body of man is the candle of the Lord.... It says that the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.

"God will guide—He will enlighten us—through our spirits."⁶
- 11. The leading of the Spirit begins by developing your awareness of your inner man, the spirit man within, and an awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in your own spirit.

D. Perhaps the Greatest Means of Developing Your Awareness of the Holy Spirit Within Is to Be Filled With the Holy Spirit With the Evidence of Speaking in Other Tongues

- 1. Mark 16:16-17—Jesus said those that believe in His Name would speak with other tongues.
- 2. Jesus' expectation is that every believer be filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in new tongues.
- 3. The Holy Spirit first came in His fullness in Acts 2.
- 4. Acts 2:4 (NKJV): "They were *all* filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
- 5. Being filled with the Spirit is how believers give place to the fullness of the Holy Spirit's earthly ministry—both *to* us and *through* us. —Pastor Terri
- 6. The Apostle Paul said, "I wish you all spoke with tongues," and "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all" (1 Corinthians 14:5, 18, NKJV).
- 7. There are benefits to speaking in other tongues! These include:

⁶ *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*, Kenneth E. Hagin (Tulsa: Kenneth Hagin Ministries Inc., 1986) p. 1



- a. 1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV): "He who *speaks in a tongue* does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him...." It's your private prayer language with the Father!
 - b. 1 Corinthians 14:2: "...in the spirit he speaks mysteries."
 - i. AMPC: "In the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]."
 - c. Jude 20 (AMPC): "But you, beloved, *build yourselves up* [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], *praying in the Holy Spirit.*"
 - d. Acts 1:8 (NKJV): "*You shall receive power* when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
8. When you pray in other tongues your mind does not understand what you are praying. It's your spirit talking to God. God is Spirit (John 4:24).
- a. 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NKJV): "For if I *pray in a tongue, my spirit prays*, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I *will pray* with the spirit, and I *will also pray* with the understanding."
9. A believer just has to ask the Father in faith to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.
- a. Luke 11:11-13 (NKJV): Jesus said, "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, *how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*"
 - b. God will always do His part, which is to fill you, giving you words. They will come up from your spirit man, not from your reasoning. Your part is to yield to God, open your mouth, and speak by faith.
10. If you're a believer, yield now to Him—say, "Fill me, Lord, with Your Spirit." Stop speaking from your head and draw out words from your spirit. How? By faith!

Notes



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DAY 7—Core Value #4—We Are Led by the Holy Spirit (Part II)

A. Our Core Values

1. What we value, we invest in. We invest our time, finances and energy.
2. We maintain focus on things we want to build into our lives.
3. Core values are the values we hold most dear. They are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions. They are an individual's fundamental root beliefs and highest priorities that drive their behavior.
4. Our core values:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
5. We want these biblical beliefs built into the core of who we are, not be just a doctrinal list mentally ascribed to.
6. According to Romans 10:10, with the heart we believe.
7. What your heart is full of will come out of your mouth—you'll talk about it and live what you truly believe.
8. The Holy Spirit wants to "guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

B. God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit Work as One

1. 1 John 5:7 (NKJV): "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."
 - a. God's Word is His will. God and His Word are One.
 - i. Jesus is the living Word.
 - ii. John 1:14 (NKJV): "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory."
 - b. God and His Spirit are One.
2. There is never any disagreement between the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit. They always agree.
3. If you think you are being led by the Holy Spirit, but things do not line up with the Word of God, then you are wrong. The Holy Spirit will never lead you to do anything that contradicts the Bible.
4. Romans 8:14 (AMPC): "For all who are led by the Spirit of *God* are sons of God."
 - a. *Sons* in the Greek indicates someone growing, maturing.



C. Understanding the Nature of Man Is a Key to Being Led

1. Proverbs 20:27: "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward *parts* of the belly."
 - a. HEB: "The spirit of man is the *lamp* of the Lord."
 - b. "I thought the Lord gives light through the entrance of His Word?" Yes—but where and how?
Where—in your spirit
How—by His Spirit within
 - c. God will enlighten us, guide us and lead us through our spirits.
2. John 4:24: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."
 - a. Jesus said, "[God's] word is truth"—so true worship cannot be devoid of His Word (John 17:17). Neither can it be devoid of His Spirit.
 - b. God is a Spirit—and you are created in His image (Genesis 1:26-27)
 - c. Then you must, by definition, be a spirit.
 - d. You are designed to hear Him. You are His child and will grow in your ability to follow Him.
3. "Before we can understand how God does lead us and guide us through our spirits, we have to understand the nature of man. We have to understand that man is a spirit, that he has a soul, and that he lives in a body." —Kenneth E. Hagin⁷
4. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV): "May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
 - a. You are made of three parts: spirit, soul and body.
 - b. This is basic to understanding spiritual things.
 - c. Notice the spirit is listed first.
 - i. This is where God enlightens us, Spirit to spirit.
 - ii. All other light that comes to our mind, emotions or feelings are a result of the Light that comes to the spirit.
 - iii. We want to become tender to the Holy Spirit.
 - d. Our emotions and feelings are not to be in charge or followed.
5. The leading of the Spirit begins by developing your awareness of the spirit man within and awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in your own spirit.
 - a. 1 John 4:4: "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."
 - b. When you pray in other tongues, according to Jude 20, you strengthen and build up your spirit man. As you pray, you become more aware of and alert to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
 - c. You must become spirit conscious—or inner-man conscious.
 - d. 1 Peter 3:4 calls this inner man the "hidden man of the heart."
 - e. John 3:6: "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit."
 - i. So spiritual things are produced by the spirit.
 - ii. Mental things are contacted through and with the mind.
 - f. The body is to feed information to the mind for deduction, reasoning and decision making.
 - g. The will is to be trained and strengthened by the spirit and hold the flesh in submission.

⁷ *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*, Kenneth E. Hagin, pgs. 1-2



- h. If the soul is weak, the flesh will train the will to follow what it wants. The flesh on its own will always oppose God and His ways.
- 6. Brother Hagin said, "Many years ago, I began to think like this, and at first I would say it to myself out loud:
"I am a spirit being.
"I have a soul.
"And I live in a body."⁸
The more he said that phrase, the more sensitive he became to the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

D. What About Being Led by the Spirit?

1. Romans 8:16 (NKJV): "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."
 - a. The Spirit of God relates to our spirits.
 - b. We connect with the spiritual realm with our spirits—not our minds or feelings.
2. Jesus told us to "watch and pray" (Matthew 26:41; Luke 21:36).
3. Habakkuk 2:1 (AMPC): "I will...stand upon my post of observation...and will watch to see what He will say within me and what answer I will make [as His mouthpiece]."
 - a. We learn to hear Him inside, and respond.
4. 1 John 2:20 (NKJV): "You have an anointing [an unction] from the Holy One, and you know all things." All things about what? Verse 21 says that John wrote this because we know the truth.
5. What is the inward witness? The unction?
 - a. Colossians 3:15: "Let peace be your umpire." It's a sense, but a spiritual one.
 - b. Is there peace inside—in your spirit?
 - c. Is there a "green light"...or a "red light"?
 - d. Is there peace or agitation in your spirit?
 - e. Follow that knowing on the inside—in your inner man.
6. The more tender you are to the Holy Spirit, the more skillful you will become in your ability to follow the inward witness.
7. Sometimes His leading can be a voice within—either the still, small voice of your conscience or the authoritative voice of the Holy Spirit. By far it is most often the inward witness within.
8. "Many times we ignore the inward witness. We want something out in the sense realm. We seek the sensational and miss the supernatural. Let's learn that God leads all of His children, primarily, by the inward witness." —Kenneth E. Hagin⁹
9. Proverbs 4:18—The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn that grows brighter and brighter til it reaches the noon day sun.
10. Sometimes the witness—or leading—needs to grow.
11. "I followed the leading of the inward witness to go to ORU" —Pastor George
12. The flesh will argue with feelings, reasonings.

⁸ *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*, Kenneth E. Hagin, p. 7

⁹ *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*, Kenneth E. Hagin, p. 38



13. John 16:13—Jesus said the Holy Spirit tells what He hears from the Father.
14. John 10:4-5—We hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. We do not follow a stranger's voice.

E. How Do We Develop in Being Led?

1. We go back to the Word, faith, love and prayer.
2. The Word says:
 - a. John 16:13 (NKJV): "He will guide you into all truth."
 - b. Jesus said, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17).
 - c. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, and He will always lead you in line with the Word of God. They are One (1 John 5:7).
3. Faith says:
 - a. I believe that. So I make way for it by asking for the Holy Spirit's leading.
 - b. I believe I receive it.
 - c. I line my words up with it.
 - d. John 10:4—I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. I do not follow a stranger's voice.
4. Love says:
 - a. The love of God is shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5).
 - b. His love would not abandon me but leads me in the way I should go.
5. Declare:

I was created in the image of God.
He is a spirit being.
I am a spirit being.
I have a vibrant soul.
I live in a healthy body.
I am becoming more spirit conscious every day.
I am becoming more aware of my spirit every day.
I am led by the Holy Spirit within my spirit—
Not by my mind,
Not by my emotions,
Not by my body.
The Holy Spirit speaks to my spirit.
He leads me.
He guides me.
He prepares me for things to come.
I hear the voice of the Good shepherd.
A stranger's voice I shall not follow.



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DAY 8—Core Value #5—We Pray About Everything

A. Core Values Review

1. Core values are the values we hold in such esteem that we guide our lives by them. They are our filter, our compass. They are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions.
2. What are our core values?
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
3. We've been talking about being led by the Holy Spirit.
4. It's time to discover the dynamics of Spirit-led prayer.
5. The Holy Spirit wants to work with you in prayer to hit your target every time.

B. Core Value #5: We Pray About Everything

1. "Prayer is the foundation of every successful Christian endeavor." —Kenneth Copeland
2. Effective prayer will always be based on the Word of God.
 - a. The Word is the authority on prayer.
 - b. By the Word, you learn to recognize the Holy Spirit and His leading.
 - c. In prayer, the Holy Spirit will never lead you away from the Word.
3. Nearly every believer inherently knows he needs to pray, but unless you truly believe that prayer is essential, prayer will never take its full place in your life.
4. Prayer is the means by which we have contact with God, thus prayer is the means by which we have success.
5. Prayerlessness is a guarantee of failure.
 - a. Why? Simply put, with God, you have success.
 - b. Without God, you do not.
6. John Wesley said, "It seems God is limited by our prayer life—that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him."¹⁰
7. There is a legal reason for that. What is it?

¹⁰ *The Art of Intercession*, Kenneth E Hagin (Tulsa: Kenneth Hagin Ministries Inc., 1987) p. 1



- a. Genesis 1:26-28 (AMPC):
 - i. God said, "Let Us make *mankind*"—not just Adam!—"in Our image."
 - ii. "Let them have complete authority.... subdue...have dominion...."
8. God has control of some things because He established it that way from the beginning. But dominion over the earth and the operations of the "world" were given to man.
 - a. *Dominion* = Supreme authority; the power of governing and controlling; the right of possession and use without being accountable
 - b. *By design*, Adam was in charge. *By desire*, God was there supplying every need. He is the Provider of everything good.
 - c. Adam sold out to Satan, and Satan became the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4).
 - d. As long as Adam's lease exists, God must be *invited* to interact with man.
 - e. Thankfully, the plan of Redemption went into effect to put mankind back in full fellowship with the Father.
9. Through prayer, we can operate on a high level, one that supersedes the world's operations and systems.
10. "Prayer is where we do kingdom business with God." —Pastor Terri
11. The laws of the spirit function on a higher order than natural laws.
12. "The journey in prayer is often as important as the destination." —Pastor Terri
13. The bottom line was, and is still, "God and sons."
 - a. He has given you the Word—which is Himself.
 - b. We have access by grace, by faith.
 - c. Love is always the atmosphere of prayer that He invites you into.
 - d. We have the Name of Jesus—with authority in three worlds: heaven, earth and under the earth.
 - e. We have the blood of Jesus.
 - f. We have the Holy Spirit to teach, to guide, to reveal, to empower us.
 - g. We have angelic assistance.
 - h. We have full access to THE throne and to Him who sits on it!
 - i. We were created in His image and likeness so there would be no hindrance to our coming.
 - j. All that's left to you is to "come"—but you do have to come.
14. Your flesh will want to argue and become busy, instead of stopping to pray.
15. Regarding looking inward, Pastor Clark Taylor said to "drop down into Jesus."
16. The best prayers, the highest prayers, are those that come from out of your spirit.

C. New Testament Prayer—If Done Right, It Is Alive!

1. James 4:2-3: "Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss."
 - a. If you can ask wrong, then you can ask right.
2. There are all kinds of prayer: the prayer of faith, the prayer of agreement, binding and loosing, intercession, petition and supplication, the prayer of consecration and dedication, the prayer of worship.



- a. There are rules for these different kinds of prayer and we must learn to pray correctly.
 - b. God will always equip us with the information, ability, power—everything necessary to do what He expects of us.
 - c. The Word tells us how to pray.
3. Why are there rules? Because there is great power in prayer and power has to be regulated.
4. James 5:16-18 (AMPC): “The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual].”
 - a. Prayer, the right kind of prayer, prayed the right way, delivers power.
 - b. Praying incorrectly short-circuits the power.
5. Prayer itself is powerful because of the great power it delivers, like a gun is powerful because of the ammunition it delivers. You need to know how to load it!
 - a. Prayer must be powerful—look at what depends on it!
 - i. Your own salvation (Romans 10:9-10, 13; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16-18, 36)
 - ii. The harvest of souls (Matthew 9:37-38; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Isaiah 59:16; 2 Corinthians 4:4, 5:18)
 - iii. Forgiveness to flow; without it, men are trapped in sin (Psalm 86:5; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7-8, 4:32; Matthew 18:21-22)
 - iv. Wisdom (Proverbs 4:1-3; Psalm 61:1-2; James 3:14-17; Colossians 1:9; Job 12:13-23)
 - v. Kings and those in authority—the level of peace and godliness we live in is directly connected to it! (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Psalm 80:14-18, Psalm 125; Proverbs 21:1, 29:2, 8, 12, 16)
 - vi. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4, 16-19, 4:29-33; Isaiah 44:3; James 5:7, 15-18)
 - b. If Moses had not prayed, we would not have the first five books of the Bible, including the Ten Commandments. Every book of the Bible is the outcome of prayer—one way or another.
 - c. Abraham prayed and Isaac was born.
 - d. Joshua prayed and the sun stood still—and Israel was victorious.
 - e. King David prayed and slew giants, built a natural kingdom, but also built the foundation for the Messianic kingdom. Most importantly, he found the heart of God.
 - f. Solomon prayed. The prophets prayed. The nation prayed.
 - g. Jesus prayed! Without prayer, there would have been no choosing the disciples, the Father would not have sent the Holy Spirit, and Jesus would be unemployed—because He ever lives to make intercession for you and me (Hebrews 7:25).
 - h. Peter prayed. Paul prayed. They all prayed!
6. “Bible prayerlessness is the root from which all spiritual and moral failure spring. No man who lives out his life in constant communion with God can be a failure.” —Jeanne Wilkerson



7. No wonder the Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing.
 - a. Never stop? Is that possible?
 - b. Yes! Stay in constant communion with the Father (not just constant asking).
8. "In Jesus' ministry, the day-working made the night-praying a necessity. The night-praying made successful the day-working." —E.M. Bounds
9. Never lay prayer aside, never let it die.
 - a. Keep feeding it.
 - b. "Stay hungry for the bread of the Word and thirsty for the waters of the Spirit, and exercise your prayer life daily." —Pastor Terri
 - c. Do these things and you will develop skill in handling the weapons of spiritual warfare.
 - d. You will grow and mature in prayer and see power become available when you pray.
10. There is so much to learn about prayer!
 - a. What to pray, how to pray
 - b. The disciples said, "Teach us to pray!" So it is learned by teaching.
 - c. But Jesus also said, "Watch and pray."
 - d. So prayer is caught as well as taught.
11. How do we learn? Core Value #1: We put the Word of God first place, and Core Value #4: We are led by the Holy Spirit.

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DAY 9—Core Value #6—We Protect the Anointing

A. Core Values Review

1. Core values are the values we hold in such esteem that we guide our lives by them. They provide a filter. They are an internal compass, giving direction to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions.
2. What are our core values?
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
3. We previously spoke about the importance of praying about everything.
4. Prayer is where we do kingdom business with God.
5. God has given us the right and authority to use His Name in prayer.
6. We want to flow in His Anointing and see lives transformed. To do that we need to understand our next core value.

B. Core Value #6: We Protect the Anointing

1. Jesus walked in the Anointing.
2. Jesus said in Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV), "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."
3. Everything that Jesus did He was able to do because of the Anointing.
4. Acts 10:38: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."
 - a. The Anointing of the Spirit came on Jesus when He was baptized (Luke 3:22). Before that, Jesus hadn't performed any miracles.
 - b. Jesus was anointed with an equipping to function in his calling.
 - c. That anointing flowed when there was a demand put on it.
5. *Christ* = the Anointed One (and His Anointing)
6. That same anointing will get us beyond the natural into the supernatural, to be able to bring deliverance and do what God wants done.



C. *The Anointing Defined*

1. Isaiah 10:27: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."
2. *To anoint* = to pour over, to smear, to rub into
 - a. Common use could include painting a house, buttering bread, or oiling a glove or leather furniture.
 - b. In Scripture, it means to pour on, pour oil upon; to smear or rub with oil. Its use in Scripture gives spiritual significance.
3. *Anointing*
 - a. Several words are translated *anointing*, though they all have the same root meaning.
 - b. It can be translated *fat*, relating to plenty, strength, fruitfulness, fertility.
4. The anointing is the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God.
5. It is the power of God on flesh, doing only what God can do.
6. It is God poured over, smeared on and rubbed into.
7. "We cherish the anointing—without it, we can do nothing. With the power of God on us, we can do all things." —Pastor George
8. There is an anointing we are to walk in as believers.

D. *The Anointing and the New Covenant*

1. The Old Covenant anointing was only *upon* the kings, priests, and prophets for their ministry service.
2. The New Covenant anointing is available to all believers.
3. Why? Because we have the Anointing of the Holy Spirit *within us*.
4. 1 John 2:20: "Ye have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One."
 - a. The anointing is there for you so you must learn to work with it.
 - b. Do not take the anointing for granted nor treat it lightly.
 - c. There is an anointing to do all God has called you to do, but you need to value it and protect it.
5. 1 John 2:27: "The anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and...the same anointing teacheth you of all things...."
 - a. Now this does not mean we do not need teachers, as Jesus "gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:11-12).
 - b. The Holy Spirit within "will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).
6. Abiding in the Truth is how you protect the anointing.
7. "Learning to recognize the anointing in prayer will teach you a lot about learning to recognize the anointing to minister." —Pastor Terri



E. A Life of Consecration

1. *Consecrated* = to be set apart for the Lord, for His use, thereby deemed holy; belonging to Him.
2. "You are 'made the righteousness of God' in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21), but holiness is an outworking of righteousness in your life—in your thinking and behavior." —Pastor Terri
3. In temple worship, oil was used, along with blood, to consecrate everything.
4. Anointing oil represents the Holy Spirit.
5. The priests were ceremonially anointed with oil, following application of the blood.
6. The cleansing power of Jesus' blood set you apart from sin at the new birth (Ephesians 1:7).
 - a. Sin and the anointing do not mix.
 - b. Sin diminishes the anointing and limits what God can do in people's lives.
 - c. Ministers have died young because of their abuse of the anointing.
 - d. You must renew your mind to the Word and live by the Word, not your flesh or the world's standards.
 - e. 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
7. The priests were anointed with a very expensive, sacred, perfumed oil.
 - a. A special blend of aromatic spices was mixed with the oil to create a perfume that was not allowed to be used for anything else.
 - b. The aroma would fill their senses and the air around them.
 - c. Their head, garments and entire body were saturated with oil.
 - d. This ceremony was so strong to their senses that they were marked in their thinking—something special had just occurred.
 - e. You can tell when someone is saturated! The anointing marks them.
8. The anointing set people apart to their calling, and brought change as they yielded to it.
 - a. Samuel anointed Saul with oil to become Israel's first king. Samuel then prophesied to him that he would become another man.
 - b. Just like the prophet said, the anointing to be "captain over His inheritance" came upon Saul and he too prophesied (1 Samuel 10:1-11).
9. There is an anointing for ministry service. It is a sacred, holy, cherished gift.
 - a. Ministers are called and set apart, anointed to dispense grace to you to teach you how to activate the Word in your life (Ephesians 3:2-4, 4:7, 11).
 - b. Matthew 21:12-13 (NKJV): "Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer," but you have made it a "den of thieves."'"
 - c. That anointing is never for self-gain (Such as selling "prophecies" or healing. Avoid being a buyer or a seller of such at all costs. It is dangerous.).
 - d. You can't afford strife, jealousy or covetousness.
10. Yielding to the anointing is to not yield to the flesh.



- a. Romans 8:5 (AMPC): "For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit."
11. Honor creates an atmosphere for the moving of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. 1 Samuel 2:30—The Lord said "...them that honor me I will honor, and them that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."
 - b. Cultivate a hearing ear to the Holy Spirit. What does He want to do?
 - c. "Now concerning spiritual gifts (Greek = things pertaining to and of the Holy Ghost), brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant" (1 Corinthians 12:1, NKJV).
12. The anointing isn't "weak." Power is always available. We need to learn how to access it correctly—likely electricity from a power plant.

F. The Results of the Anointing

1. Think of Maria Woodworth Etter, Kathryn Kuhlman, John G. Lake, Smith Wigglesworth, Lester Sumrall.
2. They separated from the world and the voices of the world.
3. One example is of Lester Sumrall bringing in the newspaper to Smith Wigglesworth. Wigglesworth only read the Bible. The dead were raised on three continents!
4. Brother Copeland learned from Oral Roberts to shut everything off in the early afternoon before peaching in the evenings. When he drove Brother Roberts to and from meetings, he knew not to talk to him, unless spoken to.
5. What is the anointing?

Notes on Oral Roberts—From Jerry Savelle on the Believer's Voice of Victory broadcast, January 13, 2015

He searched the scriptures for every example of the anointing he could find. Eventually the revelation came to him.

The anointing is the time when God separates you from yourself and fills you with His glory, so that when you speak, it's God speaking. When you act, it is God acting. It is not that you have taken leave of your senses. But rather, you become keenly aware that you are acting under God's divine unction, God's divine guidance and God's divine power.

When the anointing comes on you, it removes all fear and doubt. It fills you with a holy boldness. It causes your compassion for the sick and hurting people to be multiplied one thousand times more. Your desire to see these people set free literally consumes you.

My urgency to see them rid of the tormenting power of the devil is what moves me when I am under the anointing.



G. How to Develop the Anointing

1. Everything operates by love. Walk in love and yield to compassion.
2. Stay humble before the Lord and others.
 - a. Be sensitive to and learn to respond to the anointing on other people.
 - b. Defer to the higher anointing.
3. Meditation on the Word builds the anointing into our spirits—especially the “in Him” or “in Christ” verses, because they tell us about the anointing in us.
4. Recognize, acknowledge, and yield to the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17).
5. Pray! Pray often until you are praying continually. Pray in tongues much.
6. Long periods of silence, just listening inside; those that wait on the Lord will renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31).
7. “The anointing factor is the very power of God at work in your situation.... When you’re confronted by impossible circumstances in this world, you have a covenant right to expect the power of God in your life to work on your behalf.” —Kenneth Copeland¹¹
 - a. Don’t ever forget to factor the anointing into everything you do!

Notes

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¹¹ Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, *From Faith to Faith—A Daily Guide to Victory* (Fort Worth: Kenneth Copeland Publications, 1992), February 29 devotion





Our Core Values

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DAY 10—Core Value #7—We Honor God

A. Core Values Review

1. We guide our lives by the beliefs we highly esteem.
2. Core values are the internal compass, giving direction to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions.
3. Our Core Values:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
4. Although honoring God is last on our list, it is honor which drives us to do all the others.
5. Everything funnels into how we honor God. There's a way to do it too—it is not something we just determine for ourselves.

B. Core Value #7: We Honor God

Honor.

In past generations, honor was taught. It was a core value in our society. You found it everywhere, from home to school, work, business, military and government. It was taught and demonstrated. The dishonorable were disdained, even punished.

Honor was shown to people—parents, the elderly and authorities of any kind; but also, to heritage, tradition and national identity. We honored even symbols of those institutions, especially the flag. This was true in all Western Bible-embracing societies.

That's the key: *Bible-embracing*. All honor comes first from God. Without the Bible, without Him, people would not know there was such a thing as honor, much less what it looks like or its value.

The opposite is true as well. Remove the Bible, and godly honor fades away to the point it either doesn't exist, or it is so perverted it becomes lopsided. It aggrandizes the wrong things, while degrading others. Honor is no longer lovingly given, but instead may be violently extracted.

There are still traces of honor in society. But for the most part, what honor truly is, and how to show it, is left up to the individual. It's assumed to be optional; it is without standards and therefore denigrated, holding little value.



But as a core value, we elevate the importance of honor with “Honoring God” at the *very* top.

—Pastor Terri

C. What Is Honor?

1. *Honor* defined...
 - a. It means high respect, great esteem, regard, to recognize the worth or value of a person or thing, adherence to a standard of conduct, to fulfill or keep an agreement.
 - b. One definition said, “a feeling of admiration.”
 - i. In God, honor is *not* based on feelings. This is a real problem in our society.
 - (a) “I don’t feel like showing respect.”
 - (b) “I will not show them respect. They should think like I think, and do what I say.”
 - (c) “I don’t feel you deserve respect.”
 - c. The Hebrew word translated *honor* is *kavod*. It is also translated *glory*, which means “heavy with everything good.”
 - i. *Honor* means “weighty in terms of importance and impressiveness.”
 - ii. Keith Moore said, “Love is easily impressed by others.”
 - iii. *Kavod* means “to prize highly.”
2. Honor is a perceived value.
3. Honor, though it is taught, comes from the heart.
 - a. It is a spiritual force.
 - b. Honor is something conferred.
4. “Honor is shown in what we do... and in what we don’t do.” —Pastor Terri
 - a. Honor is not honor if it is not demonstrated with action.
 - b. If you say, “I’m not trying to be dishonorable, *but...*” you’re about to define what dishonor is.
 - c. Honor includes showing respect to someone for who they are, their position, or what they have accomplished.
 - d. Jewish commentaries explained that honor is to raise the status of someone. It is to acknowledge who they are and respond accordingly. But it is also to be very careful not to do anything to cause disgrace, or for one to be degraded in their own eyes or others. Do nothing to offend.
 - e. God cannot be degraded in His own eyes, but we can leave others with a lower opinion of Him.

D. How Do We Honor God?

1. Romans 13:7—Give honor to whom honor is due.
2. A person of honor is a person of integrity.
 - a. We are to reflect God and His character.
 - b. God keeps His Word (Numbers 23:19; Psalm 89:34).
 - c. Don’t develop a pattern of not keeping your word.



3. "The goal is not only to have an honor for God, but to be a person of honor and integrity."
—Pastor Terri
4. Revelation 4:9-11 (NKJV): "Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 'You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.'"
 - a. He is worthy of honor. We give Him all glory.
 - b. Notice: Honor is a response to His worthiness.
 - c. They cast down their crowns, humbling themselves.
5. Proverbs 18:12 (NIV): "Humility comes before honor."
 - a. We must humble ourselves before we can receive or give honor.
 - b. "Humility is just recognizing the truth." —Keith Moore
 - c. "I asked some students what humility was. One girl's response was, 'Humility is not putting yourself down. Humility is putting yourself aside.'" —Pastor George
 - d. Humility doesn't put yourself down; it lifts others higher.
 - e. You honor others in conversation by listening and being interested in their lives.
6. How do we show honor? Jesus summed it up: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15, ESV).
 - a. Luke 6:46 (NIV): "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"
 - b. Obedience
 - c. We honor God when we obey Him.
 - d. A quick response shows honor. Don't delay.
 - e. There are consequences to dishonor.
 - i. When you dishonor God, you cut Him off; He is your Answer.
 - ii. When you dishonor people, you cut off opportunities to minister to them. They don't want to hear from you.
 - f. In our society, we tend to determine for ourselves what God says.
7. We have to go to the Word and learn God's ways.
 - a. We honor God by finding out what He says and doing it.
 - b. It's much like showing honor to parents or elders. The Bible ties them together.
 - c. Rabbis teach us the first five commandments are between God and man. The fifth is to honor parents. That is honoring God, because we are a product of God and parents together—a threefold cord.
 - d. One of the greatest dishonoring of parents is to show little or no interest in them.
8. We determine from our hearts that we are interested in the things of God.
9. We give His Word preeminence.
 - a. We respond to it.
 - b. Not just in commandments, but looking for what He likes, how He acts
 - c. He says, "Stand up when an elder enters the room"—so stand up (Leviticus 19:32).
 - d. In other words, acknowledge and respond.
10. Respond to the Word!
11. Respond to the anointing.



12. Don't argue, don't delay and don't forget!
13. Find out what God likes.
 - a. He told Moses what He liked and how to best make a welcoming environment for His presence.
 - i. In colors, design, *clothes*
 - (a) He likes modesty.
14. "Excellence in ministry includes honoring God and honoring each other." —Pastor George
15. Honor is not casual.
 - a. It's not: "Take it or leave it."
 - b. If you treat people casually, they'll treat you casually.
 - c. "If nothing is ever special, then nothing is ever special." —Mark Hankins
 - d. Honor is not sloppy in appearance or performance.
 - i. At a music recording session with Brother Copeland, a guitarist said, "That's good enough for gospel."
 - ii. Nothing is too good for God; that musician was not hired again.
16. 2 Timothy 2:21 (AMPC): "So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart and useful for honorable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work."
17. Don't interrupt. Learn to listen and follow.
 - a. The Word
 - b. The Spirit
 - c. Leaders
18. Honor with your substance.
 - a. Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV): "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns (your storehouses) will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."
 - i. This verse shows us what happens when we honor God. He honors us!
 - ii. He responds with His blessing in every area of our lives.
 - iii. Best of all—He responds with Himself, with His glory.
 - b. Mark 12:30 (NKJV): "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."
 - i. Loving God with all your strength means with all your ability.
19. God always responds to honor with honor.
 - a. Whenever we honor God, it makes a place for Him to move.
 - b. 1 Samuel 2:30 (NKJV): "Those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed."
20. Honor is a perceived value. It can and must be taught, but it comes from the heart to be honorable. We must seek to know more about honor and to be more proficient in showing it.
21. If we have core values 1-6 embedded in our spirit and thinking, we will easily live a life that truly honors God.