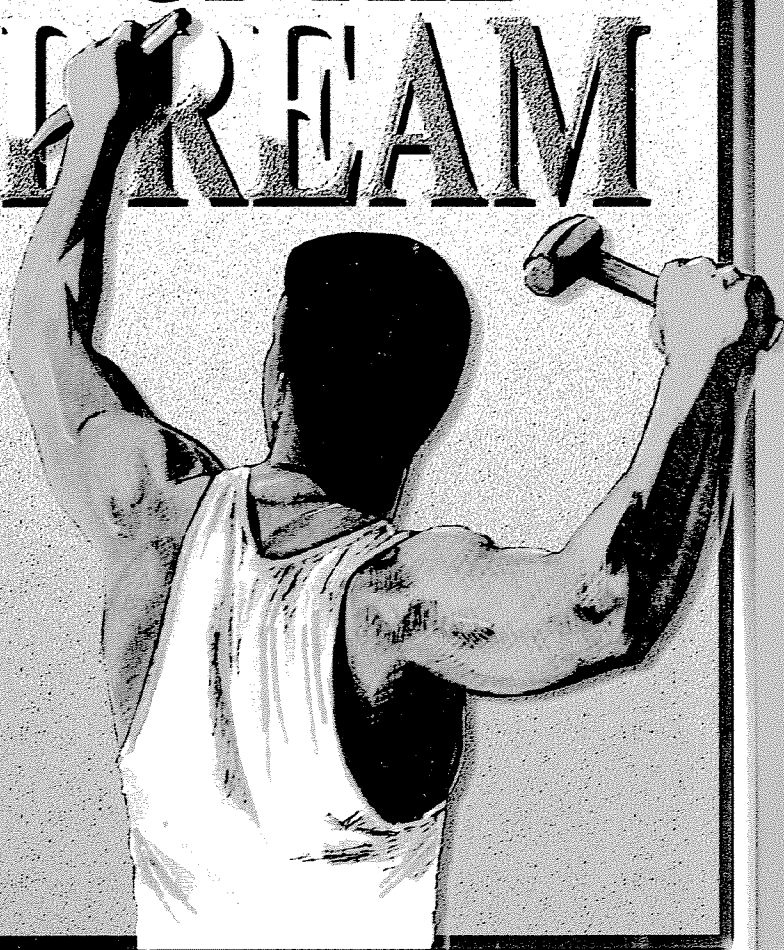


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FOREWORD

I heard about Bishop E. Bernard Jordan long before I met him. Ministers told me that he was “extremely articulate, profound and uncanny in his prophecies, and years ahead of his age.” He is much more.

This young man of God has the rare ability to **hear** the voice of God...AND...the cries of the people. He is a Golden Link. A Bridge. A Turning Point. God uses him to **change the seasons** in the lives of thousands.

That’s why this book will change your life. **Forever.**

The Making of the Dream explains seasons, relationships, and attitudes you need to birth the vision God has planted in your spirit. Walls will crumble. Mountains of doubt will move. You will SEE...through the eyes of God.

It is quite possible that this book will explode in your heart...and catapult you to the highest realm you’ve ever known.

You are holding the “Turning Point” in your hand right now. Read it. Again again and again.

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How many times have we experienced a thought or impulse during a "daydream" that we have reckoned impossible? How many times have we foolishly cast away the divinely inspired idea that came as a gift from the Throne of God? How many times have we negated the very thing that would catapult us into the level of prosperity that would match the level of the Word within us? **THE MAKING OF THE DREAM** has been written as an encouragement to the Body of Christ, and is especially dedicated to all of those who are still using the word "impossible" in their daily vocabulary. As you study the principles within this book, you will find that "impossible" will be replaced by "Him-Possible", for all things are possible with God!

Dreams are like seeds--they must be planted in the earth, die, and produce fruit that will be enjoyed by the multitudes. Dreams which are divinely inspired will come, not to satisfy your own personal lusts, but to fulfill the purposes of God. As you begin to pursue the manifestation of the Kingdom of God in your life, you will eagerly anticipate the fulfillment of the dream; understanding that the dream comes to accomplish His will through you.

"And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."

Habakkuk 2:2

Begin to record your dreams; write them down and place them under scrutiny. For as you begin to ponder them, the plan will be established, and you will see them come to pass. Dreams are of great value to those who will walk with God and actively seek their fulfillment. Let's stop "casting our pearls before swine", and reach for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus!

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Chapter 1

GET OUT OF THE BOAT!

"...And straightway, Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship and to go before Him unto the other side while He sent the multitudes away.

And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray, and when the evening was come, He was there alone.

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea tossed with waves for the wind was contrary.

And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled saying, it is a spirit and they cried out for fear.

But straightway Jesus spake unto them saying, be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid.

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And Peter answered Him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship he walked on the water to go to Jesus."

Matthew 14:22-29

Take the risk that God is asking you to take! Many times we don't want to do the unfamiliar because it has never been done before, but being stagnant is actually keeping us from moving to the next plateau that the Father has for us.

For example, from the above scripture, the Lord gave me a revelation. While Peter was getting out of the boat to follow Jesus, the other eleven disciples just sat there, paralyzed by their fear of the unfamiliar. They all knew Jesus, heard His bid to walk on the water and do the impossible with the Master watching over every step, and yet only Peter dared to get out of the safety of the boat to walk towards Jesus. Are you willing to get out of your safety zone to walk closer and closer to Jesus every day of your life?

Prophetic Principle #1

Those who yield themselves to the Holy Spirit experience God's miracles because they seek the full manifestation of the kingdom of God in their lives.

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People get lazy and fearful to the point where they become afraid of challenge. They're afraid to bring new discoveries to their generation. God wants to show His glory through the body of Christ by bringing a level of joy and prosperity that has never been known to man before. This will be manifested through wonderful family relationships and friendships. Scientific and artistic genius in oneself will be discovered as we (the body of Christ) devote our God-given talents to praise the Name of Jesus. We will experience the joy of the mighty anointing on our children as they take their authority as sons and daughters of God - knowing and hearing the truth from infancy. The reality of the covenant we have with the Lord Jesus and the body of Christ will bring a powerful unity as never before as we listen and do what the Holy Spirit is prompting us to do in this hour. We must command the powers of darkness under our feet and forbid them to operate in our flesh, relationships, loved ones and communities. God wants vessels that are seeking His instructions, proceeding with immediate action in His armor and might.

Many who seek God's direction for their lives are getting the answers, whether it be through a still small voice of the Holy Spirit, God's Word or God's Prophet. Some allow pride to cause them to reject the path God has chosen for them to walk. Others receive the Word, but through fear and doubt, are

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letting the devil keep them in a cold, damp boat; thinking they are safe when they could be walking on water with Jesus!

Prophetic Principle #2

Remember this: Only the chosen disciples were invited in the boat in the first place, so when you are challenged with a vision that would promote God's Kingdom, think of yourself as a chosen disciple and go for it!

The fact that you picked up this book, and are reading it this very moment is not an accident! Your steps are ordered by the Lord Himself!

Don't be concerned if people think you're too short, too poor, too fat, too ignorant, etc.

As we press on, dressed in our battle gear as mentioned in Ephesians 6:11, remember that we *"...come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ..."* It was God Who gave us the dream in the first place! God uses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. He uses the uneducated to educate the educated. Feeling foolish, inadequate or stupid is an unacceptable excuse for not performing miracles through Christ Jesus.

I find that precious things of value are made under pressure. If you're not experiencing various irritations, then you're not a pearl! Opposition is

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Prophetic Principle #3

If you're not experiencing pressure or opposition in your life, then you need to be concerned because it means that, evidently, you're not a diamond!

healthy because it promotes the formation of precious stones.

I know that I've been challenged to get out of the boat! I have been challenged to venture out and do some things in the "unknown" that I have never done before! And yet, there are even greater challenges ahead! However, I know that with every challenge, the enemies to my faith will always present themselves and attempt to crush the dream!

The Lord impressed on me that opposition is profitable as long as you don't let it get inside of

Prophetic Principle #4

Enemies to your dream are people who are short-sighted and don't see your God-given vision because they are only looking at it with their natural eyes.

you, but sit on it's crest and ride it all the way to your goal. War in the spirit and not in the flesh!

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Either people can hop on board with you or they can miss the ride! As long as we keep our focus on God, whatever He decrees will be handled through His hands -- Hallelujah! Let the opposition be as a stone in the oyster, who coats that stone with the contents of his innermost being and creates a pearl. Let your love of God and your faith in Him coat the irritations and frustrations of your life until the pearl of your dream comes to pass!

This is a time of sifting in the body of Christ. It is a time when waste must be eliminated. Our natural body thrives on the process of eliminating waste, and demonstrates what happens when waste is retained. The initial discomfort is soon replaced by an urgency to expel, and if this process is blocked, the waste becomes poisonous to the body, and can eventually cause death. In every harvest, there are some individuals that will become "waste" and must be eliminated in order to attain the dream. We experience seasons of purging so that God can keep the pure flow of that which He wants to come forth. If we make the proper preparation, we will go through that season without becoming the problem.

Chapter 2

GET RID OF THE MULTITUDE!

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.”

John 16:26,27

Jesus and His disciples had just finished feeding the multitude. The crowd had seen the miraculous take place when He multiplied the fishes and loaves. Afterwards, Jesus departed alone to a mountain. He left the disciples and had them enter a ship because he needed some time away from the demand for performance that issued from the mul-

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titude. He perceived that their warped concept of His purpose would initiate a desire to make Him their king--not because they recognized the Glory of God that performed the miracle, or that they recognized Him as the promised Messiah, but rather, they were astounded at the beneficent miracle that placed bread and fish in their bellies; and they wanted more of the same.

Prophetic Principle #5

The multitude will always follow in an attempt to see what they can receive.

Yet, when the times get tight, and testing comes, the multitude will begin to flee and say "There's too much heat in the kitchen!" In other words, they will love you for the fringe benefits of your anointing rather than for the anointing itself. So when persecution or commitment comes, or a demand for personal responsibility is placed upon their shoulders, they, like parasites, will quickly depart and find someone else to feed from. (This can be materially, emotionally, spiritually, etc.).

Go to the Lord for comfort when you find yourself deserted because you're following God's prophetic dream for your life. When you have chosen to walk by faith in the midst of those who are walking by sight, know that one of God's many

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redemptive names is Jehovah Gemuwlah -- "The Revealing Lord of Recompense." He will restore the friends, family and money that you have had to separate yourself from due to persecution and evil, and Jehovah Jirah (The God of Provision) shall give one hundred fold returns, in ways that you can't perceive!

Remember, only one out of the twelve disciples dared to walk on water to reach Jesus. Taking the risk to fulfill God's purpose in your life will not always be the most popular decision, but Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you. He will be with you until the end of time!

Chapter 3

DON'T CLOSE YOUR EARS TO GOD!

"When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone."

John 6:15

In this verse, we see Jesus climbing a mountain to reach His place of prayer. He needed time to separate from the crowd and recollect His thoughts. There are times when we need to sit silently in the Presence of God and listen to His instructions through the Holy Spirit.

It would have been easy for Jesus to allow the people to make Him their king and avoid the torture and hatred He had to suffer, rather than

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becoming the final sacrifice for all mankind. In the natural, He would have accepted one of the most powerful posts for a man in His time; however, Jesus knew that this kingdom was Satan's and had He fell for the satanic temptations that accosted His character, He would have been ruling under Satan rather than sitting at the right hand of Almighty God. Instead of basking in the adoration of men, He chose the love of His heavenly Father.

There will be times when the devil will tempt you just as he did Jesus. He'll offer you a "good name", or "title" that will assuage your ego and be contrary to what God told you to do. When Satan's first two offers on the Mount of Temptation failed, he tried what he thought was one of his most powerful weapons -- he tried to appeal to Jesus' pride. Jesus, however, was filled with the Holy Spirit and understood His purpose before confronting Satan. When Satan offered Jesus the kingdoms of the world, He had power over His own flesh to cast down Satan, even though He must have been lonely and hungry from His 40 day fast. He knew that He would only reside in His fleshly body temporarily and had, after all, created this very planet with the Father. (He, with the Father, had even created Lucifer (Satan) as a beautiful praise angel who rebelled against God and was thrown out of heaven.)

We must always remember that God is all powerful and nothing is impossible for Him to

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accomplish. Your enemy, satan, was defeated over two thousand years ago. Proverbs tells us that "pride goes before a fall". Satan is always appealing to our pride because that is what made him fall. Praising God Almighty through Jesus Christ brings us into His Presence and reminds our flesh that we serve the highest God. It is important to renew our minds with the power of God's Word because the devil is powerless over God's obedient children!

Prayer should be a time when we are quiet; where we are opening our ears to hear the voice of the Spirit of God. Let him that has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying unto the church and let us receive instruction and direction as to that which God is saying to do.

God wants to bring us into a place of prayer. Jesus went where He would not be disturbed while talking and listening to the Father. God wants some time alone with all of us so that He can instruct us in our vision and keep us planted against the contrary winds.

In Matthew 14, the contrary winds were trying to throw the boat that Jesus and his disciples were sailing in off course. Jesus, very calmly, and from a deep sleep, awoke to the panic of His disciples and rebuked the winds. Instantly, all was calm. What are the contrary winds that beset us today? Jealousy, persecution, "funny money" (financial setbacks), and

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Prophetic Principle #6

Whenever you set your face to pursue a plan of God, you WILL encounter contrary winds.

other various trials and tribulations. Know this one thing: The enemy is not going to back off just because you are following God. He will try to keep you sidetracked through hurt feelings, worry, laziness, etc. This is why God spoke to the prophet Jeremiah and said *"Do not be afraid of their faces."* God knew that if Jeremiah was to allow his attention to focus on the faces of the people, he'd never utter a word and become perpetually sidetracked by a desire to please the people.

Chapter 4

WHAT ABOUT THE PROPHETS?

We need to take heed to God's prophets. (Notice I said *God's* prophets. The scripture tells us to beware of false prophets.) Prophets are given to us for instruction and encouragement, for their prophesying helps to convert dreams to reality. God desires His will to be done in His sons and daughters. Rejecting a word from God's prophet is the same as rejecting a word from God.

Sometimes, foolish pride turns into satanic rebellion and cause you to not receive correction when it is sent from God. Occasionally, this is even disguised as religious spirituality, where people think they "only need to hear from their own spirit". God sends us love in the flesh. Let's receive everything God has for us!

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Prophets are extremely sensitive. They can pick up your most intimate thoughts. They can sense when you have rejected them in your spirit. This is why God told Jeremiah "do not be afraid of their faces"; in other words, He told Jeremiah "You're going to be able to look right through them and you are going to know what their heart is really saying. Their mouths say 'yes', but their heads are saying a definite 'no!'. Opposition must be present in order to obtain the necessary leverage.

We've established that you will encounter contrary winds. Now there are a lot of people who would say, "That prophet must have missed it. He told me such and such a thing was going to happen, but it didn't and a contrary wind began to blow -- He sent me out in the middle of a storm!" But listen, whenever the Word of the Lord comes, there are contrary winds that are waiting for you to oppose your walk. The winds come to change your focus.

The enemy tries to keep you in the boat, huddled up and scared instead of walking on the water through faith. He wants you to say, "What is going on? What is happening? I am tossed to and fro -- I am so confused. I thought I heard God, but the complete opposite is taking place." It is a contrary wind! Be not deceived!

There are a lot of things that God has spoken to me and there are always major contrary winds. We

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Prophetic Principle #7

These are some of the ways the enemy will blur your focus:

1. **To get you off course** ---To intrigue you with the allure of the world, fame, sins of the flesh.
2. **Causing you to look the wrong way** --- "Spiritual people" who will attempt to lure you into disobeying authority through deception.
3. **Causing you to question the power of worshipping God** --- The devil making you weary through family members, friends and financial strain.

are overcomers and can overcome contrary winds. We must realize that the very sea that tossed the boat is the same sea that Jesus walked upon. He is the Master of the sea, and the Master of your situation. The devil is under our feet and we are to walk all over him. Jesus is in control no matter what it looks like! Don't focus on the problem, focus on the victory! I don't have time to meditate on negative things, for it's depressing. Before I know it, I will begin to say, "I can't make it. This thing won't work. It's too much for me. I didn't ask for all this,

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why me? Woe is me... Woe, woe, is me... Woe, woe, woe, is me..!" I know I sound like I've been inside of some of your prayer closets! Here's more of the "woe is me" litany: "Lord, why did you let this happen to me? It's just not fair, it should have happened another way"! "Why did I end up marrying him when I could have made another choice?" Or, "Oh, I am so lonely, why isn't anybody looking at me? I will be 30 soon and not married yet; I will soon be 35 and have no children yet; all the odds have been against me since birth; even my mother told me I popped up by accident!" "Why can't I be beautiful?" "I will never have money!" How come I never win anything?" If you meditate on all these things, you will never get anywhere because you're focusing on the contrary wind instead of the promise of God.

Chapter 5

WHAT ARE YOU IMAGINING?

We should not preach about sin, but we must preach about righteousness. Whenever we preach a graphic message saying “don’t fornicate,” the image of that sin will settle itself in the minds of people and they will cease hearing “don’t” and only respond to “fornicate”. If we repeatedly say, “Don’t steal”, people will begin to imagine their favorite department store! We are called to teach the solution and not preach the problem by first planting the image of the solution in the minds of the people. Ask God in your prayer time for visions of victory.

In Matthew 14, when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they cried out in fear. When you encounter things in the Spirit, sometimes it is strange to your thinking. God said His thoughts are

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higher than ours and His ways are higher than our ways. Anything you encounter in God will always be in line with His Word, He puts His Word above His Name.

Prophetic Principle #8

When the enemy tries to attack you, the first thing he does is bring fear, and often through an evil report.

Try to stay away from nervous, fearful people because they tend to blow things out of proportion. Every family has a dramatic alarmist. "I just heard from the doctor. Did you hear what they said concerning Ma?" "I don't know what I am going to do, this is awful -- maybe we should pray and fast..." And it turns out Ma only has a very slight cold. Alarmists. Some people are just plain neurotic, and the root of their neurosis is fear which proceeds from negative imagery. God wants us to see His vision of victory, focus on the triumphant result, see His will and His answer, and behold His omnipotent power.

I find that, when disciples see their leaders doing the unfamiliar, fear enters into the picture. Often, when God has us in a transitional period, we become confused, just as the disciples did when they first saw Jesus walking on the water. The phenom-

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Prophetic Principle #9

When we begin to move into unfamiliar territory we become uncomfortable.

enon to them was so foreign that, instead of recognizing Jesus, they feared He was a ghost until they looked a little closer.

Whenever we're exposed to decisions from our leaders and can't locate familiar landmarks, we tend to think our leader must have missed something. But let us remember we don't see the entire scope of his vision, because it has not been given to us, but to the leader. If we did see the fullness of his vision, we would cease to be a disciple. Let that which we know and see teach us to trust God for that which we don't know and don't see.

Trust your leader and the Lord. Those who have a hunger and desire to be in God's will must realize God's responsibility to communicate it to us. It is our responsibility to "get up and out of the boat." Don't be afraid of the unusual and the unfamiliar like the remaining 11 disciples and miss your chance to experience new facets in God - but rather, be as Peter -step out on the water and trust God.

Chapter 6
**THE LORD WANTS
OUR MONEY TO BE
FRUITFUL AND
MULTIPLY**

Over and over again in the Old Testament, the Lord tells us "Be ye fruitful and multiply." In those days, most people were farmers, so fruit was like

Prophetic Principle #10

We need to apprehend our responsibility to accumulate funds for the promulgation of the Kingdom of God.

money. We need to explore the concepts of endowments, insurance policies and wills, and how to

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arrange for a portion to continue the work of the ministry for generations to come. While you're absent from your body and enjoying the pleasures of the Lord, with proper preparation, you can continue to be a joint supply to the body of Christ. When I am absent from the body and present with the Lord, there is going to be a part of me that is missing until Jesus' Kingdom is established here on earth and we are all living as Adam and Eve did before the fall in the Garden of Eden. However, while I am in heaven, I could leave a substantial amount of money for the work of the Lord on this earth, and speak to future generations.

That is done by some Christians, but there are some that are so busy looking for Jesus to come any moment, that they've never made preparation for the future by purchasing decent insurance policies. When they pass away, their families will have to beg other family members to help with the burial. You can live your full 120 years, youthfully, and "give up the ghost" as Jacob did, leaving your family with wisdom and tremendous prosperity, until you are all joined together again.

Men of God, we should not live a life where our children have to beg and look to the world's system for support. That is not God's plan, nor is it His way. We need to learn how to mete out our money to our children, so they don't receive it all at once when they reach 18 -- they will blow it! Teach them how to invest their funds and live off of the interest.

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The Lord has given each of us the ability to become rich. This is mentioned all through the Old and New Testaments. God has given each of us a million dollar idea, whether it be through an invention, a family business, artistic talent, etc. We can do all things through Christ Jesus when our motive is to build His Kingdom on earth. Mothers don't have to work, and father's don't need two jobs when God's best is operating. Seek the Lord, do all that you can, and then stand. Tithe, plant seed, pray, sow into others' dreams and watch your vision come to pass! Joshua tells us that if we obey God and stay in His Word, we will have good success. Not the kind that the world has, where a wealthy family may have children who turn out to be homosexuals, or fall prey to satan's attacks of loneliness, fear, greed and disease. Rejoice in the Lord, for the best is yet to come!

The world would try to motivate us by fear instead of faith. Unfortunately, that is why many people have gravitated to the church. Everyone knows about the promise of hell, but when you start talking about prosperity through faith, people start getting angry. They will receive "fear talk" easier than "faith talk". I could write a book called "Prophecy Book of the Doom of America in 1992: Things You Must Know". The book would sell a million copies! Church folks will buy it! Yet fear will paralyze your faith! We must cast it down, and not receive the devil's tactics.

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Prophetic Principle #11

**Courage is the resistance to fear. It is also
the mastery of fear, but it is not the
absence of fear.**

The fear will still be there, but courage gives you the ability to resist it.

Recently, the Lord had me take a trip to minister. Now, I knew it was the Lord telling me to go, but a couple of minutes before I left, my daughter got hit by a car. I had an opportunity to get caught up in fear and look at the contrary winds, or to press toward the mark that God was calling me to. Some of you are entertaining thoughts right now that sound like "He is really losing it because he should have canceled his trip immediately!" But when you know the Voice of the Lord, there's a peace that will defy all logic and cause you to lean upon Him. I told my daughter to lift her hands and laid hands on her saying, "Everything is alright", and I continued to move towards the purpose God had for me that day by boarding the plane. The doctor (yes, we *did* take the child to the doctor) said there was nothing wrong, and I knew for sure that this accident was just an enemy to my faith--trying to distract me off my course. Now, if I had said "I am not going" and fell prey to fear, someone could have made

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something real big out of that. I thank God that my wife is not an alarmist. It was just a peace from God that was emanating from her. Whenever you are seeking God's leading, you will find peace in the midst of the storm, because our God is the Helper, Provider, Comforter and Master of all circumstances if we allow Him by our will to operate through our faith, believing that His purposes will come to pass.

Don't be surprised at the attacks of the enemy. If you are obeying God and believing for finances, the devil will try to make you doubt by bringing a bad report or making inflation seem bigger than God. But remember, we (born again believers) serve the Highest God Who created the trees that produced the paper that made the dollar bill! So don't look at your circumstances! God has more ideas than you on how to prosper! Just serve Him, knowing that you have an enemy, that he will attack; but his every attack will be defeated in Christ Jesus! Just believe and you will receive, when you are seeking God's kingdom. God desires that the body be a testimony of Jesus the Messiah, by having divine health, living prosperity and operating in love and joy.

If you want to walk in wealth, you have to first see yourself walking in wealth. If you are going to be a millionaire, you have to first see yourself as a millionaire before the dollars begin to come in. You must visualize the path you seek to walk in. Some

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of you will have to fake it until you make it! If you begin to focus on lack, then all you are going to have is lack. If you keep saying "I am just working to pay bills", that is all you are going to work for. You'll never experience abundance, because that is what you've trained your body for and what you've programmed in your mind.

A lot of individuals still harbor a "renter's mentality". Now, we are not against renting, but you need to move beyond seeing rent receipts and start saying, "I will own a home". Heighten your sights! Get a picture of the home you desire to own, focus upon it, begin to dream and say, "This shall be mine"!

Jacob used this principle when he needed more cows. He caused the cows to behold a speckled image and they became what they beheld. You need to behold something. You need to behold wealth; even if you have to keep fake monopoly money in your wallet!

I want you to know that God wants to bring you into abundance. I don't care what is happening in the economy! If your covenant is intact, and you believe God's Word, don't allow a negative image to get in your mind. Get rid of that stinking thinking!

Many of you have been trained that you are to walk in poverty. Many of you possess a "renter's

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mentality" because that's all you've ever been exposed to. Some of you can trace four generations of renters in your family tree, and no one owned anything. When that person died, the only thing they left you was a nice funeral bill, a drawer full of rent receipts and some furniture that made you want to call someone and tell them to dump it on the street! Does this sound crass? Poverty is WORSE!!

Let me show you a lie. It sounds real "religious", and it sounds so "nice", but it is a lie from the pit. Some people get up in church services, attempting to be pious, and will say, "I give unto the Lord. I don't give to receive." Then they are giving foolishly! They're giving without faith and without purpose. You know, it is amazing how the church gets things so backwards! If you heard a farmer say, "I'm just planting seeds out here, but I don't expect a crop to grow up." You would scratch your head and say, "That farmer is an idiot!" Yet the enemy convinces you through some deceptive mode of false humility that you should give and not expect anything back from God! And guess what? You have just what you say, for nothing will come back. Faith is not in operation because you do not have things hoped for.

God does not need your money, but He does need you to empty your pockets so that there can be a vacuum for Him to fill. In other words, God is saying, "Make some room so I can pour something

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Be Fruitful And Multiply**

in there.” And you are saying, “Lord I have got to hold on to the little bit I have.” And the Father says, “I want to fill the vacuum if you will only open up and give your funds away.”

Prophetic Principle #12

**God wants you to get it in your mind that
when you give, you are to get a vision
of receiving.**

You have got to get the image in your mind. Ask the Lord to drop it in your spirit and keep your eyes focused on Him!

Chapter 7
**TRADITION IS NOT
NECESSARILY
ANOINTED**

Prophetic Principle #13

Many of us like to be in environments that are familiar, but are suspicious of the unfamiliar.

For example, "I don't like that church. They don't worship like we do; that can't be God." People, by nature, do not like the unknown. "Why doesn't that church have pews? I'm not used to those movable chairs." Or, other statements such as, "Why can't that church be on the ground level. Do we have to walk upstairs just to go to church? Why couldn't the roof be pointed like a steeple? Why

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isn't there a big cross in the front?" This is too unfamiliar, it must be a cult." Because people don't like their own little ideas to be changed or challenged, they deny themselves the ecstasy of moving from glory to glory. If you are seeking God's Presence in your life, you will be faced with unfamiliar territory because the Bible tells us that the things of the Spirit of God are foreign to the flesh. However, please note, they are always in line with the Word of God!

Why does life in Christ Jesus lead us to situations we have never been in before, and territory we don't understand? So that you can trust Him and look to Him only! In the book of Judges, in chapter 7, we see where God told Gideon to reduce his army of 22,000 down to 300 to defeat 120,000 enemies. God did this so the Israelites would know that if God told them to fight and conquer, it would come to pass, even if in the natural it seemed impossible. We also see in this story that only the very obedient men had the privilege to witness God's miraculous power operating through themselves. They were "screened by God" according to their obedience to God's chosen leader, Gideon. God had Gideon seek the men with a servant's heart, by asking them, first of all to refrain from fighting God's battle if they were fearful and afraid.

Out of 20,000 men, 12,000 left due to their fear. Second of all, God had Gideon ask the remaining

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10,000 men to lap up water as a dog. Only 300 followed directions. The rest compromised. They probably followed the guy who said, "Look, this man can't be serious. I'll scoop up some water just to please him, but lapping it up like a dog is just going too far!" Sometimes you will have to be unpopular, but God will always confirm His Word in time.

In the book of Proverbs, chapter 3, verse 5, we are told to trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not to thine own understanding and only then will He direct our path.

Many people want to be s-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o spiritual but won't pay the price of worldly sacrifice and approval to follow God's direction for their lives, and then they moan and groan in their public prayer life about how much they want to serve God.

We live in a society that is embracing New Age religions, which believe in the human mind as the highest power on earth; therefore, it is their center of worship. They don't have God's wisdom because they have either rejected God's Word and followed their own understanding, or there has never been a laborer sent in their path to tell them about Jesus being the only way to the Lord. On the other hand sometimes Christians will act just like the heathen when they claim to follow God, but they won't submit themselves to any anointed leaders in the body of Christ.

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There are those who don't realize that some things that we call the anointing is not the anointing at all. It is just something that they are familiar with, which they do out of habit, never really knowing what the move of the Holy Spirit is.

Let me tell you something about the anointing. Do you know that you can sin and still be under the anointing? I know some of you are thinking, "Now wait a minute. You have got to show me that in scripture; I have a problem with that." Okay, I will show you.

In the book of Judges, one of God's anointed, Samson, was laying with a harlot and then he tore up the gates of the city. He was sinning under the anointing! He eventually fulfilled God's purpose, but led a miserable life because he disobeyed God's mandate to remain sanctified (separated) from the non-believers. If you know that God has appointed you for a particular work and you have been in a backslidden state, living in sin; or just too fearful to step out, know that the gifts of God are without repentance. That means that God doesn't get mad and take our talents away from us for abusing them; though the devil will try to kill you, steal your vision, or destroy your name through your sin. Know that if you served Jesus, and He is your Lord, it is not too late for He will never leave you. Just get in fellowship with the Father, repent from your sin and go forth in victory, forgetting those things

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you left behind and get back to holy, glorious Kingdom work!

The Lord spoke to me about the situation concerning one of the generals in the Body of Christ that has undergone enormous slander, persecution and imprisonment. God is going to bring a judgment into the nation because the government has failed to show mercy. Many of you are sitting in a smug state of false security saying, "That could never happen to me." I believe the political system of America is actually designed to close the doors of the churches. I believe it is especially discernable within the Black community, where racial tensions are brewing. In the midst of this, do you realize that the church is the strongest force? They will come seeking to silence the Black churches after they've succeeded in silencing the televangelists! To those who have slept around with secretaries and strange women, stolen money and evaded taxes: Do you not know that the enemy is coming to shut down your places of worship? I am speaking to you as a prophet of God. The whole church of Jesus Christ must band together under the government of God so that if they close one church, ten more will spring up somewhere else.

The system is wicked. The IRS is the only force that does not have any governmental authority to answer to. Who checks them? They ask for more than what God asks for! They want more than the

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tenth. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and God Almighty only requires a tenth as our tax to live upon the earth!

Chapter 8
**ARE YOU WALKING
TOWARDS JESUS OR
RUNNING AWAY
FROM HIM?**

In the Gospel, we know that Peter walked on the water toward Jesus. He was moving towards his purpose, in the direction that the Father had for him. I submit to you, are you walking toward Jesus or away from Him? Peter was doing just great, walking gracefully on the water. Then he focused on boisterous wind and started sinking, while crying, "Lord, save me!" Now we are going to see some enemies to our faith. The first one is focusing on the problem, turning little molehills into mountains in our over-anxious minds. When Peter saw the wind, he focused on it when Jesus was standing right there! But let's not criticize Peter;

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let's look at ourselves. How many times do we let lack of money, good looks, energy, friends, education, or sleep keep us from doing what God told us to do? Sometimes all satan does is dangle a little delay to our prayers, and we let him chase us out of our blessings, instead of allowing our praise to ascend as a sweet smelling incense before the Father. I know that sometimes you can feel as though you're so far down, and that you have to look up to see the bottom! But that's okay! Just keep looking up because the power of the Holy Ghost is going to blast you out of that dark depressing pit! Don't you know you have the same power in you that raised Christ Jesus from the dead? (Ephesians 1:20) That is why the devil is a liar, because while he is telling you that you are weak, he is the one that is under your feet! When Satan reminds you of your past (or lack of one) just remind him of his future and praise the Lord!

Prophetic Principle #14

The word "impossible" is only found in the dictionary of a fool. With God, ALL things are possible.

Another enemy of our faith is self-pity. We are to encourage ourselves with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melodies to the Lord, remaining drunk and intoxicated with the Holy

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Spirit. It is hard to be depressed when you concentrate on praise and worship, for the Presence of the Lord is inhabiting your praise.

We have to encourage ourselves because often, there is no one around to encourage us or the devil is whipping on our neighbor's head too, and they are too weary to cheer us up. Anybody at anytime can find something to complain about as long as they are on the planet earth. That is why Jesus told us to be the light of the world and encourage each other in the body. They don't support their fellow man in the world, but what an attraction to receive Jesus if they see a prosperous, joyful society offering an unconditional invitation to their source of joy and riches -- receiving Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. We must act like the mighty anointed children of God that we are. That is what is going to change the community more than any mayor or tax laws.

When someone has a chip on their shoulder, instead of knocking it off, why don't you just pat them on the back and encourage them? It might just fall off. We have got to learn how to encourage one another. I am ashamed to say it, but we have been called crabs. When you see someone else getting to the top, don't say, "Who do you think you are?" We need to get rid of that "crabby" mentality! Have you ever watched crabs try to crawl out of the barrel, and just when they think they've

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finally made it, another crab sneaks from behind and pulls him down? This is the sin of backbiting.

When some people enter a room that is full of lights, their jealousy will cause them to think, "Let's just blow out all the lights so we will be the only ones that shine", instead of lighting more. We must encourage one another and be trustworthy enough so that our brothers and sisters will be comfortable enough to come up to us for encouragement.

Some Christians have trouble executing their vision. When they attempt to do things, they obtain shoddy results while they boast, "I have the leading of the Lord." Then, if you ask them, "Do you have a plan?", they tend to reply, "No, we are just trusting God." God wants us to move by His Divine Order.

Prophetic Principle #15

When you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

Another obstacle as you walk towards Jesus is an improper thought life. That is why it would do a

Prophetic Principle #16

If you have improper thoughts, they will be an enemy to your faith.

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lot of you some good to take your telephone out of your house. Your faith would be strengthened because you frequently talk to the wrong folks. Improper thought life. Get this into your spirit -- Be careful of your thoughts, for they will break forth into words and actions some day! Beware of worry when you are walking on the water.

Prophetic Principle #17

Worry is an indication of wrong meditation, or rather, worry is meditation or worship to the wrong god.

Most of all, get rid of bitterness. Now grant you, we're all aware that the system has committed more than a few injustices; but don't sit around talking about the system. Ride the system, don't let it get in you! Ride the current on the waves!

Some people have a welfare mentality. Now some of you will say, "I know he can't be talking about me, because I have never been on welfare in my life." No, but you look for assistance in other things. You are looking for someone to always carry you. Some people come to church believing that the church is supposed to pay their rent. Don't lend them money; find work for them! We have to stop giving handouts in order to stimulate personal responsibility.

Chapter 9

DREAMS ARE FAITH IN ACTION

I desire to see you achieve every facet of the dream you possess. Don't give up! Let your faith begin to operate! Romans 4:16 *"Therefore it is of faith that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed..."* This seed is to all the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now what is this scripture telling us? First of all, to have faith which is the evidence of things not seen. We live in a faithless world. The unsaved have to latch on to satanic intellectual theories to explain the existence of man. They have an expression, "If I can't see it, I don't believe it..." They can understand and accept a monkey evolving into a man because their faith is in cells over the Word of God. Even though we know the truth, everything

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in our society goes against faith. The things of God are foolishness to those who are spiritually dead. That's why God tells us to come out from among them. Guard your dream, for it is placed in your heart by the Lord. He gave you that desire. Plan to build His Kingdom and bless the believers!

Listen, this might shake you up, but Jesus didn't die and conquer death for everyone. Even though the scripture says, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son...*," it goes on to say, "*That whosoever would believe...*" He was a ransom for many, but not a ransom for all.

The second thing this scripture tells us is that it's by grace that we receive God's promises. The law

Prophetic Principle #18

"Grace" means "unmerited favor, unearned, freely given, etc".

did not bring faith to the Israelites, for it was by their acts and sacrifices that they received right standing with God. If anything, it made folks upset, because it showed that they (and we!) could never measure up. But you see, we are righteous-- not because of our deeds, but we are righteous because God says that we are righteous.

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Prophetic Principle #19

When we begin to understand that we were elected by God, we are going to find out that we did not choose Him, but He chose us.

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**YOU DID NOT
CHOOSE JESUS, HE
CHOSE YOU!**

You cannot come to Jesus unless He touches your mind. He spoke in parables lest others would be able to see. You cannot even behold the mystery of the Gospel unless Jesus touches you. God will go through all your family, all of your loved ones, and turn around and say, "I choose you to follow Me."

You are elected by Almighty God. Some of you are sitting and reading this book, and you don't have a clue as to why you chose this particular book. Well, it is because God elected you to read about Jesus! You are righteous because Jesus says you are righteous. You could have killed more people than anyone else, you could have destroyed

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more lives than anyone else, but the moment you came to know Jesus, He declared you righteous! You are not righteous by your deeds, but because Jesus said you are righteous. Some of you are fasting and praying and you think that fasting is twisting the arm of God to get Him to give in so that you can be on His good side, Well, you are already on His good side the moment you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior!

Faith is always followed by corresponding action. *"Faith without works is dead."* (James 2:20) That is why the devil will try to discourage you from dreaming, so that you won't use your faith to succeed. He will attempt to convince you to believe his lie that you are a nobody, and that the idea you have is impossible. This is the devil's job: To kill, steal and destroy!

There's an old story called, "The Devil's Best Tool." The devil, according to legend, once advertised his tools for sale at a public auction. When the prospective buyers assembled, there was one oddly shaped tool which was labeled "not for sale". Asked to explain why, the devil answered, "I can spare my other tools, but I cannot spare this one. It is the most useful implement that I have. It is called discouragement and with it I can work my way into hearts otherwise inaccessible. When I get this into a man's heart, the way is opened to plant anything there I may desire".

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We must dethrone the spirit of discouragement. There are a lot of believers who are discouraged. God wants you to know that the battle is the Lord's, but the victory is yours!

Prophetic Principle #20

Remember, the devil is a liar! If he is telling you a dream God planted in your heart for His kingdom will never ever come to pass, shout for joy because the exact opposite is true!

When the devil tries to discourage you, drown him out with a tape of your favorite praise songs, prayer, teaching, the Word, or if you can, find an enthusiastic believer to encourage you and drown out the devil's discouragement. Cast him and his demons down to a dry and deserted place in the name of Jesus, where they can discourage themselves until the day they are thrown into the lake of fire! (Who says warfare can't be fun?)

Chapter 11
**MEETING THE
CHALLENGE OF THE
DREAM**

Prophetic Principle #21

**It is not faith that differs, it is the dream
that differs.**

Everyone has been given the same measure of faith. It is not the faith that differs, it is the dream that differs. God has dealt unto every man the measure of faith. Everyone has been given the same degree of faith; what determines the degree of faith working on your behalf is the ability you have to dream.

Meeting The Challenge Of The Dream

Some of you might say, "Well, Prophet Jordan has a whole lot of faith." No, Prophet Jordan has a whole lot of big dreams! Faith is the substance of things hoped for. If there aren't any "things" hoped for, faith will not be in operation.

Many great men make the mistake of ceasing to dream after the initial goal has been completed. Even when you are working on step 1, you should always be able to envision steps 2, 3 and 4 that are to come after step 1 is completed.

Prophetic Principle #22

Now, faith means "*a firm persuasion or a conviction based upon hearing*", and faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Whatever we hear places an image in our minds -- that is why faith is the evidence of things we don't even see. Things that you are able to see in the natural, you don't need faith for, but you need faith to bring that which is in the invisible into the visible realm. Even with the invisible dream, there will be other dreams that will paint another picture to show you why the invisible dream can't come into focus. There are enemies to the dream. Jesus said your right hand should not let your left hand know what it is doing. There are some people you

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can't share your dream with. You cannot share your expansive dreams with small minded people.

Chapter 12

GOD LOVES TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE!

Why does God love to give you impossible dreams? Simple! When they manifest, they are a mighty testimony to those around you that it could only be Jesus Christ, the only living God, Who could have brought you to the place you are now. There are some examples of this all through the Bible, but we are going to focus on the Book of Kings in the Old Testament, to see how we can be victorious with our plans through impossible situations with powerful enemies.

We are only looking at examples of obedience in this scripture, those kings who worshipped the Lord and sought His Presence, such as David, Solomon, etc. These men worshipped God through persecution and sought His advice through prophets as to

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whether they should conquer other territories or not. When God said, "yes, go forth and conquer", they obeyed, even though many of their enemies were sadistic giants and enormously outnumbered their armies. The Lord worked miracles through Israel, His chosen people, and they conquered.

Now, let's look at some principles here. First of all, the king had an idea (thought or dream) to conquer an unconquerable enemy. Who do you think put that dream in the king's mind? The Lord! Remember, we are not talking about the many kings who worshipped idols, but the ones who worshipped God. Anyone who has received Jesus as Lord is constantly receiving ideas and plans from God to prosper. For our God is "Jehovah"--The Revealing One. God loves to communicate with us, and He rejoices when He can perform miracles through us to show the world He alone is the Creator of miracles; not mankind. New Age religions, white magic, black magic or any other perverted form of worship is fabricated by satan, the father of lies. If your dream is in line with the Word of God to build His kingdom, it was planted in your brain by God in the first place, so it can happen.

After the kings had dreams to conquer lands that belonged to the most powerful dynasties of that day, he always took a particular action -- he sought for a true prophet of God to receive a word from the Throne Room to confirm the king's dream. They

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sought guidance on how to conquer the enemy. Sometimes they received details and sometimes God just told them to go forth, that the enemy would fall into their hands. It was then the responsibility of the king to trust the Lord and obey whatever instructions were given by God, through the prophet. *(Some of the prophets of that day were Samuel, Elijah and Elisha)*

God gave prophets as a gift to the body of Christ, to confirm Kingdom plans to individual saints' lives. (Ephesians 4:11) Many Christians are still steeped in traditional lies that say, "We never know what God will do, for He is a Sovereign and Holy God and He would not take the time to talk to mortal man." How ignorant! If you are a Christian, then your text for life should be the Bible, which is one story after another about prophets, and about how those who obeyed their prophetic word from the Lord were blessed, and about how those who didn't were cursed. This is not a farfetched idea. As a matter of fact, the Lord's will is to use His prophets to a much greater degree in today's church. One reason why the world is embracing New Age religions is because they offer "fortune telling" and "communication with the spirit world" to a multitude who are searching for guidance in a world of confusion. Even though they don't realize it is demons who are communicating back to them, the innate hunger of man will drive him to search the

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heavenlies for an answer in the time of his quandary. Satan is just perverting and imitating the real relationship God has with man, for the Lord loves to fellowship with us.

Let's observe the Scriptures again. The king has received a word from the Lord, and no matter how impossible and ridiculous it seems that a small, wimpy army of one hundred is going to slaughter thousands of mean, sadistic giants, the king must make a decision to take the action and trust God, knowing that if Almighty God decreed it, it is going to pass. Notice, instead of the king sitting in his castle, getting fat and saying, "Yeah, that was a good word we sure had church today", he got up and went to war with his troops, putting into action what God said. The small minded people stayed home and giggled at the troops marching by their windows who were singing praises to God for a promised victory. The small minded people never experienced the glory of God.

People probably thought that the Wright Brothers were crazy and asked, "How in the world are you going to fly and defy the law of gravity, fool?" God, no doubt, put the idea in their head that there must be a law of lift. Because of the grace of God upon them to think it, they went into action and made that invisible thought into reality -- and they were not educated! They didn't possess college

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degrees. Some of you see obstacles and say, "Well, I don't have the formal education." Education is good, but don't let that be a limitation. You still have the ability to dream. Some people look for their deliverance and say, "If I can go to school, I know I can make it work." Not necessarily; you will learn all of what school has to offer but will arrive at one conclusion -- "I need a dream".

Don't even look at your physical condition. We have so many excuses. "I am too old." "I am too fat". "I am the wrong color". "I am too weak and sickly." "I am not pretty". "I am too old to dance, my muscles will break". "I don't look the part". "My clothes are too raggedy and what will they think when they find out where I live?" "I don't have a car". "I own a car, but it is junky". "I am too low class, I was born like that." "I'm, I'm, I'm..!" Is God limited by all this? No! He is the God who created the trees that money is made out of and the dust that you and your enemies are made out of. He knows what makes everything tick and every thought that you are thinking. He will get past your doubts; just cast them on Him and go for it anyway! (I Peter 5:7)

God began to challenge a man named Abraham. If we are going to walk in faith with God, we are going to need to hear the Word of God.

Now, in Romans 4:17 it says, "*As it is written, I*

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have made thee a father of many nations..." God was speaking at that appointed time to Abraham, who was a childless man; his wife was barren and they were past their natural childbearing age. Some of you don't want to talk about having children at 50 and Abraham was near 100. Why is that? It is because Abraham was a man of faith and he was empowered by God.

He had a dream. God put a dream in that man's spirit. When you get a God-given dream, a word from God, you cannot find rest until that dream is fulfilled. Verse 17: "...I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God..." I kept meditating on that, "before him whom he believed.." and as I was meditating and tracing that in the Greek, I found it meant "in the Presence of God in whom he believes". In other words, Abraham stayed in the Presence of God and while he was there, God told him he would be a father of many nations. When you get in God's Presence there are some things that God will tell you. He will tell you some things that He wants you to do and your finite mind will say, "Lord that can't be done!"

Zachariah got in the Father's Presence and all of a sudden God said, "Elizabeth is going to have a baby". Zachariah said, "Wait a minute, that dream is too big! Do You know how old my wife is? Do You know how old we are? And You want his

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name to be John? If we bend down and try to pick John up, we don't know if we will get back up!" God had to shut Zachariah's mouth because he

Prophetic Principle #23

Some of you have aborted your dream by the words of your mouth.

would have aborted the pregnancy. Some people have aborted the dream because they have shared it with small-minded people -- they let the right hand know what the left hand is doing. If you hang around people who are not doing anything, eventually you won't be doing anything either.

So, God spoke to Zachariah to give him a vision,

Prophetic Principle #24

You are genetically designed and programmed for success.

to give him a dream. God is in the business of putting dreams in your spirit. There are enemies that will try to convince you that the dream should not be fulfilled. When I am in the Presence of the Father, and there is something that God has spoken to me, it would cause some people to run away

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because the narrowness of their vision would make them fear the unfamiliar. It does not take long for the opposition to your dream to manifest!

God loves to give you impossible dreams, but He also desires for you to understand that the word "impossible" is only found in the dictionary of

Prophetic Principle #25

"Him-possible" is the watchword of the believer!

fools. If you can dream it, it can happen. Find your original dream; something that has never been done. We worship the God (Jesus) who has the ability to bring dead things to life. You might be looking at a situation that looks dead right now and you might say, there is no life that can come of this, but God quickens the dead. Jesus conquered death for all mankind and is praying to the Father right now so that as you read this, you will go forth with His plans for your life!

Chapter 13

NURTURE THE DREAM WITH FAITH

Faith will make circumstances work in your favor so that the dream comes to pass. It might come through a stranger. All of a sudden God will fix it so that your paths cross. Your dream is in God's hands. He has it under control.

Remember, godly dreams are based on hearing the Word of the Lord -- and the same is true for godly faith. Godly dreams are impossible for the unbeliever to attain because God is a Spirit and we are talking about supernatural, Holy Spirit power to bring the dream into reality.

Faith will always come to strengthen that dream to bring it out of the realm of the invisible into the realm of the visible.

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In Romans 4:18, Paul refers to Abraham and writes, *"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations..."* This is because Abraham had faith to prevail against all the odds.

Are there some things that your parents programmed in you? That you would fail -- you got married too young and you are tied down now because you didn't go to school like they told you to? What hope is against you? The economy? The work force? Your appearance? Your educational background? Your life of sin before you became a Christian? Whatever it might be that seems against all hope, continue to believe in hope!

The devil is the author of confusion. Confusion includes insecurity, poverty, oppression, prejudice, etc. The Bible says when we begin to see him (satan) who has weakened the nation, we are going to say, "Jesus, if I had a revelation about this earlier, I would have been a more victorious Christian." God would reply, "I have given you My Word, you just didn't believe it. You kept dreaming of a big devil and that is what you got." Someone wrote a book saying that "satan is alive and well". I don't know about how "well" he is and I don't believe he's "alive". He is a dead spirit, eternally separated from God.

This is the principle that made Abraham a man of

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faith; *"he calleth those things which be not as though they were."* (Romans 4:17). There are some things in your life which "be not". Your "be not" could be that you are poor. God says to not even say that you are poor. Say that you are rich. Do not say that you are sick, but say that you are well. Why? Because He wants us to walk in the victorious, God-kind of faith. He watches to see if you are going to use your situation as a stepping-stone, a challenge to get to the top of the mountain instead of saying, "woe is me." You need a dream from God. If you don't have a dream, you will not see faith operating in your life.

Abraham was a childless old man. He was probably going to settle down with Sarai and say, "We are never going to have children. This will be the end of my lineage". Then God spoke and intervened in his despair. God told them that Sarai would give birth to a child even though she was in her nineties. How did they react? They laughed! Well, there will be those that will laugh at your dream. When they laugh at you, that should motivate you to dream more because you are going to turn their laughter around. When Sarai laughed, she literally prophesied the name of her son--Isaac (which means laughter).

What are you hoping for? Are you expecting failure, poverty, defeat? What type of goals have you set in your life? Do you have any goals at all?

Prophetic Principle #26

Hope is a confident expectation that a desire will be fulfilled.

God wants us to come to a place where we have hope.

You don't find many young ladies making the proper preparation for marriage today. They used to have a "hope chest" which was usually the bottom drawer. It had a collection of household linens, etc. in preparation for eventual marriage. Perhaps some of you need to act upon your dream! Make preparation and God will send him on the way!

Do you have a dream today? Do you have hope? Is your faith visible? Is God leading you in an unfamiliar direction? Are you saying, "Lord that is too big!?" Are you staggering at the promises of God? Are you becoming weak in faith by considering your circumstances?

Chapter 14

THE DREAM AND THE CROSS

“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Then Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

But he turned, and said unto Peter, get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me; for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

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For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

For the son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Verily I say unto you, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the son of man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew 16:21-28

It is important to discern what Jesus meant when He said "take up your cross and follow Me". We are going to discover what the cross is, and you will be able to determine whether you actually picked up your cross or not.

What is the cross? Some people think it is disease and suffering. They say, "That is your cross to bear in life. You know, God understands. When He gets through making you humble enough, He will lift it." But I believe the cross is the dream.

Prophetic Principle #27

When God says deny yourself and take up the cross, He wants you to take up the dream.

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When He says, "Pick up the cross", it is an indication that you have the power to pick it up or lay it down at will. Sickness can't be picked up and laid down at will. Anyone in their right mind will attempt to avoid pain.

God has placed an automatic response within the human body that will always seek to reject pain. So, the cross is something that you can pick up and put it to the side, if necessary, at will. God has shown many of you a dream, and He has shown you the purpose---but you have refused to take it up and follow Him. He does not want you looking and staring at the cross, He wants you to take it up.

Martin Luther King Jr. had the opportunity to sit in a wishful state and probably would have been alive today if he never embraced his purpose and just sat and looked at his cross. But there was something in him that began to turn and he had to look at it. He had to make a decision to take it up. He had to deny himself. He had to deny his family and his comfortable existence--this is the reality of taking up your cross and following Him---this is what it is all about!

Many people can come to God with many excuses: "Lord, look at my family. I will do your will after my children get grown". Or, "I will fulfill my call in life when I get through with the education that I am pursuing". God is saying, "I

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want you to take up the cross now!" Your dream is the cross that you must bear. Take up your cross--your dream--and follow Him!

Chapter 15

DENY YOURSELF

Jesus said, "...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself..."

Prophetic Principle #28

The words "deny himself" are an imperative, which means it is a command for continuous or repeated action.

In other words, you are to deny yourself not just one time but continually. You have to deny your lustful and selfish desires. There is nothing innately wrong with desire, but desire becomes wrong when it becomes selfish. You have got to deny yourself and then take up the cross.

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There must be a radical change in your heart in order for you to accept the cross. There has to be a radical change if you are going to accept the vision. When God begins to call you into some things, you have to make excruciating decisions. Your cross could be anything. A cross for a mother could be raising her children. Is that a cross? For some, it might be. For a man, your cross might be becoming the head of your home. For others, your cross might be to get a job and punch that clock daily and on time. What is God demanding of you which must be accomplished? Are you picking it up and doing it?

Prophetic Principle #29

**When you take up your cross, you will
experience persecution.**

Jesus was rejected. Jesus encountered persecution as He carried the cross. You will be encompassed by mockers that will reject and hate the dream.

When Jesus was crucified, the inscription that was on top of the cross read, "**Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.**" Even His mockers didn't believe a word they were saying, but they were compelled to echo His purpose.

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Some individuals will never understand your dream. Jesus would not respond to Herod when he wanted to talk to him, and he allowed Herod to formulate his own opinion. Some people will challenge you and say, "Who do you think you are?" You will have to give them the same answer that Jesus gave. "It is not given unto you to know the season or the time. You wouldn't understand it anyway; this thing is spiritually discerned."

I don't believe Jesus feared the nails that were going to be pummeled into His hands. Though the threat of physical torment was repulsive, his heart agonized over the greater threat of experiencing rejection and separation from the Father. Your dream wants to put you in direct contact with God. You have got to be separated unto Him. While Jesus was carrying the cross, He kept His eyes fixed on the joyful fulfillment of the dream. You can endure the cross if you focus on the joy.

Jesus was a man that had a dream. He was one hundred percent man and one hundred percent God. (He wants to deal with every detail of your being). Jesus had a dream of the Kingdom of God and if we don't understand the dream of Jesus, we will not put His dream into action.

You have to get to the place where you can dream. Then, we have to bring redemption to that dream so it can be a kingdom dream that will

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fulfill redemptive purposes. A Kingdom dream will make Christ concrete. In other words, Jesus (the Word) will be made flesh in our midst.

A kingdom dream triggers growth and change; it brings change to people and to institutions. The Civil Rights Movement was a move of God. When Martin Luther King said he had a dream, he had a dream that was birthed from the Kingdom of God that came to fulfill the redemptive purposes of Almighty God.

God dealt with the scope and focus of the dream He has given me, and said "Don't focus only on the church; it is too narrow. Your focus has to be broader -- you have got to see My Kingdom. Seeing the work done within the walls of the church is not enough. You must perceive My Kingdom".

The devil hates for you to talk about the Kingdom, because then you are talking about invading his domain. Satan is saying, "Sure! Prophecy in the church, work miracles in the church--that is where I want you. I will even come to church and watch you prophesy, but leave my nations alone." He wants you to keep the power of God in the church, rather than demonstrate Jesus Christ before the world. That is why we have to begin to understand that there is more to focus on than just casting a demon out of an individual -- that vision is too narrow. Let's go out and destroy principalities that

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are ruling over communities and nations. Let's take the net and pull the whole load in!

Chapter 16

MIND REMOVAL OR MIND RENEWAL?

Where does the vision come from? We know it comes from God. It is God Who illuminates your mind.

Prophetic Principle #30

The Word of God tells us that without a vision the people perish. Without a redemptive revelation--without a word from God, you will perish.

God wants to renew your mind, not remove your mind. There are a lot of individuals that have erroneously read the scripture and thought it said, "be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the 'removing' of your mind." It is not the

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'removing' of the mind, but the 'renewing' of the mind.

God wants to take your mind and reconstruct it. He wants to change some of your thinking and mind-sets. We all develop various mind-sets as children. There are certain things you have been taught that have been embedded in you, but when you meet the Word of God there are some things that you must change. You will struggle over some, but you must be ready to accept the truth which you encounter in the Word of God.

Some of our parents gave us advice to the best of their knowledge. They told us, "We want you to go to school and get a good education so you can get a good job." Doesn't that sound real nice? Some of you have instilled this same thought in your children. But as you encounter the teachings of Christ and allow His Word to become a part of you, you will heighten your sights and say, "We are sending you to school to get a good education so that you can create jobs for others."

Prophetic Principle #31

Some of us are not advancing because of our stagnant thinking.

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An individual named Daniel Levinson did an extensive study of American male development patterns. He came to the conclusion that dreams in young adults are more formed than pure fantasy, yet less articulated than a fully thought-out plan.

Prophetic Principle #32

We must learn how to take a dream and make it a reality because a dream will remain a dream until we begin to set goals and anticipate its fulfillment.

I have learned not to say what I am not going to do in this life. If someone tells you they think you are going to be preaching, just say "Praise the Lord." You might not understand it but God will reveal it. Don't make the mistake of declaring "I am not going to preach" because you are the very one that God will get hold of and put His Word right in your mouth!

True "waiting on the Lord" is defined as serving Him. Everyone that Jesus called into ministry were busy doing something. Everyone that was called to serve Jesus in my Bible was working when they were called!! God wants us to begin to apprehend our purpose. Therefore, you must be energetic and active; not passive and lethargic. You have got to have a zeal for following after the things of God.

Prophetic Principle #33

Never sit home unemployed and "wait on your ministry". Some people call themselves "waiting on God" by sitting home in destitution--without gainful employment. That is not waiting on God. "Oh, the Lord told me to quit my job. I'm just waiting on the Lord" -- GO GET A JOB!!! Go submit to your boss and minister to your family!! God is not going to cause you to embrace poverty as a way of life!! He desires for you to prosper as your soul prospers!!

God doesn't want to only move in the area of your conscious mind but He wants to be Lord of your subconscious. Your mind has the ability to reason but your subconscious doesn't. Your subconscious mind cannot take a joke. Anything that is uttered is interpreted by your subconscious mind as a command and as a law. The subconscious doesn't have a reasoning factor, and processes sarcasm as truth.

If you want to retrain your subconscious, you must choose the last thoughts which will be programmed in your mind before you go to sleep. Your mind will carry those thoughts throughout the night and that is what you will begin to think about during the next day.

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Can you see why God says the evening and the morning make the first day, and not the morning and the evening? Your new day begins at nightfall when you are ready to retire.

What are you programming in your head? Are you sitting there looking at the 11:00 news and falling asleep? What are your last thoughts of the day? Your last thoughts of the day are going to be the beginning thoughts of your new day. Are you just jumping into bed going to sleep or are you on your knees praying, saying, "Lord give me a mind. Give me a vision." Are you reflecting on the things that you did that day and saying, "Lord, I want Your kingdom to come -- Your will to be done. Come and be Lord of my dreams so I don't have nightmares at night." What is being programmed in your thinking?

Prophetic Principle #34

The word of God must penetrate beyond your conscious mind--it must seep into your subconscious mind as well.

A lot of people need deliverance; they need mind renewal. All of us have learned behavioral patterns. We can call our errant beliefs a demon, and say, "Come out in Jesus' Name", but nothing is going to come out until we start renewing that subconscious mind.

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As you sit under the Word of God, it restructures your thinking. When truth is assimilated, you'll come to yourself and realize that you don't have to be poor anymore. It is God's will for you to walk in wealth. Some of you need to understand that money is your friend. Jesus said that the children of darkness are wiser than the children of light. The world is now at the point of faxing messages and the church is just beginning to utilize typewriters! We are just beginning to accept television, and the world is focusing on satellites! Some of us have become so heavenly minded until we are no earthly good! Christians are always talking about heaven but nobody's dying, trying to get there! Let me tell you, I don't want to go to heaven right now. I want to be busy, occupied until He comes. Some of us have lost touch with reality. We've become flakes--granola Christians----fruity, nutty and flaky!

It amazes me that people need to be told, "Get a job." There's so much of the pseudo-spiritual litany that we hear, "Pastor, pray for me. I am not making it, my finances..." "Are you working?" "No." "Well, that is why you are not making it. Go and get a job."

Go on some interviews. Fake it until you make it. Go borrow some money and get a decent suit because you have got to package yourself right. Don't go on your interview looking desperate, as if

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to say “I have got to have this job”. Believers have lost touch with reality in their quest for spirituality. We need our minds renewed!!

Chapter 17

THE DISCIPLE

There are a lot of things that Jesus will not share with you until you become a disciplined follower of the Lord. It is sad to say, but in the house of the Lord, we have a lot of people who want to be part of the multitude. They will follow for fishes and loaves -- the free hot meal, the free clothes, free shelter, etc. If you talk to them about responsibility concerning the Kingdom of God, they will yell in protest that you are in sin for telling them to give 10 percent of all their increase. Some will accept the word concerning the tithe, but after you tell them that once the tithe has been fulfilled, they still haven't given anything because the ten percent belongs to God, and that anything above that is an offering, they'll become indignant saying, "Are you going to steal my money or something? You want more than the ten percent?" They love to follow the multitude, but don't want any responsibility.

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The regular church-goers will indicate they will be at church on Sunday morning, but you'll hear "I am telling you now, don't ask me to do anything in the church. I got burned in the last church I attended, and I said I wouldn't get involved in anymore churches. I will come, I will give my tithes and offerings, and I will love you in Jesus' Name, but I really don't want any responsibility. I don't want to do anything. The folks in the church are hypocrites, you know, none of them are really right." The sacrilegious Christians fail to realize that there will never be a perfect church until Jesus returns. You will never find the "perfect church". If you do manage to find it, it ceased being perfect the moment you arrived!

Prophetic Principle #35

Even in Jesus' handpicked church (His twelve disciples), forty percent were corrupt. Judas stole the money and Peter was racially prejudiced. Thomas doubted everything Jesus said until he could see it with his own eyes, and "The Sons of Thunder" (James and John) struggled with anger as well as a desire for preeminence amongst the brethren. Yet these were the men that God was raising up to change the world.

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Jesus spent a lot of time with His disciples. There is a major difference between a disciple and a believer. It is possible to be a born-again believer and not a disciple. A disciple is a disciplined follower. I find that in the house of the Lord, a lot of individuals want to be believers, but they don't want to be a disciple. When you become a disciple, you find out that the days of Burger King are over. You can't "Have it your way." There are a lot of people who assume that Jesus is going to cause them to "have it their way". "Lord, work in this area of my life, but don't touch this! Lord, mold me and make me after your will..." But when He starts to shape the circumstances of your life to answer your prayers, you say, "No don't touch that! I enjoy that, don't take that away."

Prophetic Principle #36

Many individuals do not enter into the fulfillment of the dream because of their fear of the unknown.

People frequently have difficulty being loyal to the leader of their church, because they do not understand the vision God gave to the leader.

When Jesus began to share with His disciples about how the elders, scribes and pharisees were going to crucify Him, He explained that He would

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be raised up and glorified on the third day. Peter began to rebuke Jesus, saying "Be it far from Thee". In other words, Peter said "Hush up -- you're making a bad confession! Why would you sit there and wish that on yourself? Stop making that negative confession. We don't want to see you suffer and die". Jesus looked at Peter and said, "Get thee behind me, satan."

Now, Peter just finished having the astounding revelation that He was the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus said, "*Thou art Peter, (Petros), thou art a rock (little rock) and upon this rock I will build My church...*" Yet a couple of minutes later, Peter became a rock of stumbling. (The enemy loves to take your positive traits and turn them into negative traits.)

Many times we will not understand the vision of our leaders because the dream was spoken to one man. God wants you to be teachable and assist the Pastor because God ordained him as authority in that house. Sometimes you must trust God's chosen man and lean not to your own understanding.

Prophetic Principle #37

The Kingdom of God is not a democracy.

There is only one Lord, one king of Kings. Jesus is the "head" of the "body" of Christ. The head rules

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the body; not the fingers, toes or elbows. Do you know, if you let your body parts rule you, they would wear you out in sin, leading you to give way to the appetites of your flesh?

Democracy has never been God's way. Your body has one government and one member of your body has the authority to make decisions. All your other members carry them out. Your body functions by a dictatorship. If you start walking one way and your leg starts to go another way or it won't move, you will immediately go to the doctor to get yourself checked out. You will rebuke the devil. *IMMEDIATELY!!* Why is it that if a church member wants to do their own thing apart from the vision of the house, some members will find that individual and side with him and also become a contrary member? Even households work the same way, but God likes to speak through the head.

Peter was filled with fear instead of faith. Here is their master, their mentor, the one that was teaching and training them, telling them that they were getting ready to leave Him. Imagine your best friend telling you "Now that I have taught all these people, the cops will come any day to arrest me. They are going to put me in the electric chair, probably in the next thirty days." You would say, "Are you crazy? Listen, get a passport, leave town!" That is the typical response that Peter experienced. Jesus said that the devil was speaking through Peter.

Prophetic Principle #38

When you don't understand changes in your house of worship, consider that it takes a while for a truth to mature and make a full impact with the things that God is about to do. Yet, if you remain obedient and stick around, you will experience the glory of God as the revelation becomes real to you.

Often, people fall prey to the tendency to compare themselves with other people, and yearn to be like them. Yet you don't know what that person went through to get where they are today. If you want to be a good musician, you can't just sit there and pick up your instrument once a week and play it for ten minutes and expect to become an excellent musician. You must give yourself to it regularly and submit to the training of your teacher. Submit to your spiritual leader, allow yourself to be trained and mentored and you will catch the spirit of your leader in due time.

Prophetic Principle #39

Everything in life comes with a price tag.

Chapter 18

DO NOT FOLLOW JUDAS!!

You will be surprised who Judas is. In the house of the Lord there is a select group that is set in that local house to be the priesthood of Judas. If you ask, "What priesthood are you connected with?" They will say, "I'm of the faithful priesthood." Then when you start to look at their actions later, you will find that they are of the priesthood of Judas.

I used to say, "I want to grab Judas. If I discern it prophetically I am going to put them out." The Lord let me know that there are some Judas' that need to stick around. They help you fulfill your purpose in God. Jesus would have never made it to the cross and the dream would never have been fulfilled if Judas did not enter into his priesthood.

Do Not Follow Judas!!

It is possible that some individuals can be elected for evil. There are some people who will perpetually say, "Yes Pastor, we are with you," but even as they are saying the words, their head is shaking and demonstrating their defiance. They will smile--all of the priests will be worshipping---everyone else will be worshipping---and Judas will worshipping, fulfilling his role. After church, they will find someone and say, "P-s-s-t! I had a vision about the church. We need to get together for lunch. It feels as though God is saying they are missing it! What do you think? You pick up anything in the Spirit? The worship isn't like it used to be. They don't pray as much as they used to pray." "I really don't think the music is going right. They keep those same people up there singing all the time, they don't ever let us sing. You know, I have been anointed in places I have come from. I think they need to make room for my ministry. I think my ministry really needs to come forth."

Prophetic Principle #40

Judas sows malignant seeds of discord to wreck havoc on the harvest of the Lord.

If that devil isn't exposed, that evil will stay dormant in their house. They will have a hard time worshipping as a Levi. (Levi means to "be joined".)

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Prophetic Principle #41

All of sudden they'll discover that they cannot enter in or become joined to the vision because someone has sown division in them.

Judas always has the opportunity to repent, yet Judas, because of his rebellious nature, will usually refuse to submit to correction, and will choose the ignominious path of suicide--rejecting the chance to become a thriving member of the Body of Christ.

Chapter 19

EXHORTATION

Jesus will not override your thinking and give you something that you never thought of. Jesus was the Son of God, went down to Nazareth and could not do mighty works there because of their unbelief. Therefore, you have to see it first.

Prophetic Principle #42

If you can't dream it, and if you can't believe it, you will not receive it.

Some people are still looking at poverty. Some people are still looking at lack, or the figures in their bank account. You need to start getting out of the slump you are in. You need to start having dreams. God's going to permit you to stay in a pinch until you learn how to fly. One day you will

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get sufficiently disturbed about the situation you are in, and you will wake up and say, "I have got to do something better for myself!" Everyone's bottom is at a different place. Don't go to the grave without ever having a dream come true. There is music in you that the world has never heard. There is a dream in you that has never been worked out. How many of you are fulfilling your dream, so that other people can reap the benefits?

God will drop a thought in your mind, an image. When you pray, you have to have something to take to the Father. There has got to be an image. There has to be a focus. Some people are still praying their problems. "Lord, look on my sick mother... Lord, touch my pocketbook, I am doing very bad these days..." They still haven't brought an image to the Father. When they went before the Throne of God, they weren't ready to receive an image, so they came back from the Throne of God saying, "I prayed, but I am still broke." God is saying, "I can't do anything until you believe for the miraculous". You have got to see it before you can receive it.

God says nothing shall be impossible unto you. Do you know that if you begin to move in the God-kind of faith it will almost make you omnipotent? God is saying something to you but your mind is having a hard time receiving that. What are you believing for, or are you still dealing with a negative image?

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Charles F. Keltering, the noted scientist and inventor, believed the easiest way to overcome defeat was to completely ignore the possibility of failure. He tells a story about how he once gave a tough assignment to a young research worker at the General Motors Laboratory, just to see how he would react to a difficult problem. Mr. Keltering forbade him to examine notes on the subject that were filed in the library. These notes were written by expert research men and contained statistics to prove the young researcher's assignment was impossible. The young research worker did not know this, of course, so he went to work with confidence that he would succeed. He didn't know the problem was "impossible", so he did it. Do you know that science reasons that the bumble bee is not supposed to be able to fly? The body of the bee is heavier than the wing, but no one ever told the bee he couldn't fly. The bee is consumed with the God-given image of flying, so, he flies.

What are some of the things that people told you were impossible for you to achieve?

Prophetic Principle #43

**If we can get the boundaries of impossibility
out of you, we can get you to achieve
the magnificent.**

Exhortation

Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, the mind can achieve -- God teaches us this. That is why the Word says if you have faith, believe and you shall receive (Mark 11:24). He is trying to get your mind renewed to the place where you can believe.

Prophetic Principle #44

There are three kinds of people in the world:
"The Wills", the "Won'ts" and the "Can'ts".
Try and locate yourself:

The "Wills" accomplish anything and everything.

The "Won'ts" oppose anything and everything.

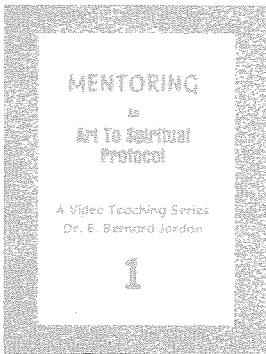
The "Can'ts" fail at everything because they never try.

The greatest achievements of mankind have been accomplished by two types of people. Those who were smart enough to know it could be done and those too dumb to know it couldn't.

I want you to dream big dreams. As long as you don't know it is impossible, you can do it. But if you keep saying, "I can't" you never will. You have got to get out of the boat. You have got to do something about your dream.

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So do not fear, lament or travail,

But allow your faith to blaze the trail!!

Upon Jesus alone shall your confidence lean,

You must know that God shall make the dream!!