

How to Develop Miracle Action in Your Life

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1. **Let Every Word Be Established** – You must place the same value on “words” as God places on His Word.

From God’s viewpoint: 1Sa 3:19-21 AMP Samuel grew; **the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.** [Josh. 23:14.] (20) And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that **Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.** (21) And the Lord continued to appear in Shiloh, for **the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel** in Shiloh **through the word of the Lord.**

From man’s viewpoint: 1Kings 17:24 KJV And the woman said to Elijah, **Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.**

(From the Message Translation) “The woman said to Elijah, “I see it all now--you are a holy man. **When you speak, GOD speaks--a true word!**”

The part the human heart plays in relation to words: There is both **a science** and **an art** to believing what you say will come to pass. – Mark 11:23 GNB “I assure you that whoever tells this hill to get up and throw itself in the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.”

Psalms 17:3-5 MSG “Go ahead, examine me from inside out, surprise me in the middle of the night-- You'll find I'm just what I say I am. My words don't run loose. (4) I'm not trying to get my way in the world's way. I'm trying to get your way, your Word's way. (5) I'm staying on your trail; I'm putting one foot in front of the other. I'm not giving up.”

- (a) **Your “heart” knows you better than anyone (except God). The one person impossible to hide the truth from is YOU.**
- (b) **The only way you can be absolutely certain that you believe all your words will come to pass is if all of your words are habitually being established in truth.**

- (c) **The more you establish within your heart an absolute integrity of words, the more your heart will believe what you say will come to pass.**
(Remember – this is the absolute requirement for you to be able to control what comes to pass in your life.)

2. **Refuse to Be Afraid – Fear is the physical manifestation of doubt** (Being afraid is in direct opposition to faith as doubt is to believing) **Your heart is made up of both the spirit and the soul with their respective spiritual forces: Faith is of the spirit while fear of the soul.**

(a) **Faith manifests in the spirit with power to change the physical**

(b) **Fear manifests in the physical with power to change the spiritual**

Mark 5:36 “As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, **Be not afraid only believe.**”

Matthew 14:30-31 KJV But when he saw the wind boisterous, **he was afraid**; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. (31) And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, **wherefore didst thou doubt?**

(a) **Fear is the antithesis of faith, both providing the avenue for their opposite forces of either destructive or creative power.**

(b) **Fear opposes faith. Courage is the key** to remain in faith when tempted to be “afraid.” To understand “courage” we look at the Greek – **θάρασος** tharsos - “From the root meaning **daring**); **boldness** (subjectively): - **courage.**”

(To be **daring** is required to bring forth courage. The Greek word “dare” is defined as “the willingness to exercise the extreme” and is considered vital to any act of courage.)

A daring act of courage allowing faith to work - Acts 27:30-32
AMP “And as the sailors were trying to escape [*secretly*] from the ship and were lowering the small boat into the sea, pretending that they were going to lay out anchors from the bow, (31) Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, Unless these men remain in the ship, you cannot be saved. (32) **Then the soldiers cut away the ropes that held the small boat, and let it fall and drift away.**”

- (c) **When Jesus saw that Peter was “afraid,” He judged Him “of little faith,” judging his actions doubt-filled.**

How to overcome the fear/doubt syndrome:

- (a) Learn to walk in a “carefree” pattern of life – God’s grace in Christ is **immeasurable, incalculable, and colossal** - Jesus has already “saved” you, redeemed you, given you eternal life with him forever, fastened His everlasting love upon you, made you the righteousness of God – **WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GIVE YOU REASON TO BE ANXIOUS** about **infinitesimal, miniscule, even microscopic things of life** in comparison.

(Paul declares that “suffering, affliction and tribulation; calamity and distress; persecution or hunger; destitution, peril or sword; even death or life; angels or principalities; things impending and threatening, or things to come; powers, height, depth, or everything else in all creation;” are all insignificant in comparison with the vastness and enormity of God’s grace and ability to care for us. (Romans 8:35-39 AMP)

Pride is a “fear based” short-coming and will subtly short circuit faith:

- (a) **Faith must never become a “contest of wills”** – We are not racing against each other to win our prize of God’s grace. We must be careful how we display our faith conquests. To lift one’s self up or draw undo attention to one’s self in testimony or ministry endangers one to a faith failure.
- (b) **Integrity and transparency should be maintained at all times in ventures of faith** – Covering the facts is not conducive to faith. The purpose of making a faith confession (Abraham – “I am the father of a multitude”) is not to cover reality of the present circumstance. “I believe I am healed” is not a personal testimony, rather it is a witness (a testimony to Christ) that “Himself bore my sicknesses and carried our diseases.” It takes away from the potential glory of God to cover the reality of the present physical circumstance while awaiting manifestation. Pride may manifest by being afraid of how others

might judge us, and lead us to cover our momentary lack of faith's manifestation. This will prevent, not assist in getting the manifestation. It is acceptable to boldly declare one's faith confession while openly revealing the lack of current manifestation. In fact the bolder you declare it, the more of a witness it is to the integrity of God's Word once it is I manifestation. It is a faith step to allow God's Word on display prior to receiving your manifestation of God's promise.

3. Walk in the Spirit

John 16:13-15 KJV "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. (15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you."

John 5:19 KJV "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."

(a) The Two Realms of Our Spiritual Walk

The prerequisite for walking in the spirit begins with a decision in the heart of a believer to make our "center focus" God and His Word, along with a desire to develop understanding, love and reverence for the Father God, getting to know Jesus through the scriptures, and finally, a submission to the Holy Spirit for His work and direction in our lives. Paul calls this being "spiritually minded:"

Romans 8:5-8 KJV "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. (7) Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

Here are the two realms of our spiritual walk:

1. **The Leading of Our Human Recreated Spirit** – Every born-again believer has been made spiritually alive by the Holy Spirit, and is capable of being led by their inner-man. This is sometimes referred to as the "conscience." Here is how Apostle Paul teaches its working:

Romans 2:15 NLT “They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for **their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.**”

Romans 9:1 WNT “I am telling you the truth as a Christian man--it is no falsehood, for my conscience enlightened, as it is, by the Holy Spirit adds its testimony to mine.”

Although, not yet infused with the Holy Spirit’s work of the New Creation at the time it was written, Proverbs reveals that God originally made man with the intention of inspiring him from within:

Proverbs 20:27 LITV “The spirit of man *is* the lamp of Jehovah, searching all the inward parts of the heart.”

Somewhat skewed by translation, the verse takes on a greater meaning when accurately redefining the word “searching.” While its primitive root means “to search,” as used here in the “causative” form of the word, it is more accurately rendered, “to conceal oneself with the requirement to be sought out; mask; or disguise self, hide.” As the Hebrew word “châphas” (below) bears out, that part of the verse might better be rendered: “

“The spirit of man is the light of Jehovah, **concealed, disguised and hidden deep within the heart (belly) waiting to be sought out** and brought into open light.”

חָפַס *châphas* - A primitive root; to seek; **causatively to conceal oneself (that is, let be sought), or mask: - change, (make) diligent (search), disguise self, hide,** search (for, out).

We see in the Old Testament period that humankind was not complete yet, and able to take advantage of this fitment of God as He created man. While originally spiritually alive, mankind had fallen into darkness, blinded by Adam’s disobedience, and thus would need some type of outside assistance until the time of the “New Creation,” and the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Birth. This was the meaning of Paul’s statement in one of our prior verses:

Romans 9:1 WNT “I am telling you the truth as a Christian man--it is no falsehood, for my conscience enlightened, as it is, by the Holy Spirit adds its testimony to mine.”

So hidden deep within us, there is a light from God, a source of inspiration and guidance that is to motivate, direct and correct us in our life's pathway.

The term "inward or innermost parts," found in the KJV, LITV and Amplified translations, means:

חדר cheder - "an *apartment* (usually literally): - innermost chamber"

Every decision of significance should therefore be brought into the scrutiny of this divine light residing deep within our innermost being.

(A) How to Train Yourself to Be Led by the Inner Man:

- (a) **Become sensitive** to your conscience not to ever violate it. This is the foremost basic step of becoming spiritually minded. Paul in a prior scripture told us that even the "unspiritual" are without excuse because of the conscience:

Romans 2:15 NLT "They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for **their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.**"

- (b) **Train your heart with the truth of the Word of God** to strengthen and perfect your conscience. Your conscience can be weakened, distorting the "light of Jehovah" residing deep within it. Remember that this inner light is hidden deep within must need be brought to the light.

Error in religious tradition and doctrine and other philosophy can cause the conscience to become weak in its ability to lead us in that which is right and wrong. Nevertheless, we are required to keep faith with our conscience, never violating it, wherever we are in our journey to more perfect truth:

Romans 14:1-8 MSG "Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with-- even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently. (2) For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat

anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume all Christians should be vegetarians and eat accordingly. (3) But since both are guests at Christ's table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. (4) Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help. (5) Or, say, one person thinks that some days should be set aside as holy and another thinks that each day is pretty much like any other. There are good reasons either way. So, each person is free to follow **the convictions of conscience**. (6) What's important in all this is that if you keep a holy day, keep it for God's sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli. (7) None of us are permitted to insist on our own way in these matters. (8) It's God we are answerable to--all the way from life to death and everything in between--not each other."

- (c) **Be sensitive for the green light of "peace"** as approval to go forward as you make plans and decisions, both personal and spiritual. In the case of stronger uncertain or forlorn feelings, allow that to act as a red light to stop and not commit yourself until you have peace in your heart.

Colossians 3:15 AMP "And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [*deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state*] to which as [*members of Christ's*] one body you were also called [*to live*]. And be thankful (appreciative), [*giving praise to God always*]."

- (d) **Be disciplined to exercise your gift of tongues**, praying and singing in the spirit daily and often. As you do this you build yourself up spiritually (become more sensitive to the voice and conscience of your spirit), and the light (of Jehovah) hidden deep within you [Proverbs 20:27] will be brought forth to inspire, motivate and direct you according to God's plan.

1Corinthians 14:2-4 "For he that speaks in an unknown tongue is not speaking to men, but unto God: for no man understands *him*; for in the spirit he is speaking divine secrets... (4) He that speaks in an unknown tongue builds up and strengthens himself spiritually."

Attempting to walk in the spirit without taking these steps to train yourself spiritually, can lead to failure in your personal and spiritual life as a believer.

2. **The Supernatural Direction of the Holy Spirit** – Once a believer receives the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, God’s spirit indwells them with supernatural gifts, known in scripture as the Gifts of the Holy Ghost (Spirit). There are nine categories in which these gifts manifest:

1Corinthians 12:1-11 KJV Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. (2) Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. (3) Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. (4) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (5) And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; (10) **To another the working of miracles**; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: (11) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

It is through this avenue of the Spirit that we are brought into the realm of the supernatural for service. The “Working of Miracles,” Verse 10 (above) may indeed incorporate and work together will one or all of the nine categories of manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

For example, the Working of Miracles with the Gifts of Healings might be incorporated to minister a mightier work of healing than merely a minor ailment, ie. creative replacement of a limb; the Working of Miracles might require a discerning of spirits as was in the case of Joshua when the angel appeared to him and gave him detailed instructions for the falling of the walls of Jericho. Elijah’s faith drew him into the Working of Miracles along with Words of Knowledge and Words of Wisdom by which he ministered.

4. Believe on the Name of Jesus

Philippians 2:8-9 WNT “And being recognized as truly human, He humbled Himself and even stooped to die; yes, to die on a cross. (9) It is in consequence of this that **God has also so highly exalted Him, and has conferred on Him the Name which is supreme above every other.**”

John 16:23-24 LITV And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give you. (24) Until now you asked nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be full.

John 14:12-14 KJV “Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me,** the works that I do shall he do also; and **greater works than these shall he do;** because I go unto my Father. (13) And **whatsoever ye shall ask in my name,** **that will I do,** that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If ye shall **ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**”

Acts 3:6, 16 KJV “Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but **such as I have** give I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth** rise up and walk. (16) And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”

- (A) Delegated Authority – The power & influence of the Jesus becomes the power & influence of his commissioned agents:

The Commission of all Believers –

Matthew 28:18-20 AMP “Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, **All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.** (19) Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, **I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion),** to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be).”

Mark 16:15-20 AMP “And He said to them, **Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race]**. (16) He who believes [*who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth*] and is baptized will be saved [*from the penalty of eternal death*]; but he who does not believe [*who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth*] will be condemned. (17) And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: **in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; (18) They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.** (19) So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God. [*Ps. 110:1.*] (20) And **they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied [it]**. Amen (so be it).”

More than “general authority” needed to successfully serve Christ:

When Jesus said, “Go ye into all the world” (Mark 16:15), or “Go ye into all the nations (Matthew 28:19), He was addressing the disciples as the Church, not as individuals. The word “ye” in the Greek is **ὑμεῖς** *humeís*; 2d person personal pron., nominative plural of *σύ* “you.” In the case of the “Great Commission of Mark 16:15,” it is “ye” that are called, not “you” (singularly). No one person is called to “all the world,” or to “all nations.” In this teaching, Pastor Don asks each person to pay close attention to the following account of Paul as he went forth to fulfill his personal assignment within Jesus’ Great Commission:

Acts 16:5-12 AMP “So the churches were strengthened and made firm in the faith, and they increased in number day after day. (6) And Paul and Silas passed through the territory of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word in [the province of] Asia.** (7) And when they had come opposite Mysia, **they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.** (8) So passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. (9) [*There*] **a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man from Macedonia stood pleading with him and saying, Come over to Macedonia and help us!** (10) And when he had seen the vision, **we [including Luke] at once endeavored to go on into Macedonia, confidently inferring that God had called us to proclaim the glad tidings (Gospel) to them.** (11) Therefore, setting sail from Troas, we came in a direct course to Samothrace, and the next day went on to Neapolis. (12)

And from there [*we came*] to Philippi, which is the chief city of the district of Macedonia and a [*Roman*] colony. We stayed on in this place some days.”

Pastor Don asks, “Why would God not want Paul to go to the province of Asia (vs 6) to preach the gospel, or proclaim the Good News in Bithynia (vs 7)? The answer is a simple one: He wanted Paul in Macedonia (vss 9-10). As you can see, our lives have been planned and purposed by God to fulfill His will in our personal lives. We are ‘agents’ or ambassadors of Christ (2Corinthians 5:18-20), but we are not ‘free agents.’ We are called with God’s plan and purpose in our lives, not to just run around doing our own thing for Jesus, but with more specific purpose.”

He goes on to say, “If Paul had not been walking in the spirit, being led by the Holy Spirit, he would have been in Asia (thinking he was serving Christ, doing the work of the ministry), when all the time his assignment was Macedonia.” Pastor went on to say, “That is why some ministries might board a plane bound for ‘the wrong place,’ and die in a plane crash with no protection because they miss the Holy Spirit’s direction and are in fact in disobedience to God’s will. This was the case with Apostle Paul when he found himself bound in Roman chains in Jerusalem when he became obsessed with being that at the time of the feast of Pentecost.”

Acts 21:4 KJV “And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who **said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.**”

Acts 21:10-14 KJV “And as we tarried *there* many days, **there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.** (11) And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, **Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.** (12) And when we heard these things, both **we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.** (13) Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for **I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.** (14) And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.”

How tragic that Paul forgot that he was not a “free agent” under Christ’s Great Commission. While God still mightily used Paul through His mercy, yet Paul had to spend the remainder of his ministry in prison (or under house arrest) without the freedom he had previously to go

wherever the Holy Spirit desired of him. When he obediently went to Macedonia, after being led there by God in a dream (in our Acts 16 scripture above), even though he was thrown in prison, God sent an angel and shook the jail, loosed their chains, opened the prison doors, and set them free. When the jailor came, he found them sitting in open cells with no bonds, just waiting for him to minister to him. The jailor, his household, and all the city came to Christ. But our Acts 21 scripture (above), it proved to be a different story. It was clearly not God's will, plan and purpose for Paul to be in Jerusalem, or suffer captivity for the remainder of his life on earth. It is also clear that the Holy Spirit did all He could do to persuade Paul not to go there. The outcome as you study the remainder of Paul's life was one suffering needlessly if only he had not been misguided in his obsession to go to Jerusalem.

If we are to walk under the authority of the Name of Jesus, it is vital that we learn to be within the confines of His personal assignments for us, and not to be self-willed. We only have authority in the Name of Jesus when we are representing Him (not ourselves). Using the Name of Jesus is more than merely prefacing our words or actions somehow magically speaking the phrase, "In the Name of Jesus!" Operating in the Name of Jesus means that we are representing all that He is, and that we are under a personal assignment from Him. In our personal lives that means representing Him always by being "light and salt" in our everyday lives. In ministry, it means following in obedience to the direction of the Holy Spirit as Jesus did when He was on earth operating in the Name of His Father as seen below:

The Law of Authority in Agency – **An act by an agent is an act of the principle.**

John 6:28-29 KJV "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? (29) Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

John 12:44 KJV "Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me."

John 13:20 KJV "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me."

(B) Signs of Not Believing in the Name of Jesus

- (a) Failure to use the Name in prayer for petitions to the Father;
- (b) Failure to use the Name to exercise authority over demons;
- (c) Failure to use the Name to exercise authority in the realm of the spirit (tongues);
- (d) Failure to use the Name for divine protection against danger and destruction (ie. deadly serpents and poisonous substances);
- (e) Failure to use the Name to heal the sick;
- (f) Failure to use the Name to put a demand on confirmation of gospel preached.

(C) How to use the Name of Jesus – There is no magic in the speaking of the Name (Acts 19:14). The Power comes, with or without speaking the name, in reliance upon our relationship and authority given in our commission by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:17 AMP And whatever you do [*no matter what it is*] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [*dependence upon*] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.

- (a) **In the prayer of faith** – by boldly coming to the Father based on Jesus finished work and gift of righteousness;
- (b) **In the ministry of faith** – by acting in authority showing great respect for the one who has sent you (giving glory to Him and His name);
- (c) **In dealing with the devil in faith** – Using the appropriate faith posture when casting out devils.
- (d) **In all that you do in faith** – As you use your faith personally (going to work each day, crossing town for errands, taking on personal projects, the purchasing of a home or automobile, scheduling a vacation or other travel, etc.) do everything you do in the name of Jesus.

Ultimately, proficiency in exercising authority in the Name of Jesus, comes experientially with practicing the above principles in our lives.

5. Use the Law of Agreement

Matthew 18:18-20 KJV” Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (19) Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (20) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Understanding the basics:

- A. There are two ways to interpret verse (18) “Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
 - (a) As a promise – Whatever you decide to bind (or loose) in earth, God will also bind (or loose) in heaven.
 - (b) As an instruction – Whatever you decide to bind (or loose) in earth (must be) that which is bound in heaven.

Scholars agree on the latter (b) interpretation as shown in the Amplified Bible:

Matthew 18:18 AMP “Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth **must be what is already forbidden in heaven**, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth **must be what is already permitted in heaven**.”

This is backed also by the interpretive law of “first reference,” meaning, the context of its first use becomes the context in which it is to be interpreted. The first reference to these words by Jesus was in Matthew 16:17,19:

Matthew 16:17,19 AMP “Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [*men*] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. (19) I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven. [*Isa. 22:22.*]”

Notice in the above, Jesus acknowledged that Peter had received “revelation” from the Father in Heaven, thus enabling him to know “what is in heaven.” Then he was further instructed that this was the “keys of the kingdom of heaven,” that “Whatever you bind (or loose) on earth must be

that which is already bound (or loosed) in heaven.” So the key to having this power must be preceded by verse 18, “flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father which is in heaven.” So a revelation of what is bound or loosed in heaven, as revealed to us by our Father (through the Holy Spirit) is required before any authoritative “binding or loosing” can be done on earth by the believer.

B. A proper understanding of the word “agree”:

“That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.”

There are three (4) primary Greek words translated *agree* in the New Testament:

1. Euneo – to end strife by seeking to be reconciled with (Matthew 5:25) (This is a manipulative type of agreement – in a good sense to remove strife. It is a type of agreeing to disagree.)
2. Peitho – to verbally assent or make an acknowledgement of (Acts 5:40) (This is merely speaking words of assent, and may be done hypocritically or in truth.
3. Sumphonos – To sound together, to symphonize words together. It is shown in the Greek dictionary to be a root word, and might be expressed this way: “Will you agree with me that the moon is round?” You reply, “Yes I agree with you.” It is the foundation of the word *agree* in Matthew 18:19, but not the true essence of the form of the word (Sumphoneo).
4. Sumphoneo – To stipulate agreement by compact (a covenant or contractual language). This is the form of the word *agree* found in Matthew 18:19. It might be expressed thus: “Will you *agree* to paint my house if I give you \$500.00?” You reply, “I *agree*.” The strength of this Greek word implies a “*legally binding agreement*.”

C. A legally binding agreement is always based on an offer, containing a promise, enforceable in law: Matthew 20:1-13; Matthew 21:23-31;

1. **The agreement must contain a promise:**

(a) Be more than just an observation or proposition; The moon is round may be something we can *agree* with but has no enforcement provision and is therefore legally insignificant.

2. **The agreement must contain “consideration.”** Consideration is “the thing done by a “Promisee” in reliance upon a promise.

(a) If “A” says to “B” if you will paint my house I will give you \$500.00 may be the basis of a *legally binding agreement* because it contains “*consideration*” in an offer with a promise enforceable in law. The *consideration* is “if you will paint my house” (the thing done by the promisee in reliance upon the promise). It is consideration that binds the promisor to the terms of the agreement. If I paint your house, you then legally are bound to give me \$500.00. (Later we will apply this spiritually to Matthew 18:19-20.)

3. **Promise must be enforceable in law.** In regards to Matthew 18:19-20, this was the significance of Jesus prefacing those verses with verse (18) as interpreted in the Amplified Bible: “Whatever you bind (or loose) in earth must be that which is proper and lawful in heaven...”

Example: I could not believe God for some other man’s wife. No matter how much you were willing to get into *agreement* with me, the promise of Matthew 18:19-20 will not be enforced by God in heaven. God will not be a party to that agreement.

Example: “Will you agree with me that my boss will not find out the truth about what I did last week behind his back.” God has already revealed from heaven, through his word, that such is not “lawful and proper in heaven.”

Colossians 3:9 MSG “Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire.”

Ephesians 5:13 AMP “But when anything is exposed and reprovved by the light, it is made visible and clear; and where everything is visible and clear there is light.”

4. **Motive is not material.** As long as it is legal, the motive or reason not essential to the agreement. Anything within the law not matter the motive or reason may be contractually bound. (This is essential in your understanding of spiritual things. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PLEAD OUT YOUR MOTIVE AND REASON FOR WHAT YOU DESIRE AND GET GOD TO JUDGE IT – Provided it is within the terms of His will as confirmed by the scriptures. Notice the Message translation here:

Mark 11:24 MSG “That's why I urge you to pray **for absolutely everything**, ranging from small to large. **Include everything** as you embrace this God-life, and **you'll get God's everything**.”

Here is another confirmation to “motive is not material if within God’s revealed will, plan and purpose shown in His Word:

1John 5:14-15 MSG “And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. (15) And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.”

Christians often get bogged down in attempting to try their case for something based on “why they desire it,” thinking that is what “according to His will” means, but nothing in the scripture bears this out, PROVIDING IT IS IN LINE WITH WHAT IS REVEALED AS GOOD AND PROPER AND LEGAL in God’s plan for us. If you need a new washing machine, God will provide what you desire. He would never say “Why do you really want that model, or that price, or that type?” Rather He says, “Whatever YOU DESIRE,” that’s what I desire for you!

5. **Exact meeting of minds is necessary.** The burden of responsibility rests with the *promisee* to know the exact terms of the offer of the *promisor*.

Amos 3:3 **KJV** “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

Amos 3:3 **AMP** Do two walk together except they make an appointment and have agreed?

In the case of *Raffles vs. Wickelhaus* shipping from Europe to the U.S., *Raffles* and *Wickelhaus* agreed to a shipment at the earliest departure to the U.S. of the ship, *Peerless*. *Raffles* used the scheduling of the Ship *Peerless* from the Port of London, England on March 1st. When the goods were not shipped according to schedule, contact was made with *Wickelhaus* to determine why they were negligent in the shipment. *Wickelhaus* informed *Raffles* that they indeed were shipping via the ship *Peerless* leaving a port in Portugal, scheduled to depart for the U.S. on May 16th. They explained that there were two ships that sailed under the same name but with a different registry.

The court ruled that *Raffles* had no case against *Wickelhaus* because the contract did not specifically name the port, thereby identifying exactly which ship *Peerless* would be contracted. Therefore, it was ruled that there was “**no meeting of the minds**” when the contract was written, and therefore there was no legally binding agreement. *Wickelhaus* was therefore not held accountable for the misunderstanding.

This explains why Naaman, the leper, could not just return to his own country and dip seven times in a more comfortable river than the Jordan, and why the servant urged him to “go wash” in the river, Jordan as stipulated in Elisha’s offer for healing.

So, an exact meeting of the minds is important when ministering with the Law of Agreement.

6. **Person being offered the agreement is charged with responsibility of the terms.**

Raffles' attorney should have insisted on more exact language with regards to which ship/port would be used by *Wickelhaus*.

In another case, a man traveled from India to Great Britain via the passenger ship, *Crown of the Seas*. He only had enough money for the price of his ticket, therefore he carried aboard a hoard of crackers to sustain him on the somewhat long voyage. When others went to the dining room for their meals, he remained behind for his meal of crackers and water. Upon arrival, he learned to his chagrin that when he purchased his ticket, all meals were included in the price. He brought a case against the passenger ship for a refund of what his meals would be worth. The court ruled for the passenger ship because in small print on the back of the ticket there was a stipulation of the meals inclusion on the trip.

7. **Acceptance must be communicated.**

In the case just above, the wording in small print included, "*Use of this ticket implies understanding of the terms herein.*" This meant that by presenting the ticket for boarding, the man was acknowledging having read the terms therein.

It is the reason why, when downloading computer software, or entering certain online programs, there is a box that must be checked that you understand the terms. The terms, if printed out, might be several pages, or take an hour or more to read, so most people just check the box that they have read and understand the terms. It is similarly why, when renting a car, you must initial each of the terms separately, indicating that you understand and are in agreement with that part of the rental contract.

8. **Authority conferred binds the Principle** – within the limits of the authority conferred, an act of the *Agent* is an act of the *Principle*.

John 14:13-14 KJV "And whatsoever ye shall **ask** in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If ye shall **ask** any thing in my name, I will do it."

G154 αἰτέω aiteō "Of uncertain derivation; to *ask* (in generally): - ask, call for, crave, desire, require. Compare G4441."

G4441 πυνθάνομαι punthanomai – “Middle voice prolonged from πύθω puthō, a primary word, (which occurs only as an alternate in certain tenses); to *question*, that is, *ascertain* by inquiry, and thus differing from G2065, which properly means a *request* as a favor; and from G154, **which is strictly a demand of something due.**

John 6:28,29; John 12:44; John 13:20 Principle of Agency – An act by the Agent is an Act of the Principle.

Matthew 8:5-10; Compare to: Luke 7:1-9

In understanding *The Law of Agreement*, one is able to comprehend how the greater miracles of the Bible were administered by the prophets, the Lord Jesus, and the Apostles.

1. Moses was told by God, “Why do you cry out to me? Speak that the Children of Israel go over the Red Sea, but first, STRETCH FORTH YOUR ROD OVER THE SEA THAT THEY MAY BE PARTED. THEN YOU AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WILL GO ACROSS ON DRY GROUND.”
2. The children of Israel were given the offer of an agreement for the walls of Jericho to fall flat as God told Joshua - March around the city once each day for seven days, no man was to utter anything from his mouth during the march, but on the seventh day, they were to march around it seven times, and when Joshua gave the command for a trumpet to be blown, then they were to shout with a loud shout. The promise was for God to send His angels, push the walls into the ground, and fight their battle for them for the city of Jericho.
3. The miracle of the barrel of meal and oil of the woman of Zidon in Zerapheth, when Elijah said, “Make me a little cake first, for thus says the Lord, the oil will not cease, nor the barrel empty until the end of the famine.”
4. The miracle of the double portion of the Spirit (anointing upon) Elijah for Elisha as he was taken into heaven: “If you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so, but if not, it shall not be so.”
5. The healing from food poison when the sons of the prophets, gathered wild herbs and made a pottage. As they ate they began crying out, “Oh man of God, there is death in the pot.” Elisha instructed them to, “Bring me a handful of meal.” When they brought the meal, Elisha poured it into the pot, and then instructed them, “If you want to live, eat of the pot. As they ate from the pot that contained the poison, they were healed and lived.

6. "Make this valley full of ditches," Elisha commanded the kings of the desert when the famine was so great they and their cattle were dying because of no water, for "Thus says the Lord, there will not be clouds or rain, yet in the morning, this valley will be filled with water."
7. Jesus made mud of spittle and put on the eyes of the blind man and commanded him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." When he went and washed, he came again seeing.
8. Jesus said to the lame man, "Take up your bed, and go to your house." He arose, took up his bed, and was made whole. On the way home, the religious leaders questioned him because he was carrying his bed on the Sabbath. He said to them, "The same who told me I was made whole, said to take up my bed and go to my house." He refused to put down his bed at their insistence in order to stay in agreement (meeting of the minds) with Jesus' words.
9. To Peter, Jesus said, "Go down to the sea, take up the first fish you catch, reach into his mouth, and there you will find the money to pay both your and my tribute for the temple.
10. Paul said to the captain of the ship, "There will not be one hair lost of the men of this ship because the angel of the Lord gave me a promise. But it will require that every man remain in the ship. Then the Captain cut the ropes of the lifeboats and let them fall into the sea.

Each of these miracles (and many others too many to mention here) were accomplished by the principles found herein in *The Law of Agreement*.

Notice how important each step of How to Develop Miracle Action in Your Life given heretofore is in being successful in ministering *The Law of Agreement*:

1. Let every word be established - (*The Law of Agreement*) requires you to believe that God will cause your promise in the offer to come to pass.
2. Refuse to be Afraid - (Courage in the flesh is necessary to be enabled to make the agreement in faith.
3. Walk in the spirit – (Without revelation from heaven authorizing you to represent Jesus in the specific agreement being ministered, there is no agency, and therefore no authorization to administer any actions.
4. Believe on the Name of Jesus – With the revelation given through the spirit by the anointing of "counsel and might" (Isaiah 11:2), there then must be faith in the ability to represent Jesus and the power of His Name in the instructions. (Command anything in My Name...)

5. Use the Law of Agreement – (With working knowledge of the above, the believer is ready to use this principle to work the miracles of the Bible, and Jesus promised, “greater than these shall ye do.”)

6. Know When to Pray, Exhort, Command or Teach

- ✓ Pray when you need to go to the father for a request – Prayer is designed uniquely and only for communication with the Father God. *(See Addendum to prayer at end of section 6)
- ✓ Exhort when a believer needs to be encouraged to do what he knows or about which he has received knowledge
- ✓ Command when you wish to invoke your authority in the Name of Jesus in a command upon a person, or an object, sickness, demons, etc.
- ✓ Teach when there is unbelief due to a lack of knowledge or immature understanding

(A) Pray – Prayer is approaching and communicating with God for purposes of worship, fellowship, supplication, petition, and thanksgiving.

- (a) One may worship (in communication with God) within the avenue of prayer (“Hallowed be Thy Name...), or one may worship within other avenues, i.e. public praise (singing) with thanksgivings. While these are offerings unto God, they do not constitute an act of prayer.
- (b) One may pray when ministering, however, prayer itself is not ministering to others, but may be done in conjunction with ministry to others, i.e. to demonstrate prophetic insight/information, public example, instruction to believers, etc. Here are examples of prayer, exhortation, commanding with authority, and teaching:

(1a) (Here we have an example from Jesus involving when to pray, exhort, command or teach.

John 11:20-43 AMP “When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him, while Mary remained sitting in the house. (21) Martha then said to Jesus, Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. (22) And even now I know that whatever You ask from God, He will grant it to You. (23) **Jesus said to her, Your brother shall rise again.** (24) Martha replied, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day. (25) **Jesus said to her, I am [Myself] the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on) Me, although he may die, yet he shall live; (26) And whoever continues to live and believes in (has faith in, cleaves to, and relies on) Me shall never [actually] die at all.** Do you believe this? (27) She said to Him, Yes, Lord, I have believed [*I do believe*] that You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), the Son of

God, [*even He*] Who was to come into the world. [*It is for Your coming that the world has waited.*] (28) After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, privately whispering to her, The Teacher is close at hand and is asking for you. (29) When she heard this, she sprang up quickly and went to Him. (30) Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the same spot where Martha had met Him. (31) When the Jews who were sitting with her in the house and consoling her saw how hastily Mary had arisen and gone out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to pour out her grief there. (32) When Mary came to the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she dropped down at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. (33) When Jesus saw her sobbing, and the Jews who came with her [*also*] sobbing, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. [*He chafed in spirit and sighed and was disturbed.*] (34) And He said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. (35) Jesus wept. (36) The Jews said, See how [*tenderly*] He loved him! (37) But some of them said, Could not He Who opened a blind man's eyes have prevented this man from dying? (38) Now Jesus, again sighing repeatedly and deeply disquieted, approached the tomb. It was a cave (a hole in the rock), and a boulder lay against [*the entrance to close*] it. (39) **Jesus said, Take away the stone.** Martha, the sister of the dead man, exclaimed, But Lord, by this time he [*is decaying and*] throws off an offensive odor, for he has been dead four days! (40) **Jesus said to her, Did I not tell you and promise you that if you would believe and rely on Me, you would see the glory of God?** (41) So they took away the stone. And **Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.** (42) **Yes, I know You always hear and listen to Me, but I have said this on account of and for the benefit of the people standing around, so that they may believe that You did send Me** [*that You have made Me Your Messenger*]. (43) When He had said this, **He shouted with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out!**"

(2a) **(Here we have prayer, and a command of authority)**

Acts 9:36-40 AMP "Now there was at Joppa a disciple [*a woman*] named [*in Aramaic*] Tabitha, which [*in Greek*] means Dorcas. She

was abounding in good deeds and acts of charity. (37) About that time she fell sick and died, and when they had cleansed her, they laid [*her*] in an upper room. (38) Since Lydda was near Joppa [*however*], the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him begging him, Do come to us without delay. (39) So Peter [*immediately*] rose and accompanied them. And when he had arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood around him, crying and displaying undershirts (tunics) and [*other*] garments such as Dorcas was accustomed to make while she was **and prayed**; then turning to the body he said, **Tabitha, get up!** And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she raised herself and sat upright.”

(3a) **(Here we have commands with authority, exhortation and teaching)**

Mark 6:5-6 AMP “And He was not able to do even one work of power there, except that He laid His hands on a few sickly people [*and*] cured them. (6) And He marveled because of their unbelief (their lack of faith in Him). And He went about among the surrounding villages and continued teaching.”

(B) Exhort – Exhortation is given to motivate to do what one knows (or should know) to do.

Acts 20:31 Therefore be always alert and on your guard, being mindful that for three years I never stopped night or day seriously to **admonish and advise and exhort** you one by one with tears.

Acts 27:34 So I **urge (warn, exhort, encourage, advise)** you to take some food [*for your safety*]-it will give you strength; for not a hair is to perish from the head of any one of you.

Philippians 4:3 And I **exhort** you too, [*my*] genuine yokefellow, help these [*two women to keep on cooperating*], for they have toiled along with me in [*the spreading of*] the good news (the Gospel), as have Clement and the rest of my fellow workers whose names are in the Book of Life.

1Thessalonians 2:11 For you know how, as a father [*dealing with*] his children, we used to **exhort** each of you personally, **stimulating and encouraging and charging** you

1Thessalonians 3:2 And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in [*spreading*] the good news (the Gospel) of Christ, to **strengthen and establish and to exhort and comfort and encourage** you in your faith,

1Thessalonians 4:10 And indeed you already are [*extending and displaying your love*] to all the brethren throughout Macedonia. But we **beseech and earnestly exhort** you, brethren, that you excel [*in this matter*] more and more,

1Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore **encourage (admonish, exhort)** one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing.

1Thessalonians 5:12 Now also we **beseech** you, brethren, get to know those who labor among you [*recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all*]*--*your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who **warn and kindly reprove and exhort** you.

2Thessalonians 3:12 Now we **charge and exhort** such persons [*as ministers in Him exhorting those*] in the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) that they work in quietness and earn their own food and other necessities.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [*But*] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and **urgently appeal to and exhort** [*you*] to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [*the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God*].

(C) Command – A command is given when speaking with authority in the Name of Jesus (when fulfilling an assignment, representing Jesus for ministry).

It is in this position that one is commissioned to function as if he/she was Jesus (Himself), with a delegation of authority to act as His agent. In “agency” within the limit of the authority given, an act of the agent is an act of the principle.

Principle of Agency: John 6:28,29; John 12:44; John 13:20 Principle of Agency – An act by the Agent is an Act of the Principle.

Example of scriptural recognition of Agency: Matthew 8:5-10; Compare to: Luke 7:1-9

In Matthew’s account, the Centurion “came to Jesus;” in Luke’s account, the Centurion “Sent Elders of the Jews” in his stead, and later “sent friends,” in his behalf. Both are relating the same account of how this miracle was performed. (A perfect example of “an act of the Agent is an act of the principle.”)

(D) Teach – Teaching is to be performed when ministering to one who is unlearned and needs instruction.

To be able to efficiently represent Christ one must be able to instruct in **righteousness, godliness, and faith**. Understanding how to impart the knowledge of **a righteousness consciousness, godly living, and principles of**

believing are necessary to fully succeed in our assignments of ministry to the body of Christ and to the World at large.

We are never to leave anyone as they were before our ministry to them. Even when we are unable to affect a change in those to whom Jesus has sent us, we are to leave at least His fragrance wherever we go. Sharing the knowledge of Christ to all who will hear is part of our assignment. We have the promise:

2Corinthians 2:14-15 LITV “But thanks *be* to God, the *One* always leading us in triumph in Christ, and *the One* revealing through us the odor of the knowledge of Him in every place. (15) For we are a sweet smell to God because of Christ in those being saved, and in those being lost.”

Every believer is responsible to the Lord Jesus to minister on a personal level as the Holy Spirit directs them. While some ministry in the body of Christ may take place on a corporate level (administered by church authorities), the believer is free to accept or reject such missions, assignments, etc., in line with their personal leading of the Holy Spirit at the direction of the Lord Jesus, and in line with God’s will for the particular believer.

***Addendum to Prayer**

There is so much misconception regarding “intercession” or “intercessory prayer,” that the following is offered from the scriptures:

(A) While we are exhorted to pray for others, our petitions in each other’s behalf must be done through “supplications” (meaning to be supple; bendable, shapeable). This is quite different from a petition made for one’s self in which our faith is required to be unbendable and immovable. While in supplication for another, you may not know what the specific outcome will be, with the exception that the Holy Spirit supernaturally shows you the outcome, yet, you may be certain that God will answer your petition to the extent that He will respond in an attempt to get the recipient of his mercy and grace to receive from Him. This may be the consequence of your prayer, and might not be offered them if you did not make your supplications.

In the original Greek we have some of the following definitions for prayer:

- (a) deesis – A petition, prayer, request
- (b) proseuche – Earnest Church worship and liturgical prayers

- (c) proseuchomai – the above (b) (proseuche), but with added earnestness and fervor, expressed in James 5 along with the anointing of oil for the sick one.
- (d) enteuxis – Supplication; an *interview*, that is, (specifically) *supplication* – meaning to be compliant often to the point of obsequiousness; readily adaptable or responsive to new situations; capable of being bent; pliant; from *entugchánō*; to fall in with, to meet and talk with, about, for self or another.
- (e) Huperenteúxomai (or *huperentugchánō*) - Intercession – from the root of above (d) (enteuxis) - except with stronger emphasis with the added Gr. prefix, “huper,” and Gr. suffix “omai.” “huper” - meaning on or in behalf of another; to intercede for or in the behalf of someone, to plead for someone else. (Found only in Romans 8:26 – referencing the Holy Spirit presenting our needs for us to God as we pray in language unknown in normal speech) – intercession.

An accurate rendering of 1Timothy 2:1 would exclude (e) above (intercession) and would be:

1Timothy 2:1,2 KJV “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, (deesis – petition, prayer), (proseuche – earnest church worship and liturgical prayers), (enteuxis – supplications, bendable supple, compliant, willing to be shapeable) , *and* thankful expressions, be made for all men; (2) for kings, and for all in authority...”

No man (except for Christ in His cross and as our High Priest – Advocate) has ever successfully served as an “intercessor.” This includes Abraham, Moses, Samuel, and Daniel, all who attempted to take the place of intercessor. Each failed, and was forced to become supple (as one who simply comes alongside of another, but without authority to stand in the place of another person in their behalf) in their petitions to God for others.

Are we to pray for others? Emphatically, yes! But we may not take their place before the Father God, rather we may only “come along side of to help them present their case” for the sake of encouragement and strengthening of their faith. Whether they receive from God or not is totally dependent upon their own faith. (2Corinthians 1:24 AMP “Not that we have dominion [*over you*] and lord it over your faith, but [*rather that we work with you as*] fellow laborers [*to promote*] your joy, **for in [*your*] faith** (in your strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through Whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God) **you stand firm.**”

7. We Are a Miracle Working Family

Unveiling our relationship with the Father and His Family – The signature characteristic of the Family of Almighty God being the right to work miracles. Yes, not the privilege, but the family right to express miracle working power!

(A) You were born of miracle working power infused into your recreated spirit. Your recreated spirit being is “of God – and you will come to know the meaning of, “and greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.”

The greater one in you is not God... it is “you!” That’s right in the context of scripture it reads thus:

1John 4:4 KJV “**Ye are of God**, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is **he that is in you**, than he that is in the world.”

Here is the Message translation:

1John 4:4 MSG “My dear children, **you come from God** and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over those false teachers, for the **spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world**.”

It does not take from God to acknowledge this truth: that” the spirit being within you is far stronger than anything in the world.” In fact, it glorifies our Father God when people learn that our spirit within us, born of God, that sperm seed, produced a being greater than anything in the world – a being worthy of Almighty God being it’s Father – a being fit to be called a Son (child) of God.

(B) What about the Holy Spirit giving you power? The Holy spirit did not come to dwell in you as a believer to give your spirit being power. We are baptized in the Holy Spirit in order that God’s power might flow through our flesh.

Act 2:16-18 LITV But this is that which has been spoken by the prophet Joel, (17) "And it shall be" in the last days, God says, "I will pour from My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy;" "and your young men shall see visions," "and your old men shall dream dreams;" (18) "and also I will pour out My Spirit on My slaves and slave women in those days," and they shall prophesy.

Σάρξ *sarx sarx* -- Probably from the base of G4563; *flesh* (as *stripped* of the skin), that is, (strictly) the *meat* of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the *body* (as opposed to the soul (or spirit), or as the symbol of what is external.

So the purpose of the Holy Spirit is to empower the “external mankind” believer to do what he is empowered through his re-creative birth from God to do in this earth. The Holy Spirit, once indwelling the believer, enables the spirit of that believer to distribute the anointing (flow of power) through the physical fleshly body.

Mark 5:30 LITV And knowing instantly within Himself that power had gone forth out of Him, turning in the crowd, Jesus said, Who touched My garments?

Luke 6:17-19 LITV And coming down with them, He stood on a level place. And a crowd of His disciples, and a great multitude of the people were there from all Judea and Jerusalem, and *from* the coast country of Tyre and Sidon. These came to hear Him, and to be healed from their diseases, (18) also those who had been tormented by unclean spirits. And they were healed. (19) And all the crowd sought to touch Him, because power went out from Him and healed all.

The Family of God was created and born to be “a miracle working family.” The Holy Spirit was given to enable this “miracle working family” **to manifest its creative power through their physical bodies.**

To fail to receive or quench (become sensitive) to this physical indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit inhibits this “miracle working family” from manifesting their miracle working family destiny.

Also, to “grieve” the Holy Spirit through disobedience to the Father or to the Lord Jesus blocks to some degree (depending on the offense) the ability for believers to become the conduit of miracle working power given to us by God in the New Birth.

(C) Old Testament vs New Testament Miracles -

- (a) In the New Testament miracles flow out of the New Creation “greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world” spirit being. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to **empower the flesh** to have the ability to “conduit” that miracle working power into the physical realm. The spirit being is already infused with God’s miracle working power.

Ephesians 2:6 AMP And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [*giving us joint seating with Him*] in the heavenly

sphere [*by virtue of our being*] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

- (b) In the Old Testament, the “hand of the Lord” came upon the prophets to accomplish miracle working power. The power was coming from the “hand of the Lord.” You do not find this term “hand of the Lord” referenced in the New Testament, with the exception of God’s judgment as was pronounced upon an evil doer by Apostle Paul:

1Kings 18:46 AMP **The hand of the Lord was on Elijah.** He girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel [*nearly twenty miles*].

2Kings 3:15-17 AMP But now bring me a minstrel. And while the minstrel played, **the hand and power of the Lord came upon [Elisha]**. (16) And he said, Thus says the Lord: Make this [*dry*] brook bed full of trenches. (17) For thus says the Lord: You shall not see wind or rain, yet that ravine shall be filled with water, so you, your cattle, and your beasts [*of burden*] may drink.

Acts 13:10-11 LITV *he* said, O son of the devil, full of all guile and of all cunning, hostile to all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the right ways of *the* Lord? (11) **And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind,** not seeing the sun until a time. And instantly a mist and darkness fell on him, and going about he sought *some* to lead *him* by the hand.

- (D) During the Day of Jehovah Tsaba, the world will come to know the Church as the “Miracle Working Family” of Almighty God.

Isaiah 61:6,9 LITV But you shall be called, Priests of Jehovah; it will be said of you, Ministers of our God. You shall eat the wealth of the nations, and you shall revel in their glory (9) And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *that* Jehovah has blessed.