

Keys to Miracle Action

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A. The following two principles were given to Dr. Don G. Pickney by the Spirit on September 13, 2012:

1. You cannot come to know how great God is by your experience of Him. **You are only measuring “your observed personal relationship” with His greatness.**
2. You cannot come to know God by intellectual study or learning about Him. **You can only know him to the degree that you are transformed into His image.** (The word “know” as used concerning God, means “to become one with the object of knowledge.”)

B. The Following Principles of God’s Power were given during a special encounter with the Holy Spirit on January 23, 2000 while yet serving as Pastor in S.E. Missouri (one year prior to the ministry coming to Scottsdale):

1. God is the **SOURCE** of His power.

Acts 1:8 AMP But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

KEY POINT – Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a key to our “power source” for miracles.

Colossians 1:11 KJV Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.

KEY POINT – Strength of character (patience, longsuffering with fulness of joy) is available within us in a measure equal to God’s “glorious power.”

Isaiah 45:5-7 NIV I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, (6) so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. (7) I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

KEY POINT – God wills that we be full of His power so that we may demonstrate that He alone is God. To accomplish that He is willing to use us to do feats that stem from His ability to “form light, create darkness, bring prosperity, and create disasters – He, the LORD, does all these things.

2. God’s power is the **FORCE** of His supernatural ability.

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

KEY POINT – There is enough power with you, as a believer in Christ, to do more than you will ever be able to imagine or require.

Isaiah 48:3 KJV I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass.

KEY POINT – God puts things in motion from ancient times that when time for them to come to pass – they happen **SUDDENLY** – in a set time (moed).

3. The anointing is God’s power **IN MOTION** – flowing or moving upon, within, or through a person or thing, and may be activated through faith or by a special work of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:38 NIV How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

KEY POINT – When God wishes to use someone for ongoing supernatural miracles, the Holy Spirit “moves” or “flows” through them in a special way.

Acts 19:11-12 AMP And God did unusual and extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, (12) So that handkerchiefs or towels or aprons which had touched his skin were carried away and put upon the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

KEY POINT – The “anointing” as it flows through a believer for miracles is a

“physically tangible” commodity.

(Robertson Word Pictures Commentary – “**Special miracles**” (*dunameis ou tas tuchousas*). “Powers not the ones that happen through the apostles normally,” “not ordinary ones,” Gr. “litotes” for “the extraordinary.” All “miracles” or “powers” (*dunameis*) are supernatural and out of the ordinary, but here God regularly wrought (*epoiei*, imperfect active) wonders beyond those familiar to the disciples or the Apostle, and unique to this particular mission, and completely different from how God used the apostles elsewhere.

4. Mercy is God **SOVEREIGNLY OPERATING** His power from His throne to give grace when we have failed in our faith of obtaining His grace.

Exodus 33:19 LITV And He said, I will cause all My goodness to pass before your face. And I will call out the name of Jehovah before your face. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy.

Romans 9:15 AMP For He says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I will have compassion (pity) on whom I will have compassion. [Exod. 33:19.]

KEY POINT – Walking by faith is a process of obtaining God’s grace while trusting in measures of mercy from God to make up for our coming short of His glory. God’s mercy is God extending grace beyond what He has obligated Himself to do. When there is a total failure of faith, we “fall into the hands of the Living God.” (Hebrews 10:31) When we are successful in our faith we receive God’s grace without measure, according to the promise. When we fail in our faith, we receive God’s mercy as He extends grace as He chooses. In this case one may not say to Him, “Why?” In such case of mercy, the scripture says, “But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” (21) Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?” (Romans 9:20-21 NIV”

5. Faith is the believer **ACTIVATING** God’s power in His Word within their own life or circumstance or in ministry to others. (This makes believing God’s Word the most critical aspect of God’s power from the believer’s standpoint because it can be discharged utilizing faith at the will of “whosoever.”)

Romans 10:6-8 LITV But the righteousness of faith says this: "Do not say in your heart, Who will go up into Heaven?" (that is, to bring down Christ); (7) or, "Who will go down into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.) (8) But what

does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith which we proclaim) Deuteronomy 30:12-14.

KEY POINT – We receive God’s grace directly from His promises as we put His Word within us, and learn to form our words around them. The sum total of what you say is your “faith confession.”

Mark 11:22-24 KJV And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. (23) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. (24) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

KEY POINT – Doubt in any form must be overcome in order to creatively use our faith through spoken words. Doubt in the Greek (diakrino) means, “oppose, withdraw from, differ (stagger), hesitate (pause in indecision), waver (vacillate).”