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Acts 3:19 – *Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the **times of refreshing** shall come from **the presence of the Lord**.*

Isaiah 28:12 - To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and **this is the refreshing**: yet they would not hear.

IT'S SPRING TIME! For many people, during the spring is when they consider refreshing things around the home and elsewhere. Your home is not the only thing that needs to be refreshed.

We all need and were created for times of refreshing.

You are a ... spirit, ... you possess a soul ... and you live in a body. You were designed to experience the refreshing associated with food, drink and rest for your soul and your body.

Yet, you also need refreshing for your spirit man. There is a refreshing that comes from the presence of the Lord; and this is what we'll consider in this month's PARTNER MONTHLY magazine.

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A TIME OF REFRESHING

We all need and were created for times of refreshing.

You are a ... spirit, ... you possess a soul ... and you live in a body.

For example; you could receive refreshing through food, drink and rest for your soul and your body. Yet, you also need refreshing for your spirit man.

There is a refreshing that comes from resting in God's Word of faith.
There is a refreshing that comes from the presence of the Lord.

Did you know that the Words which God speaks to you, can bring refreshing? Listen to the following verse:

Isaiah 28:12 - To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the **refreshing**: yet they would not **hear**.



According to Isaiah, there was a refreshing which would have come to Israel from what God was saying, yet His Words were not heard. So then, then there is a connection between the refreshing and the hearing of God's Word.

Practicing God's presence, positions us to hear His voice.

Go with me to the book of Genesis 3:8-10

Genesis 3:8-10 -And they **heard** the **voice** of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the **presence** of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. Vs 9 - And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? Vs 10 - And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Refreshing came with God's presence

Listen to this reference from the book of Acts, chapter three and verse nineteen.

Acts 3:19 - Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the **times of refreshing** shall come from **the presence of the Lord**.

We have looked at two verses; which when combined reveal two things:

- In God's **presence**, is the opportunity to be **refreshed**.
- What God **speaks** can **refresh** us, if we'd **hear** and receive His Words.

You cannot separate His presence from His voice.

Again, through practicing God's presence; we position ourselves to hear His voice and be refreshed.

Let's look at the word refresh

Fresh is defined as New.

Refresh then, is defined as to make new again, quicken, recover the breath, catch a breath, rest, revive, renew, replenish, fill up, reload an original internet page, remind someone of something, re-energize from a nap or food, re-acclimating to some information, and to be encouraged.

Some have said that they wanted a fresh Word; a Word which had never been heard perhaps.

To them, anything else was a stale Word.

Well, that could be deemed as disrespectful; as sometimes God will say what He previously said, in an effort to **refresh** you.

God reserves the right to refresh you. If you have disdain for what God has previously said; then you could miss what God is **saying**.

Times of refreshing, can be preceded by repentance.

Repentance is not exclusive to sin, it can include anything which could hinder our access into God's plan.

Again, according to the book of Acts chapter three and verse nineteen, repentance brings with it, refreshing.

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Consider the beginning of SPRING; which began on the 19th of March. When the season of spring arrives ...we begin to refresh things, around the home. Perhaps there are some things that need to be refreshed within our lives as well.

I am speaking from a spiritual standpoint.

There are things which God has already spoken to you about, which you've not yet acted on. You're being refreshed, even now.

Perhaps, there are some things which you've heard before and have allowed them to slip. You're now being refreshed.

At this moment in time, you're engaged in a form of practicing God's presence as you're reading this article.

There is the idea of being refreshed from being re-acclimated to something, then there is the idea of being refreshed from being energized and encouraged.

Be refreshed!
Be refreshed!
Be refreshed!

Receive those words.

Even as you are in fellowship with the Lord this week be mindful of this article, and have an attitude of: I'm being refreshed.

When I think about refreshing I also consider the anointing.

There is a refreshing which comes with the anointing; yet, the anointing can be communicated through words.

As God speaks to us through His men and women of God, anointings are released.

Stay sensitive to this reality.

Don't miss the refreshing.

God can answer questions you've not yet asked or even knew you were supposed to ask. Don't miss your time of refreshing.

There is a refreshing coming; receive it.

That's all for now!

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Zechariah 2:1-5 KJV - I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Vs 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. Vs 3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, Vs 4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: Vs 5 For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

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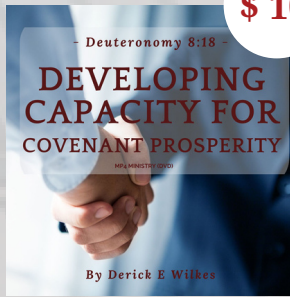
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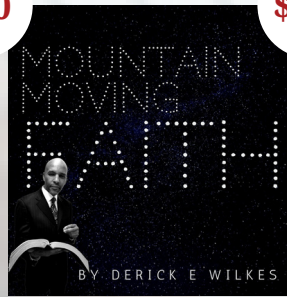
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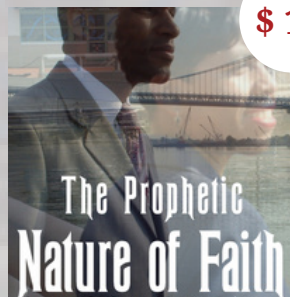
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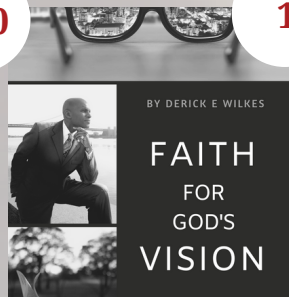
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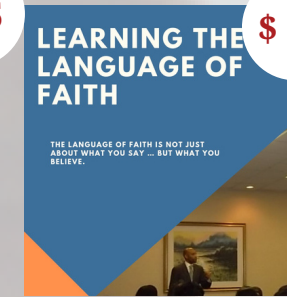
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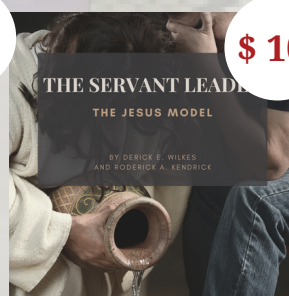
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Becoming Effective in Prayer

James 5:16(b) - ... The **effectual** fervent **prayer** of a **righteous** man **availeth** much.

I want to talk to you about becoming effective in prayer. In doing so, let's define the word effective.

The root word for effective is obviously effect. There is another word relative to effect and it is the word affect. The word "affect" is what action is happening now to cause the end result or "effect".

Effective is to be successful in achieving the desired or intended result.

We certainly need to consistently monitor our current actions in an effort to be effective in what we are looking to accomplish. In this study we are learning how to be effective in prayer.

When we pray, we desire to tap into the power of God and get manifestations from Him.

Our text also describes what the effective prayer of the righteous man would do; it would **AVAIL MUCH**.

What does AVAIL MUCH mean according to our text?

AVAIL MUCH can be translated as "MAKES MUCH POWER AVAILABLE".

James 5:16 (b) AMPC - ... The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man **makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]**.

An effective prayer will make much power available.

Considering our study of the word "EFFECT" and effective; I'm sure you'd agree that "MUCH POWER MADE AVAILABLE" is an effect.

When much power is available, we can get some things moving. Whatever needs to be moved, problems of any size, projects of any size can get to moving, when you have MUCH POWER AVAILABLE and working for you.

Looking back at our text we see another key word: **RIGHTEOUS**.

James 5:16(b) - ... The **effectual** fervent **prayer** of a **righteous** man **availeth** much.

We'd need to get some understanding of the word "RIGHTEOUS" if we're to tap into what the Lord would have you to receive concerning effective prayer.

What does it mean to be righteous? It simply means to be in **right standing** with God. Yet, there is something else you'd need to see.

Righteousness Consciousness!

Righteousness consciousness is key to effective praying.

Because you are born again, you are the **righteousness of God** in Christ Jesus.
2 Cor 5:21, Rom 5:19

The title of "RIGHTEOUS", in and of itself, will not guarantee effective prayer.

You and I know many Christians, who are certainly righteous ... because of our identification in Christ, yet without a revelation of our identification, or without knowing who we are and what we have a right to, we won't pray with a sense of conviction and persuasive force of faith.

Again, RIGHTEOUS is to be in right standing with God.

But Righteousness consciousness is different.

Righteousness consciousness is KNOWING WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ... as you stand with God.

The Christian with righteousness consciousness, prays differently than a person who is righteous in label ... only.

The person who prays from a consciousness of righteousness gets the effect of much power being made available. Listen to this additional verse.

Isaiah 32:17 - And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and **the effect of righteousness** quietness and assurance for ever.

In both, the book of James and the book of Isaiah the effect of righteousness is integrated into its theme.

Effectiveness seems to be linked to righteousness.

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We were made the righteousness of God by faith. We are to also live out our life as the righteous, by faith. In fact, in four different locations in scripture, we as the righteous are mandated to live by faith.

Faith in God's righteousness, in-you, enables you to be effective. Isa 32:17

We can see this, idea validated by looking at what happens when a Christian operates with sin consciousness, which is the opposite of righteousness consciousness.

1 John 3:21 – Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

Condemnation and sin consciousness is a confidence killer.

However, when you pray from a consciousness of righteousness, knowing what you have a right to ... as you stand with God, your prayers will be effective.

I know that for some, they have a hard time seeing themselves as righteous. They see themselves as sinners. Well you cannot be both a sinner and righteous at the same time.

Luke 5:31-32 – And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. Vs 32 – I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

- Righteousness is not based on your works.
- We are not talking about self righteousness.

We are talking about who you are in Christ, and knowing it, and walking in that knowing, creates confidence, even in your prayer life.

Okay, partners we must stop here, otherwise, I would be writing for several more hours.

Join us for bible study this week and hear more on this topic.

That's all for now!

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HEALING CORNER

HEALING ARTICLE NUMBER ONE



Faith To Hear & Be Healed Part #1

By Natalie A W Wilkes

Luke 5:15

But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to **hear, and to be healed** by him of their infirmities.

Let's begin our study with the book of Luke chapter five and verse twelve

Vs 12 – And it came to pass, when He was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

This man being full of leprosy, said to Jesus: If it's your will to heal me, I know that you can. He was saying: "I know that you have the ability, I know that you have the power, ... but is it your WILL? I need to know what your WILL is ... in this matter.

Faith is released where the WILL of God is known.

Faith will always stop at the question mark.

NOT knowing the Will of God, is a major reason why so many people do not receive their physical healing or anything else that is part of the WILL of God ... And because they don't know the WILL of God, they cannot release faith.

Listen to what the Leper said:
Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

He knew that Jesus COULD ... but he didn't know if Jesus WOULD.

So then, Jesus answered the question that so many are asking, even today.

I WILL.

Listen to verse thirteen.

Vs 13 – And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I WILL: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

Regardless of what's going on in your physical body today, I want you to realize that it's God's WILL for you to be healed.

Healing is the WILL of God for you, Right Now!

Say this with me: Healing is the WILL of God for me, Right Now!

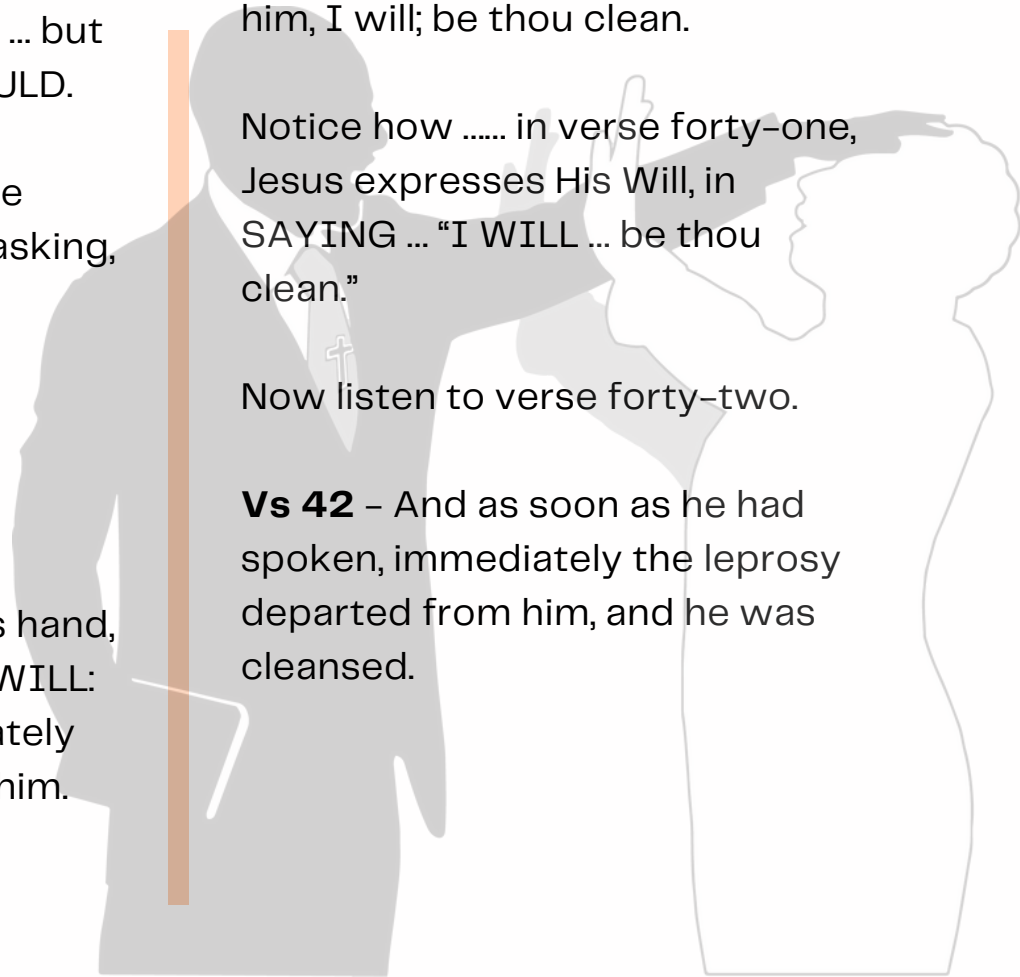
I want you to listen to the account of this same story as illustrated by Mark chapter one and verses forty-one and forty-two.

Vs 41 – And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

Notice how in verse forty-one, Jesus expresses His Will, in SAYING ... "I WILL ... be thou clean."

Now listen to verse forty-two.

Vs 42 – And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.



So then, ... as soon as Jesus expressed His Will, the Leper was cleansed. You'll notice that the moment the Leper HEARD Jesus' WILL for him ... he then had faith to be healed.

What the Leper heard produced faith.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Regardless of what's going on in your physical body, I want you to realize that it's God's WILL for you to be healed today.

Healing is the WILL of God for you, Right Now!

Say this with me: Healing is the WILL of God for me, Right Now!

Let's read Luke Chapter five and verse fifteen.

Luke 5:15 – But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. This verse speaks of Jesus' fame and how multitudes came together to hear Him and to be healed by Him ... of their infirmities.

And, this is not an isolated instance this is also seen in Luke chapter six and verses seventeen and eighteen, that great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

Jesus was famous for His healing ministry.

The Bible says that Jesus went about all of the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

And as Jesus' fame spread, these great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed.

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Two things immediately stand out.

- (1.) The people came to hear and
- (2.) They came to be healed.

The text could have said that ... the people came to be healed and left it at that. But it says that they came for two things ... to hear and to be healed.

We need to give time to hearing.

Hearing is important to your healing ... because its how your capacity to believe is increased, and then ... when your belief is coupled with corresponding actions of faith you'll connect to the power of God.

That's all for now!

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The Apostle Paul in writing to His partners at Philippi, revealed that God would supply for their needs as they (his partners) were partakers of his work in ministry. The same grace that was available to Paul in the field as an Apostle would also be available to his partners although they were not engaged in ministry to the same degree.

Listen to Philippians 4:15

Philippians 4:15 - Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

Now listen to verse nineteen:

Philippians 4:19 - But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Why would the Apostle Paul say that his God would supply their needs?

Paul did not say; MY God shall supply MY needs, or YOUR GOD shall supply YOUR needs. Instead, he said; MY GOD shall supply YOUR needs.

The equation was my and your!

Did he and his partners serve different Gods? No, of course not!

He was simply sharing with them that THEY would be PARTAKERS of HIS grace. They would know the same benefit and reward he knew as an Apostle working directly in the field.

It, would be helpful for me to define what the word PARTAKE means.

PARTAKE means to SHARE FULLY!

PARTAKE is not the same as TAKE PART.

TAKE PART is to take part but not all
whereas; PARTAKE is to share fully.

Listen to this reference from the book of
Hebrews chapter two and verse fourteen.

Hebrews 2:14 - Forasmuch then as the
children are **partakers** of flesh and blood,
he also himself likewise **took part** of the
same; that through death he might destroy
him that had the power of death, that is,
the devil;

Jesus **took part** of flesh and blood. He
took the flesh part of the first Adam, but
not the blood.

Mankind however partook of both flesh
and blood of the first Adam.

This word PARTAKE as seen in the book of
Hebrews is the same word the Apostle
Paul will use in Philippians chapter one
and verse seven.

Listen to Philippians 1:7

Philippians 1:7 - Even as it is meet for me
to think this of you all, because I have you
in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds,
and in the defense and confirmation of the
gospel, ye all are **partakers** of my grace.

Again, who was Paul speaking to?

He was speaking to his partners in the
gospel.

If you are a partner to a ministry, you should NOT only TAKE-
PART, instead you should PARTAKE.

Partners PARTAKE of the same grace upon the ministry they
are connected with.

By way of illustration; that would look like one Christian
investing in the work of the kingdom financially and another
going into the field or teaching and preaching the gospel.
The one who sent is rewarded in the same way as the one
who went into the field.

There is a precedent for this even in the old testament.

In 1 Samuel 30. David and his men pursued their enemy, the
Amalekites. Some of David's men had become tired when
they reached a certain brook called Besor. Two hundred
(200) of his men were too exhausted to go on. David
instructed the weary ones to remain behind and guard the
supplies. Then he and the rest of the men went on across,
found the Amalekites, and—by the power of God—defeated
them.

They not only defeated the army and recovered all their
own possessions, they took what belonged to the
Amalekites as well. So when they came back across the
Besor, they brought with them a great spoil! When the
fighting men rejoined the 200 others, some of them didn't
want to share the rewards of that war with those who had
stayed behind.

"Because they went not with us, we will not give them aught
of the spoil that we have recovered," they said.

It was at that moment that David, a man after God's own
heart, officially established the principle of partnership.

1 Sam. 30:23-25 - Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that
which the Lord hath given us...but as his part is that goeth
down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the
stuff: they shall part alike. And it was so from that day
forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for
Israel unto this day.

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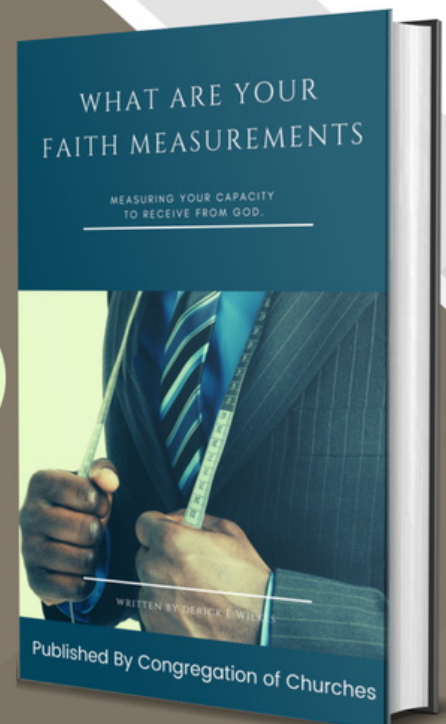
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