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# How to Know God Wants to Heal You!

BY RICHARD ROBERTS

think you would agree that sickness can be a terrible thing. And it's even worse to wonder if it's God's will for you to be well. Many people wonder, "How can I know God really wants to heal me?" I believe the answer can be found in only one place—the life and healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Let's take a closer look at Matthew 14:14, because in that verse lies the key to your knowing beyond any doubt that God wants to heal you! This verse says: And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. This is a picture of the real Jesus—the healing Jesus.

### "Jesus went out..."

It is said that Jesus was either on His way to heal somebody, or He was there in the process of healing them, or He was on the way

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to heal somebody else. And He is the same today! He "goes out," filled with compassion to heal the sick, because it is His nature to heal. And once this truth saturates your mind and spirit, you will be on your way to knowing that Jesus wants to heal you!

There are other scriptures which can help you understand what I'm telling you.

Exodus 15:26 says, "I am the Lord who heals you."

First Peter 2:24 says, "By (His) stripes (the marks of the lashings on Jesus' back) you were healed."

Acts 10:38 says, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and *healing all* who were oppressed of the devil."

The Bible doesn't say Jesus went about healing some or healing most. It says He healed all who were oppressed of the devil. Because of this scripture, you and I can understand what sickness really is. Sickness is an oppression of the devil.

There are some people who are confused about this matter and believe that sickness comes from God... that He is trying to punish them or teach them something. But if God puts sickness on people, then why did He send Jesus to heal? Wouldn't God and Jesus be working against each other?

My friend, there is absolutely no reason for you and me to be deceived about this matter. In John 10:10 Jesus said, "The thief [the devil] does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." The devil's whole nature and purpose is to wreck your life. He

"When Jesus looked at the crowd... He saw more than just a great multitude. He saw them as **individuals**. He sees that all of us have needs—spiritually, physically, emotionally, financially, and in our relationships."

wants to steal your health, your family, and your finances.

But Jesus also said in the second part of John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Jesus didn't come that you might be sick. He came that you might have life in all its fullness. Let's begin to know that God wants to heal you by accepting the fact that it's His nature to heal! He wants to see you well!

After Jesus "went out," Matthew 14:14 says:

#### Jesus "saw a great multitude..."

When Jesus looked at the crowd which followed Him, He saw more than just a great multitude. He saw them as individuals. He sees that all of us have needs—spiritually, physically, emotionally, financially, and in our relationships.

Jesus sees *you* as an individual also. He knows your name and He knows

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where you live. He knows what you're going through right now. To Him, you are unique—there's only one of you—and nobody can take your place.

To the devil, you are just another nameless soul. But to Jesus, you are the crowning masterpiece of God's creation and He will go to the uttermost bounds to see you saved and healed when you yield your life to Him.

This is what happened when Jesus went forth and saw the multitude. And this is what happens when Jesus looks at us today. Yes, He wants to heal you. The question is, will you accept His healing power not just as something to be read about in the Bible, but something to be received on a personal, individual level?

# "He was moved with compassion toward them..."

When you are confronted with someone who is sick, one of two things will usually happen. You'll either be moved toward the sick person or you'll be drawn away. Jesus was moved with compassion *toward* the multitudes. He was filled with an irresistible urge to reach out and help rid the person of what is wrong.

Let me share with you a personal experience of how compassion has worked in my own ministry. I was preaching overseas in an evangelistic meeting, and people were hungry to hear about Jesus. We filled a large auditorium and had an overflow crowd watching the service by television. That night we had many miraculous healings reported.

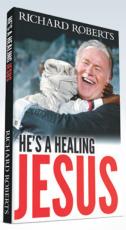
Among the crowd was a young boy named Jimmy. He had traveled alone

by bus at night to get there. When he arrived, the auditorium was already full. But Jimmy refused to be discouraged. By his faith, he knew of Jesus' compassion and he had come to be healed of stuttering. He stuttered so badly that all his friends made fun of him, yet he felt the call of God on his young life to preach the Gospel.

As I was on my way out of the building after the service, someone pointed me toward Jimmy and explained to me that he had not been able to get into the meeting. I walked over to where he was sitting and said, "What's your name?"

Jimmy tried to speak, but not a word would come out. He couldn't even say his name. The compassion of Jesus rose up from deep within

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me, and it moved me *toward* Jimmy. I prayed for him and I could tell that by faith he received my prayer for his healing to begin. Then I said, "Now, repeat after me. My name is Jimmy. I'm going to talk and I'm not going to stutter anymore."

He said, "My name is Jimmy. I'm going to talk and I'm not going to stutter anymore." He repeated the words perfectly! Through a miracle of healing, Jimmy's tongue was loosed and he was free to speak clearly. Someday that young boy may change his country for Jesus Christ.

That's what compassion is all about. When you believe and receive by faith the understanding that Jesus has compassion toward you, right now can be the moment for a healing miracle

to begin. The final words of Matthew 14:14 tell us: "And he healed their sick."

This is the healing Jesus doing what He was called to do. This is the real Jesus who said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed (Luke 4:18).

Let the issue be settled in your heart, mind, and soul today—GOD WANTS TO HEAL YOU! From the crown of your head to the soles of your feet, may you begin to receive your healing right now, in Jesus' name. Amen. ①

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- Barbara from Oregon

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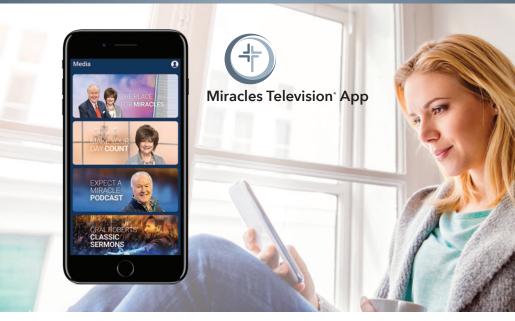
"I was in the hospital and it was a difficult time. I wasn't feeling spiritually alive or energized. I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group and listened to the scriptures while on hold. Now I feel alive again, and my prayer request has turned into a praise report!"

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ave you ever wondered Who the Holy Spirit is? Have you asked yourself what He does in our lives? Maybe you've even met Christians who think the Holy Spirit is too "spooky" or "spiritual" to be a part of our everyday lives. But for me, nothing could be further from the truth! The Bible shows us that the Holy Spirit is to be an important, practical part of what we do daily. His presence in our life is a divine gift to bring us comfort

and guide us as we walk through this life in fellowship with the Lord.

Let's take a look at what Jesus had to say about the Holy Spirit. In John 14, Jesus was talking to His disciples before He went to the cross. The disciples were very worried because they believed Jesus was about to leave them alone. Up until then, they always had Him right there with them, in the flesh, and they were able to see and touch Jesus in the physical realm. They didn't

know about the Holy Spirit because He hadn't been sent yet. But Jesus reassured them with these words:

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you (John 14:16–18).

The rest of John 14 focuses on the fact that Jesus and Father God are one and the same. If you continue reading this chapter, you will read the discussion Jesus was having about the *Comforter*, the Holy Spirit. However, when Jesus brings the third part of the Trinity into the conversation, I believe this is where some people get confused and think it might be too "spooky"

or "spiritual." How can God exist in three parts? How can three people be the same person?

I look at it as being much like water. Water has specific chemical properties that allow it to function in different forms for different purposes. When you leave water at room temperature, you have a liquid you can drink. If you take the water and freeze it, you get ice. Or you can boil it until it becomes steam, for yet another purpose.

You see, our Father God is like that. The water is still water, but it expresses itself in three different ways—liquid, solid, or steam—for the purpose that is necessary at that time. The same spirit of God can be seen in life in three different ways—Father God, Jesus Christ, and the

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Holy Spirit. As the Father, He's the most high God, the One who delivers us from all our enemies, and the One who adopted us and loves us. Jesus is there as our Lord and Savior. And the Holy Spirit is to be both with us and in us as our Teacher, as our Power Source, and as One who can give us a divine ability to communicate directly with the Father through our prayer life.

Now, in the Bible, Jesus promises to send us a Helper, a Comforter (v. 16). That word *comfort* means to summon, to call to one's aid, assistance, intercession, defense, counsel, advocate, pleader, helper, and assistant! That's a lot of comfort! And I can use all the help I can get. I can use all the comfort I can get. I can use all the power of God Almighty that I can get. When I can't turn to people, I can always turn to God.

And I encourage you, if you don't know the presence of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, why not go to John 14, and study what it says and what it means to you. I believe as you do that, God can begin to show you more about who the Holy Spirit can be to you.

I pray right now for the Holy Spirit, the One called alongside to help you, the Power Source, to minister to you today. I pray not only that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, but that the Holy Spirit becomes your Comforter to guide you, guard you, protect you, and encourage you in every area of your life, in Jesus' name. Amen. ③



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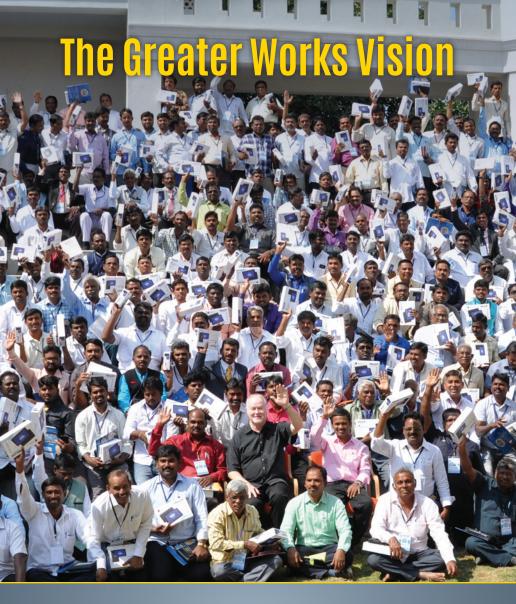


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BY RICHARD ROBERTS

few years ago, God spoke to me and let me know that He wanted me to change the direction of my outreach efforts around the world. He let me know that I was to begin focusing on ministering to Christian pastors and leaders, specifically in underdeveloped nations and teach them the lifechanging principles of this healing ministry...healing, the Holy Spirit and seed-faith. These are pastors in rural areas who have not had access to the internet or the opportunity for formal Bible training. We know we're approaching the end times and now more than ever we need to get the full Gospel message to the ends of the earth by ministering to these frontline workers. One pastor has the potential to reach an average of 1000 people per year. We believe we can minister to 100,000 pastors! That's touching 100 million souls a year!

God has opened up so many opportunities to minister in places where we never imagined possible. The generous seeds that our partners and friends have sown into this Greater Works outreach has made it possible to reach out to so many pastors to help them bring in the last days harvest of souls. We've received testimonies and reports of miracles from pastors that attended our Greater Works Pastors Conferences who were filled afresh and empowered by the Holy Spirit to go back to their communities, believing God when they pray for healing and

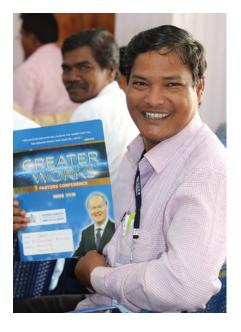
expecting His healing touch. Praise God! Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Invitations are coming to me from around the world to teach these same biblical principles of healing, the Holy Spirit and seed-faith. We are so humbled and thankful for all God has done and continues to do through the *Greater Works* outreaches.

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# The Greater Works Outreach Report

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Our team saw first hand the spiritual hunger in India. Our associate, Pastor Paul, shared the Gospel with this group of people and ten received Christ immediately.



Several new sewing centers have been started that teach an income producing trade to vulnerable young women and widows.



Bicycles are being provided to pastors so they can gain access to villages where vehicles can't go.



Richard shares with pastors his teachings on healing, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the miracle of Seed-Faith. Pastors who have attended are reporting miracles of healing in their communities.



Several parents have shared testimonies of what the school has meant to their children and families. One shared that before coming to our school, his child was 'turbulent'. But being at the school has changed him into an enjoyable and even obedient young man.



Since 2007, this ministry has sown financial seed for the land and building of this school in Niger.

# Ghana

An estimated 62–85% of pastors and ministry leaders worldwide have never had formal Bible or ministry training, and many do not have access to the Internet or computer equipment. That's where the Greater Works Tablet filled with Bible School materials can make a tremendous difference in helping equip these men and women of God.



These 300 pastors were the first to receive the digital tablets. Richard Roberts called them "Gideon's 300".



# **Canadian Arctic**



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Approximately **2,000** pastors from 14 French-speaking African nations attended Richard's Greater Works Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon. What a joyous time it was for pastors who were encouraged and equipped to believe God for healings and miracles in their congregations.



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# Pakistan

Three live, online Pastors Conferences were held in three cities in three days! 15,626 attended! Many of these pastors have never attended a Bible school due to lack of resources. Testimonies of encouragement and healings experienced were reported.

One pastor shared, "I came to the conference with so much pain in my right leg, but then as the power of God was released by Richard in the prayer session, all my pain was gone!" Another pastor shared, "I was thinking about leaving the

ministry. When Pastor Richard taught us to pray for each other, my wife and I both felt the power of God fill us with great joy. It was unstoppable joy; we both knew that it was the presence of the Holy Spirit. We have no words to share our thanks for this teaching."

There were many challenges for our contact in Pakistan, Pastor Lazar, but a great victory took place through these conferences to train, prepare and equip these pastors for a great end time harvest of souls. <sup>(4)</sup>

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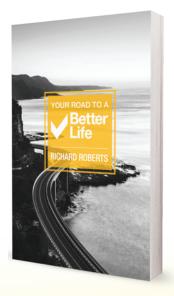
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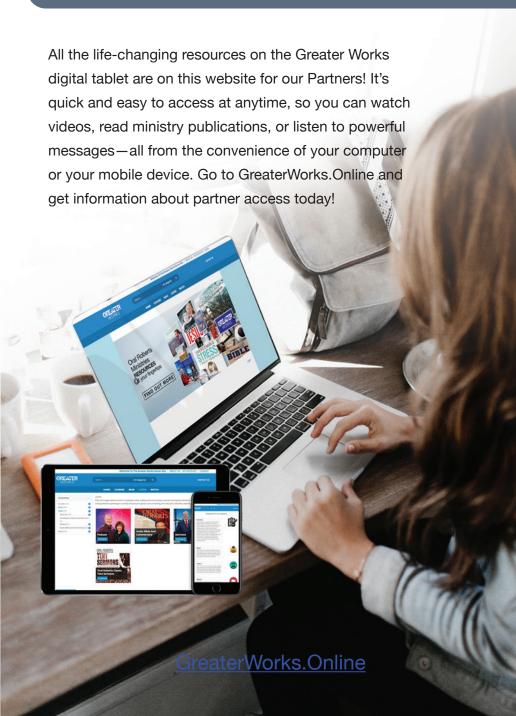
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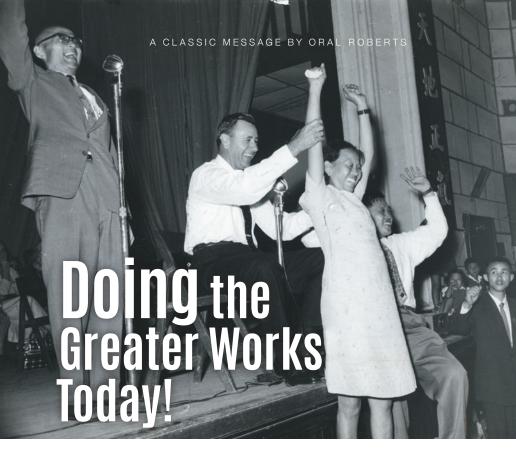


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n John chapter 14, we see Jesus Christ in the upper room at the Last Supper, the night before He is crucified. He tells His disciples that He must go to the Cross and that He will be taken from them. No longer will He dwell with them in His physical body. He would ascend into heaven, and they would no longer see Him in the flesh.

The disciples were stunned. You see, they had built their lives around Him. These men left their jobs and their businesses and gave up everything to follow Jesus.

As they walked with Him and

listened to Him, they came to love Him. They came to trust in Him implicitly so that when He said, "I want you to heal the sick," they had all the confidence in the world that they could do it. They could do it because He said to do it. And because He was there, they knew that they could fall back on Him and that He would come and do it. So the physical presence of Jesus was the center of all their belief and activity.

But at the Last Supper, Jesus suddenly announced, "I must go away." Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt? They must

have been afraid that everything would fall apart. How could they do the great things He was doing?

Jesus anticipated their fears and He said, "Those who believe in Me shall do the works that I do. And GREATER WORKS than these shall you do because I go to My Father" (John 14:12). There is to be no interruption of the mighty works of God.

Here, Jesus was saying that the miracles He did—those mighty works—would not stop when He went to be with the Father. Miracles would not cease or stop or perish from the earth. "They will continue," Jesus told His disciples, "because YOU shall do them, and you'll even do greater works."

How could this be? It's because when Jesus went to be with the Father, He sent to us "another Comforter"—the Holy Spirit (John 14:16). "Another" means exactly alike—no difference. Jesus told His disciples, "I have to go away, but I'm sending you the Holy Spirit. He's just like me. And He will abide with you forever, so you're better off. You know Him and the Holy Spirit dwells with you now, but He shall be in you."

Do you realize that when Christ was in the flesh, He could only be at one place at one time? But once Jesus was ready to go to the Cross, He said, "It is better for you now that I'm sending you the Holy Spirit, because He will be in you and He's exactly like I am.

I won't be there in this body, so I won't have to confine myself to one activity or to one place on earth at a time. When I go to Heaven, the Holy Spirit can be right in your hearts. The Holy Spirit can be there with all of the power that I am to you now.

"And it will be just like it was when I was with you in the flesh, with one exception. You'll do greater works. You'll have more, do more, and be able to accomplish greater things because the Holy Spirit in you will reproduce My life, My power and ability. I will be right there by your side as you do it in My power and ability."

In 1947 I came into this knowledge about the Holy Spirit. I wanted to bring salvation, healing, and deliverance to my generation, but I knew I could not do it within myself. I said to the Lord, "If I lived in Your day, I could do that. Or if You came back in the flesh and walked with me, I could do it."

He said to me, "Do you have the Holy Spirit? Have you been baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "You have everything with you now that you're asking for. Everything I was to My disciples 2,000 years ago, I am to you now by My victory through the Cross."

When I realized the Holy Spirit in my life was bringing me the same power as the physical presence of

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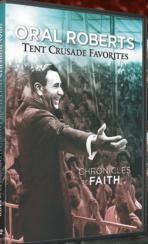
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# "And GREATER WORKS than these shall you do because I go to My Father " (John 14:12).

# There is to be no interruption of the mighty works of God.

Christ, I said, "Lord, I now believe I can do it." Oh, how precious the Holy Spirit is. It's through His power that I have ministered and brought God's saving, healing, delivering power to the people.

It was the same for Jesus' disciples. You see, the first thing they did after receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit was to witness and win 3,000 souls to Christ in one day. Christ had never done that. He left not more than 500 disciples after three years of hard work. The disciples won 3,000 souls in one day.

Jesus said, "Greater things shall ye do," and the disciples did greater things. When Jesus was with these men in the flesh, they were able to do mighty works. Now after the day of Pentecost, they were able to do these very same works, except do them a great deal better. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the miracle-working power of Christ was in these first disciples. The Holy Spirit brought Jesus to them in a new way, and it was much better. They could do more.

And so can we, because God is not a respecter of persons. What He did through the disciples, He can do through you and me. Yes, we're doing greater things today, because some of the things done today were not done in Jesus' day. We can reach millions through television and other means and bring them to Jesus in a way that Jesus

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# I was **Healed** while listening to **Richard's Live Conference Call!**

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that God

still heals..."



n Saturday evenings, Richard Roberts has an amazing conference call for his partners, and I get

on that call regularly. Richard shares a lot of information as well as praying for you.

One particular evening, I was listening in on the call as Richard was praying. He said that God was moving him to pray for healing. He had us lay our hands on an area where sickness was affecting us or where we had some challenges.

I had been battling fibroids for many, many years. The doctors told me that I had multiple fibroids, so many that they couldn't count them. And one of those fibroids was the size of a grapefruit. It would protrude and make my stomach look like I was four to five months pregnant.

On Richard's conference call, he spoke about ten areas of prayer, and then he actually prayed for us. As he prayed, I released my faith for healing, and I felt my stomach shrinking! I hadn't felt that

> before. There was a burning feeling inside, and I felt my stomach going in.

Since that time, I've been going to the gym regularly. I've been doing abdominal crunches — an exercise I previously couldn't do because the fibroids made it too difficult. Praise God!

I'm sharing my testimony so people will know that God

still heals, and He is healing through the Richard Roberts Ministries. And I encourage people to listen to the

Saturday conference calls. The calls are really personal, and you feel like he's talking right to you!

> —Edwina from Georgia



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# Seed-Faith in a Nutshell

My father, Oral Roberts, consistently told me that after my salvation, the most important teaching I could learn from the Bible was about seed-faith giving. And he was right. Through seed-faith giving, I learned how to keep my relationship with God as my top priority. I also learned a biblical way of getting my needs met in every area of my life.

Seed-faith giving is, in fact, seed-faith *living*—a constant, continuous way of life to create an atmosphere for miracles. So, let's look at what God revealed to my father, in his own words, regarding the three key principles of seed-faith.

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#### SEED-FAITH KEY #1:

#### **God Is Your Source**

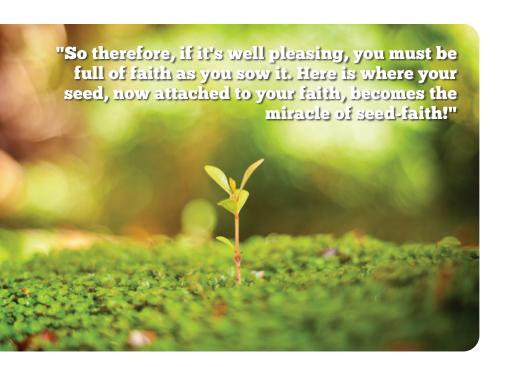
The first step to seed-faith living is to look to God as THE Source of your life. Although there are many scriptures concerning God as our Source, the key scripture to seed-faith lies in what the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13–19:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

These verses clearly explain that **without giving, there can be no receiving**. But once giving has taken place, receiving a harvest can be on the end of every seed sown.

Living in the natural world, it is easy to get the idea that people are your source of supply. Yes, God often uses people as the means of our supply, but God Himself is THE Source. By looking to Him as your only Source, you can be expectant that He can provide everything you need.



#### SEED-FAITH KEY #2:

#### **Plant Your Seed**

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please [God]... and Philippians 4:18 calls our seed a sacrifice that is well pleasing to God. So therefore, if it's well pleasing, you must be full of faith as you sow it. Here is where your seed, now attached to your faith, becomes the miracle of **seed-faith**!

Before we ever sow our seed, we begin to:

- Identify the purpose of our seed-sowing. Why are we sowing our seed?
- Ask God about the thing we're believing for. Is it according to His Word?
- Say it out loud—praying and speaking words of faith.
- Apply the Word of God to our situation by identifying the need and aiming our faith directly toward it.
- Ask God where to sow and how much to sow, according to His choice.

Your giving becomes the seed for Him to help others and to multiply back to you a harvest to meet your need.

#### **SEED-FAITH KEY #3:**

#### **Expect a Miracle!**

Jesus said, Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you (Luke 11:9). Paul said, I planted, Apollos watered, but **God gave the increase** (1 Corinthians 3:6). The increase, or the miracle, is there. Expect it so you can recognize it when God sends it. It can come to you in the form of the answer to your need.

This makes you look forward to every new day as the most important day in your life. Why? Because you know God is your Source. Therefore, you can expect a miracle—in the form of the answer to your need—every day. ©

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