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Chapter 1

VISION 101

When God plants a vision down on the inside of you, He also sets things in motion in the spirit realm. When you begin to use your faith, mountains will move and things will change. God will make a way where there seems to be no way. It is what I like to call “supernatural provision.”

There are many testimonies in the Bible of people who trusted God and saw Him move mightily on their behalf. Let’s look at Joseph, the husband of Mary. He is oftentimes overlooked as a significant New Testament character because none of his words were recorded in the Bible. The last biblical reference of his presence is found in Luke 2, in the account with twelve-year-old Jesus and their family traveling to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover.

The Bible tells us that Joseph was a “just man” (see Matthew 1:19). When he learned Mary was pregnant before they consummated the marriage, to protect her from scandal Joseph planned to send her away and then divorce her privately. We also see he was a man of faith, whom God spoke to through angelic appearances in dreams.

Joseph accepted some weighty and life-changing assignments from God. The first was delivered by the angel of the Lord, who appeared in a dream and said, “*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins*” (Matthew 1:20–21). The vision of the child’s birth, which Joseph received in that dream, came to pass just as the angel had shown him.

Joseph’s life changed again when Jesus was a small child. A group of astrologers from the East appeared at their home, looking for a child who was foretold to be the king of the Jews. The Bible says, *And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts*

to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11).

Before Joseph and Mary had time to consider what to do with the treasures given to their young son, Joseph received his next assignment. The angel of the Lord again appeared in a dream. “*Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him*” (Matthew 2:13).

That very night Joseph, Mary, and Jesus departed for Egypt—with the *provision for the vision in hand!* In today’s vernacular, the gold, frankincense, and myrrh were essentially the family’s prepaid debit card that sustained them throughout their time in Egypt.

Any time God imparts an assignment or a vision, the provision is always attached. We see this principle played out again and again throughout the Bible. I’ve seen it played out over and over again in my own life and ministry.

God’s provision is *always* attached to a God-given vision. As men and women of faith, we know how important it is to have God’s vision for our lives, our ministries, and our churches. I don’t know about you, but I don’t want just any plan. I want God’s plan!

I’ve been asked this question more times than I can count: “Brother Jerry, how can I know that my vision is from God?” Speaking from more than fifty years of ministry experience, plus my own personal experience, I’ve identified these seven principles that mark a God-given vision.

I must tell you, first of all, that I learned these principles many, many years ago from another minister that I heard while attending a conference. They didn’t originate from me, but I have adopted them throughout my own ministry, and they have always been a great help to me:

1. If a vision captures your imagination and inspires you every day of your life, then it’s probably from God.

2. If a vision seems impossible and you’re unable to fulfill it on your own, then it’s probably from God.

3. If a vision seems as though it will never come to pass, yet deep down on the inside you’re unwilling to give up on it, then it’s probably from God.

4. If *everyone else is not as enthusiastic about your vision as you are*, then it's probably from God.

5. If *you've experienced resistance, difficulty, setbacks, and sometimes frustration over the vision*, then it's probably from God.

6. If *the vision seems to consume your thinking, getting bigger and bigger inside you*, then it's probably from God.

7. If *the vision seems to define and shape your life*, then it's probably from God.

Someone once said, "Well, Brother Jerry, I'll know my vision is from God because everything will run smooth." If this statement were true, then I've *never* been in the will of God! And I'll go a step further and say that the apostle Paul never got there either. If we use the "trouble-free" gauge to measure God's approval on what we do, then we deceive ourselves. In fact, it's when all of hell breaks loose that I get excited and say, "I must be on target!"

So, where does a God-given vision come from? It always begins in the mind of God. He is the ultimate source of all vision. Vision doesn't begin in a person's mind. It's not something that can be thought up. Vision is not something we see someone else do, and then we decide we want to do it to. Vision always originates in the mind of God.

Those who have followed my ministry over the years know my background and my lifelong love of classic cars, hot rods, and motorcycles. But when God called me into the ministry, I gave up those activities. I got rid of all my classic cars and hot rods. I quit going to races. I quit reading hot rod magazines and quit riding motorcycles. In my mind, those things were part of my past. I never thought I'd be involved in them again.

But years later the Lord spoke to me and said, "I want you to take what was once your passion for cars and motorcycles and turn it into a tool for evangelism." I didn't dream that vision up—God did! So, I began to pray about what He wanted me to do.

Shortly before God said this to me, a couple who'd partnered with our ministry for some time approached me and the man said, "Brother Jerry, your ministry has blessed our lives. My wife and I have been praying, and we want to do something for you personally. When we asked God, He said to buy you a motorcycle."

I said, "Sir, I really appreciate that. It's very kind of you, but I haven't asked God for a motorcycle. I gave up motorcycles when I went into the ministry. Thank you, but I really don't think God wants me to have a motorcycle."

I'll never forget the man's response. He said, "Well, you're the one who taught me how to pray. I believe I can now pray just as good as you pray."

So, I said, "Excuse me, maybe I'm the one who needs to go pray."

I went to the Lord and said, "Did you tell that couple to give me a motorcycle?"

The Lord said, "I did."

When I asked why, He gave me three reasons I never would have thought of. He said, "One, because I know a motorcycle will bring you joy. If it brings joy to you, it will bring joy to Me." I thought, *God, you get joy out of what gives me joy?*

The Lord continued. "Second, I know a motorcycle will not come between Me and you. I know I'm first place in your life. Third, take what was once your passion and turn it into a tool for evangelism."

So, I went back to the couple and said, "Bring me my motorcycle—you have heard from God!"

That blessing of one motorcycle was the beginning of what became the *Chariots Of Light Christian Bikers*, an evangelistic outreach of *Jerry Savelle Ministries International*. As of this writing, more than half a million souls have been won for Christ in the United States, Canada, South Africa, and Australia (see ChariotsOfLight.org). A lot of the people ministered to by *Chariots Of Light* members would never come to a church or a convention center. But when someone rides up on a Harley as cool as theirs, those bikers will listen to anything our COL bikers preach.

The vision to use motorcycles as an evangelistic tool originated in the mind of God. That's where we want vision to come from. Not from Grandma, from a spouse, or because we saw someone else doing it and thought, *That's what I need to do!* Of course, others may do something that registers with our spirit, but the bottom line is that God wants to give us a vision straight from His mind.

- Abraham's ***vision of becoming*** the father of many nations *originated in the mind of God.*
- Noah's ***vision of building*** an ark *originated in the mind of God.*
- Solomon's ***vision to build*** a house for God *originated in the mind of God.*
- Jesus' ***vision to redeem*** mankind *originated in the mind of God.*

So, your *vision* and my *vision* should also *originate in the mind of God.*
Now I want to share three things I know to be true about a vision from God:

1. God entrusts His vision only to those who are visionary.
Why would He waste time on someone who doesn't think big, who doesn't think the vision can be done? Visionary people *see what others cannot see.*

2. *A vision from God* takes on a life of its own. The vision *inspires and motivates others.*

3. God's vision never stops *growing.*

I observed all three of these truths manifest in the life of Oral Roberts through the vision God gave him to establish and build Oral Roberts University. Before ORU came into existence, south Tulsa was nothing but pastureland. Where Tulsa residents saw fields, farms, and cattle, Brother Roberts saw buildings and a university.

God found in Oral Roberts someone He could entrust His vision to, someone capable of seeing what others could not see. But others eventually *did* see what Brother Roberts saw when buildings began to spring up. ORU was established in 1963 and today—more than sixty years later—that vision continues to grow.

This is how God wants us to respond to the visions He imparts to us. He

wants us to see what others don't see. He wants us to dare to believe for what others say is impossible. He wants us to refuse to abandon His vision, even when it *seems* it will never come to pass.

God spoke the following words through the prophet Isaiah: *Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes* (Isaiah 54:2 AMPC). The Message paraphrase says, “*Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big!*”

Any vision from God requires big thinking. God will not allow us to get into a comfort zone and think we've finally arrived and don't have to do anything else. Why? Because a vision from God never stops growing.

Get Rid of the “What Ifs”

When we have a vision from God, right along with that vision is the potential for the “what ifs” to come to mind. Allowing those “what ifs” to come to mind doesn't signal failure. However, if we don't cast them down, the *potential* for failure remains. The Bible tells us we are to take every thought captive—including the “what ifs”—and cast down every argument that exalts itself against the knowledge (or we could say *vision*) of God (see 2 Corinthians 10:5).

I remember the time someone said to Kenneth Hagin, “Would you pray that I'll never have another negative thought?” Brother Hagin said, “If I could pray that for you, I'd pray it for myself!” He went on to explain, “I can't stop the birds from flying over my head, but I *can* stop them from roosting in my hair.” He was, of course, using the birds as a reference to negative thoughts.

Negative thoughts will come, no matter how spiritual we are. But the mature Christian will cast them down and not dwell on them. We must never allow the “what ifs” to lodge or take root.

Two of the most powerful words in the Bible are *fear not*. We find them in both the Old and New Testaments, from Genesis to Revelation. Those words are God's tools to help us get rid of the “what ifs” that naturally come against God's vision for our lives.

When God gives a vision, we will always have the opportunity to think, “*Yeah, but what if?*” That “what if” is just Satan's attempt to get us to doubt that

we've heard from God, to doubt our vision really is from God and that it will ever come to pass. Satan's strategy is to cause us to doubt because he knows that doubt leads to fear. Our fear activates Satan just as our faith activates God.

Here's a list of some of the most common "what ifs" that may come with a vision from God:

- But what *if* I make a mistake?
- But what *if* no one believes me?
- But what *if* I fall flat on my face?
- But what *if* the money doesn't come?
- But what *if* people think I'm crazy?
- But what *if* people laugh at me?
- But what *if* the vision doesn't come to pass?

Remember, having these thoughts doesn't mean we've failed. But *if* we don't cast them down, then it's possible we *could* fail.

Four more words from the Bible that are equally powerful are *be of good courage*, an expression we see over and over again throughout the Old Testament. We should always embrace and hold tightly to these words. Joshua is our example. When God gave him the vision to continue the ministry of Moses and then take it to a new level, the first thing God said was, "*Be of good courage.*"

Courage is an inner strength that enables us to face what seems to be impossible without caving to the "what ifs." The Bible alludes to *courage* as "the spirit of might." Paul said, *That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man* (Ephesians 3:16).

The spirit of might is that inner strength that enables us to accomplish what others say is impossible. That spirit of might is in us. God places it there, but we must learn to draw it out. One of the best ways to draw it out is to pray in the Holy Ghost, for the Bible says, *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit* (Jude 20).

THE REVELATION OF "Provision"

Most of us are familiar with this saying: Where God guides, He provides. It

is a statement I believe to be true. But is it biblical? The answer to this question is *yes*. God's revelation of provision was established in the beginning, in the first chapter of Genesis:

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:26–28).

In the words *then God blessed them* we find the revelation of provision. To *bless* means "to *empower* to prosper, *empower* to excel, *empower* to succeed, and *empower* to increase." When God conferred His blessing on mankind, within that blessing was the provision for them to succeed in whatever He called them to do.

The beautiful thing about the blessing is that Paul tells us the same blessing is now on us because of what Jesus did in redeeming mankind. I have this empowerment on me to prosper. You have this empowerment on you to prosper, to *succeed*, to *increase*, and to *fulfill* all God has called you to do.

God doesn't give a vision to do something and then leave us on our own. He has already equipped us to succeed and complete what we are called to do. For instance, if God called you to build a church, then He *empowered* you to get it done. If God called you to travel the world and be involved in mass evangelism, then He's *empowered* you to succeed at that.

However, it's possible to have this empowerment, yet never tap into it. The provision is already there but it's up to us to *access* it. The blessing of God is on every one of us who've made Jesus Lord of our lives. The blessing is the empowerment of God to accomplish all we're called to do, yet we can live our entire lives without ever tapping into it.

How sad it would be for someone to get to heaven and have God ask, "Why didn't you accomplish what I called you to do?" And then the person answers, "Well, I didn't have the money." While the *fact* may be that the money wasn't there, the *truth* is that the *empowerment* to get it *was there all along*.

The Bible says, *The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it* (Proverbs 10:22). God will bring finances into our lives without us having to manipulate, con people, or play with others' emotions. The *blessing of God* will bring riches into our lives so that we can accomplish all God has called us to do.

The Bible says, *"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who give you power to get wealth"* (Deuteronomy 8:18). What power does this verse refer to? The blessing that makes us rich!

God has already made provision for everything we are called to do. The problem is that many believers try to *figure out* how to get money to accomplish the vision. Instead, they should figure out how to walk in the blessing. I learned this vital truth many years ago from Kenneth Copeland. He said, "Jerry, don't look for ways to get more money. Look for ways to *get the Word out to more people* and the money will come."

In other words, when *we look for more ways to do what God has called us to do*, the money will come. Again, when God conferred His blessing on mankind, He empowered us to prosper. The provision is in the blessing. This was God's plan from the beginning. At no time did God ever think of mankind living in lack or want. Lack and want were never God's plan for His children.

Let's return to Genesis and look at it through the lens of God laying out the vision for Adam. That vision started in the mind of God.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28). That fivefold vision to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, and have dominion was God's vision for Adam and subsequently all mankind. But notice that even before the vision was dropped in Adam's heart, God had already made provision by first *blessing* him.

What has God called you to do? What is the vision He's dropped in your heart? That vision originated in the mind of God. Therefore, He fully believes you can accomplish it. *He's already equipped you to do it.*

None of us are called to do the same thing as someone else. We are never to measure our success by what others have or what they do. We are to measure our success by answering this single question: Am I doing what God has called me to do?

If we are doing what we are called to do, then the *vision will grow*. Success is doing what God has called us to do. If we stick with it, then God will see to it

that the provision is there.

God wanted Adam to be His “under ruler” in the earth. That was His mandate to Adam. And then God revealed His plan for fulfilling that vision. *And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food”* (Genesis 1:29).

In the original Hebrew language, the term *herb that yields seed* means “*seeding seed*.” This is not the seed that is eaten by man. It is the seed that is sown *for the next harvest*. It is always the *best* of the available seed.

We understand that God introduced Adam to the *law of seedtime and harvest*. God went on to say in Genesis 8:22, “*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest ... shall not cease.*” This law of perpetual seedtime and harvest is significant because sowing and reaping is the *means* we employ to access the blessing and God’s provision for the vision!

The Law Of “Seedtime & Harvest”

Charles Capps used to say, “If you’re down to your last dollar, *do not spend it—sow it!*” In other words, we are never to eat our seed.

Many years ago, we established this rule in our house and ministry: If the money we have doesn’t meet our present need, then we make it a seed. There have been countless times when my wife, Carolyn, and I did just that. When God gave us a particular vision, or an assignment to fulfill, and we didn’t have the dollar amount required to make it happen, we would sow what we had as a seed.

God has always honored our sowing because He is the one who introduced the law of seedtime and harvest.

I’ve been amazed over the years at the number of preachers who do not tithe, though they certainly preach it from their pulpits. That’s the dumbest thing I can imagine! Why wouldn’t a preacher or leader want the same blessing on their church or ministry that they want personally on themselves?

In the early days of our ministry, Carolyn and I established a practice that we continue to honor to this day. We set up a separate tithe account—both at home and at the ministry—so that our seed money wouldn’t mistakenly be used for normal operating expenses. I highly recommend this practice for all believers, whether in ministry or not.

What are you believing for right now? If it's a building and you don't yet have the money you need, then *sow into someone else's building project*. If you are believing for an airplane—as I've done many times over the past five decades—then sow into some else's airplane project. It's important to name that seed when it's sown, because the Word of God says *seed produces after its own kind* (see Genesis 1:11).

Sowing and reaping is God's intended method of manifesting His provision for every vision. That's why He introduced both the *blessing* and the *law* of seedtime and harvest in the very beginning of His Word. It was through seed sowing that mankind was to *take charge of its destiny*.

We are not to be part-time or occasional seed sowers. Sowing is to be our lifestyle! Through our sowing, God allows us to *take charge of our destiny*. This includes our financial destiny.

It's fun when giving becomes our greatest household expense. This is what happened to me and Carolyn once we understood we had access to two of the most powerful principles on earth: the blessing and the law of seedtime and harvest.

The government is not in charge of our financial destiny. Neither the economy nor Wall Street are in charge of our financial destiny. We are!

The Old Testament story of Isaac is God's proof to us that we can be in the middle of a desert during a time of drought and famine, but if we will sow seed then we can access His blessing as everyone else wonders, *What in the world is going on?*

The blessing of God is available to everyone, no matter where we live or the circumstances we face. The law of seedtime and harvest raises us above our communities, our surroundings. Nothing can ever stop us if we know how to appropriate the blessing and the law of seedtime and harvest.

Sowing Produces "Destiny"

The Bible says, *There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty* (Proverbs 11:24). The Message paraphrase says, *The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.*

Notice both versions talk about two different people. One is a sower, the other is not. One is described as generous, the other stingy.

Interestingly, both individuals are producing their own destiny. The sower is producing a destiny of increase. The non-sower is producing a destiny of poverty, lack, and want. Of course, the non-sower will blame the economy, the government, or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But if he does a little personal inventory, it will reveal the reason for his situation is the fact that he is not a sower.

As I said in the previous section, sowing is a lifestyle. It is not something we do occasionally and then expect continual increase. Just because someone digs up a spot of ground in the back yard and plants a few tomato plants doesn't make him a farmer. Having two tomato plants doesn't make anyone a farmer any more than tithing occasionally makes him a tither.

Paul said we are to *Be mindful to be a blessing* (Galatians 6:10 AMPC). So, why not get up every day and ask God to *show us where we can be a blessing?* To be a blessing involves sowing. But *sowing is not always money. Sometimes sowing is praying* for someone or giving them a word of encouragement. Sowing can be mowing the yard for the neighbor who is not feeling well or buying the pastor a new suit.

My point is this: There are all kinds of ways to sow. Sowing certainly includes finances, but not always.

I want to share a valuable principle I learned from Oral Roberts. He said, "Jerry, the Lord pointed out a truth to me that I think you need to hear. I've been partners with specific ministries for years, but I recently noticed I'm not getting the same level of harvest I once got. So, I asked the Lord about it."

"What did he tell you?" I asked.

"He said, 'Check out each ministry to see if it's the same as when you first began sowing into it.' When I did that, I found out one ministry leader was no longer a person of integrity. He wasn't using the money as he originally told me he would. Then the Lord told me to redirect my seed."

It is vital that we put our seed in good ground. In Jesus' Parable of the Sower, He identified the only kind of soil that would produce as "good ground" (see Matthew 13:23). So, when it comes to sowing, let's be certain we sow in good-ground ministries.

You and I are in charge of our individual destinies. God gave us this privilege. On the one hand, if we choose to sow, we can expect increase. On the other hand, if we choose not to sow, then we can expect poverty, lack, and want.

Some have said, “Brother Jerry, I know what you say is true. I’ve never been a sower, and I’m in that place of lack right now. How can I sow what I don’t have?” That’s when I open my Bible and share some good news. It says, “*For God is the one who provides seed ... He will provide and increase your resources*” (2 Corinthians 9:10 NLT).

Sometimes we need to pray this way: “Lord, I’m not asking You for what I need today. I’m asking You to provide me with seed so that I can *sow into what someone else needs today*.” If we are obedient to sow the seed God provides, then *He will provide and increase* our resources as the Bible says.

God never forgets a seed we sown. If He doesn’t forget our seed, then we should never give up on our harvest from that seed. 2 Corinthians 9:11 says, *Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous* (NLT). Being enriched in every way doesn’t happen to those who do not sow.

Satan cannot stop us financially when we know and apply these principles. I’m not saying that everything we need will always manifest instantly. But *the enemy cannot stop us from fulfilling what we are called to do*.

Here’s another promise to the sower from the Word of God: *So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine* (Proverbs 3:10). The “seeding seed” we talked about earlier in this chapter represents our best seed. I’ve learned over the years that I get the quickest and greatest results from my sowing when I make sure the seed I sow is the best I have.

The poor widow in Mark 12 had only two mites to sow. Yet Jesus commended her because she sowed her best.

Instead of eating the last of her food for herself and her son, the woman in 1 Kings 17 made a small cake for the prophet Elijah. She essentially sowed the best she had—and then she reaped a harvest.

Throughout my more than fifty years in ministry, I’ve always sown the best seed I have. Everything I have—from buildings to airplanes to equipment—came because I sowed my “seeding seed” in faith for it.

Whether you are a new Christian or a seasoned believer, if you’re grappling with the provision for the vision God has given you, then understanding the blessing and the law of seedtime and harvest—and appropriating them in your life—are the keys to unlock the fulfillment of your destiny.

Chapter 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF A VISION CARRIER

I'm blessed to have been mentored by men and women of God recognized as vision carriers. Because each one received and carried vision, they've done what others said was impossible.

Oral Roberts brought healing to his generation and then established Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Kenneth Hagin, recognized as the father of the twentieth-century faith movement, founded Rhema Bible Training College in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

T.L. and Daisy Osborn, world missionary evangelists and authors, are best known for their mass-miracle ministry crusades to millions.

And, of course, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland founded a global ministry organization dedicated to teaching Christians how to establish their lives in the Word of God.

Though the visions God gave these ministers of the gospel were as unique and varied as the people who carried them, when it came to carrying the vision of God through, this elite group shared seven specific characteristics.

It is these characteristics that we, as vision carriers, must also develop so that we can accomplish all God has called us to do.

Characteristic 1 **"Courage"**

Characteristic number one is *courage*. It requires courage to take on a God-given vision. A vision from God is not for the faint hearted, because the vision most always seems impossible. Gloria Copeland once said, “If what God calls you to do is possible, then it wouldn’t require faith.” If a vision doesn’t require faith, then it probably isn’t from God.

Characteristic 2

“Stay Focused”

Characteristic number two is the ability to *stay focused*. One thing I’ve observed over the years is that many ministers are overly eager to share their visions. While it’s important to cast vision for others, many who’ve cast vision come up with something new only a few months later. Carrying God’s vision requires the ability to stay focused because Satan loves to distract us.

Characteristic 3

“Steadfast Spirit”

Characteristic number three is a *steadfast spirit*. Psalm 78 describes people who did not have a steadfast spirit. In the day of battle, they turned back. Fulfilling the will of God is not easy, but it’s exciting. I personally love going to bed at night knowing I’m in the center of God’s will. I equally love getting up in the morning and knowing exactly what He wants me to do. A steadfast spirit enables us to get past every obstacle and move forward to do what we’ve been called to do.

Characteristic 4

“Unwavering Faith”

Characteristic number four is *unwavering faith*. James described the one who wavers as double minded. He said, *For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways* (James 1:7–8). But on the other hand, what do you suppose the single-minded person can get from God? Everything he or she needs without restraints or limits!

Characteristic 5

“Joyful Spirit”

Characteristic number five is a *joyful spirit*. I learned years ago the vital importance of maintaining a joyful spirit. I even wrote a book about it, titled *If Satan Can't Steal Your Joy, He Can't Keep Your Goods*. Oftentimes, when I get to a place of frustration, I just sit down and laugh at the devil. I say, “Satan, you are so dumb! You think I’m going to fall for your old tricks and let you steal my joy? No way!” That’s not to say I’ve never fallen for his tricks, but I’ve learned not to let anything steal my joy.

Characteristic 6

“Resilience”

Characteristic number six is *resilience*. Anyone carrying a vision from God is likely to get knocked down. It’s inevitable. But the Bible says, *For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again* (Proverbs 24:16). The Message paraphrase says, *No matter how many times you trip them up, God-loyal people don't stay down long; soon they're up on their feet*. When we get to the place where we can declare, *When I fall, I will arise* (Micah 7:8), then our resilience will not allow us to stay down for long. We’ll soon be back up on our feet and fulfilling God’s vision in our lives.

Characteristic 7

“Positive Expectation”

Characteristic number seven is to have *positive expectation*. God is the author of positive expectation. He said, *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end* (Jeremiah 29:11 KJV). The Message paraphrase says, *“I know what I’m doing. I have it planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.”* Even when the vision looks as if it will never come to pass, we are to always stay positive and expectant.

Let’s be people of character, people who carry the vision of God. As we

develop these seven characteristics in our own lives, we can be assured we will accomplish all God has called us to do.

Funding The “Vision”

In chapter one, we talked about the two most powerful things in the universe God has given us so that the visions He has given us can be funded: the *blessing* and the *law* of seedtime and harvest.

The blessing of God conferred upon us empowers us to *succeed*. The law of seedtime and harvest gives us legal authority to *determine our destiny* by the seeds we sow.

Early in my ministry I preached for several days in Meridian, Mississippi. The final evening of the meeting I preached on the law of seedtime and harvest. Afterwards, a precious little woman came up to me and said she wanted to be my partner. She told me her husband had died, and that she was on a fixed monthly income that included his pension and social security. “Brother Jerry, I want to be your partner for a dollar a month. I’ll sow it into your ministry,” she said.

I thought, *Lord, I can’t take this lady’s dollar. She needs it to live on.* Then I said, “Ma’am, I really appreciate that—it’s very kind of you. Why don’t you just keep that dollar? You may need it.”

Her entire demeanor changed. She folded her hands, looked me in the eye, and said, “You don’t believe what you preach, do you boy?”

“Yes, ma’am, I do,” I insisted.

“Then let me explain this to you,” she said. “I’m on a fixed income and I’m trying to *unfix* it. But you are blocking my harvest!”

She was right. My refusal to accept her seed was blocking her harvest. So, I received her gift and prayed over it. Just as she said she would do, that woman—whom I’ll call Mrs. Smith—sent me one dollar each month for years and years, until she passed away.

But that’s not the end of the story. Years later I was in Mississippi preaching again, this time in Jackson. After the service a woman came to me and said, “Brother Jerry, you don’t know me, but my mother partnered with your ministry for the first time when you preached in Meridian. She sent you one dollar each month for the rest of her life.”

I said, “Are you telling me Mrs. Smith was your mother? I remember her

well.”

“Yes. And I wanted to tell you that the one dollar she sent you monthly made me a wealthy woman.”

Now she really had my attention. “How’s that?” I asked.

“I was an only child, and my parents owned a farm. When Mama passed away, the city of Jackson decided it couldn’t live without what was now my farm and they gave me a ton of money for it. I directly attribute my wealth to that one dollar my mother sent you each month.”

Just as that woman’s mother determined her daughter’s financial destiny by the seeds she sowed, so you and I determine our financial destinies by the seeds we sow. We must embrace the law of seedtime and harvest as so much more than a sermon. We must make it a lifestyle.

As sowers we understand that seeds are more than finances. Thoughts are seeds, words are seeds, actions are seeds, and giving gifts are seeds. Sowers are seed conscious.

I learned a long time ago that any time I start talking to the Lord about my needs, He always starts talking to me about my seeds. I remember Him saying to me, “Son, you need to become *seed minded* instead *need minded*.” Now, whenever I have a need I always sow a seed. Sowing gives me the God-given authority to determine my own outcome.

I seldom go to God with a need now because I already know what to do—sow. I find where my seed needs to be planted, and then I get it in the ground as quickly as I can.

Again, the blessing of God conferred on our lives gives us the legal right to appropriate the law of seedtime and harvest. This is God’s way of providing for our vision.

Everything Carolyn and I have is the result of our sowing. Everything our ministry has is the result of our sowing.

I like to think about my seed according to what Jesus said in Mark 4:

³⁰ “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade” (verses 30–32).

According to Jesus, seeds are designed to be sown. They are not to be carried around forever in one's pocket or checking account. Notice Jesus said, "when it is sown." He didn't say, "if it is sown."

We are not required to sow everything we have. But seed was commissioned by God to be sown. That's what we do with seed.

If you've ever been in a feed store, you know they carry bags of all kinds of seed—corn, wheat, cotton, tomatoes, and more. But what you won't see in the store are crops. That's because the seeds are still in bags, and they won't grow there. Seeds are designed to be sown. And once they are sown in soil, they will grow and produce a harvest.

Every Seed Has An "Assignment"

So, let's take what we learned from Jesus about sowing plant seeds for a harvest and apply it to sowing seeds to meet our need to fund a vision.

Let's focus on Jesus' words, "it grows up and becomes." What does a seed become? It becomes what we sowed it for. Every seed has an assignment to grow up and become *something*.

For example, if your God-given vision requires a building, then find someone else's building fund to sow into. When you release that seed, then make this declaration: "I just sowed my seed. Jesus said once a seed is sown, it will grow up and become something. My seed will become the building I need to fulfill my God-given vision."

Sowing seed puts us in charge of our destinies. But what would happen if we never sowed a seed? *There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty* (Proverbs 11:24). Notice again, both individuals determine their own financial destiny.

It's easy to see our financial failures as somebody else's fault. But determining our financial destiny is solely our responsibility. God gave us the blessing and He gave us seed. We are *never* without seed. I remember a time when I didn't have money to sow. But I had a tie. I had a coat. I had shoes. And I sowed them.

Carolyn and I once sowed our home. Because we owned it debt-free, we were able to turn it into a seed, which we sowed into our own ministry. That day we became *Jerry Savelle Ministries* largest contributor. And what fun it was!

We've sown cars and we've sown airplanes—all glory to God! But we weren't always able to do so. When Carolyn and I first started living by faith, we were not in good financial condition. But we learned God's laws and applied them. And we learned that those laws work. The law of seedtime and harvest got us out of debt. It brought harvest into our lives, and it brought surplus into our ministry—praise God!

I want to personally encourage you to think differently about your seed. The moment you release your seed, speak to it and say, "Jesus said when a seed is sown it will grow and become. Now you go and grow into what I need you to become!"

What do you need? What are you believing God for? What does your vision demand? Whatever it may be, sow a seed for it. Don't just sow a seed anywhere. Ask the Lord *where* you should sow your seed.

The Bible says, *God loves it when the giver delights in giving* (2 Corinthians 9:7 MSG). I don't ever sow in sadness. I count it a great joy to sow, to bless and help meet the needs of other people. The giver who delights in his or her giving and the sower who delights in sowing understand the law of seedtime and harvest.

We can never outgive God. We can never out sow God. God looks at the biggest seed we could ever sow and says, "I'm bigger than that. I'll multiply your seed back to you beyond all you can ask or think!"

In 1981 the Lord gave me a message about sowing in famine. I've preached that message all over the world, and to this day I still get testimonies from people about how it impacts their lives.

The Lord gave me that message at a time when I was in financial famine. I didn't have anywhere close to what I needed for the vision He'd given me. The needs were many and great. One evening Carolyn and I were at a meeting where Brother Copeland was preaching, when the Lord spoke to me. He said, "Son, I want you to take \$1,000 from each of your ministry department accounts, and also from yours and Carolyn's personal account, and I want you to sow it into Brother Copeland's ministry."

At the time, \$1,000 was all there was in some of those accounts. I told Carolyn what the Lord had instructed me to do, and she agreed with me. We named every seed we were believing for in our aviation department, television department, mission outreach program, and the others. We also named our seed for our personal house. We named every seed we sowed, believing each one would grow up and become what we needed.

And then the Lord said, “Now I want you to believe for the blessing of Isaac.” I knew exactly what He meant, for Isaac received a hundredfold harvest on his seed *in the same year he sowed it*. As a point of reference, it was already October, which meant the seed had less than three months to produce this harvest. Nevertheless, when we sowed our seed into Brother Copeland’s ministry I declared, “I will receive a hundredfold harvest before the end of this year!”

Two weeks later Carolyn and I were at Kenneth Hagin’s meeting in Tulsa Oklahoma. I wasn’t scheduled to speak, so Carolyn and I sat together in the audience as Brother Hagin preached. That’s when something unusual happened. Brother Hagin stopped preaching, looked at me, and said, “Brother Jerry, stand up. I’m about to do something I’ve never done before. I’m about to sow the largest seed I’ve ever sown out of my ministry. The Lord just told me to give you my airplane.”

Valued at \$225,000, Brother Hagin’s 421 Golden Eagle was exactly the kind of plane I was believing for. In two weeks’ time, that \$1,000 seed sown from my aviation department account had become a quarter-million-dollar airplane.

At the same meeting the following night, a couple sowed \$100,000 into our television ministry. And before 1981 came to an end, every single seed had produced a hundredfold harvest.

Carolyn and I sowed each seed, declaring what they would grow up and become, and that’s just what they did.

The law of seedtime and harvest always produces for those who believe and obey God.

God’s Ways Are “Astonishing”

Some may say, “Brother Jerry, are you telling me that anytime I sow any seed I’ll always get a hundredfold harvest before the end of the year?” No. At the time I reaped that harvest I was already a consistent sower. I also had a specific word from God about what to sow, where to sow it, and what to believe for.

But here is what the Word of God says about those who are sowers: *God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you’re ready for anything and everything* (2 Corinthians 9:8 MSG). Remember, the law of seedtime and harvest produces when we obey God and engage our faith with His Word. That’s

when we will see His provision for the vision manifest in astonishing ways.

Not all Christians are sowers. Not all preachers are sowers. But for the sower, God can and will pour out His blessings in ways neither you nor I could dream up in a thousand years.

Paul was inspired by the Holy Ghost to write to sowers. He said, *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:19). The Message paraphrase says, *You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need ... Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity* (verses 19–20). This is God's promise to sowers.

If God's Word says He will not only take care of everything I need, and that He will pour out blessings in astonishing ways, then why would I worry? Why would I fear? Why would I doubt? For God not to make provision for the vision He's given me would be a violation of His Word.

One of the Hebrew names of God is Jehovah-Jireh. It literally means "The Lord who provides." God is our provider. That's not only His name, it's also His reputation. David said, *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). How was he so bold to say that? Apparently because of God's reputation and David's experience with Him as a provider.

God's riches are inexhaustible. We're not going to break God's bank. He will never run low on blessings and provision. He will never run out. He's the God of more than enough.

Not one time have I ever gone to God and had to stand in line for blessing and provision. I refuse to entertain the idea that there might not be enough for me. That's because—as a sower—I determine my own financial destiny. Will I always reap a hundredfold harvest on my seed? According to Matthew 13 the *potential* to do so is always there.

God must have considerable resources to make a promise like that. And He will get those resources into our hands if we appropriate this great spiritual law of seedtime and harvest. James 1:25 (AMPC) says, *An active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (in his life of obedience)*. Those who choose to be *active doers* will be blessed in all their deeds.

In his same letter, James compares the body of Christ waiting for the appearing of the Lord to a farmer waiting for his harvest. *See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain* (James 5:7).

The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says it this way: *So be patient,*

brethren, [as you wait] till the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land. [See how] he keeps up his patient [vigil] over it until it receives the early and late rains.

While we wait for our harvest, we are to do exactly as the farmer did. We wait patiently and expectantly. We demonstrate our confidence in the seed's ability to produce a harvest by our enthusiasm and excitement.

Jesus said, *"The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come"* (Mark 4:26-27, 29). The sower doesn't see what is happening beneath ground, yet he knows that because he sowed a seed, the process is working, and the harvest will come.

Vision carriers are sowers. They are also people of courage, focus, steadfast spirit, unwavering faith, joyful spirit, and resilience who always receive God's provision for the vision.

Chapter 3

PATIENCE FOR THE PROVISION

The provision for some things I've prayed for came almost immediately. Provision for other things I've prayed and believed for took twenty years to come to pass. But what's twenty years when God makes provision for my vision, despite everyone saying what I believed for was impossible?

The King James Version of James 5:7 speaks of the farmer, saying he ... *waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it*. The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says, *See how the farmer waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land*. It's not difficult to have short patience, but there are times when we must have *long patience* as we wait for God's provision to manifest. Either way, in our patience we are to wait *expectantly*.

Every sower has the right to expect a harvest because God established the law of seedtime and harvest. He did so when He decreed, "*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest ... shall not cease*" (Genesis 8:22).

When we sow, we are to *expect* a harvest. Some Christians give up when what they've prayed for doesn't happen overnight, or in a month. It takes courage to wait for the harvest.

To wait expectantly for the harvest means we don't walk around with our heads down, talking negative stuff all the time. That is not expectant. To wait expectantly means we hold our heads up. We've got smiles on our faces as we speak positive words.

**Waiting For Our
"Harvest"**

So, what are we to do while we wait for our harvest?

First, we demonstrate our confidence in our seed's ability to produce a harvest by being enthusiastic and excited. Every seed has an assignment on it to "grow up and become." The Bible says, *Do not be deceived ... for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap* (Galatians 6:7). When we release our seed, we place our confidence in its ability to do what God commands it to do. We are to release it with enthusiasm and excitement because we believe we will have our harvest. And that harvest entitles us to sow even more seed.

Second, we must clearly define what our harvest will be, and talk about it often. What, exactly, do we expect or seed to produce?

I recall Brother Hagin teaching about prayer in a small church. When he finished his message, he said, "We are going to act on what we heard this morning, so everyone just come up to the altar and let's pray." As he walked about and listened to the people pray, he would stop and ask an individual what he or she was praying about. When one person responded, saying, "Oh, I'm not praying about anything in particular. I'm just praying," Brother Hagin answered, "Well then, that's exactly what you're going to get—nothing in particular."

If we don't define our harvest, then we don't have a clear target for our faith. I've learned that God likes exacts. Let's be exact, or single-minded, about what our expected harvest is.

Third, we are to water our seed by speaking the Word over it constantly.

Fourth, we are to keep the weeds off our seeds. For example, strife and unforgiveness are weeds that will choke out seed.

I once learned a valuable lesson when I went to the Lord about a seed that I'd sown, which wasn't producing. He said, "Son, it's because of that man you sowed the seed into. You've got ought against him that is hindering your harvest. Get forgiveness from Me and then forgive him. Get the weeds off your harvest." I did as the Lord instructed and within that same week my harvest manifested.

Fifth, we must continually praise God for our harvest. One of the

greatest expressions of our faith is to praise God *before* we receive the answer to our prayers.

Sixth, we must never give up on our harvest.

Seventh, we must keep sowing to our next harvest. As we wait for our current harvest, we should sow for our next harvest. I can be right in the middle of one faith project, and at the same time I'm starting another one.

As we continue to talk about patience for the harvest—which is the provision for the vision—let's look at it through a different lens based on Psalm 37:23, "*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way.*" The New Living Translation says, *The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.*

The King James Version says it like this:

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. And then it says, Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old. Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (verses 24–25).

The good man in verse 23 is referred to as "the righteous." To be *righteous* is to be in right-standing with God. And we know that our righteousness is not of our own doing, but through Jesus, for the Word of God says, *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

God Orders Our "Steps"

When we recognize our right-standing with God and allow Him to order our steps, we can be confident of two things: One, He will never forsake us and, two, we will never have to beg for bread. That's provision!

One commentary I read said that the righteous will not be left in an abandoned condition or live in a state of want. Another said that anything a

righteous person undertakes will have a favorable and happy result as God crowns their efforts with prosperity and success.

So, once again, the man or woman whose steps are ordered by God has this promise from Him: “I will never abandon you or leave you without help. You will never live in a state of want or have to beg for bread. I will provide for you.”

Some may say, “Well, Brother Jerry, that promise works for you because you’re a preacher.” No, it doesn’t work for me just because I’m a preacher. It works for me because I’m a believer who understands my covenant.

If God’s promise automatically works for preachers, then why do we see so many preachers begging for money? Why do they manipulate and play on people’s emotions? I saw plenty of this behavior as a young man. Before I surrendered my life to the Lord, I thought *If that’s what a person had to do to be a preacher, then I wanted no part of it.*

At the time, I considered myself an honest sinner. I wasn’t yet born again and serving the Lord, but I kept my word to people. I had a business, and I refused to take advantage of people. I’ve been a preacher for more than fifty years, and I still refuse to take advantage of people.

The vision God has given me is not something I’ve just dreamed up. He is the author of it, and He has promised to provide for it. One of the ways He does this is by ordering my steps. But for Him to do that requires me to be a good listener.

I’ve learned that people who aren’t good listeners will inevitably devise their own ways of making provision for their visions. I can’t count the number of preachers who ended up doing this because they didn’t take the time to listen to God.

I’ve had others say to me, “But God doesn’t talk to me.” My answer is always, “Yes, He does. But you’ve got to become a good listener.” People who say God doesn’t talk to them are usually those who always want to do all the talking. I don’t enjoy being around them. They ask for advice but never stop talking long enough for me to give it. How can God direct such a person’s steps? If we truly want God to order our steps, we must develop the habit of being good listeners.

The Word of God says, *There is a way that seems right to a man and appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death* (Proverbs 14:12 AMPC). In other words, just because something seems right doesn’t mean it’s God’s plan.

I don’t have nightmares, but the worst one I can imagine is to wake up one

day and find out I've been going one way and God's been going another way. I don't have that kind of time to waste, and neither do you! It's essential we become good listeners so that we're not just pursuing a vision that seems right, but it is not right.

If there is a way that *seems* right then there is a way that *is* right. Finding the difference comes with a little more time in the prayer closet.

To walk down a path that isn't right for one's vision, ministry, or church could mean death for that vision, ministry, or church. I've seen ministers who were sincere, who loved God, and who wanted to fulfill His will in their lives. But they walked down a wrong path and continued on that path until they dropped out. What happened? They followed a way that seemed right but ultimately led to the death of their ministries.

When it comes to God ordering my steps, I'm in this for the long haul. It's important to me that I hear God clearly about my steps. But here's the fact I want to emphasize: God directs our *steps*. They are not leaps!

Sometimes when we walk with God, the steps we take are baby steps. But even one baby step is progress. We know we are going in the right direction. The Bible does not promise that the *leaps* of a good man are ordered by the Lord. It's his steps that are ordered.

Brother Copeland taught me a valuable lesson years ago. He said, "Jerry, when you come to the place where nothing seems to be working, and you know you've hit a wall, that's the time to go back and make sure you completed the last step God gave you." That's good advice. In other words, we shouldn't try to get to step six in the process if we haven't taken step one.

Hearing each step from God is essential if we want provision for the vision. This is how we ensure we will never have to beg for bread.

The Word of God makes this promise: *The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down* (Psalm 145:14). It's not uncommon to trip up from time to time as we endeavor to fulfill our vision. But taking a fall doesn't mean we've failed. No! Praise God—we have the right to get up and declare, *Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall I will arise* (Micah 7:8).

God doesn't abandon us just because we've made a mistake. If God kicked out preachers for making mistakes, there wouldn't be many preachers left on the planet. We all make mistakes, but God upholds us. He wants us to learn, to grow, and not to make the same mistakes.

As we follow the steps God directs us to take, He always upholds us. To *uphold* means "to stand up for; to support against opposition." God upholds us

against all opposition, including poverty, lack, and want.

We Have A “Part To Play”

When it comes to receiving our next steps from God, we have a part to play in the process. We must ask ourselves, “How desperate am I to receive God’s guidance and my next steps?”

I’ve found that one of the major problems with those who want to know God’s will for their lives is that they’re not desperate enough to engage in the process. Desperate people take desperate means.

It’s not likely anyone is going to hear from God if they watch television all day. It’s not likely they will hear God’s next steps for them if they engage with the world’s atmosphere all the time. Hearing from God doesn’t happen when we are in strife and unforgiveness. It is up to us to create an atmosphere conducive for God to speak to us, to direct our steps. God will not force Himself on anyone.

The Bible says, *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you* (James 4:8). Speaking from my own experience, drawing near to God may require me to cut something out of my life, to postpone something, or cancel something so that I can instead spend that time with God.

Years ago, when I needed God’s direction, I would rent a cabin in a small lodge in Oklahoma. I took nothing with me but my Bible, a notebook, and my pen. I did so because I expected to hear from God. Of course, this was before everyone had cell phones, so communicating with others wasn’t the issue it is today.

I remained in that room alone, endeavoring to get the wisdom and direction I needed from God. I’d walk the floor and pray in the Spirit for what seemed like hours. Sometimes I’d step outside for a breath of fresh air, and then go back into the room to pray. I usually fasted, consuming nothing but water or juice. I was desperate for God’s direction.

Not one time in all these years did I fail to get the mind of God and the direction I needed. I’d return home or to my ministry office and immediately implement what I’d heard from God. And I always got results from my obedience.

I remember the time I was going through something and needed direction from God. I wanted a break from the pressure of not knowing what to do, yet I

knew I had to be desperate for His direction. Desperate people do whatever it takes to get what they want.

Ezra 8:21 (NIV) says, *I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions.* Notice God's people first proclaimed a fast and humbled themselves. Then they asked God for a safe journey for themselves, their children, and all their possessions. They knew they had enemies out there who would like to overtake and destroy them. They needed the wisdom of God. They needed to know how to succeed in their journey.

We too are on a journey. That journey is to fulfill the vision of God. We are not looking for the way that *seems* right. We want God's way because His way *is* the right way. So what happened to the people who fasted, prayed, and humbled themselves?

Verse 23 says, *So we fasted and petitioned God about this, and He answered our prayer.* Verse 31 says, *The hand of our God was on us, and He protected us from enemies and bandits along the way.* The people did their part in seeking God, and He answered them. He directed them and protected them.

They didn't just go about life as usual. They were desperate for the wisdom of God. They wanted to know the steps to take so that their journey would be successful. When they demonstrated their desperation before God, He honored them and answered them. Their enemies did not overtake them because God made provision for their journey.

God will do the same for us. He will make provision for the fulfillment of the vision He has given each of us. He will ordain our steps.

Perhaps you've asked yourself, "Am I doing what I heard God said to do or am I doing something that seems right? Have I truly heard the voice of God?" Those are good questions to ask.

There was a time when I was asked to come back into prisons and jails to minister as I'd done when I first started out in ministry twenty years previously. So, I hired an associate minister to oversee our prison ministry. He went to prisons all over the country. Then we developed a Bible study course especially for prisons. We were helping people, which is a good thing. But it was not what God had specifically called me to do in that season. The result was that the prison ministry ate up the resources intended for what I *was* truly called to do.

So, I sought God for His wisdom and direction. He said, "Son, you are doing a lot of good things, but I didn't call you to do all of them. Find people who *are* called to do these things and then sow into them." And so, we did.

Rather than reinventing the proverbial wheel, we sowed into ministries to help them fulfill what they were called to do. One of the things ministries are often guilty of is doing things they are not called to do. And then they wonder why it seems God does not provide for the vision.

This old saying is worth repeating: God provides where He guides. Ezra knew that if the people were to experience God's provision, it would come only when they received His direction. Provision for the vision will always be there—when we are willing to do whatever it takes to hear God's voice and receive His guidance.

In Proverbs 8:32–34 the voice of Wisdom speaks, saying, *“Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.”*

Once again, to be *blessed* means “empowered to prosper and succeed.” In other words, God says, “The person who hears me, who listens for those steps I order for his or her life, that person will be blessed. That person will be empowered to prosper, to succeed, to full vision, to have provision—and will never have to beg bread.”

That Sounds Like A Great “Promise To Me!”

In 1 Kings, chapter 17, we find the story of God directing the prophet Elijah during a time of famine to hide by the brook Cherith. There God used a raven to provide Elijah's food, and he drank from the brook. Elijah had to hear God's steps for him. What if he'd wound up at Brook, Oklahoma or the Brook, California? He would have been in the wrong place.

Every time I mention California, I think of my daughter Jerriann. Years ago, a wealthy California businessman made me an offer. He said, “Jerry Savelle, if will you come to Newport Beach we will buy you land and build you a building. We will hand the title deed and the keys to you—debt free—if you agree to come and pastor a church for us.

I told him I would pray about it. So, I went to the Lord and said, “Lord, what about it?”

He said, “If you don't mind being controlled by some wealthy businessmen, then go ahead and do it.”

That's all I needed to hear. I went back to the man and said, "Than you for your offer. It's very generous but I believe God wants me to stay in Texas."

When Jerriann learned what I'd done she said, "Daddy, we could have lived in Newport Beach, but you chose Crowley?"

I did. Crowley, Texas, is where God wanted me. And that's where I am today. We have a church on the prairie, *Heritage of Faith Christian Center*, where people come from all over the world to visit us. I'm happy in Crowley because that's where God wants me to be. But, every once in a while, I get to go to Newport Beach.

How To Hear God's Voice & Receive "His Guidance"

Let's go back to 1 Kings 17 and the story of Elijah. God had directed the prophet to the brook Cherith, where God provided food to eat and water to drink. But then the brook dried up and—again—God directed Elijah's steps.

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

¹² So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.' "

¹⁵ So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah;

and she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah (1 Kings 17: 8–16).

This story is a great demonstration of the truth that when God orders our steps, we will be provided for. Just look at the miracles that took place, not only for Elijah but also for the woman and her son. Elijah wasn't born again and filled with the Holy Ghost like we are. Yet he heard the voice of God.

We have the greater One on the inside of us. Jesus spoke of the Holy Ghost, saying, *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come"* (John 16:13).

God is not holding out on us. If we haven't heard His voice and received His guidance, then the problem is *us*. Hearing from God is not difficult. Here's what I've learned about doing my part in receiving God's guidance:

1. Purpose to set aside time to pray and listen to God. Determine a specific time and place where you can be alone with God without distractions.

2. Expect to hear God's voice. Isaiah said, *"Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am'"* (Isaiah 58:9). To show God you expect to hear His voice, bring something with you so that you can record or write what He says. If you don't hear something in the first five minutes, don't give up.

3. Declare by faith that you *do* hear the voice of God because you are one of His sheep. Jesus said, *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me"* (John 10:27), and *"He who is of God hears God's words"* (John 8:47). You *can* hear the voice of God.

4. Spend a few moments praying in the Spirit so that your mind doesn't get in the way. Paul said, *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful* (1 Corinthians 14:14 NIV). Praying in tongues quiets the mind.

5. Have your Bible with you so that you can confirm that what you hear lines up with the Word of God. I always take my Bible with me when I seek God for His direction.

6. Thank God in advance for honoring His Word and ordering your steps.

7. Determine beforehand that you will do whatever God tells you to do.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, spoke to the servants at a wedding about her son. She said, “*Whatever He say to you, do it*” (John 2:5). They did as Jesus instructed, and God provided for the needs of a wedding celebration in Cana. Here’s how the Bible describes this provision: *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory* (John 2:11).

Having patience for God’s provision—whether it happens quickly or takes time—always results in a harvest of God’s manifested glory!

Chapter 4

GOD'S LEVEL OF PROVISION IS ABUNDANCE

Jesus cast the vision for His followers when He commissioned them, saying, *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature* (Mark 16:15 KJV). I heard God's call to "go ye" in 1969, and I haven't stopped. I'm not making plans for retirement. I continue to charge forward and do whatever the Lord instructs me to do. And I do it with excellence because my vision is important to me.

Is everyone in the body of Christ called to be a full-time preacher? No. However, we are all called to play our part in getting the gospel into all the world. That vision could be to teach Sunday school or establish a successful business that will help fund kingdom activities. Each of us has an individual assignment, a God-given vision that He intends us to fulfill. Doing so always requires provision for the vision.

God is into providing for vision. One thing I've learned over the years is that God's level of provision is always *abundance*. Jesus said, *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10). God is into abundance.

I've experienced times when I barely got by, and I've experienced times when I had more than enough. I can tell you that having more than enough is better! Of course, I'm grateful for what God did to help me get by, but I'm even more grateful that He taught me how to have more than enough. To have more than enough means I can help other people and ministries to fulfill their God-given visions.

Accessing God's level of abundant provision requires faith. The Bible says,

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). But the Bible also gives this word of caution regarding our faith: *For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it* (Hebrews 4:2).

Right now, make the decision to mix your faith with what you read in this book so that it will benefit you and profit you. Expect God to confirm His Word with signs following.

God spoke these words through the prophet Isaiah: *“Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure’”* (Isaiah 46:9–10).

This is God’s promise to us. Whatever vision He has given us, whatever He has called us to do, we are assured that His counsel shall stand and that He will do His pleasure. It would bring pleasure to God for each of us to accomplish our mandates, to see our God-given visions come to pass. Why? Because God is the one who birthed vision in each of us. He’s the one who gave it to us.

God said in verse 11 of Isaiah 46, *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”* God’s Word is powerful. It does not return void. His Word is to be the foundation for everything we do.

If I didn’t know the Word of God, then the things He tells me to do wouldn’t be possible. I could not accomplish them in my own strength and with my own intellect. I’m not a dummy, but I’m not smart enough to fulfill the vision on my own. It takes God’s intervention to get things done. I do my part and He does His part. God has never failed me or let me down. And He never will.

The Message paraphrase of Isaiah 46:11 says, *“I’ve said it, and I’ll most certainly do it. I’ve planned it, so it’s as good as done.”* God sees the beginning, and He sees the end. But we must mix our faith with His Word to see His promises come to pass.

As people of faith, we know that without faith it’s impossible to please God. The Passion Translation says, *For we come to God in faith knowing that He is real and that He rewards the faith of those who passionately seek Him* (Hebrews 11:6). Nothing stands more firm than the Word of God. If He said it, then He will do it. And He will make abundant provision for those who stand in faith upon His Word.

The psalmist said, *You have magnified Your Word above all Your name*

(Psalm 138:2). And God Himself said, “*So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it*” (Isaiah 55:11). These scripture verses confirm just how dependable the Word of God is. This is the reason our foundation for everything we do must be the Word of God.

Now a word of caution: From time to time, we can let things slip. I’m a minister of God, and it’s happened to me. In fact, the Lord has scolded me at times when I let a revelation slip and wasn’t acting on it like I should have. But I always repented and got back on track.

This is not the time to let any revelation from God slip. We need all the revelations—even the most basic ones—now more than ever. It seems the world we live in has gone crazy, and it’s going to take the Word of God, revelation knowledge, and supernatural power to get us over.

The Word of God says, *It’s crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we’ve heard so that we don’t drift off* (Hebrews 2:1 MSG). We know God is faithful. We know He does not allow His Word to return void. And we know that our foundation for everything we do must be based on the Word of God. So, let’s not let any revelation of God—including the revelation of His abundant provision for the vision—to slip.

We Are Most “Blessed”

The question we most often ask ourselves after receiving a vision from God is this: How is God going to make this happen and where is the money going to come from?

We find the answer in Jeremiah 17:7, “*Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is in the LORD.*” Because *blessed* means “empowered to prosper,” we can expect prosperity to come because our trust, hope, and confidence is in the Lord.

The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says it this way: *[Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is.* It is wonderful to be blessed, but to be *most* blessed is even better. I believe it will take being *most* blessed in these days to fulfill what God has called us to do in our individual lives and ministries.

The word *most* means “greatly; to the highest level; to the highest degree.” I

want to be blessed to the highest level because at that level there is no financial struggle in completing and fulfilling what God has called me to do.

We must depend on our supernatural God. He can make a way where there seems to be no way. He can bless us with His supernatural provision.

I define *supernatural provision* as “provision that exceeds the ordinary and the established laws of natural things; provision that can be produced only by divine power.” The word *divine* means “pertaining to God; proceeding from God.” God is our supernatural and divine provider. He is quite capable of bringing into our hands everything we need so that we can accomplish all He has called us to do.

One last thought before we move on. We are people of faith. Who we run around with has everything to do with how our lives turn out. We must surround ourselves with people of faith, those who will inspire our faith. Our closest friends should be those who *do* the things the world says are impossible.

Principles Of Supernatural “Provision”

In the previous chapter we read the story of God’s supernatural provision for Elijah the Tishbite. During a time of famine in the land, God directed his steps to the brook Cherith, where the prophet was fed by the ravens and drank water from the brook.

But when the brook dried up, God again directed Elijah’s step to a place called Zarephath, where a poor widow took care of him. The Lord spoke through Elijah, directing the widow’s steps. When she obeyed what she was told to do, God made supernatural provision so that her entire household, including Elijah, ate for many days.

Within this story we find three principles for supernatural provision.

1. There must first be *a word from God*.
2. There must be *a willingness to act on that word*.

3. A significant *seed must be sown*.

Now let's look at each one of these principles.

First, to experience supernatural provision, we must have received *a word from God*, either by the Holy Spirit or the written Word. On the one hand, there are times when we read the written Word, the Bible, and something it says seems to jump off the page. That scripture verse becomes a *rhema* word, meaning a prophetic word, for us.

On the other hand, there are times when we are in prayer and fellowship with God, endeavoring to hear His instructions or the steps He wants us to take.

The Bible says, *Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you*" (1 Kings 17:8–9). The prophet heard the word of the Lord.

Second, Elijah was willing to *act on the word* he heard. *So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks* (1 Kings 17:10). God had already gone before Elijah to Zarephath. And just as He'd said, there was a widow there.

But then something unexpected happened. Instead of taking care of Elijah as God said she would, she told the prophet she and her son were about to eat the last of their food and then they would die.

In the natural, it appeared the prophet showed up in the wrong place. It appeared there would be no supernatural provision. Yet it was *exactly* where God had directed Elijah to go.

There are those who believe that when we are in the will of God, everything will go smoothly. But this is not true. When it seems that all of hell has broken loose and there's no way God could possibly get His supernatural provision to us, there is yet something to be done.

Third, a significant *seed must be sown*. Elijah had received a word from God and acted on it, but now it was the widow's time to experience the process of supernatural provision. She was in great need. She was down to her last meal. She needed God's supernatural provision for herself so that she could be the

instrument of God's supernatural provision for Elijah.

The Bible says, *And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son"* (1 Kings 17:13). Elijah heard the word of the Lord and acted on it. Now the word of the Lord came to the woman through Elijah, and she acted on it: *So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah (verse 15).*

Just as God had set up Elijah for supernatural provision, the prophet was now setting up the widow for supernatural provision. There is no such thing as a harvest without first sowing a seed. Because that woman obeyed the word of the Lord, acted on it, and sowed a significant seed in preparing part of all she had left for the man of God, the Bible says, *She and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah* (1 Kings 17:15–16).

I'd say that Bible story falls under the category of supernatural provision—for both the woman and Elijah!

God will always give us specific instructions that position us to experience His supernatural provision. Those instructions don't always make sense in the natural. Sometimes they even seem foolish to the natural mind. But if we are willing to obey and to sow a significant seed, then according to what we read in 1 Kings 17, God will make supernatural provision for us to fulfill His plans and purposes through us.

I want you to think about *your* God-given vision. Are you believing for supernatural provision? If you haven't already applied these three principles, make the decision to start today. Nothing is going to just happen on its own. Remember, we are to do our part and God will do His part.

God will always give you specific instructions that will position you to experience His supernatural provision. Obey what He says, no matter how foolish it may sound or how impossible it may seem. If you are willing to obey, then He will cause you to always be in the right place at the right time, for His Word makes this promise: *Within your heart you can make plans for your future, but the Lord chooses the steps you take to get there* (Proverbs 16:9 TPT).

Chapter 5

LAUNCH INTO THE DEEP

In the previous chapter we read the Old Testament account of God's supernatural provision for both the prophet Elijah and a widow in Zarephath. Now let's look at a New Testament example of supernatural provision. It happened as Jesus taught a crowd gathered at the shore of a lake.

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, ² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. ³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. ⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking (Luke 5:1–6).

In this story we see all three principles we studied in the previous chapter. First, Simon Peter had a word from God. Second, Simon Peter was willing to obey the word. Third, Simon Peter sowed a significant seed.

Peter and his partners were fishermen. Fishing was their livelihood, yet they'd toiled all night and had caught nothing. At the same time the fisherman cleaned their nets, Jesus was nearby teaching a crowd that pressed so close to Him that He was almost in the water. So, He turned and saw a boat right behind

Him, and Peter was in the boat.

Jesus asked to borrow the boat so that He could continue preaching. Then He said, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets.” Had Peter allowed his natural reasoning—they’d worked all night and caught nothing—to determine his response, he would have missed out on God’s supernatural provision.

Sometimes that is exactly what people do. They allow their natural reasoning to talk them out of responding to what God has told them to do because His instructions don’t make sense. They seem unreasonable or impossible, so they think, *That couldn’t be God.*

We don’t know what went through Elijah’s mind when God told him to go to the brook and then said, “*I have commanded the ravens to feed you there*” (1 Kings 17:4). Would you have gone there? Would you have believed that God had spoken to ravens to supply what you needed?

Ravens are different than humans. They don’t argue with God as we oftentimes do. The ravens didn’t say, “We’re not going to take food to Elijah. Get the squirrels to do it.” No! They just did it. They brought the food, and they fed the prophet. God created the ravens, and they obeyed His voice.

God can get His supernatural provision to you. Don’t limit Him by trying to figure out *how* He will do it. Just be quiet and don’t say a word. I’ve told people all over the world that the wisest investment a Christian can make is in a roll of duct tape. And then I say, “If you can’t talk the Word or faith, just keep a piece of that duct tape over your mouth until you can!”

We can also limit God when we remember how He provided for us in the past and then assume He will do it the same way again. I’ve had God send His supernatural provision in ways I couldn’t dream up in a thousand years. We should never second guess God or tell Him how to do things.

Peter almost missed out on a miracle because he initially leaned toward his natural understanding. After all, they’d toiled all night and caught nothing. Perhaps he entertained these thoughts:

· *Jesus, You’re a preacher but I’m a fisherman. You stick to what You do, and I’ll stick to what I do. You know how to preach. I know how to fish. Don’t tell me how to fish.*

· *Jesus, You don’t understand, the best fishing is at night. We’re not likely to catch anything during the day.*

· *Jesus, can’t You see we’ve already washed the nets? We’re*

tired and we're done for the day.

*· Jesus, don't You understand? The noise from that crowd
You're preaching to has already scared the fish away.*

Peter was just as human as you and I are. He could have had those thoughts. But everything changed when he said to Jesus, “Nevertheless, at Your word,” and then he acted. Another translation says, “Nevertheless, at your command.”

Again, the first thing Peter needed so that he could experience supernatural provision was a word from God. That word was “launch out into the deep.” Jesus could easily have said, “Launch out into the deep and don't let your natural mind get in the way. Just do what I say.” Jesus gave the word Peter needed, and then it was up to Peter to act on it.

Let's put ourselves in Peter's place. The man had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. He was tired. He wanted to go home, where he'd have to face his wife and disappoint her with the news that they'd caught nothing. He's human—that could have happened.

But Peter had a word from Jesus. He said, “*Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch*” (Luke 5:4). Notice Jesus said, “Let down your *nets*.” He used plural language. However, Peter responded, “*Nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net*” (verse 5). Peter used the singular word *net*.

We don't know what might have happened had Peter let down nets. What we do know is that even after altering what Jesus said, he still had a supernatural, boat-sinking, net-breaking catch.

Here's my point: Sometimes we get a word from God, but then we try to improve on it. We must never think our ideas are better than God's. It's always best to follow His instruction—exactly and completely.

Sow A Significant “Seed”

I've never experienced a financial breakthrough without first sowing a financial seed. Peter had a word from God, and he acted on that word. But Peter also sowed a significant seed. Some may say, “Wait a minute, Brother Jerry. Nowhere in that story does the Bible say he sowed a seed!”

That statement is correct. However, Peter *did* sow a seed. He loaned Jesus his boat, virtually sowing a significant seed into Jesus' ministry. When Jesus

finished preaching, He turned to Peter and said, “Launch out into the deep.” Peter’s seed was about to reap a harvest of supernatural provision. He ended up catching more fish that day than he’d ever caught in the history of his business.

Now I want to say something about sowing seed. Though I always sow a financial seed when I need a financial harvest, not all seed is financial. For example, the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5 had heard of Jesus and knew He could heal her. According to Levitical law she was unclean and not allowed in a crowd. She could have been stoned. But she reasoned that if she could just touch His garment she would be healed. And she was.

So, what was her seed? It was her very life. Though she could have been stoned for breaking the law, she was willing to lay her life on the line for her healing. She sowed her life. God will see to it that we always have a seed to sow when we need to experience a breakthrough.

Also in Mark 5 is the story of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, whose daughter Jesus raised from the dead. Not everyone in the synagogue was favorable to the ministry of Jesus. Jairus’s seed was his reputation and his job. He laid it all on the line when he went to Jesus and asked Him to come to his daughter. He sowed a seed.

There have been countless times throughout my ministry that God blessed me with something, but before I even got to use it, He would say, “Son, I want you to sow that.” And I’ve always obeyed Him.

Any time we sow a seed, it should always be our best seed. If a man who is believing God for new clothes says to himself, “I’m going to get that old suit I never liked anyway out of the closet and sow it,” he will just end up with a hundredfold harvest of clothes he doesn’t like!

Remember, every seed produces after its own kind.

I recall the time I was on a flight to Tulsa for a meeting, and I was talking to God about some specific needs. But instead of talking back to me about those needs, He directed me to sow into several other ministries during that meeting. When I talked to God about my needs, He talked to me about my seeds.

I received God’s instructions and did as He told me. Shortly after I returned to Texas, one of my partners contacted me. “Brother Jerry, I was praying a few days ago and the Lord told me to send you a large financial gift from the tithe money we set aside.” I’d sown in obedience to the word the Lord gave me on the airplane that day. I could have ignored His instructions. I could have said, “Lord, I’m not talking to You about other people’s needs. I’m talking to You about *my* needs.” Like Peter, I could have come up with an excuse, but I obeyed what God

told me to do. And He came through with supernatural provision.

One time our ministry received a check for \$100,000. Normally we would have tithed \$10,000, but the Lord said, “Son, how would you like to see an uncommon miracle?”

“You know I would,” I replied.

“Then sow the whole \$100,000.”

That whole \$100,000 went into the ministry’s tithe account and later that day I sowed it. And that same week, three additional \$100,000 checks came in. I’d call that supernatural provision!

Any time we receive a word from God, we obey it, and we sow a significant seed, we will experience His supernatural provision for our vision.

Spend Time “With God”

Jesus made this powerful statement: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do ... because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me”* (John 5:19, 30). Jesus’ words virtually describe how He received a word from His Father.

So, how can we know we’ve heard a word from God? How can we know it’s a word from God and not an idea we’ve come up with? According to the Bible verses we just read, Jesus depended on the Father to tell Him what to do and how to do it. This is our example and the answer to our questions.

Have you ever made plans, without first asking God for direction, only to have things turn out a way you didn’t want? When we get to the place where we think we don’t need the Lord’s direction, and we don’t spend quality time with Him to seek His plan, then we are foolish. And foolishness is a recipe for disaster.

Jesus said, *“I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things”* (John 8:28). The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says, *I do nothing of Myself (of My own accord or on My own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught Me*. The Passion Translation says, *“I only speak the truth that the Father has revealed to me.”*

Apparently, Jesus spent a lot of time communicating with His Father. He neither said nor did *anything* He hadn’t first heard His Father say or do. Clearly, He put His Father first in everything. And—time and time again—Jesus

experienced God's supernatural provision everywhere He went.

We see in the Word that Jesus had a pattern of communication with His Father. *Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed* (Mark 1:35). Jesus started His day seeking God in prayer. That's not a bad idea. But He also ended His day that same way. *And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there* (Matthew 14:23). When everyone else had gone to sleep, Jesus prayed.

He sought His Father on what to do and what to say. This is good advice for anyone who needs God's supernatural provision. Sadly, some people wait until everything falls apart to get on their knees. They wait until things are so desperate that they get this brilliant idea: *I think I need to call on God!* That is not how Jesus operated. He did nothing and said nothing without first going to His Father.

Most are familiar with the John 11 account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead after three days. As He was about to raise His friend from the dead, here's what Jesus did: *And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me"* (John 11:41-42).

Why did Jesus wait three days to go to Lazarus's tomb, and what did He do during those three days? He spent time with the Father to find out what He would do and how He would do it. Before the supernatural took place, Jesus sowed a seed of time with His heavenly Father.

When we need the supernatural to take place, when we need supernatural provision for breakthroughs in our lives and ministries, how much time are we willing to sow in spending time with our heavenly Father to get His word on the matter?

Jesus said, *The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him*" (John 8:29). We must never allow ourselves to get to the place where we don't think we need God's help anymore. None of us are that smart. We must never go and do the first thing that comes to mind. Instead, we should sow a seed of spending time with the Father and hearing what He has to say. Once we know we have His word, we must make the decision to act on that word. Finally, we must immediately ask Him this question: Where can I sow a significant seed? *Where* we sow is equally important as the act of sowing.

So, let's allow Jesus to be our example for spending time with God. He

thought it was important to rise early to get the mind of God. He thought it was important enough to be the last one to go to bed so that He could get the mind of God. If that's what it took for Jesus, then we should be willing to do the same.

Make the decision right now to get God's word first on everything you do. You do not have time or energy to waste, and you do not have finances to waste. Why? Because you are on your way to supernatural breakthrough!

Chapter 6

THE WAY THAT IS RIGHT

I've been in the ministry for more than fifty years, and during that time I've learned a lot about the right and wrong way to do things. When I obey the Word of God and follow His path, then I am blessed. But before I was walking with the Lord—when I chose to follow the path of my own making—things didn't turn out well.

The Bible says, *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death* (Proverbs 16:25). I always like to say that if there's a way that *seems* right, then there must also be a way that *is* right.

I don't want to follow the way that seems right. Oftentimes we are guilty of picking up on doing something that seems right, so we launch out to do it. But then we are disappointed when it doesn't turn out for us. I want the way that *is* right—the way God reveals.

So, what does it mean when the Bible says the way that *seems* right is the way of death? Death can mean “separation from God” or it can mean “to fall short of His best or perfect will.” In other words, we could say that following the way that *seems* right will end up being unfruitful. That's because it isn't the way that *is* right.

Instead of wasting time, energy, and money on what seems right, we can take the time to spend with God and find out the way that is right. Following the way that is right always turns out right. So, how exactly do we receive the way that is right, that spoken *rhema* word from God?

We find the answer in Romans 10:8: *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 preach).* Notice the phrase, “The word is near you.” This means the way that is

right—the rhema from God is close by. When we take the time to fellowship with God, He will reveal it to us.

The problem with many believers today is that they are always in too big of a hurry, and they are too busy. We all have things to do, but if we don't spend quality time with God, we'll wind up doing things that *seem* right, but we won't get the results we desire.

We must take the time to seek God. This may mean getting up earlier than normal or staying up later than normal. When we are desperate to receive God's direction, we are willing to do things we don't usually do. Finding the way that *is* right is worth the time it takes with God. That rhema word we so desire is close by, and God is just waiting for the opportunity to reveal it.

When it comes to spending time with God, we must never rush in and rush out. We must never become impatient when we don't receive our word in the first five minutes. When I spend time with God, I remove my watch and place it alongside my cell phone in another room so that I'm not tempted to look at the time.

There *are* times, when I seek God for what He wants me to do and how He wants to position me for supernatural breakthrough, that I hear from Him almost immediately. But this doesn't happen all the time. Sometimes I have to pray in the Spirit until I hear something. That's why I always take my Bible, a notebook, and a pen with me. I *expect* to hear from Him. I don't want to hear what comes from my mind. I want to hear what God speaks to my heart.

If you're like me, you probably heard a lot of other things before you went into your prayer room to spend time with God. You may have heard the television or perhaps you were around other people. I know I don't want any of the things I've heard from sources other than God to come up while I'm focused on hearing from Him.

It doesn't take forever to hear from God, but doing so requires patience. When I don't hear right away, I spend time praying in the Spirit. When I'm praying in the Spirit, I walk the floors and pray. While I pray in the Spirit, I remind myself that the word is near me. I may even say, "That rhema is near me" when I sense it is about to come. God doesn't withhold His word from us. He wants to reveal His plans.

The Bible tells us that when we pray in the Spirit we speak mysteries, the hidden things of God not obvious to the understanding. Brother Oral Roberts taught me years ago that if I pray in the Spirit, then I should also pray to interpret what I say in the Spirit.

I pray in tongues in my car, in my home, on my motorcycle, and in my airplane. I pray in tongues in my shop and in my bathroom when I shave. Oftentimes I pray in tongues and then declare, “I am speaking hidden truths and secret things that my mind is not aware of. But in my spirit, the Holy Spirit reveals the hidden things of God—the way that is right. So, Holy Spirit, reveal to me what I say in the Spirit. Interpret it back to my mind.” Once I hear it, my next step is to put action to it. And then I sow a seed.

God’s Three “Gifts To Mankind”

The Spirit of God once asked me this question: “What were the first three gifts I gave man after I created him?”

I’d never thought in terms of God giving those gifts to mankind, so I turned in my Bible to the first chapter of Genesis. I saw that the first thing God did when He created mankind was to *bless* them, to *empower* them to *prosper*. That was the first gift. The second gift was *dominion* and authority. And the third gift was *seed*.

The Lord explained. “I gave mankind seed because that’s the way I intended them to sustain their lives—by the seed they sowed.” So, from the very beginning God intended us to always be seed sowers. God affirmed this perpetual law when He said, “*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest ... shall not cease*” (Genesis 8:22). Notice He established this law *after* Adam blew it. God’s original plan for mankind did not change. He did not withdraw His gift of seed. Why? Seed was God’s means of provision.

The law of seedtime and harvest has not changed. The last time I checked, the earth is still here. So, if the earth is still here, then seedtime and harvest has not ceased. God intends that you and I sustain our lives by the seeds we sow.

Paul picked up on this truth in his day. He wrote, *Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap* (Galatians 6:7). The Phillips New Testament says, *A man’s harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows*.

The way I look at it, there’s no such thing as supernatural provision without the sowing of seed. For provision to be supernatural means God has to be involved in it. We’re no longer limited to our natural ability, intellect, or strength—because God is unlimited. When we do our part, He will do His part.

We understand the importance of spending quality time with God to get His

direction. But the other benefit of doing so is that He will direct us *where* to sow our significant seed. In His Parable of the Sower, Jesus identified four types of soil where seed was sown.

³“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. ⁵ Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. ⁶ But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. ⁷ And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. ⁸ But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred (Mark 4:3-8).

Notice that only one type of soil—good ground—produced maximum results for the sower. God knows where the good ground is. This is the reason we need to hear from Him regarding where we sow our significant seed. He will always point us to good ground because He wants us to experience maximum results. Thirtyfold and sixtyfold are good. But a hundredfold is maximum!

In the early days of our ministry, Carolyn and I would sow what we had. It wasn't much, but we believed for a hundredfold harvest because thirty or sixty didn't help us. We reaped a hundredfold time and time again when we allowed God to direct our seed.

Years ago, Oral Roberts taught me that there are times when God may lead us to redirect our seed. I was praying about the ministries we sow into. There were several I hadn't been around for some time, and I wasn't sure what they were currently doing. So, I asked someone I had great confidence in to look into those ministries to see if they were using our seed as it was originally intended. It turned out that several were not doing as they'd said, so we redirected our seed as the Lord led us to do.

Jerry Savelle Ministries International sows a lot of seed into ministries each year, and I want that seed to go into good ground. Good ground is where I can reap maximum harvest. I don't just throw seed on the ground and hope for a harvest. No! I get a rhema word from God and then I obey it. There's a way that *seems* right, and there's a way that *is* right. God always reveals the right way, including where to sow seed.

If you are part of a ministry or organization that receives seed from others, make sure you do what you said you'd do with that seed. Be good ground for others.

God's original intent was that mankind would be sustained by sowing seed, and that has not changed. There's no getting around sowing. It's not optional. It's not something we decide to do for a while and then say, "Well, I've learned that lesson so now I'll move on to something new."

If we want God's best, if we want supernatural provision, we are to be seed sowers for the rest of our lives. And we are to sow into the good ground that will produce maximum harvest.

Bold Faith For "Wisdom"

God expects us to approach Him with confidence and boldness. The Bible says, *Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor...)* (Hebrews 4:16 AMPC). It also says, *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting...* (James 1:5–6).

When we don't know what to do, we are to pray to the Father. He loves to help us, and we will get the help we ask for. But there is a condition. We are to approach Him with bold faith. God wants us to have His wisdom. He wants to give us a rhema word. Again, we have a part to play in the transaction. When we position ourselves for supernatural provision, God will reveal where to sow our seed.

The Word of God says, *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God* (Romans 8:27). And Romans 8:14 says, *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.* When we are born again and filled with the Holy Ghost, we can expect to be led by Him.

We understand that our steps are ordered by the Lord. He wants us always to be in the right place at the right time, always sowing seed in good ground. So, what are some of the steps we take to get there? We find four such steps in the Word of God:

1. *Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him: He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed (Proverbs 16:3 AMPC).*

2. *In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:6).*

3. *Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10).*

4. *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts (Colossians 3:15).*

Most of us lead busy lives. It's not always easy to be still, but it's sometimes the only way to enter God's presence and hear His voice. I learned something in the early days of my ministry. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. And because Jesus is the Prince of Peace, I always follow what produces the greatest peace, for I know it is from God.

Perhaps you're not 100% sure you are going the way that *is* right at the moment. If so, don't do anything yet. Instead, pray in the Spirit until you experience peace, and go with the way that produces peace. I've practiced this process of going with peace for many years now, and God has never let me down.

When someone tells me they don't know if God is talking to them, I tell them to spend more time with Him. Spending time with God makes us sensitive to His voice. The closer we become to the Lord, the easier it is to hear His voice. This kind of relationship comes from a place of intimacy.

The Old Testament prophet Samuel was a boy when he first heard the voice of God, though he did not recognize the voice. He thought Eli the priest was calling him. Once Eli helped him understand God wanted to speak to him, Samuel said, "*Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears*" (1 Samuel 3:9).

My point in sharing this story is to ask this question: When we are in the presence of God, are we listening or doing all the talking? There's a reason God gave each of us one mouth and two ears. We should listen twice as much as we talk.

T.L. Osborn taught me a valuable lesson about peace. He said, "Brother

Jerry, it's important that you surround yourself with things that bring peace because tranquility produces creativity." What a great revelation that was to me.

Meeting with God in an atmosphere of peace always leads to maximum results. I've learned to be consistent in meeting with Him, to never allow anything to rob me of that time. Getting God's wisdom supersedes anything else I have to do.

I always begin with praise and thanksgiving because the Word says, *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name* (Psalm 100:4). I do this because, as a father, I wouldn't like it if all I heard from my children was, "Give me! Give me! Give me!" I like hearing sometimes, "Thanks Dad, you're a wonderful father."

My prayer is *Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me* (Psalm 27:11). And then I determine to do as the psalmist did. *I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope* (Psalm 130:5). I know that *wait* isn't always a popular word in a society where we want everything to be quick and fast. But is a rhema word from God important enough to us that we are willing to wait for it?

And then I take time to pray in the Spirit. I do this because the Bible says, *For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries* (1 Corinthians 14:2). The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says, *...hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]* and The Message paraphrase says, *...you are sharing intimacies just between you and him.*

Praying out these mysteries in tongues is how we get the rhema word from God that we need to hear. But then we are to *pray for the interpretation to be able to unfold the meaning of what you are saying* (1 Corinthians 14:13 TPT).

If the interpretation doesn't come immediately, then we continue to pray in the Spirit and listen. It *will* come because we have been obedient. We've entered God's presence with praise and thanksgiving. We've come boldly to His throne. And we've asked in faith for His wisdom.

Obedience always opens the door to the miraculous and the supernatural.

Chapter 7

EVERYTHING COMES BY AND THROUGH FAITH

Hebrews 11 is known as “the faith chapter.” Not only does it identify many of the Bible’s heroes of the faith, but it also teaches the basics of faith and how to operate in faith.

We see the definition of faith in the chapter. *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1). Verse 3 says, *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible*. Every time I read this chapter, I remind myself that everything we do is by faith and through faith.

Verse 6 says, *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*. Accessing the supernatural provision for any vision obviously requires faith. Let’s look at the phrase in verse 6, “must believe that He is.” When I read these words I think, *I must believe God will enable me to do what He’s called me to do. He’s able to make it happen. He is my supplier, the one who gave me the vision in the first place. Therefore, He will provide for it*.

Faith is involved in everything we do. It’s impossible to please God without faith, and I’m out to please God. One of my primary objectives when it’s all said and done is to know I’ve pleased my heavenly Father.

I recently picked up an old book by Derek Prince that I hadn’t read in years. He made this statement: “God has put everything we need at our disposal. However, it must be appropriated through our personal faith. Our faith is the funnel through which God’s provision can be poured into our lives.”

In other words, faith is our funnel by which we receive supernatural

provision from God. I know this statement is elementary, but sometimes we get so involved in our efforts to find new insight and revelation that we can let some basics slip. We must never leave the basics of faith, for they are the foundation upon which we build.

Carolyn's daddy was a homebuilder, and he was good at what he did. He would pour the foundation, and then he would build a house on it. He knew the house would be only as good as its foundation. If the foundation was weak, the house would be weak. But if the foundation was strong, the house would be strong. Jesus illustrated this truth in the seventh chapter of Matthew.

²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall" (Matthew 7:24-27).

Jesus described two individuals who heard the same message. One was a hearer only, and the other was a doer. The doer built his house on a firm foundation. The hearer didn't even bother to lay a foundation. And the results were disastrous.

It's not enough for us to hear the basics of faith. We must appropriate them and then continue to practice them throughout our entire lives.

The Word of God says, *Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light* (Colossians 1:12). The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says, *Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified us and made us fit*. God has qualified us for an inheritance. The Passion Translation says, *Your hearts can soar with joyful gratitude when you think of how God made you worthy to receive the glorious inheritance freely given to us by living in the light*.

We qualify for supernatural provision! It's not because we are so good, it's because He is so good. We don't qualify for this inheritance because we did something good. We qualify because Jesus did something good.

In his letter to the saints at Ephesus, Paul used another word I really like. He said, *He made us accepted in the Beloved* (Ephesians 1:6). The word *accepted* in the original Greek language means “endued with special honor and highly favored.”

You qualify for supernatural provision. It doesn’t matter who you are or what you are called to do. It doesn’t matter where you come from or the color of your skin. If you are born again, then you qualify.

So, exercise your faith in your inheritance. It is by that faith and through that faith that you will receive God’s provision for the vision He’s given you.

Remember, you are endued with special honor and are highly favored.

The Favor “Of God”

Those who’ve followed my ministry for any time at all know my favorite subject is the favor of God. Favor has everything to do with supernatural provision.

We see the role favor played in supernatural provision in the Exodus story of God delivering His people from Egypt. Here’s what God said to Moses:

²⁰ So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go. ²¹ And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. ²² But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians” (Exodus 3:20–22).

The Message paraphrase of verse says, “*I’ll intervene and hit Egypt where it hurts—oh, my miracles will send them reeling! ... Oh, you’ll clean the Egyptians out!*” (verses 20, 22).

God did exactly as He said, for the Bible says, *And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians* (Exodus 12:36).

So, God’s instructions to His people were to go to the Egyptians, who’d

been their taskmasters for four-hundred years, and ask for their silver and gold. They did as God instructed and the Egyptians said, “Sure, I’ll go get my silver and gold and give it to you.” I’m sure the Egyptians were thinking, *I don’t know why I’m doing this.*

I love it when people say to me, “I don’t know why I’m doing this, but...” That’s when I know I’m about to experience the favor of God. When your boss says, “I don’t know why I’m giving you this raise,” just smile real big and think, *I’m about to experience some favor.*

Or when someone says, “I don’t know why I’m giving you this job—you don’t qualify,” smile and think, *I’m about to experience some favor again.*

Just as God’s people experienced His favor and supernatural provision, we too can experience it. In fact, we have a better covenant founded upon better promises. If God gave His people favor then, how much more will He do for us today? Abraham was blessed and favored, but under the New Covenant we are *extremely* favored and *highly* blessed. That’s another level.

Oftentimes, when I’m believing for God’s supernatural provision, I turn to Psalm 44, which says:

¹ We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, the deeds You did in their days, in days of old ... ³ For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because you favored them (Psalm 44:1, 3).

They didn’t get the land by their own ability. It wasn’t because they were such mighty swordsmen. They got it because God favored them. Favor and supernatural provision are divinely linked.

I stood on these Bible verses when we were believing for the land our ministry now owns. I stood on them when I believed for buildings, for airplanes, and for vehicles. God favored me and I experienced His supernatural provision for the land, the buildings, the airplanes, and the vehicles. And the best thing about God’s favor is that I always get the world’s best without having to pay the world’s price.

And so can you!

Gives God All The

“Credit”

God wants us to experience His divine favor and supernatural provision. But He asks only one thing of us:

¹¹ *“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God ...”*¹⁷
*Then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand
have gained me this wealth’ (Deuteronomy 8:11, 17).*

Always acknowledge God’s supernatural provision as the favor of God and the blessing of God on your life. When you give God the credit, you establish an ongoing cycle that will not end. Never give up on the favor of God.

Since many visions from God involve land and property—as mine have—I’ll share some passages of Scripture that have helped me exercise my faith for God’s supernatural provision.

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein (Psalm 24:1 KJV). The Message paraphrase says, *GOD claims Earth and everything in it*. The earth, this world, does not belong to the devil. It is Gods. We are God’s heirs, so we have an inheritance. And we are entitled to it.

Psalm 115:16 confirms our inheritance, saying, *The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; but the earth He has given to the children of men*. It belongs to us. Even if the sinners have a portion of it, according to Proverbs 13:22, God has already intervened. It says, *The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just* (KJV). The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says, *The wealth of the sinner [finds its way eventually] into the hands of the righteous, for whom it was laid up*. I believe we are closer than ever to that place of “eventually.”

Again, Psalm 44:3 tell us God’s people did not get possession of their land by their own strength. It was by God’s hand because He favored them. We must never, ever rule out the favor of God.

I thank God that we qualify for His favor. I thank God that He has accepted us. And I thank Him that His favor can do what money can’t do, what prestige can’t do, and who we know in the natural can’t do. God’s favor produces what money can’t buy.

I trust this book has been a great inspiration to you and I pray that the principles that I have shared on each page have lodged deeply in your heart.

Always remember this: God is *for* you, God is *with* you, and God will

never let you down!

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