

## **Proving the Perfect Will of God**

“ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:1,2) Notice the statement at the end of verse 2, by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that **good, acceptable, and perfect** will of God. Mark 4:20 states, “And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some **thirty fold**, some **sixty**, and some an **hundred.**”

I have talked to so many people who have begun to mature in the Word. The Word of God has begun to manifest itself in their lives. But, they constantly seem to be having trouble in certain areas. They say, “I don’t have any trouble with healing. In fact, I never fail to get my body healed when I stand on the Word of God. I just take the Word of God and I believe that Jesus took my infirmities and bare my sickness and with his stripes I was healed and therefore, I have no trouble getting healed. But, I have trouble in other areas. My pocketbook is always empty, even though I know the Word says, “ My needs are supplied according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” The question is, Why?”

I talk to others and they say, “I have no trouble at all with finances, I put God to the test and I always know that Philippians 4:19 is true. I know that God is the supplier of all my needs. But, I can’t get my body healed. I’m good in certain areas, but I’m not good in others.”

Some say, “I have my needs met and I can walk in healing, but I am always oppressed. I can always pull out the scriptures and know what they say, but I am still oppressed. I’m not having some trouble in other areas, can you tell me why?”

Not everyone is an hundred folder. Some of us have got to thirty fold some have left thirty fold behind and gone on to the sixty fold, but not everyone has got to the hundred fold stage. Praise God, we are shooting for it. We all seem to have certain areas that we just latch onto easily, but we have problems with other areas. If you ever notice, the devil doesn't hit you with the problems in the area in which you are strong, he always finds the areas which you are weak. Sometimes, I thank the devil for attacking me. He showed me what my weak point was. If he hadn't come along, I wouldn't have known I was weak there.

The devil always shows you what your weak points are and that should be the area you work hardest on. Learn to be strong in those areas.

I want you to see how to be strong and that is told us in Romans 12:2. It's by the renewing of your mind that you move from the good to the acceptable and then into the perfect will of God. From the thirty to the sixty to the hundred fold.

The renewing of your mind is a growing process. None of us have trouble with the area of salvation. If I were to ask you if you were saved, I am sure you would know you were. There is no trouble in that area, because you have transferred that from your head to your heart.

People often ask me to explain the difference between head faith and heart faith. You can look at the problems you are having and it is usually because you have it in your head, but not in your heart. People say they know the Bible says they are healed, but they are still sick. They know that all their needs are supplied by his riches in glory by Christ Jesus, but they are still in a financial bind. It is because you haven't got the Word from your head to your heart. You believe what the Bible says, but do you really **believe**. If you really believed, you would know it was done despite what your pocketbook looked like, despite what your body says. You would know that the Word of God is real for those circumstances just as you do in the area of salvation.

Let me show you a scripture describing head faith and heart faith. First, let me show you head faith. John 20:24-27 "But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, "we

have seen the Lord". But he said unto them, "except I shall **see** in his hands the print of the nails, and **put my finger** into the print of the nails, and **thrust my hand** into his side, I will not believe". And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be unto you". Then saith he to Thomas, "reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands' and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

Notice that Jesus said here, Thomas, if you have to reach forward and touch me, if you have to see me before you believe, then that is faithless. We could turn that around and say, Thomas, you are "less faith". To see and feel before you believe is faithless. "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and My God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou has believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 20:28,29) Notice he said, "blessed are they." Would you like to receive a blessing? The Word says you can receive a blessing if you will believe it before you see it. Jesus said you are blessed. You are not blessed if you are like Thomas and say, "I won't believe until I see." That is faith in the head. Faith in the mind.

The mind is the central computer to which your senses feed. You don't feel with your fingers, you feel with your mind because your mind tells you you are feeling. You don't see with your eyes, you see with your mind. You don't hear with your ears, you hear with your mind. He is saying here that if I can feel and see, then I will believe. In other words he is saying, "I have to evaluate it in my mind before I will believe it. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that will believe and have not seen." That takes heart faith.

Now, let's see what heart faith is. Romans 10:9, 10 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (the Greek literally says Jesus as Lord), and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead (notice, you don't believe in your mind, you believe in your heart), thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." It did not say in verse 9 that you will be saved so that you can confess Jesus as Lord. It does not say in verse 10 that you will receive salvation so that you can

believe unto righteousness. It says you believe unto righteousness and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **then** you are saved. You have to believe it before you have it. You have to believe you get it **before** you get it. That is what Jesus told Thomas, blessed are they that have not seen and yet believe.

It is the Word of God that shows you the difference between soul and spirit. "The Word of God is alive and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit." (Hebrews 4:12)

You have been confused, wondering why the Bible says you are healed even though you are still sick. Why does the Bible say you are prosperous and yet you have no money in your checking account? It is the Word of God that will show you the difference as to whether it is in your soul or in your spirit. It is the Word of God that divides asunder.

Where do you have faith? You may have moved from the thirty fold to the sixty fold, but so often we get smug around that point and think we are an hundred folder. It is the devil that has to show us, sometimes, that we are not in the hundred fold stage. Then, you have to get back into the Word of God to find you sill have a long way to go.

The Word shows us the difference. John 20:29 says, "Blessed are they that have not seen, yet believe."

If someone asked you if you were born again, you would say you were. You may not feel like it or look like it, but you are. You cannot explain what salvation looks like or feels like, but you still have it. Why do you believe you are saved? Because the Word of God says you are! You have that in your spirit. That is **heart** faith. If you died, you know you would go to heaven. People may ask you the questions about heaven like, have seen heaven? No! Have you ever been to heaven? No! Do you know where it is? No! Are you going there? Yes! These are all questions natural men will ask. These are questions from their **mind**, but your answer is in your **heart**. You would almost fight someone to prove you have something you can't feel,

or that you're going to a place you cannot see. It makes no sense to your mind, but you are sure you are going to heaven in your heart because the Word of God says so. This is **heart** faith.

It has to be the same way with healing. You have to believe you are healed despite what your mind tells you. You have to believe you are healed before you receive your healing.

The Word says He already took your infirmities and bare your sickness. (Matthew 8:17) Therefore, you have to believe you are healed and confess that you are healed with your mouth, before the manifestation will come. In the meantime, it doesn't matter what people say, what your mind tells you, or what the symptoms tell you. You have to say, "I simply believe it because the Word says so."

Many say, "I can't say I am healed, until I feel like it." That is like Thomas. Many people will not say they are healed until the symptoms disappear. That is head faith and not heart faith.

Jesus said, "Blessed are they that believed and have not seen." You are blessed if you believe without receiving the manifestation.

The Word says, "For with the heart man believeth and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:16) The Greek word for salvation is the same word used for healed. Let's look at our salvation and then look at everything in light of that.

Some of us have remained thirty fold, we have stopped at salvation. But, we don't dare press on to sixty fold and an hundred fold. We don't dare press on to sixty fold and an hundred fold. We don't apply everything else in the same light as salvation, but we should. Healing is the same as our salvation. It has to be the same way with "my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." You have to believe you are prosperous while your checkbook says you are not. Are you going to believe your checkbook or are you going to believe the Word?

You have to believe it before it manifests itself. You have to confess you are saved and believe you are saved before you get saved. For with the mouth confession is made unto (resulting in) salvation, healing and prosperity.

The Word of God is consistent. It revolves around the same principle throughout. It is the same whether it be healing, finances, salvation or anything we receive from God. You may say you are not going to believe it until you see it or feel it. You need to get it down on the inside of you that you do not believe with your eyes. Your eyes are made to **see** with, not to **believe** with. Your ears are made to **hear** with, not to **believe** with. Your hands are made to **feel** with, not to **believe** with. Your mind is made to think with, not to believe with.

Let me show you the easiest way to test if the Word is in your head or your heart. Look at Philippians 4:4. "Rejoice in the Lord **always**." Do you **believe** that? Yes! Do you **do** it? There is the way to see if it is in your head or in your heart. If the Word says it and you believe it, can you do it? How can I praise God? I don't feel like it. Alright, Thomas.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 says, "Rejoice **evermore**." Verse 18 says, "In **everything** give thanks." James 1:2 says, "Count it **all** joy." You know the Bible says it but do you **do** it? That shows if it is in the head or the heart. Psalm 34:1 says, "I will bless the Lord **at all** times, His praise shall **continually** be in my mouth." Not just sometimes, but **at all** times. You know the Word says it, but you don't want to do it. That is like Thomas. You may say, "How can I praise the Lord when I don't **feel** like it?" You may say, "If I say it when I don't feel it, then it is a **lie**." Is it a lie to say you are saved when you don't feel like it? Just because it is beyond the realm of the five senses, does that mean that it is a lie to agree with the Word of God? No. The Word is truth.

Jesus said, "Thy Word is truth." To agree with the Word of God is not telling a lie. To say with the Word of God that you are healed even though your body hurts is not a lie anymore than believing you are saved when you don't feel like it.

What happens to darkness when light comes? It leaves. Light **always** overrides darkness. NEVER vice-versa. The same thing is true for a lie and the truth. Truth will always change a lie, but a lie will never change the truth. What happens to the symptoms in you body when you begin to agree and confess what the Word says about your healing? Eventually, the symptoms go away.

That should tell you something about the Word over your symptoms. Your symptoms are the **lie** and the Word is the **truth**. To say you are healed when you don't feel like it is to say the truth. Therefore, your feelings will have to change because they are a lie.

You may say you have as disease in your body. That is a lie. The Word says with his stripes you are healed. That is the truth. The truth will change the lie.

When Jonah was in the belly of the whale, he began to confess his sin to the Lord and said, "I will go and do the Lord's will." He turned and looked at the belly of the whale, and called it a lying vanity. In Jonah 2:10 he states, "And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land".

He began to rejoice in the belly of the whale and called that whale a lying vanity. He did not say it did not exist. That is like saying that a lie doesn't exist. A lie **does** exist, but a lie can be changed. The truth can never be changed.

If you confess that you are sick, you have not changed the Word. You cannot change the truth. The truth will always exist. When heaven and earth passes away, the Word will still be here.

The world is going to hell on a lie. Jesus has already saved them. He has already gone to the cross and borne the sins of the world and the devil is feeding them a lie. What the world needs to do is find the Word of God , which is truth and confess with their mouth that Jesus has already borne their sins, already borne their infirmities and confess the truth and that lie will change, they will be born again. Lies change under the truth. Darkness dissipates with the light.

As you begin to confess God's Word, your sickness will have to leave your body despite what you see, hear or feel.

The next time you get down to a quarter in your checkbook, pull it out, set it on the table and laugh at it. (Do it in private, your family may not understand). When you first start to say it, it is not going to sound right because your mind has not been renewed. It is going to go contrary to everything your mind has been taught.

Notice what it says in Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Your mind has been conformed to this world all your life, and now you have to transform it by the renewing of your mind by God's Word. The trouble is that we still feed off the television two or three hours a day and we don't put enough time into the Word.

The television tells you how the world thinks and keeps your mind in that track. You finally begin to agree with what television says. You have not changed the Word, but you have substantiated the lie.

As you look at that checkbook lying on the table, just begin to laugh at it and call it a lying vanity. Are you going to believe the unchangeable Word of God? "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) My account here on earth has 25 cents, but my heavenly bank account cannot be exhausted. I cannot tap all the resources there. You will watch that lie begin to change as God begins to bring in the finances.

As you begin to speak and believe His Word before you see it, God said you are blessed. Blessed going out and blessed coming in, blessed in the field and blessed in the city, blessed wherever you go. You are blessed because you believe and have not seen. The seeing will have to change because you are believing. Therefore, the manifestation will come and you will begin to see it. God's Word is truth.

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