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# CONCEPTS OF FAITH

A person wearing a black winter jacket with red and white stripes, a black and blue striped beanie, and black gloves is aiming a white bow with blue accents in a snowy forest. The person is standing in the snow, and the background consists of many thin, snow-covered trees.

## HITTING the Mark for Miracles

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*Walk in  
the Anointing*

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There are two gifts of the Spirit that interest most people, and those are the *gifts of healings* and gift of the *working of miracles*. Even unbelievers' interest is piqued when the word miracle or healing is spoken.

Sometimes people will name a certain minister and say they have the "gift of healing" but the scripture in 1 Corinthians 12 calls it plural (gifts of healing). The gift of healing (singular) indicates that the person through whom this gift flows can heal anyone of anything, but there are some who have greater success in healing of the blind, some in deafness, and some who see great success in deliverance from cancer. I have also been in meetings where the anointing was flowing for healing of heart ailments but in the next meeting, the same minister was used for healing of arthritis.

It is important that we accurately describe these two gifts according to what the Bible says about them because so many people use the word "miracle." To



access its power, we must understand what it is and is not. It is not the gift of miracles, but the "gift of the *working of miracles*." We often refer to the gift of healing, but that is inaccurate. Scripture calls it "gifts of healings." Both "gifts" and "healings" are plural.

There is also some confusion about what miracles are. Most everyone has used "miracle" in their vocabulary. Sometimes when finding a parking place, they say, "That was a miracle!" or "This is a miracle drug." The word is used in many

different ways, but by defining the gifts of the Holy Spirit correctly (according to scripture) we are able to access the true gifts of the Holy Spirit. Healings and miracles are different but connected as they are both gifts of the Spirit. If they weren't different, why would we need two gifts?

In John's Gospel, when the Apostle wrote about the "miracles" Jesus did, John used a Greek word that means "sign." These first, second, and third miracles or "signs," confirmed who Jesus was and is. Would we say that Jesus turning water into wine is a miracle? Of course we would because it goes against what we know is the ordinary course of nature. Now if you let grape juice sit long enough, it will ferment. That is a natural law, but filling a jar with water and dipping out a goblet of wine is "outside the course of nature." But John reported that "miracle" as a sign that proved who Jesus was—the Messiah. It was a "*working of miracles*" because it transformed one substance to another with a word of authority and obedience of the receiver.

## DUNAMIS POWER

When we get to the Pauline Epistles, the Greek word for "miracles" in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is *dunamis*. It's where we get our word for "dynamite." What is dynamite? Dynamite is "stored power." It won't hurt you until a catalyst activates it. But once activated or energized, there will be an explosion or release of energy.

The gift is not just miracles, it is working of miracles, and "working" is

the Greek word *energēma*. It means "the energizings of *dunamis*." Energizing is plural.

Have you ever heard of the energizer bunny? *Energēma* is the characteristic of the energizer bunny. It keeps going and going and going because a source of power is there. It's stored power. So the gift of the working of miracles is the gift of the energizings of *dunamis*.

**The *dunamis* power of God is energized to a fine point. It hits exactly what it aimed at.**

Now backing up to verse 6 in the ESV, it says, "*And there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.*" The phrase "varieties of activities" is varieties of energizings. The *King James Version* translates it as "diversities of operations."

If the translators are not familiar with the true power of God, they try to make it a natural gift or talent, but the gifts of the spirit are not natural. They are entirely supernatural. They do not come through the mind of man or intellectual understanding. They come from the Spirit of God.

The phrase "varieties of activities" in 1 Corinthians 12:6 is varieties of energizings. When someone truly moves in the gifts of the Spirit, they are energized by the Spirit of God. As they are energized, there is a power present that everyone can sense.



## When someone truly moves in the gifts of the Spirit, they are energized by the Spirit of God.

A person may not even know God, but they know something is there. An example of this is an unsaved person hearing somebody speak in tongues and recognizing there is a *power or energy* behind those words.

I know a woman who went to a meeting where the Spirit of God was moving. As the minister laid hands on people, they started falling on the floor under the power of God. She thought they were having heart attacks, and yelled, “Call the ambulance! Call the ambulance!” She identified that something was going on, even though she didn’t understand what was happening.

The energy of God, the *dunamis* of God is stored in you, but a catalyst is needed to energize that power from the inside to the outside.

### **ACTIVATING THE POWER**

Throughout the New Testament, we see several things that were catalysts that energized the *dunamis* energy. In the story of the woman with the issue of blood, Jesus was full of the *dunamis* potential of God. Yet, the energizing didn’t take place until she touched Jesus. Touching was a catalyst. Another thing the woman did was “speak.” She said if she touched the hem of Jesus’ garment,

she would be made well. (Mark 5:28) Speaking was also a catalyst.

Acts 19:11 says, “*And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul.*” The word “miracles” is *dunamis*. “God wrought special *dunamis* by the hands of Paul.

When Paul’s handkerchiefs and aprons were given to someone, they were healed, or evil spirits came out of them. When I went over to the Greek and looked at the word “special,” I found out it’s the word *tugchanō*, meaning “to hit the bull’s-eye” or “strike the mark.”

Acts 19:11 could say, “God wrought (hit-the-bull’s-eye) miracles by the hands of Paul.” What does that mean? The *dunamis* power of God is energized to a fine point. It hits exactly what it’s aimed at.

These miracles happened while Paul was in Ephesus where they worshipped the false goddess, Artemis. If you have ever seen a picture of Artemis, she always carried a bow and arrow. Artemis of the Ephesians represented the ability to hunt and gather, to prosper, and to do things that brought wealth. What represented Artemis was her bow and arrow.

Magic arts were very popular. Incantations and curses were written on little slips of parchment and silk bags to bring curses or blessings upon people. It was common to cast spells on people, aiming curses at them like arrows. When the cloths saturated with the power of God were taken from Paul’s body, the evil spirits and curses left them and their wounds were healed. These miraculous

physical manifestations hit the “bull’s-eye” as a “sign” proving who the God of Paul really was.

He *shot a hole* in what they *believed* when he told them they didn’t need these other gods. The true power of God accurately hit the bull’s-eye. Artemis may have been the god of the Ephesians, but God is the God of all—the true God, the true healer, the true worker of miracles and deliverance from demonic oppression.

### **HITTING THE MARK IN PRAYER**

We have been weaponized against the enemy by the *dunamis* power of God. The same Holy Spirit that worked through Paul will work through you. The only difference is that Paul practiced and became accurate in the Word, the Spirit, and his words. He honed his skills through practice.

Are you hitting the bull’s-eye in prayer? A lot of times our prayers are splattering all over the place. “Lord help! I’m a mess. Lord, help them. They’re a mess. Lord, do this. Lord, do that.” If we will learn to hear from the Spirit of God, we can get an accurate Word that hits the bull’s-eye.

When someone comes to me needing prayer for healing, I can burst out with every scripture I know about healing. But if I want to hit the bull’s-eye, I need to know what God is saying. What is it that I’m shooting at?

There have been times I’ve been praying about something, and I thought I

knew how to pray. But the Spirit of God said, “No, pray this way because that’s what’s causing the problem.” By the Spirit, we can be accurate in our prayers. To be effective, we have to be accurate, and accuracy comes from hearing the Spirit of God.

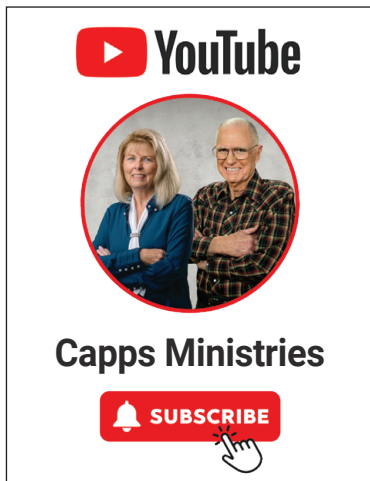
### **PRAYING WITH PINPOINT ACCURACY**

In the book of Ephesians is Paul’s famous prayer that I love to pray: “Lord, give unto me the spirit of wisdom and revelation and the knowledge of Christ that the eyes of my understanding may be enlightened and that I may know what is the hope of my calling.”

Ephesians 1:19 from the *Concordant Literal New Testament* says, “*What the transcendent greatness of His power for us who are believing....*” Or “What is the transcendent greatness of his *dunamis* in us who are believing?”

Paul wrote his letter to the Ephesians after he left. He wrote them at a higher level because he was there for a long time. That’s why this book is so rich. He could go way beyond what he would have written to babes in Christ.

Let’s look at Ephesians 3:7 in the *Concordant Bible*. Remember, the operations of the gifts of the spirit means “energizings.” “*Of which I became the dispenser, in accord with the gratuity of the grace of God, which is granted to me in accord with His powerful operation.*” Or “with His powerful *dunamis* energizings.” Verse 20 says, “*Now to Him Who is able to do superexcessively above all that we are*



*requesting or apprehending, according to the [dunamis] power that is operating in us."*

A battery does no good unless it gets hooked up to something. What is the most obvious way of hooking up and energizing the *dunamis* of God and releasing it at a target?

If we first speak *dunamis* words before we lay hands on somebody [touch], then miracles will be wrought through our hands. This wasn't just for Paul. If it was, we wouldn't have a record of Stephen in Acts 6, a deacon who was waiting tables and doing great mighty signs, wonders, and miracles. These *dunamis* hit-the-mark special miracles are available to you and me.

I was raised in a rural area and at 12:01 a.m. on December 31<sup>st</sup>, there were a bunch of hooligans who would shoot up in the air to celebrate the New Year. Boom, boom, boom! Shooting ammo into the air like that is not safe because what goes up must come down. You might accidentally hit somebody.

When it comes to miracles and the power of God, a lot of us are like those hooligans. We feel the glory, and we feel God's power. Woo-hoo! Bang, bang, bang! Every once in a while, a blessing falls down and hits somebody, and they'll get healed. Some people feel the anointing and bang, bang, bang. But it doesn't hit anybody, so they say, "I guess it doesn't work." The Church has been firing 12-gage shotguns in the air, hoping to hit something. Sometimes they are not even sure of their target. "God heal them if it's Your will." How are you going to use your authority and rebuke sickness or oppression if you think it may not be God's will?

- \*Know your target.
- \*Open your eyes to the Word.
- \*Listen to the voice of the Spirit.
- \*Activate the power of God with Your Words.
- \*Pray Spirit-led prayers based on the authority of God's Word.
- \*Practice. Practice is what produces skill and accuracy.
- \*Learn from your misses.

Acts 19 shows us how God used Paul to have bull's-eye miracles. Let's follow his example. Let's pay attention to where we're directing our words, where we're directing our thoughts, and what the Spirit of God is saying to us. We will continually increase our accuracy, and the more we exercise our spiritual muscles in this direction, the more we're going to see bull's-eye miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit. ■



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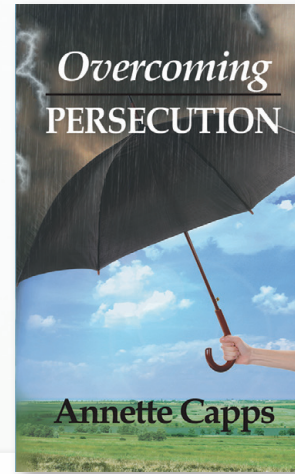
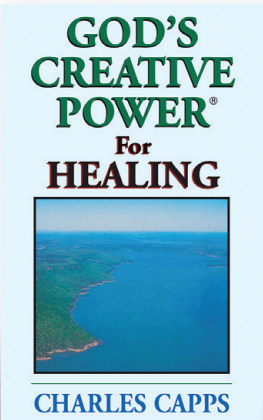
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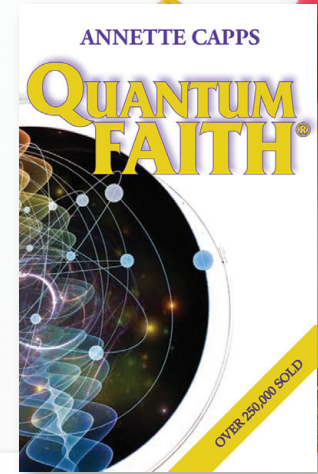
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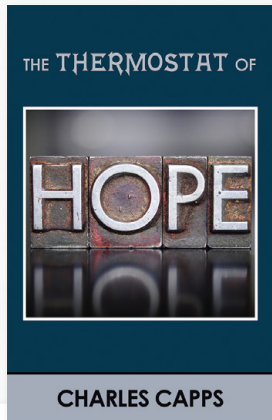
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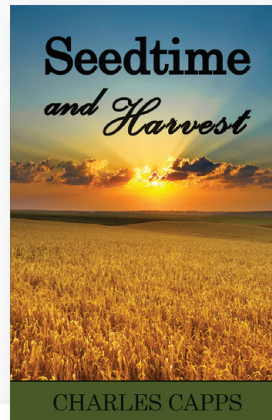
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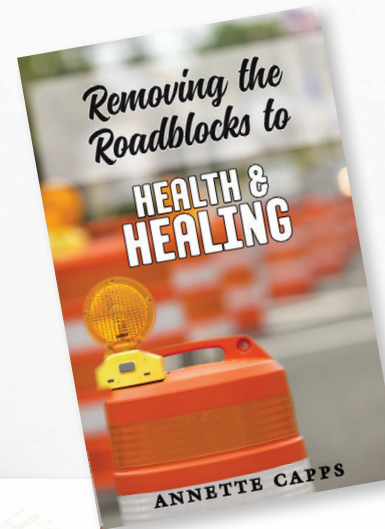
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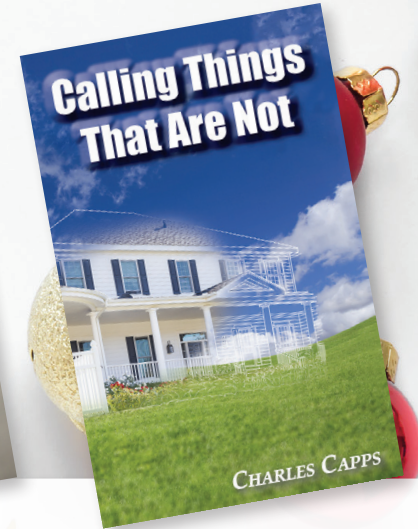


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# Walk in the Anointing

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*You will walk in the wisdom of God when others are stumbling and falling to the wayside.*

Have I not said that if you will hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord your God and observe to do all that is written therein, then all of these blessings shall come upon you? And they shall overtake you.

They shall come from behind and move faster than you are. In any way you are going, they will run you down. And the anointing of God shall cause the manifestation of the power of God.

As I said to the children of Israel, how much more is it now in this day under the New Covenant that you will be blessed coming in and going out, in the basket and in the store?

And as I said to Joshua of old, "Let not this Word depart from your mouth, but meditate therein day and night."

Mutter the Word to yourself. Say it to yourself. Speak it to yourself. And as David said, "I spoke to my heart upon my bed." Meditate. And as David said, "Write these things by the pen of my lips upon my heart."

Oh, in this day, if men will use and walk in the anointing of God and see the invisible things that are clearly revealed.

There will be turmoil. There will be strife. There will be darkness on every side. But you will walk in the light of life. And you will walk in the wisdom of God when others are stumbling and falling to the wayside, saying, "How are they doing it?"

You will walk in divine provision. For My Word has set it forth in the midst of you. Now bring it into your heart, plant it in the soil, and walk with Me. And we together shall win.



## Annette's Commentary

Again, we are warned that there will be turmoil, strife, and darkness. However, those who walk with God and heed His voice will receive His wisdom and divine provision during these times.

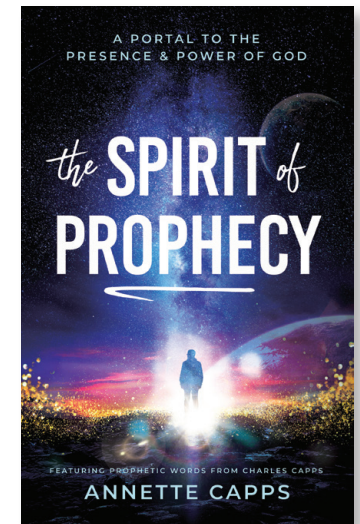
It is important for us to realize that to be "overtaken" by the blessings of God, we must choose to walk with Him, speak and meditate on His Word, and be a doer of Jesus' sayings. How can we be a "doer of the Word"? We start by declaring God's Word aloud and saying what He says about us.

*Be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves. - James 1:22*



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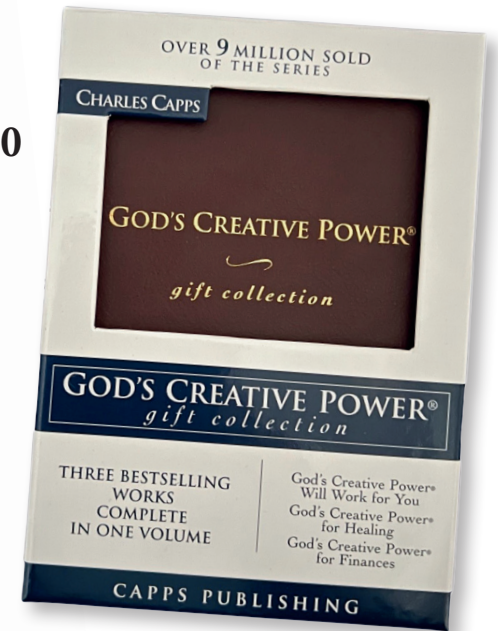
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