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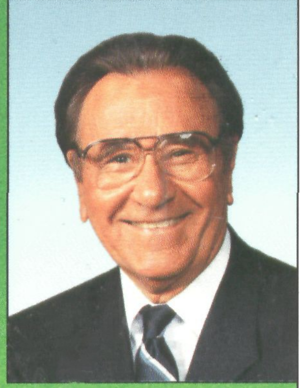

There Is A Bible Way To Break Your Financial Bondage And Get Out Of Debt!

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Foreword

by Richard Roberts

I'm excited to tell you about my dad's new book. All my life, I've watched him act by his faith on the very material he shares with you in this book.

All through my life, I remember the times we had to borrow. I also remember a few times when we were in debt and how much it hurt.

I've seen my dad in his determination to obey God to take His healing power to this generation, also to build a major university, ORU, have to borrow to get things started.

I've also seen him take a leap of faith to reach a new dimension in God's supernatural as he used the principles of sowing his seed first, then expecting God to reward his faith. And God did, time and time again.

However, the brutal fact is, we sometimes got into a position of debt: when the income of the ministry or our personal income was not enough, and we were forced to borrow, then borrow some more, and fall behind. Then debt struck.

I also remember a time when our ministry income fell 50 percent almost overnight. Yet we had the same financial obligations with TV station contracts, Oral Roberts University, and all the other operating costs of our ministry that we'd always had.

With the income off that much, it became a very serious matter. A university is not something you want to borrow on. Neither is a television ministry. And the bills, including those of vendors and TV stations that we had never been one day behind on in paying, piled up to mountain size.

Now, my father, Oral Roberts, is a Seed-Faith man. He lives what he preaches. He had always taught us never to get into debt. Borrow some if it was necessary, but always be sure we could pay it back.

But when the big problem hit and the ministry's income, and ours personally, were cut in half, yet with the same operating costs as before, debt hit. My dad and all of us fought it for three long years.

All through this problem, he's continued to say, "There's only one way out and it's supernatural! God is our Source and by our faith and hard work, we're going to get out of debt 100%."

Well, I'm not going into more detail on how we are meeting the enemy, conquering him, and moving on to greater things for the Lord. I want you to read for yourself the words of a man of God who has been there, who knows what debt feels like, who holds on until the supernatural takes over.

In this book, I believe you'll receive revelational knowledge from the Holy Spirit as my father shows you the workable principles that God has shown him.

I believe they will positively help you find the answer to any financial or debt problems you are facing—and <u>win</u> supernaturally.

Personal Introduction

God has shown me just how His people have been caught up in the pain of debt ... the curse of debt ... and the spirit of debt too long. He has shown me the Bible way to break the spirit of debt off your life, your family and your finances!

Even now, I can hear the cry coming from the hearts of people laboring under the bondage of debt—feeling helpless and unable to make ends meet.

Many businesses are strapped and stretched to the limit. Debt has become the root cause for the lack of progress and productivity in many lives today.

Debt is a major reason that many Christians are blocked from a deeper understanding and faith in God, and expectant belief in His boundless possibilities, in His SUPERNATURAL MIRACLES for them.

Today is destined to be a special day in your life because you are about to receive a *RHEMA* word from God. A rhema is a vibrant, fresh truth from God, drawn by the Holy Spirit from God's written Word, the Holy Bible, especially for you.

> THE RHEMA WORD IN THIS BOOK REVEALS GOD'S WAY AND HIS SUPERNATURAL POWER TO SET YOU FREE FROM DEBT!

When I was called into the healing ministry over 40 years ago, the Spirit of God showed me how He would work through my hands. In the healing lines, I often lay my hands on sick and needy people and I sense the various spiritual bondages they are under (even evil spirits), and I have seen God use me to cast these evil forces out.

But now, I'm sensing something that applies to more than just one person in one of my healing lines. In fact, it is vital to millions of people who hear me on television, read my books, or hear me in person wherever I preach the gospel ... IT IS THE SPIRIT AND BONDAGE OF DEBT! As you read the words of this book, and get hold of the God-given steps of FAITH AND ACTION to your life, I have an "*explosive expectancy*" that the spirit of debt will be broken off your life SUPERNATURALLY.

As you honor God in every possible way with your time, talent and finances ... I can see a prosperity prayer cover being placed over you. I can see you walking away from debt into God's prosperity and blessing that He planned for you in the beginning! IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO GET OUT OF DEBT *SUPERNATURALLY*! I AM EXCITED ABOUT IT! Now let's get to it and not stop until you're on top again!

Chapter One

What It Really Means to You to Be in the Bondage of Debt

When you borrow money, and continue to borrow, and finally reach the place where you can't keep up your payments, you're in over your head financially, and finally fall into debt or financial bondage—you are apt to say, "How did this happen to me? What did I do to deserve this?"

Then consider that <u>ours is a borrowing society</u> whose economy rises or falls on the way its citizens make a small down payment on a home, a car, furniture, refrigerators, ovens, and other necessities, as well as on other things that appear to be important to get ahead, or for their recreation and leisure—and then finance the rest of the cost of the purchase. Everything goes smoothly with such borrowing and millions forge ahead with their jobs, their business or careers, and their daily lives—AS LONG AS

THE PAYMENTS ARE MADE BY BORROWING, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE PURCHASE.

The same is true with credit cards, which has rapidly become the accepted form for sellers and buyers to do business quickly and easily. Again, as long as the monthly payments are made on the credit card borrowing, only the minimum interest is charged.

> IF, HOWEVER, PAYMENTS ARE DELAYED, THE INTEREST GOES UP EACH MONTH—AS HIGH AS 24 PERCENT.

Without the opportunity to lend, banks and other lending institutions and different kinds of businesses and professions would see their business slow to a standstill.

People simply have changed since I was a boy when most people paid cash or did without, to the widely accepted practice and mindset today of making a down payment, stretching out the monthly or weekly payments, plus interest, until the purchase is paid for. As long as things go well, such as employment being steady and borrowers making their payments and interest on time, then business remains strong and people keep on buying.

> AT THE SAME TIME TELEVISION IS CONSTANTLY SHOWING NEW AND BETTER PRODUCTS AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO BUY ON THE SO-CALLED "EASY PAYMENT" PLAN.

Many people I know soon tire of the old and trade in for a new car, a bigger or better located house, newer things for the kitchen and home, boats and other pleasure equipment—whether there is a real need for them or not.

SO GRADUALLY. THE BORROWER GETS A LITTLE DEEPER INTO DEBT. THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS STRETCH OUT OVER A LONGER PERIOD. AND THEN SUDDENLY, SOMETHING HAPPENS: a job is lost, wages are cut, the economy goes up and down like a roller coaster, a new administration takes over in Washington or there's a change in Congress, and money gets harder to borrow and pay back.

Many Cut Off Their Financial Blessings

Meanwhile, a great many people who are Christians, who have been tithers and Seed-Faith sowers, begin to cut down on their giving, and that in turn begins to shut off God's promise to "open the windows of heaven and *pour* out blessings and to rebuke the devourer" of their finances and their lives.

> WITHOUT SEEDS BEING SOWN, GOD HAS NOTHING TO WORK WITH TO MULTIPLY AND SEND BACK IN THE FORM OF MIRACLE FINANCIAL HARVESTS.

Many a person or family wakes up one morning to find they are no longer what is thought of in our economy as normal borrowers—people who regularly pay their payments and interest, with the opportunity to trade in on newer things simply by increasing their monthly payments.

MANY OF US WAKE UP ONE MORNING TO FIND OURSELVES **IN DEBT !!** CREDIT IS CUT OFF, AND LENDERS COME TO REPOSSESS OUR POSSESSIONS AND GARNISH OUR CHECKS.

Instead, their credit is cut off, the lender comes in to repossess their goods, or to take the borrower into court, or to garnishee their check —<u>AND THEY ARE IN DEBT!</u>

Being in debt, as opposed to normal borrowing that is paid off on time and never exceeding one's ability to keep current, becomes a burden not expected.

One looks around to see who can lend him emergency money (which he knows he has little or no chance to pay back), because he is now IN DEBT.

According to the principles of the Bible, being in debt is borrowing until you reach a point where you can't pay it back, and you have no real hopes of ever paying it back. When that fact, and that feeling, reach into your spirit and mind, you discover you're "in the pits." Honest people take this seriously—as they must. For without the ability and the faith and will to pay, life turns sour. Ultimately three things happen.

THREE THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO YOU

FIRST, THERE'S THE PAIN OF DEBT:

When you know deep inside yourself you are not your own person anymore. The Bible says, *"The borrower [debtor] is servant to the* *lender"* (Proverbs 22:7).

Everyone who is truly in debt knows that to be true. Almost every thought is now preoccupied with the debt and the lender, instead of being on what it takes to get on with life.

I'm not talking about deadbeats, people who want something for nothing no matter how much it costs or hurts the people they take advantage of. I realize there are those who find ways to borrow with the intention of paying just enough to stay afloat or even of never paying at all. Those people appear to feel no pain, they seem drawn by some inside demon to cheat their way through life. But eventually today becomes payday, and they get their due. And it's over for them and they become miserable failures and life is unbearable.

SECOND, THERE IS THE CURSE OF DEBT:

When as an honest, hard-working person you've borrowed until you're in the clutches of debt, satan comes in and causes you to feel you have no self-worth, you are a nobody, you're a fool, and you're going to live under this curse forever.

Every day I receive mail from such persons who started borrowing with good intentions to repay and <u>ended up feeling this terrible curse of debt destroying their peace of mind, their integrity, their ability to get a job</u>—or the opportunity to have another chance.

Later in this book I'll share how I seek to help those who have "fallen" into debt and THE SUPERNATURAL ways I present that I believe in most cases are THEIR ONLY WAY OUT.

The Word of God is clear that nobody is ever defeated on anything—and that includes debt—until he totally turns away from the SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION OF GOD THROUGH FAITH AND EXPLOSIVE EXPECTANCY!

THIRD, THERE IS THE <u>SPIRIT</u> OF DEBT:

This is the worst of all. When debt gets into your spirit and becomes your MINDSET and your LIFESTYLE, then the Spirit of God is diminished in you and begins to recede until He leaves.

It's like Samson of old who, after repeated warnings by his parents and the prophet of God, kept spending and spending his energies until he had no way to replenish them, <u>and he fell into the mindset and lifestyle of this kind of debt.</u> We're told that Samson knew "*not that the [Spirit of the] Lord had departed from him*" (Judges 16:20).

When God was gone, the supernatural was no longer working in Samson. He became <u>weak</u> as any other man. He who had had so much, lost it all, and literally became "*servant to the lender.*"

Samson had been such a spiritual force, but the spirit of debt got to him. Only when he hit bottom and turned wholly back to God, crying, "*Remember me, I pray thee, just this once, O God*" (16:28), did the SUPERNATURAL power of God come upon him AGAIN, and he defeated the enemy of his life. Samson's experience—and that of many others in the Bible—teach us a powerful truth.

> BEFORE YOU CAN BEGIN A BATTLE, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND YOUR ENEMY.

You should learn his tactics and his weapons. In the same way, the first step to get out of debt is to learn what uncontrolled debt can do to you, and how it works.

The spirit of debt **BLINDS YOU**. It hinders your ability to focus on God's promises and plans for your life. The only way out of a pit is up. When the spirit of debt blinds you to God's provision from above, all you can do is look at the walls of your trap. Debt makes you believe there is no way out.

The spirit of debt **DEAFENS YOU**. It has a way of muffling the voice of the Spirit of God as He speaks wisdom and gives instruction to your heart and mind. This debt spirit blocks your ability to accurately hear God's Word speaking to you, so you're unable to apply its principles to get you out of debt.

The spirit of debt **CHOKES YOU**. Fear of failure and financial suffocation sets in. As you find it more and more difficult to breathe financially, a genuine pain begins to enter your heart... and this death-grip of debt

begins to kill your dreams. It begins to destroy the harvest of blessings that God has laid out for you in your future.

The spirit of debt **BINDS YOU.** It has the ability to eventually stop you from functioning normally and wisely. It hinders your progress and restricts your movement into the better things of life that God has ordained for you.

You see, when a person borrows beyond his ability to repay, he loses sight of Who is his Source. Many times, the lending institution becomes his source. These people may fall into a spirit of borrowing ... they borrow a little bit here to cover a debt there. Pretty soon, a little bit becomes a little bit more ... and a little bit more grows into an unmanageable yoke of bondage. By this time, the spirit of debt has a firm grip on them and their circumstances. In short, debt in all its stages is spiritually based. It is a failure to understand and apply these principles of God's Word.

1. We are to lend and not borrow (Deuteronomy 15:6).
2. The borrower is servant to the lender (Proverbs 22:7).
3. One is no longer his own person when debt takes over.
4. The strong self-image deteriorates until the honest person feels he is a nobody.
5. At this point come changes in their worst forms, some of which are to become a cheater for life, to become a criminal, to commit suicide, or to live in spiritual bondage the rest of one's life.

Spiritual bondage is no little thing. Just observe or ask anyone who is in spiritual bondage: he wishes he had never been born.

SUMMED UP

FIRST. our business economy doesn't operate on borrowing by accident—it's designed that way. This nation's economic policy, handed down from Washington, is literally based on the belief that the borrowing system is better than the cash system.

In many places, businesses prefer to take a credit card or to lend rather than to take cash! Part of that is to get you into buying more and more until you are eventually servant to them.

SECOND, television, with its beautiful and expensive commercials, keeps showing you so many new things, presented so desirably, that you are tempted to believe you can't get along without them; it bombards you with the strongest salesmanship you've ever known. At the heart of getting you to buy the newest products on the market, whether you need them or not, is the line: E-A-S-Y C-R-E-D-I-T.

Easy credit, in my opinion, is the surest way to go beyond normal borrowing (a debt that you can pay back) to debt which, by its very nature, makes you servant to the lender who then has control over your finances, your hopes and, in fact, your life.

THIRD, once you get into the borrowing system it is designed to become a mindset with you, so that borrowing—paying a small amount down on things and borrowing the rest of the purchase price—eventually becomes your lifestyle.

About every seven years this system shakes the economy—prices get out of hand, interest rates rise, businesses fail, the stock market has a hemorrhage, and doom and gloom hit the land.

This is when many Christians begin to wake up to the fact that they need a SOURCE for their lives: GOD, Who alone has promised to "*supply all your need according to his riches in glory*" (Philippians 4:19).

They wake up to know that God desires to open the windows of Heaven to them through their tithes and offerings. They begin to see that the seed of faith they sow to God can be multiplied and returned as miracle harvests to keep them out of debt, and they begin to get into a MINDSET and LIFESTYLE of sowing and reaping. They discover that the three keys of freedom for abundant living are:

1. MAKE GOD YOUR SOURCE,
2. SOW YOUR SEED OF FAITH TO GOD WITH JOY AND REGULARITY, AND
3. GET INTO EXPLOSIVE EXPECTANCY FOR MIRACLE HARVESTS.

These will no longer be merely words or cliches. <u>They become the living Word of God to those who will keep God's eternal laws and follow His eternal principles of seedtime and harvest.</u> And with these keys of abundant living, borrowing never is allowed to get out of hand and, therefore, there is NO WAY DEBT CAN TAKE OVER THEIR LIVES.

<u>*FOURTH*</u>, if you are in the kind of debt I've described and you have suffered the pain, the curse, and the spirit of it—or if you are borrowing until the path you're on will surely land you into debt—or if you don't have the scriptural knowledge that you are to "owe no man" that you can't pay back—then I have "good news" for you.

THERE IS A WAY OUT.

Your faith in God, and only your faith, can bring the SUPERNATURAL into your life to change your financial mindset and your financial lifestyle. <u>You can come out of the "pits."</u> I see people do it all the time. As you go along with me on this way of the Word of God, I believe you will see that GOD WILL MAKE A WAY FOR YOU WHERE THERE IS NO WAY.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I BELIEVE SOMETHING GOOD IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO YOU IN YOUR FINANCES.

God has a simple but powerful plan for your financial freedom: an actual FLOW OF MIRACLES for you to enter into that begins with the faith you already have in your heart.

But first, there is <u>Bible knowledge</u> that you must have and put into practice as a MINDSET AND LIFESTYLE, and it is a SUPERNATURAL way out of the pit for you into the sweetness of life ... the fruit-bearing power of life ... and the explosiveness of EXPECTING A MIRACLE every day of your life.

Let's move into it NOW ...

What It Really Means to You to Be in the Bondage of Debt

Dear Friend, at the end of each chapter of this book, you will find a tremendous MIRACLE TESTIMONY like the ones that my son Richard and I receive from all over the world of people who have learned how to get out of debt SUPERNATURALLY. Read them and let your faith burst into EXPLOSIVE EXPECTANCY for you to get out of debt supernaturally!

O.R.

MIRACLE TESTIMONY

WALLACE AND ANNE FIND RELIEF FROM BONDAGE OF CREDIT CARD DEBT!

Richard, like many Americans, my husband and I were in financial trouble because of a little piece of plastic called the credit card. Besides our regular living expenses, we had accrued such debt on our credit card that we made only the interest payments each month.

One day on "Richard Roberts Live," you spoke a word about someone who needed to sow a Seed-Faith gift of $100 for a specific need. I knew immediately in my spirit that God was talking to me. I'd been praying for God to help us get out of our bondage of debt. I didn't have the $100, but I recognized this as God's solution to our need. By faith, I called the Prayer Group and sowed the $100 on my credit card.

When I obeyed, God used the source of our debt to bring our solution! A month later to the very day, the Lord unexpectedly supplied the $2,800 we needed to pay off our credit card debt. Only in the Kingdom of God can your seed multiply like that!

Anne from Virginia

Chapter Two

How to See That Your Bad Financial Condition Is Really Spiritually Based

It's very important to you to know that God has in the Bible a story, an example, that exactly fits your situation. It's like you're there, you're living it, and by your faith you can see for yourself God's way out. It's there because God knows you. God loves you. God has prepared His best for you. And when He sees you in a situation, such as a borrowing or debt situation that you can't handle, He inspires one of His prophets to reveal a DIVINE SECRET just for your deliverance.

This thrills me and it keeps me reading and searching the Holy Scriptures for that secret of my Heavenly Father that I can use for myself, and to help many others who can't find help in any other place.

In the Bible there's a powerful story of a young man who borrowed, then got into debt, then felt the pain, the curse and the spirit of that debt BEFORE HE LEARNED HIS BAD SITUATION WAS SPIRITUALLY BASED. Once he learned this secret, he saw there was a SUPERNATURAL way out for him.

THIS STORY IS SO MUCH FOR YOU IN THE NOW OF YOUR SITUATION I ASK YOU TO CAREFULLY READ IT WITH ME:

And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

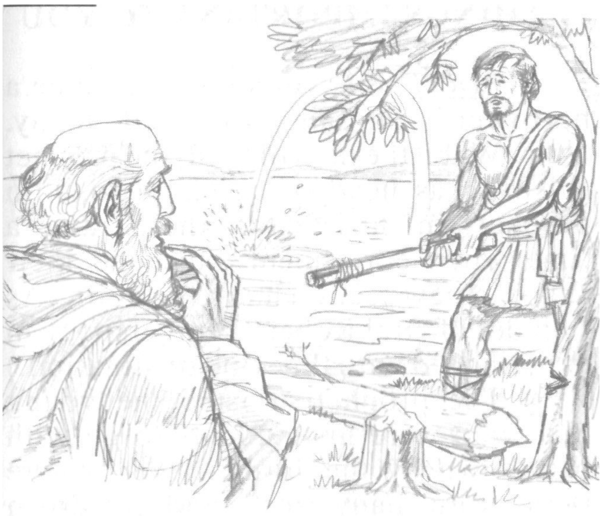
So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

And the man of God said, Where fell it?

> *And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.*
>
> *Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it* (II Kings 6:1-7).

As I take you into this happening, that you'll see almost destroyed this young man and also could have drastically hurt God's people, I want you to hear his gut-wrenching cry when his axe head slipped off the handle and fell into the Jordan river, and sank into the muddy bottom, apparently lost forever. He cried to Elisha, the prophet—the man of God: "*Alas, master! For it was borrowed.*"



"ALAS, MASTER! FOR IT WAS BORROWED."

In that statement are your whole world and your situation, also our society and economy, and also exactly what you should be doing concerning any financial bondage you've incurred either in what we call normal borrowing, or, if you have gone so far, in debt for which there seems no way out.

7 Things Important to You

FIRST. this young man became a borrower in the same way we do today.

When the man of God, the prophet Elisha, was head of a school to train prophets in those days, there came a time when enrollment exceeded their space. A new section had to be built. (As founder of Oral Roberts University, I'm experienced with this kind of situation.)

The prophet enlisted the young men who were his students to go with him down by the Jordan river, where there were many trees, and cut down enough for the lumber needed.

This presented a problem. Axes used for purposes like this were few among the people of God, the Israelites. Their fiercest enemies, the Philistines, were the discoverers of iron. They were the first to make iron chariots, and during their constant wars with Israel, they often defeated them since Israel had to do most of their fighting on foot or on horseback.

THE BORROWING SYSTEM

The Philistines clearly had the advantage for they would not sell iron to Israel. But they did establish a borrowing system.

This particular young man of God in Elisha's school made a "deal" with a Philistine lender of axe heads which had been made from their iron. Attaching a stout wooden handle to the axe head, he surged ahead of the others in cutting down the trees and then cutting them into the correct lengths for building.

His borrowing seemed the perfect answer for himself, and for his ability to help God's work.

SECOND, the young man, sitting at Elisha's feet in his studies, had learned God's laws on borrowing. He knew the Scriptures.

He had learned that God had said to the children of Israel through Moses His prophet, "*YOU SHALL LEND BUT NOT BORROW*" (Deuteronomy 15:6).

He also had learned, "The borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7).

But—and this is very serious to you and me today—even though he had learned the words that God had said, yet their deep meaning had <u>not</u> gotten down into his spirit.

He had not listened with his <u>faith</u>.

Is this your situation?

A CHILD OF GOD MUST LEARN NOT MERELY WITH HIS MIND BUT WITH HIS SPIRIT.

If the mind learns it, then the decisions will be <u>mentally</u> based. If it gets into the spirit, the decisions will be <u>spiritually</u> based. That is, the spirit will be dominant over the mind, and God will then have the opportunity to respond to both spirit and mind. That is the way that works best.

The child of God must also act by <u>faith</u>. All of God's dealings with His children are based on faith. All of Christianity is centered in faith; it works no other way.

TWO THINGS ABOUT FAITH:

One, Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness—or, as being in right relationship with God (Galatians 3:6). Two, without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). I cannot overemphasize how important it is to you to know these two things about your faith.

You may ask, "But how do I know I have faith?" The answer is in Romans 12:3: "*...God has given to every man the measure of faith.*"" To me, this means faith is not something you try to get, it's something you already have.

> FAITH IS THE CAPACITY TO BELIEVE GOD UNTIL YOUR BELIEVING COMES ALIVE AND IT LEADS YOU TO GOD, AND HE ACTS SUPERNATURALLY ON YOUR BEHALF.

That is a thrilling fact!

USING YOUR FAITH

You have that capacity and that measure of faith in you—<u>this instant</u>. But you must use it, and you use it by releasing it from your spirit TO GOD. A Christian brother said to me, "Oral, I have all the faith in the world." I replied, "That's your problem, you still have it. You must RELEASE it to God, in order for it to move Him, and for Him to move to deliver and bless you." That was an eye-opener to him and he began to learn to TURN HIS FAITH LOOSE TO GOD.

The young student of Elisha knew what God had said in His Word, but by not believing the Word and getting it into his spirit, he went off and borrowed FROM THE ENEMY—THE PHILISTINES!

God had said, "Be a lender not a borrower."

God said the borrower is the servant (or subject to the control) of the lender.

Despite that, the young man borrowed, signed the papers for the axe head plus the interest, took the risk and blissfully went about helping the prophet.

THIRD. the young man didn't tell the

prophet he had borrowed. He knew the prophet would be very strict in dealing with their enemy, the Philistines. He knew the prophet would carefully point out to him the dangers and risks God had stated to His people about borrowing.

By not listening to the man of God he missed one of the most important truths about the position of the child of God in this world. <u>THAT IS. FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW. THE CHILD OF GOD IS TO BE THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL. TO BE IN POSITION TO LEND RATHER THAN TO BORROW.</u> He failed to understand the spiritually based fact that when you borrow, it can lead to real debt, and when that happens, you diminish your faith, and find the low road rather than the high road of victory.

Are you in this position in any way concerning any debts you now have? Have you felt that your faith has not been released to God? Are you on the low road? It's important to you to know where you are.

<u>*FOURTH*</u>. the young man borrowed

without counting the cost that something bad sometimes happens to good people.

He didn't ask himself: What if something bad happens and I can't return this axe head to the Philistine lender? What will he expect of me? How will it affect God's people whom the Philistines are always trying to destroy?

I ask you, and I ask myself: Have we thought about this world system we borrow from? Do we foolishly think they are really for us as God's children—that they are really on our side?

How much we can be saved from if we really believe the truth of God's Word, the Bible, if we believe His anointed servants such as the prophet Elisha!

WHEN BAD TIMES COME

FIFTH, when you borrow you must be prepared in your spirit for the worst that can happen.

As the young man was chopping a tree

down, he accidentally hit it a glancing blow, the axe head flew off the handle and into the Jordan river, with its swift but muddy water.

- ✗ What he had borrowed sank to the muddy bottom—and there were no scuba divers to retrieve it.
- ✗ It was gone.
- ✗ His name was still on the debt papers.
- ✗ With no ability to restore or to pay the Philistine lender, this young man of God's people was now a servant to the lender. He was no longer in control of himself or his resources; the lender cared more for what he had loaned than for the person to whom he had loaned it.

Hear again his gut-wrenching cry,

"*ALAS, MASTER, IT WAS BORROWED.*"

Believe me, I know what he was feeling, for in my life, I've made one or two borrowings that led me to the very edge of being destroyed. <u>Out of what little I had left, out of my deepest need. I planted seeds of my faith as never before. I turned to God as my Source as I</u>

<u>should have done before. And it was out of one such incident that God saw my seed sown, my looking to Him as the only Source that really counted, and He spoke in my spirit.</u>

EXPECT A MIRACLE!

That's how those three powerful words came into existence. I began to say them and preach them, and to expect the supernatural to take over my own blundering. Sure, I was sincere, I was honest, I had good intentions, but something had gone wrong. Now only the supernatural could help me if I would get my spirit in tune with God's Spirit for the answer.

I GOT MY MIRACLE.

I vowed to my God that I would never allow my faith to weaken to get into that borrowing routine again.

BELIEVE THE PROPHET

<u>*SIXTH*</u>. the young man finally discovered

that the natural means he had used had failed him, and he turned to God's prophet, crying, "*Alas, Master, it was borrowed.*"

He knew that the prophets of God—God-called and anointed, obedient men and women of God—deal in the supernatural as well as in the natural.

> THEY UNDERSTAND THAT ALL DELIVERANCES OF PEOPLE ARE DIVINE WHETHER THEY ARE BY NATURAL MEANS OR THE SUPERNATURAL.

Both are of God, therefore, deliverance by either one is part of God's divine way. However, the natural is limited and can only go so far, but the supernatural is in a class by itself. It takes up where the natural leaves off!

The young man knew the Scripture:

> *Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets* (Amos 3:7).

The secret of getting the lost axe head up and out of the muddy bottom of the Jordan was only in God. The young man turned to God's prophet, for he knew God's secrets are <u>FIRST</u> revealed to them as His servants.

Did you know that? Have you understood the order in which God ordinarily makes His secrets known? It is through His "called" ones, the ones He has set in His Church with the prophetic spirit as stated in Ephesians 4:11:

> *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.*

And in verses 12, 13, 14, He gives the reason:

> *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ :*
>
> *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*
>
> *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and*

cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

Notice, "*That we henceforth be no more...tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine...*"

This young man had heard the teaching of God's Word through the prophet Elisha and his associates. But he didn't think about it seriously enough, nor did he use his faith to get it into his spirit, and consequently, HE WAS TOSSED ABOUT IN HIS LOSS...HIS DEBT. He believed the wrong doctrine.

He didn't check with the man of God he knew to be reliable and to whom God revealed His secrets.

There's been a lot of preacher-bashing. As in Bible days, there's also a few in our time who go astray and in their own wisdom are not reliable. How can you know the difference? The Bible says, "*By their fruits you shall know them*" (Matthew 7:20).

God also said, "*Know them which labor among you*" (I Thessalonians 5:12). God wouldn't have said we could know them as unreliable, if that wasn't possible. You can know. You can know if there's integrity in a man or woman who speaks in God's Name—the Spirit of the Lord is working, the Word of God is upheld as the authority we live by, there are sound records of obeying God, and their prophecies come true. You can know ... and it's your responsibility to know.

GETTING THE PROPHET'S ATTENTION

It is important to point out to you that the young man only got the prophet's attention when he mentioned, "It was borrowed." Now, Elisha knows his young student has become servant to the lender, and this lender was a Philistine.

Elisha also knows now that this is no longer a natural, human transaction; it has become a SPIRITUAL MATTER...

The prophet knew directly from the Spirit of God and His Holy Word that instead of being borrowers, God's people should be lenders in control of their own destiny. He knew firsthand the pain, the curse, the spirit, of the borrower when he reaches a place where borrowing has become debt, and the one owing it is now under the control, body and soul, to people who often show no mercy.

Has this knowledge in God's Word dawned on you yet? Has it gotten into your spirit? It is up to you to see to it that it does.

ONLY THE SUPERNATURAL

SEVENTH, the prophet of God knew that GETTING OUT OF THIS DEBT HAD TO BE DONE S-U-P-E-R- N-A-T-U-R-A-L-L-Y!

Nothing less than a miracle could do it.

The young man had to release his faith, instead of standing there crying about his loss.

> HE HAD TO SHIFT FROM FOCUSING ALL HIS THOUGHTS ON HIS DEBT, TO FOCUSING HIS FAITH ON GETTING HIS DELIVERANCE SUPERNATURALLY.

Notice carefully how God works through

His servants who have the prophetic spirit, the especially "called" and anointed men and women He has set in the Body of Christ: The prophet Elisha put 100 percent of his attention on the fact that this borrowing had become a DEBT. To him the key issue was that through the supernatural it could be reversed, but only if he could get the young man's faith focused on it.

Listen, friend, the Word of God teaches that the supernatural is done by the Lord BUT IT BEGINS WITH THE WAY YOU BELIEVE.

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'VE GOT TO DO.

THERE'S AN IF IN THE PICTURE.

Read what Jesus himself said in Matthew 17:20:

> *And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

The IF means that your faith doesn't work by itself—it doesn't take over automatically. Faith is something YOU DO. You've got to ACTIVATE your faith. You've got to send it TO GOD.

That's why the prophet got the young man involved immediately in the answer rather than this problem. "Where did the axe head fall into the water?" he asked him. The young man took him to the spot and said, "Right here."

I call your attention again to II Chronicles 20:20 and strongly suggest you memorize it, so you can call it up at any moment:

> *Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be established; believe his prophets, so shall you prosper.*

If you allow your faith in God to wane, you will not be established in Him in your spiritual life.

Only by your faith in God—and His power responding to it and coming into your life -- can God establish and stabilize you.

And if you allow your believing in God's prophets—His called and anointed servants—to stop, you will not prosper! It's easy to listen to the critics who don't care about you to begin with.

It's easy to say God doesn't have any strong women and men who can help you.

God says otherwise, and as for me, He is the One I follow. God and His prophets serve an all-important purpose in your life.

BELIEVING GOD ESTABLISHES YOU, BELIEVING HIS PROPHETS CAUSES YOU TO PROSPER!

It's important that you know God is involved in your finances, that He cares about your borrowing, that He is concerned about your being in financial bondage, and that He wants to help you get out of it supernaturally! "WHERE DID YOU LOSE IT?" Elisha asked the young man point-blank.

FRIEND, LOOK BACK ON YOUR LIFE.

What was it you bought by paying down on it, or built by borrowing, or something you charged on a credit card or purchased on some kind of credit terms? Ask God to help you remember. Face it so you can get into the SUPERNATURAL very quickly. You may even want to write it down, so you can bring it to God better.

I sense in my spirit I'm talking to someone reading this book who is ready to face the truth. To let go and let God. To make restitution, if God impresses it on you. To find a reliable and trusted servant of God who can help you.

If God impresses you that Oral Roberts is the one, then write to me. The spirit of the prophet is in my life. I don't depend on my own knowledge or wisdom: God is my Source of total supply. It's from my seeds of faith I sow to God, that I expect miracle harvests. I know God works both naturally AND supernaturally, and I'm anointed by His Spirit.

GET A POINT OF CONTACT

ELISHA CUT DOWN A LIMB AND THREW IT WHERE THE AXE HEAD WAS AS A POINT OF CONTACT.

Read closely. The prophet cut down a limb of a tree and threw it in the place where the axe head fell into the Jordan. It acted as a point of contact to release his faith to God, and it was also a seed of his faith—something he did to activate his faith—to move God to move supernaturally on that debt situation.

Being a part of what the prophet did, and believing in the prophet, also caused the young man to DO SOMETHING ... to sow his seed, to activate his faith ... and therefore move God in his behalf.

- ✔ REMEMBER, your seed not sown to God is your miracle thrown away.
- ✔ REMEMBER, your faith not released to God is your situation made worse.
- ✔ REMEMBER, everything to do with God for the supernatural is in your faith being released to Him.

Down went the stick into the water when Elisha threw it. Up went his faith, and the faith of the young man to God.

A faith transaction was made.

A supernatural connection with God was completed.

You ask, "But how can faith help me now?"

All I know is what the Bible says, "*And the* *iron did swim.*"

"Iron can't swim," you say.

> FAITH RELEASED WAS LIKE A MAGNET FROM HEAVEN THAT TOUCHED THE BORROWED, LOST AXE HEAD AND IT CAME UP TO THE SURFACE.

"Grab the axe head," Elisha said. "Don't let your miracle to meet this debt pass you by. It's coming toward you or past you, grab it. The spirit of debt is broken off you. The Philistine will settle with you. The supernatural is flowing ... flow with it!"

And so it happened. Not by magic, but by faith that caused the supernatural intervention of God himself!

Can the principle involved here help you supernaturally? Read this MIRACLE TESTIMONY on the next page.

MIRACLE TESTIMONY

GOD DELIVERED HAL AND ADELE FROM DEBT AND ALCOHOLISM SUPERNATURALLY!

Oral, 16 years ago we found the Lord through your ministry. We were not married at the time. I was drinking heavily and headed for skid row. Hal was despondent because his first wife had taken her life, his children had deserted him, and he was unemployed.

You were never more right when you said. "Something good is going to happen to you!" From that day when we sat down together and wrote to you and each enclosed a dollar bill (which we desperately needed for ourselves), everything started to change!

Hal got a job. I joined Alcoholics Anonymous and have not had a drink since. We married three *months later. You sent us the book, "Miracle of Seed-Faith," and we've been living a Seed-Faith lifestyle ever since. As a result, God has multiplied money, peace, joy, love and new hope for us that we never believed possible.*

Today, we are living in a lovely retirement home for which we were able to pay cash. We are totally out of debt and do not have one creditor in the world!

You've shown us how to live and how to serve God and be good stewards of what He has blessed us with through Seed-Faith giving and living. You have been used of God to bring us from debt, alcoholism, and degradation to where we are today!

Hal and Adele from California

CHAPTER THREE

HOW TO LIVE ABOVE DEBT SUPERNATURALLY!

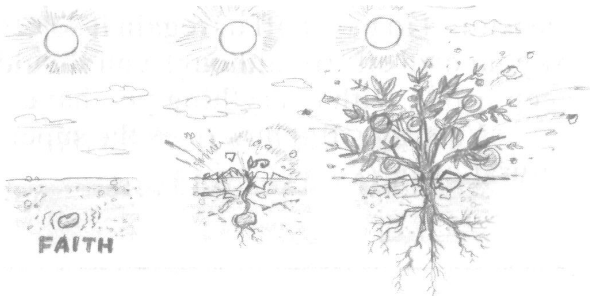
"*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:19).

Hear me as you would a prophet of God who knows he is sent to you. When you get into borrowing, and something happens so that it's beyond you, it's time for you, first, to realize you are in debt, and while in debt, you are servant to the lender, with little or no control over your life. Second, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO THINK SUPERNATURALLY.

As a sincere child of God, you are not left alone in your loss or inability in the natural to pay it off or regain it solely by your own efforts, although you should keep trying with everything you have.

You say, "But how does the supernatural come?"

THE SUPERNATURAL COMES BY FAITH AND FAITH ALONE.



FAITH IS A SEED THAT YOU SOW, AND WHEN YOU SOW IT, YOUR FAITH CARRIES OVER INTO **EXPLOSIVE EXPECTANCY!**

Faith is continuing to believe that God will make a way when there appears to be no way. Faith is a seed that you sow, and when you sow it, your faith carries over into your EXPLOSIVE EXPECTANCY that God will move people who don't know you now, or people who know you but never think of you, or even move a sinner who has never considered that what he has is not his own, but God's. Faith is refusing to take "No" for an answer, for it knows "*all the promises of God are yes and amen*" (II Corinthians 1:20).

Faith deals with the natural, but doesn't stop there when the natural reaches its limits. Faith goes on to the supernatural and connects you and your debt problems, and your financial bondage, up with it.

WHAT IF DEBT IS YOUR FAULT?

You say, "But, Oral, I don't know that I've used wisdom. I may have borrowed unnecessarily. I may have gone overboard. I may have had false expectations." Of course, none of us wants that to happen—not God, not you, not me, nor anyone who really wants to serve God and put Him first.

But suppose it's true. If you have broken God's laws on lending and not borrowing, your faith for the supernatural can still change the issue for you.

As my son Richard says so often on his

daily TV program, saying it out of his own experience, GOD IS THE GOD OF A SECOND CHANCE!

Stating that God IS the God of a second chance doesn't limit Him to giving you <u>only</u> a second chance. What it means is that God never gives up on you until you finally and irrevocably give up on yourself. (Sometimes I wonder if God ever gives up on anybody.)

The second chance gives you the opportunity, clearly and strongly, to obey God's laws, so that you can still be <u>"the head and not the tail, lend and not borrow"</u> and not <u>get into a debt position beyond your ability to pay</u>.

Right at this point, satan comes in and says to you, "If God said He would supply all your need according to His riches by His Son in Heaven, then if He really loves you, why doesn't He do it? Why does a good God ignore your needs? Why doesn't He do something?"

> REMEMBER THIS ABOUT SATAN: HE KNOWS HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS THAT LEAD TO DOUBT, BUT HE HAS NO POWER TO GIVE ANSWERS WHICH LEAD TO FAITH.

God says, "*The just shall live by faith*" (Habakkuk 2:4). To live, not just to exist from day to day tormented by how you're going to make ends meet and pay your bills. Or when you lie on your pillow, to live by your faith is to know you're going to get through the night. Faith in God is to live. Living is making it. <u>And living is by your faith</u>. Drill this into your spirit!

The greatest thing about the way God deals with you is that He faces the "issues of your life" squarely and in truth. He tells you straight, IF you can believe God, all things are possible TO YOU. That includes clearing those debts up, breaking out of financial bondage, having enough money to live on, and giving to God for His gospel so you'll have even more money to live on. God puts it this way:

> *But without faith it is impossible to please*

him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:6).

MAKE THESE WORDS LIVE INSIDE YOU

I have made the words of Hebrews 11:6 live inside me and I want you to determine to make it live in your spirit, also. Why? Because God tells you in unmistakable terms that when you come TO HIM, you do it by your faith. You don't come to Him by who you are—whether you're tall or short, fat or skinny, handsome or ugly, rich or poor, good or bad—you come to Him by the faith that He has put in your heart. *FAITH. FAITH. FAITH.*

He says you must believe that GOD IS. And that means you have the believing power to do it, because He never tells you to do something you can't do.

> YOU MUST ALSO, HE SAYS, BELIEVE THAT HE IS YOUR REWARDER AS YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY SEEK HIM.

God exists in His own self, in His own right. He doesn't need you to believe that He is God for Him to be God. He is God. He is God who rewards. He is God Who can be sought and found and received into your heart ... if you want Him badly enough.

But He lays down the way it is. He has already come to you, and you must decide to use your will and your faith to come TO HIM. When you come to God, you must believe in such a deep manner that He is, that you come to know <u>He is; He exists, and He is</u> there for you.

GOD IS THE GREATEST REWARDER OF ALL.

But you must believe for yourself that He is a Rewarder, a good God, always a good God, and that He will reward every bit of faith you activate in your heart toward Him. (Remember, I've been through every step of this and I testify to you it's absolutely, positively true!)

You'll discover as you read and meditate on these words in Hebrews 11:6, good things will begin happening to you. God will begin to deal with those things that can ride you down. I refer to a bad self-image, feeling that nobody cares, all is lost, that it's over. I know those feelings. And I know that God can make you the head and not the tail, the lender and not the borrower.

This is why I want to share what happened to me one day as I was meditating on what God says in Hebrews 11:6. The words, "*He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him,*" leaped out at me. It was like a vision from Heaven. In the Bible, when God uses the word "vision," He means you see "things coming into view."

I saw in that Scripture that when we believe God is, and that He is a Rewarder, that He sends miracles toward us and we can reach out and receive them into ourselves.

Then I saw something else that sent shivers down my spine.

> I ALSO SAW MIRACLES PASS BY THE HUMAN BELIEVERS WHO DO NOT EXPECT GOD TO BE A REWARDER OF OUR FAITH IN HIM.

"GOD SAID HE WOULD REWARD ME, THAT HE WOULD SEND MY MIRACLE. WHY DOESN'T HE DO IT?"

I heard believers say in a hurtful tone, "God said He would reward me, that He would send my miracle. Why doesn't He do it?"

At that moment I saw in my spirit satan

swiftly moving in with his power to tempt us to doubt that God sends miracles—ever! I saw believers drop their heads and even shrink inside themselves because by their will they began to believe the devil instead of God and they fell into doubt.

Here's what I know to be true: Whether you are in desperate debt, have a serious physical ailment in yourself or a loved one, or feel defeated in some other way, God is going to hold you to one thing: FAITH.

Mark Hebrews 11:6 in your Bible and memorize it so you can call it up at any moment. It's one of the "dynamite" tools to use to blast your way through hard or impossible situations. You never get away from WHO GOD IS, WHAT GOD WILL DO, AND WHAT YOU MUST DO TO ACTIVATE YOUR FAITH SO THAT IT MOVES YOU. WHEN YOUR FAITH MOVES YOU, IT WILL MOVE GOD. It won't happen any other way for you ... for me ... or for anyone.

Remember, I'm still dealing with your GETTING OUT OF DEBT

SUPERNATURALLY. This is why I want to shift gears and take you to Mark 9:14-29 where a father had lost something more precious than any amount of money. His little son was badly afflicted, and a demonic spirit had such control over him that it would often throw him violently into fire, or into water.

LET'S SEE WHAT THIS HURTING FATHER DID.

I want you to bear down on the fact this father did everything that Hebrews 11:6 said to do:

He came to Jesus with his little afflicted son.

He believed that He was the Son of God, he believed He would reward his faith as he did these things—up to a point.

This is very important for you to grasp because we're dealing with finding the supernatural answer for something very hurtful and damaging in your life.

When the father arrived with his faith, Jesus had just left with Peter, James, and John to go to the mountain where He was transfigured before the Father. So he turned to the remaining disciples Jesus left at the foot of the mountain. They prayed, but for some reason the boy was not healed.

At that moment Jesus walked up. The father looked at the One he had come to see. He had believed Jesus was the Son of God, and that He was a Rewarder of his faith and would heal his son. But now since Jesus' disciples failed and prayer had not gotten through, the faith with which he came began to diminish. What was the problem? His problem was that he had judged Jesus by His disciples who had failed; so in his eyes that meant Jesus Himself, in Person, would fail.

God said it and He won't change:

> WHEN YOU COME TO GOD YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.

You believe regardless of what His human disciples do or do not do—they are not God!

I feel for this father. In panic now he cries out to Jesus, "*If you can do anything...please help me.*" (Is that what satan is trying to get you to feel like saying to the Lord about your financial condition?)

Jesus sometimes shocks us. He is not going to change the way faith works. Without it working like He said, you can't please God. If you don't please God, then you give Him nothing to work with to deliver you.

Jesus said, "IT'S NOT IF I CAN DO ANYTHING. IT'S IF YOU CAN BELIEVE ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVES" (v.23).

"IT'S NOT IF I CAN DO ANYTHING.
IT'S IF YOU CAN BELIEVE ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVES." (V.23)

Here you are with your debt—or whatever financial condition that's made it easy for satan to torment you—and it's hard for you to overcome. I certainly feel for you. I've been hit at times myself. But I can't help but call to your attention the IF Jesus used right after the IF the father used. The way the father used the IF, it was all up to God. The way Jesus used the IF, it was up to the man with his own <u>FAITH</u> AND GOD at the same time.

Bless this father, for his spirit caught how wrong his IF was and how right Jesus' IF was. He cried in a loud voice, "Lord! I do believe. Help my unbelief."

The father was finally saying, "No matter what people have failed me, even Christian brothers, I stand believing that You, Lord, are real, and that You will reward my faith. I do believe, but I have some unbelief. Please help me!"

I love the way Jesus responded to this father's honest confession of what he had and didn't have—how he was believing, but also doing some doubting—but with all his heart he was seeking God diligently to help him and reward his faith.

And Jesus healed his little son!

How can this work supernaturally to reduce your debt or get you out of it completely?

> YOU HAVE THE FAITH TO GET TO JESUS BECAUSE YOUR FAITH IS THE POWER, LIKE A MAGNET, TO BRING YOU TO HIM.

You can deal with your debt situation best by starting <u>inside yourself</u> and believing that the Lord has a supernatural way to deliver you, and as you believe that He is, He will reward you.

Where Seed-Sowing Comes In

You have seeds to sow, if not, we're told in II Corinthians 9:10, "*God gives seed to the sower...*" This means God will give you some seeds to sow out of your faith in Him as a Rewarder. And He gives these seeds to you for the purpose of your sowing them.

Or as I heard a man of God, a true prophet say, "God gives seed to the sower, not to the storers."

You see, if you take the seed God gives you to sow, and you store it, instead of plant it, then God can't grow and multiply that seed. It just lies dormant in your possession.

Your seed-sowing is serious business with God. It's a live-or-die proposition, a succeed-or-fail fact.

You can't afford to let yourself be passive about sowing your seed TO GOD, anymore than the father could be passive about responding to Jesus when the Lord said to him, "*If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.*"

For your seed sown is your faith in action. The seed sown activates your faith, and it activates your faith specifically for God to GET YOU OUT OF DEBT. Evelyn and I have what we've discovered is a very good habit in our seed-sowing. Each time we give to God by check, by cash, or by something else, we both touch it with our hands, hold it up to God, and inwardly and specifically direct it AT SOME NEED OR GOAL WE HAVE.

EVERY TIME EVELYN AND I GIVE TO GOD, WE BOTH TOUCH OUR GIFT WITH OUR HANDS, HOLD IT UP TO GOD, AND INWARDLY DIRECT IT AT SOME NEED OR GOAL WE HAVE.

As we drop it in the offering basket, or we place it in the mail, or we hand it to somebody, WE TURN OUR FAITH LOOSE TO GOD FOR A DESIRED

RESULT, and we look to God our Source, our Rewarder, to supernaturally bring it to pass.

> AT THAT MOMENT, WE SHIFT GEARS AND PUT OUR FAITH ON EXPLOSIVELY EXPECTING TO RECOGNIZE AND RECEIVE OUR MIRACLE WHICH WE BELIEVE GOD WILL SEND TO US!

Being specific about our need when we sow our seed helps us concentrate on God our Source, on planting our seed as an act of our faith, and to start our explosive expectation process for Him to reward our faith.

NOW HEAR THIS ABOUT YOUR SEED.

When God planted His Son Jesus on the cross as His seed that we might believe and be saved, He didn't leave His seed there. That is, the cross had to be, but had God left Jesus there, how could there have been a miracle harvest—or the desired result—for which He planted the seed of His Son at Calvary?

Three days later, with Jesus' body in the tomb, God followed sowing the seed on the cross by raising that seed from the dead—by the Resurrection which was the harvest for which He had specifically sowed.

After the Resurrection, about seven weeks later, God sent Pentecost, or the baptism of the Holy Ghost, from which came the birth of the Christian Church. Think on that powerful fact.

You sow your seed but you don't keep your thought and faith there. You look away from your seed sown TO GOD YOUR SOURCE to grow and multiply your seed, then you get into Explosive Expectation that God will act SUPERNATURALLY in your behalf...and you are standing on tiptoe, in spiritual expectation to receive your miracle, and not let it pass you by.

YOUR HORN OF PLENTY

GIVERS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE "BIG END," WHERE THE BLESSINGS COME OUT.

CONCENTRATE ON THE BIG END OF YOUR SEED-FAITH, YOUR HORN OF PLENTY, AS YOU SOW AGAINST YOUR DEBT.

The big end is like on the horn of plenty. A horn of plenty has a little end, but the flow comes out of the big end. So it is with your Seed-Faith. Your faith is your seed sown into the little end, which God expands and multiplies so that it becomes so large it can only come out of the big end. So it is with your Seed-Faith.

God is really working to literally get you out of debt IF YOU WORK WITH HIM BY YOUR FAITH.

SUMMED UP

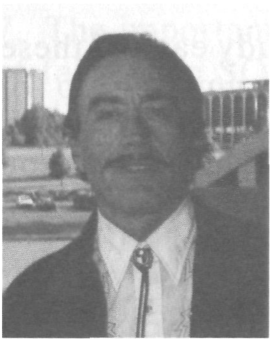
1. It's time for you to think <u>supernaturally.</u>
2. Your faith in God to help <u>you</u> is the only force that will bring the supernatural intervention of God to work in your behalf.

3. God is The God of a <u>Second Chance</u>. It's not over for you yet. That debt can be overcome.
4. <u>Memorize Hebrews 11:6</u>. Be able to call it up at any moment. God has no substitute for your faith and how it works its miracles for you.
5. Never forget: <u>God is a Rewarder</u>. You believe, and He will reward your faith.
6. Remember, when you have an IF about God helping you get out of debt, Jesus has an IF about your believing. <u>Take care of your believing and Jesus will come through for you</u>.
7. The important thing about your seed of faith is to SOW it, don't STORE it. <u>God only multiplies seed that is sown</u>.
8. When you sow your seed to God, prayerfully consider aiming at your need...and for a desired result. Being aimless about your giving brings little return. Give to God for a <u>specific</u> need to be met.

9. Concentrate on the big end of your Seed-Faith like a horn of plenty. Sow your seed, then go from there to focus your faith on the miracle harvest that is coming. Your harvest is bigger than your seed sown. With explosive expectancy and determined faith, you will receive your harvest from <u>the big end</u>.
10. Remember to get God's principle of the supernatural <u>INSIDE YOURSELF</u>. Your faith works from the inside out. It is your spirit toward God that counts, that will get your need met.

I pray you will study each of these 10 ideas I've used in summing up 10 Power Ideas you can use to break your financial bondage or any debt situation you have. They have the Spirit of God in them, and through them God will work many miracles.

Miracle Testimony



"I LOST EVERYTHING … THEN GOD OPENED THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN!"

Brother Oral, a few years ago I lost my only surviving parent, my marriage, and my ranch. I was also $100,000 in debt and spiritually lukewarm.

Then I began to watch you on TV. I soon became a faithful Seed-Faith Partner. Through prayer and Seed-Faith I am now out of debt. I have a nice home, a car, and a 32-foot boat. God has truly opened the windows of Heaven for me. I'm once again teaching English in college. My title of Professor of English now carries a double meaning for me. I am also a professor of the Lord as my Source each and every day!

Barry from Nevada

CHAPTER FOUR

NOW I PLACE A PROSPERITY PRAYER COVER OVER YOU

Let's pray:

"Dear God, I come to You for this my friend who faces such desperate needs, who feels life has dealt an unkind blow, whom satan is striking at, who is down under lack, debt, financial bondage, and who is sick in some way because of it.

"Dear friend, I pray for you. I lift you up to Jesus, your Source of total supply, the Rewarder of your faith.

"Satan, I rebuke you in Jesus' mighty, incomparable Name, and command you: Take your hands off God's property. Loose my friend, and leave. Leave now.

"And now I call you into faith, I add my faith to yours, we stand together in our faith, and I believe God to give you seed to sow, and for you to sow it, then Explosively Expect God to send exactly the one, or the ones, whom He will use to help you supernaturally.

"I adjure you, don't give up on God. He hasn't given up on you. With the spirit of the prophet in me, I call 'your money' from the East, from the West, from the North, from the South, to be irresistibly drawn to you, starting NOW! I pray for all the money you need to come into your hand, without fail, and to the glory of God the Father.

"I call you to obey God, to be faithful, to be honest and true, to put God first, to give off the top of what comes into your hand. Where there seems to be nothing for you to give to God, look in your house for something, large or small, to sow to God...and then get into explosive expectancy for God to reward your faith with MORE THAN ENOUGH to make you debt-free!

"I pray you will lift up your hands and praise God, whether you feel like it or not. Forget your feelings, and by faith let your praises go up to God. Bless His holy Name.

"I pray you will keep looking to God, and continue to continuously believe your miracle is on the way. By faith, I see it in view for you. I ask God to give you special power to make up your mind that you won't let it pass you by. Grab it, it's yours, bought by the blood of Jesus, sealed by the Holy Ghost, and stamped by God with your name on it!

"I agree with you by my faith for this and I won't come out of the agreement. Promise me you won't come out of this agreement either.

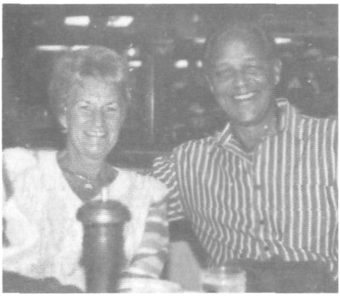
PROSPERITY PRAYER COVER

"I raise a Prosperity Prayer Cover over your lack, your debts, all your financial needs to be met fully by the supernatural intervention of God into your situation.

"And I raise a PROSPERITY PRAYER COVER over your whole life ... spiritually, physically, financially, and family ... and for the rest of your life.

"In Jesus' mighty and incomparable Name, I believe He will reward your faith... and mine, amen and amen."

MIRACLE TESTIMONY



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❑ Plagued by Poverty
❑ Sickness or Disease
❑ Need Wisdom for Decision
❑ Need New Job
❑ Mental Distress
❑ Family Problems or Strife

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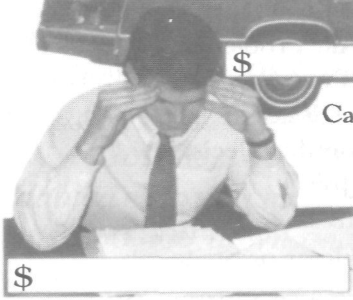

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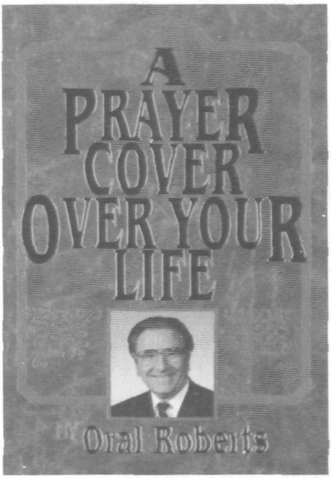

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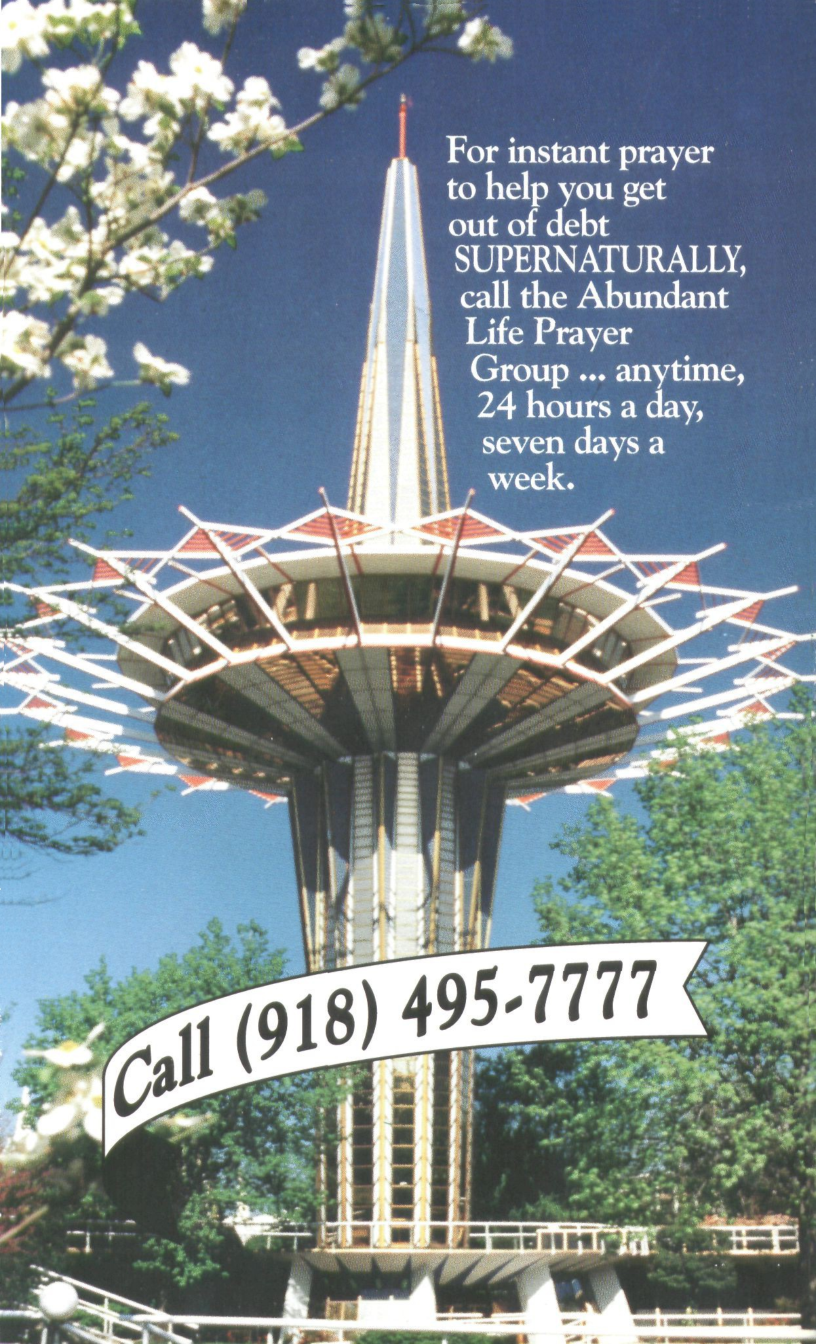
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