The New Year Resolution from the Holy Spirit of God.

I want to begin by defining the misunderstood word, “Resolution.”

The word resolution is defined as mental or moral strength to resist opposition, danger, or hardship. To resist what? To resist not giving up on what YOU have resolved to do. Now let’s look at the word “Resolve.” The word resolve is defined as to deal with successfully; clear up. To find an answer to; to make clear or understandable. So, the Holy Spirit of God can give us His Wisdom so we can deal successfully and clear up the misunderstandings and confusion, we have experienced this past year in our lives.

I want to begin with a prophecy that was given from one of God’s prophets Brother Kenneth Copeland for the year 2024. “2024 will be a year of more, and more, and more! More finances. More healings. More miracles. More outpourings. More people come to Jesus. More things happening. I Am the God of increase.

My prayer and the cry of my heart to the Lord was, how do I along with my family participate in this prophetic word from God? I understand it is my decision to choose to participate. The word participate is a very important and informative word. It is defined in the Merriam-Webster dictionary as to take part; to have a part or share in something. Here are a couple of important synonyms for the word participate. Partake and the word share. Partake implies accepting or acquiring a share of something. The word share implies that one as the original holder grants to another the use, enjoyment, or possession of a thing. First things first, always. First thing we have to do in order to be able to participate is found in NLT 2 Chronicles 20:20; Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed. So, what comes first? YOU must first believe in the Lord, and then believe His prophets that He chooses to speak through.

Moreover, when I made the decision to believe the Lord my God, and then believed His prophet, the Lord God begin to speak to me personally about this prophecy. He said, “Look at the word “more,” so, I looked at some synonyms for the word more. However, He highlighted the synonym “likewise.” Likewise, is defined as in like similar manner. The Holy Spirit of God continued to speak to me and said, “Now go to Colossians 2:19. I begin to read. And not holding fast to the Head, from Whom the entire body, supplied and knit together by means of its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. Next, I read this verse of Scripture in the King James Version. And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth, with the increase of God. Now, to really drive the point home, I am going to use one more translation, the New Living Translation. And they are not connected to Christ, the Head of the body. For He holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.

The Holy Spirit said, “Everyone will receive likewise.” Remember, likewise means in similar manner. Those members of the body who didn’t disconnect from their Head will experience more and more increase from their God in like similar manner. What does it mean to be connected to the Head, Jesus Christ? The Apostle answers this question in this same letter to the AMPC Colossians 3:1-5; If then you have been raised with Christ (to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead), aim at and seek the (rich, eternal treasures) that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things of the earth. For (as far as this world is concerned) you have died, and your (new real) life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in (the splendor of His) glory. So, kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members (those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin); sexual vice, impurity, sensual appetites, unholy desires, and all greed and covetousness, for that is idolatry (the deifying of self and other created things instead of God).

So, holding fast or staying connected to the Head is setting your own mind and keeping it set on what is above. What is above? YOU seated at the Right Hand of God in Christ Jesus. The word set is defined as to cause to sit, place in or on a seat. Seeing yourself seated in Christ at God’s Right Hand and consider yourself dead to this world and its ways and alive to your new life in Christ Jesus. Actively, each day deadening the unholy desires of the flesh life.

On the other hand, those members of Christ body who choose not to hold fast or stay connected to the Head will also get likewise or similar in manner too. You see, now that we received Christ Jesus the Lord, we now regulate our lives and conduct ourselves in union with and conformity to Him. We have the roots of our being firmly and deeply planted in Him, fixed, and founded in Him, being continually built up in Him and become increasingly more confirmed and established in faith (AMPC Colossians 2:6-7). However, those who chose not to remain connected are described by the Apostle Paul in this same letter to the Colossians. AMPC Colossians 2:8; See to it that no one carries YOU off as spoil or makes YOU yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men’s ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding (the teachings of) Christ (the Messiah).

Back to the prophecy for 2024 from the prophet of God Brother Copeland. The more and more and more is increase that only comes from God. However, the only way to partake of this increase is to be an active service member of the body of Christ who is connected to the Head Jesus Christ the Lord. Through our connection with Christ the Head, we receive by means of joints and ligaments a growth that is from God. This is the more and more, and more that the prophet is speaking of for 2024. The Lord encouraged me to stay connected to Him the Head, no matter what! So, I can continue to experience this supernatural increase or growth that only comes from God. And I am admonishing that if YOU are connected to the Head then hold to the Head Jesus Christ. If YOU have disconnected, then get reconnected so you can receive the increase and growth that only comes from God.

If YOU stay disconnected, then YOU will only receive likewise or in similar manner. What will this look like for YOU? Just more and more of what YOU already have. Outside of Christ, there is no peace, no BLESSING! This equals more and more of the curse just like the rest of the world.

It’s our responsibility to choose to participate in receiving from this prophecy. The prophet of God Brother Kenneth Copeland gives us some very sound advice on renouncing the flesh life, which is living disconnected from the Head, Jesus the Christ. In his book Six Steps to Excellence in Ministry, Brother Copeland teaches us how to look to the Word (Jesus) to help us control our flesh, because this is our responsibility. The foundation Scripture, he gives us is NLT Hebrews 5:12-14; You have been believers for so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s Word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn’t know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. Brother Copeland says, “Staying in the Word (Jesus) causes our senses to learn to discern between good and evil.” In other words, staying connected to Christ the Head will cause our senses to learn to discern between good and evil.

Brother Copeland addresses an old misconception. That we have to fight against carnality until Jesus comes to free us. He teaches us we must just walk in the spirit. He goes on to say, “The body has no nature of its own. It will do what it is told to do.” He makes a very interesting point. “In the first place, sin was never Adam’s nature. Adam had the nature of God.” It’s when the devil’s nature took root in him that caused the problem. Unfortunately, Adam invited that nature through high treason. Brother Copeland says, “But it wasn’t in his body. It was in his spirit.”

The body is trained to follow the spirit. Your body will do whatever it is trained to do. If your reborn human spirit dominates your flesh, all of your actions will be godly. Brother Copeland reminds us, “God created the body in such a way that it could be trained to follow instructions.” Your physical body is trained to such a degree that it will function automatically without conscious effort. Brother Copeland gives a very good example of this phenomena. “You can eat, walk, talk, drive and go through a thousand other daily activities with little or no conscious thought.” He goes on to say, “A well-programmed machine without a nature of its own at your command and for your benefit.”

This is why it has to be YOU to present your own body as a living sacrifice. Isn’t this the instructions the Apostle Paul gave us in Romans 12:1-2. YOU must reprogram yourself to automatically act on the Word of God; so, your body will be retrained! Excellent advice from Brother Copeland, “By continuing to put the Word of God into your mind and spirit and body, YOU will eventually come to the place where the Word controls all three.”