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ecently, I was attending a service of Kenneth Copeland's, and he made a statement toward the end in passing that stood out to me. He stated, "WHEN YOU **PRAY**, YOU LAY HOLD OF THINGS, BUT WHEN YOU **PRAISE**, YOU WIN BATTLES!"

The year 2016 is a Year of Abundance, but the enemy is after our abundance. John 10:10 tells us, "The THIEF cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more ABUNDANTLY." A thief always wants something of value, and the devil knows the value of our abundance that the life of God produces.

God wants us to know the abundance that belongs to us and become skillful at receiving that flow of abundance, because this era and the years ahead are going to call for a flow of abundance to fund this last days revival.

The life of God, the divine life that became ours at the new birth, will produce an abundant flow in every arena of our lives, but Jesus let us know that our abundance has an enemy.

What Brother Copeland stated is a key to receiving abundance — praise is that key. The enemy will attack your flow of abundance, but praise will win in the face of opposition.

Some Christians pray and pray at a time of opposition, and prayer is right, but it's a mistake not to move on into praise after praying. Some get rutted at praying, waiting for God to move on their behalf,

but without praise, faith isn't complete.

When we look in the Word, we see that praise played a role in God's people winning battles. When God's people were moving into the Promise Land, God told Joshua to have the people march around the city for seven days, and on the last day, they were to shout. When they did, walls fell. When enemy armies gathered together against God's people, Jehoshaphat gathered the people to pray; then when they went to battle, God told them to put the praisers up front. The enemy turned in on itself, and God's people just gathered up the spoils. When Paul & Silas were beaten and thrown in jail, they prayed, but they didn't stop there — they also praised — and that whole jail was shaken till the doors fell open. When you praise, you win battles!

I love a statement Lillian B. Yeomans made: "There's nothing you can't praise your way out of!"

When believing God for an abundant flow in any arena of your life, the thief is going to try to steal your abundance from you — but praise is how you win battles! No prayer of faith is complete without praise. Praise is a vital part of the flow of faith.

When we need to lay hold of something, we are to pray. But when we are facing opposition, praise moves us into the victory that belongs to us. As Brother Copeland stated, "When you pray, you lay hold of things, but when you praise, you win battles!"

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