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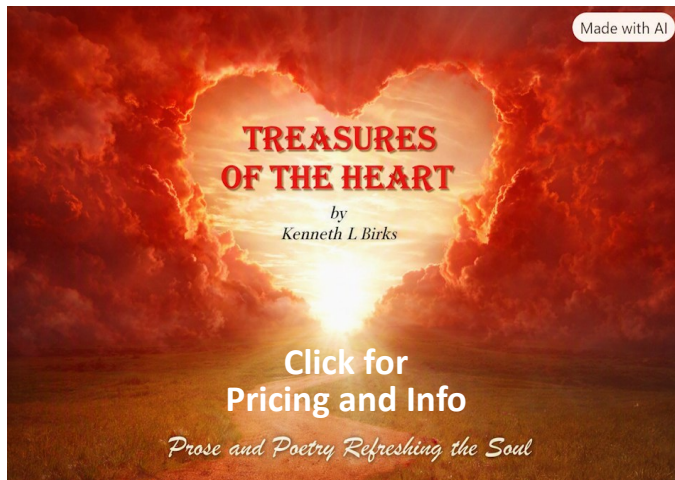
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Featured Product



Treasures of the Heart

By Ken Birks

You are about to step into a journey—one woven with wonder, depth, and divine invitation. Within these pages lies a treasury of devotional prose and poetry, each piece carrying eternal truths that speak directly into the pulse of today's culture, questions, and spiritual battles.

These reflections are not meant merely to soothe; they are designed to awaken. Expect your spirit to be stirred, your faith stretched, and your heart drawn into a richer, more vibrant knowledge of the Son of God, empowering you to rise boldly into all He has called you to be and do.



Featured Devotional Poem

Rising in Chaotic Times

In chaotic times, we question all heard and told.
Distrustful of all seen and heard, hearts grow cold.
Spiritual darkness enslaving, we fail to mobilize.
Alienated by disillusionment, we stand disengaged.

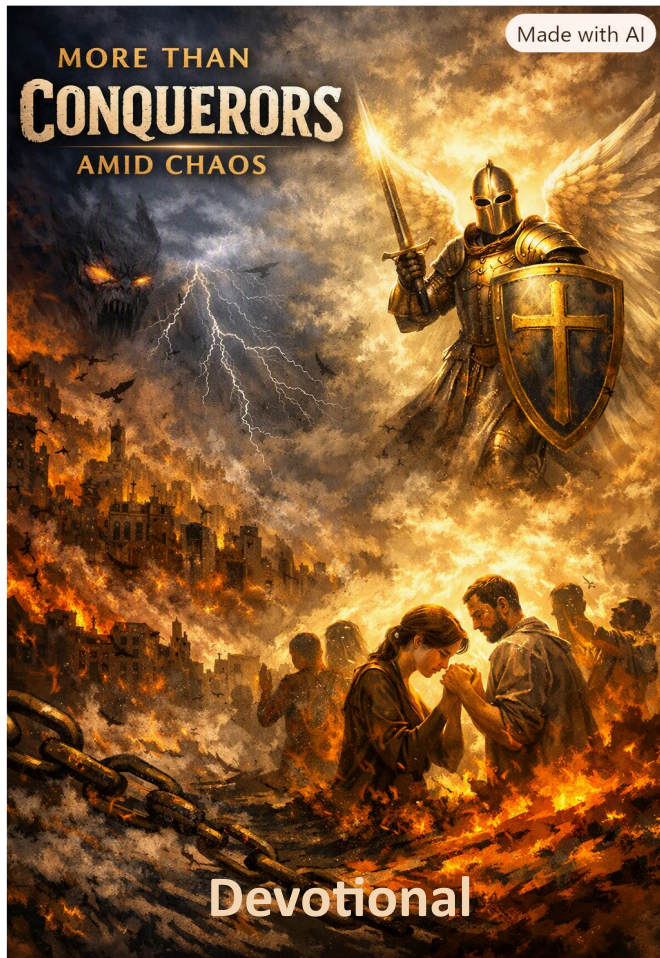
Losing hope in chaotic times, weariness drains.
Apathy restraining, losing hope, nothing gains.
Enslaved by darkness, we look beyond ourselves.
Beyond all disturbing, glimmers of light are seen.

Setting our hearts in chaos, hope enlightens.
Glimmers of light appearing, we set our sights.
Lethargy releasing, hope revived, bondage loosens.
Hope becoming reality, awakening begins within.

Fresh vision replenished; renewed purpose brightens.
Renewed in vision, prophetic purposes enlighten.
No longer immobilized, fervor renewed, faith inflames.
Shaking off spiritual slumber, we rise to proclaim.

Enriched in prophetic purposes, we rise to tell.
Immersed in Scripture, urgency takes over to dispel.
Rising together in unity, voices of dissension, we quell.
Trumpeting stridently, sounds reverberate to tell.

Dissent quieting, darkness dissipates rapidly,
With hope's message, we trumpet gallantly.
Drawn by the Spirit, many respond vehemently.
Given to His fullness, the harvest reaps abundantly.



More than Conquerors Amid Chaos

In today's world, the forces of darkness surround us. We are living in chaotic times. Satan is on the loose and will be coming at us with every destructive device he can imagine. His goal is to take as many of us down as possible. He is a thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy all that God pours into our hearts. However, amid all his devices, God has made us more than Conquerors as His treasures in the earth.

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.*

Satan thrives in chaotic times, using chaos to launch his attacks. Our world today is filled with chaos — a perfect storm for his purposes. Satan's most effective tactics today are deception, distraction, and discouragement amid the chaos. These tactics are designed to dull spiritual discernment, weaken courage, and pull Christians out of

alignment with God's truth. We must be on guard against anything that distorts Scripture, dilutes holiness, or divides the Church. He may try to cast us down with his deceptive tactics; however, God has made us more than conquerors amid every device he uses to disarm us. When we look to our Heavenly Father above and clothe ourselves in His armor, we are more than conquerors in Him. He has made us invincible to his attacks when we rely on Him in all situations. ***Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us — Romans 8:35.***

We are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. Our generation faces a deception so subtle and polished that it feels righteous to the flesh but poisonous to the soul. The enemy works through progressive reinterpretations of Scripture, slowly bending truth until it no longer confronts us but comforts our compromises. He replaces biblical conviction with emotional reasoning, persuading believers that whatever feels compassionate must be holy. He makes sin appear reasonable, even noble, and pushes people toward "my truth" instead of God's truth. In this deception, he normalizes what God calls evil and demonizes what God calls good, reshaping morality until darkness masquerades as light. This is why the Church must rise with unwavering discernment, hearts anchored in Scripture, and minds renewed by the Spirit.

We must constantly be on guard for the enemy rarely storms the front gate—he erodes the walls through distractions that dull our spirits through a loss of prayerfulness, or the subtle neglect of Scripture that leaves the heart unanchored. He lures believers into overcommitment that exhausts their strength, division that fractures unity, gossip that poisons fellowship, and unforgiveness that hardens the soul. He whispers pride into our identity, entangling hearts with political identity instead, which drains courage through discouragement, isolation, shame, and hopelessness. And when all else fails, he strikes with temptations designed to pull us from the narrow path.

Therefore, we must stand firm with a vigilant heart, a guarded mind, and a Spirit-filled resolve—because the believer who watches, prays, and clings to truth cannot be quietly conquered.



Sermon Summary

The sermon unfolds as a powerful call to awaken, rise, and engage in the spiritual battle raging around us. At its center stands one of the most life-preserving pieces of God's armor: **the Breastplate of Righteousness**, the divine protection designed to guard the most vital part of our being—**the heart**, where identity, desire, conviction, and destiny are formed.

The message emphasizes that righteousness is not earned but **imputed**—a gift given through Christ's sacrifice. As Hebrews 10:14 declares, *"By one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."*

This righteousness is Christ's own perfection placed over us, empowering obedience rather than pressuring it. Because we are accepted, we are strengthened to walk in holiness.

With a focus on Holiness, we see it as the progressive, Spirit led lifestyle that flows from the soil of righteousness. It is the visible expression of the inward reality—our choices, speech, and love reflecting Christ. Righteousness is instant; holiness is ongoing. Together they shape us into Christlikeness.

The sermon highlights that righteousness and forgiveness are inseparable. Just as Christ forgives without limit, we are called to extend limitless forgiveness to others. Proverbs 24:16 reminds us that the righteous may fall repeatedly, yet rise again—not because of flawless behavior, but because righteousness restores.



Mission Statement

Straight Arrow Ministries exists to equip believers and emerging leaders with balanced biblical teaching, prophetic clarity, and practical discipleship, forming a generation that walks in maturity, purpose, and the full counsel of God's Word.

We aim to be a trusted voice that brings stability amid confusion, depth in an age of shallowness and spiritual formation rooted in Scripture and the life of Christ.

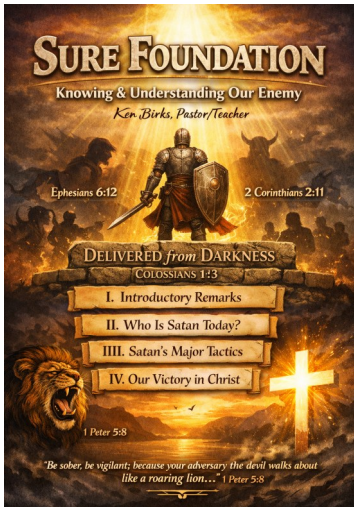
Through teaching mentoring, and story-driven resources, we seek to build a legacy of truth that strengthens the Church for decades to come.

Scripture Rooted—Spirit Led—Kingdom Focused—People Equipped—Legacy Driven

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Bible Study: Knowing our Enemy

As people who have been born again of God's Spirit, we have been delivered from the power of darkness. There was a time when all of us were under the influence and the jurisdiction of Satan's kingdom and domain. Now that we have been born again and translated into the kingdom of God, we should not take lightly that we still have an enemy who wants to bring harm to us and render us ineffective as ambassadors of God's kingdom.

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love...

It is important for us to understand the tactics and cunning devices of God's arch enemy. Therefore, this study deals with Satan, who he is, his origin and fall, and how he seeks to work in our lives. The Bible says we are not to be ignorant of his devices.

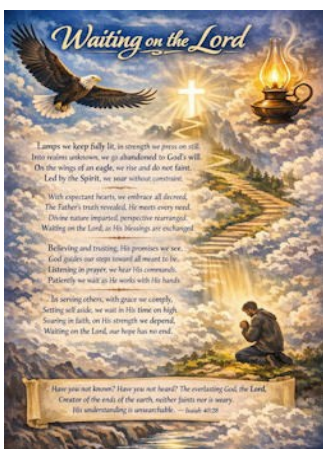
2 Corinthians 2:11 ...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Many Christians today are walking around in defeat and even in backslidden conditions, simply because they have not been aware of the enemy's cunning devices in their lives. We need to understand that Satan is the enemy of God and the Church. That means he is your enemy as well, if you belong to God. His intent is to destroy the work of God in your life by any means possible. Therefore, we should understand just who this enemy is and how he works. In warfare, many victories are won by those who understand their enemy's moves. In spiritual warfare, it is much the same way: the more we know and understand the tactics of our enemy, the more on guard we will be and the more able we will be to thwart his attacks.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**For the Complete Bible Study on
Knowing and Understanding our Enemy**

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Explore More of Ken's Poetry

Be sure to explore more of Ken's Devotional Poetry that has been described with a majestic rhythm unfolding with prophetic wisdom, fresh revelation, and holy

