

YOUR ROAD TO A



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FOREWORD

Your Road to a Better Life

I believe in miracles.

I believe in miracles so much that I want everyone to believe in them and to have a Better Life.

Every day, I receive prayer requests from people all over the world. They share with me their problems and pain, their hopes and hurts. They share what they are going through, and they don't leave much out.

I hold those prayer requests in my hands and pray every day. Every day, I tell the devil to take his hands off of the lives of my partners and friends. Then I write them back and bring them a powerful word from the Bible to lift them up and let them know I am standing with them, in faith believing for every need they have to be met by God's mighty power.

Having grown up as Oral Roberts' son, I had the opportunity to learn the great biblical principles and spiritual keys that God revealed to my father. I was right by his side as God gave him the key phrases that helped to shape and form the course of our ministry:

God is a good God...

Release your faith...

Get a point of contact...

God is your Source...

Plant your seed...

Expect a miracle...

My father was an apostle of the healing ministry and was raised up by God with a powerful message of God's delivering power to touch the lives of people everywhere. As his son, I received a personal impartation from his life and ministry. Among the many things he taught me is the fact that God works generationally through families. Just like God worked through Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob, then Joseph, and on and on, He would work through our family, and more specifically through me.

My father actually prophesied that when he went home to be with the Lord, a double portion of the Lord's Spirit, which rested on my father, would come upon me as his son, so that I could carry on God's healing stream of prayer through this earth.

I was with my dad in his hospital room, when two angels appeared. I blinked my eyes to see if I was imagining things or instead, seeing what I thought I was seeing. I watched as the angels reached into my dad's body and lifted up his spirit and began carrying it up to God in Heaven. As I looked and watched, I saw a mantel fall off. I reached out my hand just like Elisha did when Elijah's mantel fell (2 Kings 2:9–14), and I picked it up and said, "That's mine." And a stronger anointing than I have ever known came upon my life.

This new anointing has been growing every day, and I give God all the praise and honor for the miracles, answered prayers, and changed lives that are happening because of it.

Today, because of all the great instructions I received as I was growing up, plus what I learned standing by my father's side for more than 40 years, I am writing this book. It is my desire to show you the many keys I have learned and used so many times in my life through prayer—keys that have brought God's miracles into my life when I needed them, and had to have them, keys that showed me *the road to a Better Life*.

That's why I have gone through my notes, journals, and sermons, to share with you my experiences of God's miracle power at work. I am breaking these experiences into weeks...then each

week into days...91 days...3 whole months. I am writing this so that you will be able to read it and live it. It is broken down into 3 months so you will be able to repeat the reading four times a year.

I believe that as you do, a burning fire for God will come forth in you... to expect, expect, expect the miracles you need from God!

Now as you begin to read, let your expectations soar to God. Believe that He is the Source of your total supply. Cast off any negative thing that would try to hold you back. Then with your whole being, open up to the goodness and power of God as never before. Allow me to help you. Cooperate with me and with God by simply reading day by day, and expecting to grow in faith. Let me be His servant to you.

As you read and start seeing that what I am saying is real and alive to you, I encourage you to be a partner together with me to find God's best for your life... to be on top, not on bottom... to be the head, and not the tail, as the Bible says in Deuteronomy 28:13... to succeed and not fail.

Start with the first week. Take the first day, and read it... Devour it. Then take the first 7 days, just like I wrote it. At the end of the week say, "God, what are You saying to me now? Show me how to apply this to my life." Then expect Him to do it. Pray, and look for God's miracle touch... and don't forget to act on the key phrases in this book as you build your faith for miracles.

These are things that I want you to say to yourself. Say them until they become a part of your life as they are to mine.

These keys are really giant truths to open doors, and release your faith, and fill you with God's good things... to bring you miracles until you can shout for joy, remembering the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Right now in my spirit, I am visualizing you picking up this book... holding it in your hands...

Reading...

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Stopping...

Reading...

Smiling...

Crying...

Meditating...

Believing...

Receiving...

And finally,

Know that you know that you know that God is the greatest power you have, and He desires to be right in the middle of your life.

Your friend and partner,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

P.S. I urge you to keep this book with your Bible and compare what it says with what the Bible says. I am praying for you to feel God's presence, receive His guidance, and get on HIS ROAD TO A BETTER LIFE.

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[SUNDAY]

KEY: *“Devil, Take Your Hands off Me, in Jesus’ Name. I Am God’s Property!”*

The truth about you, God, and the devil

Why do we as human beings often find ourselves carrying around extra worry and anxiety because something has gone wrong and something is falling apart that is precious?

I ask you, “Why?”

You say, “Richard Roberts, are you out of your mind? Haven’t you ever had things go wrong and fall apart in your life? Haven’t you had times when things got really bad...bills piling up...debts you seemingly can’t pay...sickness strikes, accidents happen, trouble comes, and it looks like you’re going under?”

Have I? Yes, I have, many times. Sometimes the devil strikes at me and my family so hard that it is difficult to raise my head up, and it is even harder to pray. But I know Jesus; I know who my Source is. Jesus is my personal Lord and Savior and my Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. And He is the ONE who will supply all of my needs with many miracles. I know Him.

In spite of the struggle, the weariness and the feeling of sometimes being forgotten, I have learned the greatest secret in the world is to expect miracles.

Now, let me talk to you plainly about you, the devil, and Jesus Christ. Let me show you that:

You are God's property.

First: Believe the truth about the devil and his purpose towards you, and the truth about Jesus Christ and His purpose towards you.

The truth is spoken by Jesus Himself in John 10:10, "*The thief* (the devil) *does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I* (Jesus) *have come that they* (you) *may have life, and that they* (you) *may have it more abundantly.*"

There is a devil, and you must understand that he exists. Jesus called him a thief, and says he comes to steal from you, to kill you, and to destroy you.

Believe that. Don't shrug it off. Don't just fall back and say, "I don't understand it." In the natural, you may not ever truly understand it. But remember, Jesus did not tell you to try to understand it... He told you to *believe it*.

Then Jesus tells you to believe Him... Believe Him when He says that the reason He came was to give you life... and give it to you ...MORE ABUNDANTLY.

Look, you can draw a line right down the middle. Put the devil with all his badness on one side and Jesus with all His goodness on the other, and with you in the middle:

THE DEVIL YΦU JESUS

On one side of your life is the devil; on the other side is God. But don't ever forget:

The devil is a bad devil.

God is a good God.

There is no goodness in the devil and no badness in God.

The devil is totally bad.

God is totally good.

The devil hates you, but God loves you. God is greater than the devil, and He can command the devil to take his hands off you.

So, if you have been blaming God for all the bad things, it is time to stop and instead start putting the blame where it belongs ...on the devil.

Listen to this...

The devil comes to steal from you: your faith, your love, your hopes, your desire to trust in God, your earning power, your right relationships with your family and others, your health and well-being, and your expectations for miracles. You name anything that is good in life, and the devil will try to steal it.

The devil is trying to kill you...to destroy everything good about you... and to stop anything good from coming to you. He is trying to get you down in your spirit...down in your mind with depression...and down in your body with weakness and disease.

He is trying to ruin you...to keep you from advancing...from receiving the money you need...from prospering and being in health physically, mentally and spiritually. Make no mistake about it—that is what the Bible says.

Since we know all of this is true, what can we do? *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you* (James 4:7).

Resist the devil!

This means stand up to him; don't give an inch. Take charge of him, in Jesus' name.

Now, let's focus on the second half of John 10:10. Jesus is telling you the reason for His coming to this earth—dying on the Cross... rising from the dead... ascending back to heaven, and sending the blessed Comforter, the Holy Spirit, Who is Jesus' other self, the unlimited form of His presence and power. It is to give you life... *fully and continually.*

Believe that.

Don't ignore it.

Think on it.

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Know it.

Say this great living truth.

Jesus came...

Jesus came to give me life...

Jesus came to give me life more abundantly...

Me!

Me!

Remember, Jesus and the devil don't mix. Their purposes don't mix. Their works don't mix. Believe and know this, so you can doubt what the devil tries to tell you, and trust in God.

SECOND: Believe that you are God's property... not the devil's.

Say it out loud... "I don't belong to the devil. I am GOD'S PROPERTY."

Say, "I will resist the devil's efforts to steal the good things in life from me... to kill me with his oppression of sickness, poverty, fear, anxiety, a down spirit, and a negative attitude."

Say, "I will resist the devil's efforts to destroy the things God has done for me to believe... the things that help me to believe in Him and keep trusting Him for miracles."

Say, "I believe Jesus Christ. I believe He has come to fill me with His life, His love, His faith, His hope, His spirit, and His power."

Say, "I believe Jesus has come to bless me, to heal me, to prosper me, to guide me, to open up my inner person, to teach me to love and give...to plant seeds of faith because..."

"I am God's property!"

Say these words over and over. Say them out loud until they get deep down into your spirit and become a part of you.

You see, when you know you are God's property, it puts you in a take-charge position, even when you are hurting. And when you

don't seem to know where to turn or where to go, *you can really know that there is a God and He loves you because you are His property.*

Now, just to make sure that this truth gets inside of you, read the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:19–20: “*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*”

Do you see now that God wants you to believe that you don't belong to the devil? You are God's property... You are **GOD'S PROPERTY.**

Do you see that the Holy Spirit is in you, and you don't belong to yourself but to Him? Do you see that Christ actually died for you and therefore, in your body and spirit, which are God's, you are to submit to Him?

I pray that you do, and that you see and believe that you are unique and irreplaceable. There is no one else like you. You are God-created, God-bought, God-filled, and God-owned.

Although the devil may tempt you to believe that your battle is with God, it is not now, nor has it ever been.

God is always mindful of you. He loves you and is concerned about you. He wants you to prosper, and He wants to give you physical and spiritual health and wholeness.

Remember, God has given you weapons to fight against your adversary, the devil (1 Peter 5:8). Your weapons are not carnal, or of the flesh; they are spiritual (2 Corinthians 10:4). Here are more weapons God has given you:

The power of the measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

The power to love and the power to hope
(1 Corinthians 13:13)

The power not to fear, but to believe
(2 Timothy 1:7)

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He has given you the knowledge that you are not the devil's property, but God's (1Corinthians 6:19).

But don't ever forget, even though you have these weapons...the devil is devious and will not fight fair. He will not come to you and say, "Good morning, this is the devil. I have come to tempt you today, to trick you, and to deceive you. I am your adversary, and I am out to do you in." No!

His strategy is deceitfulness, cunning, craftiness, subtlety... He hits below the belt. Believe me, he is out to destroy you. And on your own, you are no match for him. But let me tell you something very important. You are mighty through God to the pulling down of the devil's strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4).

Remember, God is the Source of your total supply. He is mightier than the devil.

GREATER IS HE (GOD) THAT IS IN YOU THAN HE (THE DEVIL) THAT IS IN THE WORLD (1 JOHN 4:4).

King David said the battle is the Lord's. Therefore, you must learn these great truths ...and make them a part of your being...until you know they are absolutely true.

I know it!

And I want you to know it for yourself.

THIRD: Don't let outward appearances deceive you.

In other words, don't let the devil trick you into believing something is good when it is really bad, or bad when it is really good. As the Apostle Paul said, we are not ignorant of his devices (2 Corinthians 2:11).

For example, a shot of heroin will make you feel good for a few hours. And some would say, "If it makes me feel good, why shouldn't I continue it?" But you see, the devil is a liar and a deceiver. The truth is, a person *will* feel good for a few hours, or for a few times, but later, the drug will begin to take its toll and leave

a person feeling wretched... and wrecked for years, or maybe life, until ultimately, it leaves them destroyed.

I have had people tell me they thought they could handle the heroin and other drugs, until they discovered the drugs handled them. I have prayed prayers of deliverance for many who were hooked on drugs. I have shown them that they had to come to a point of turning to God and telling the devil, "Take your hands off me. I am God's property!"

I also pray for sick people every day. In fact, we receive thousands of phone calls daily through the Abundant Life Prayer Group. And sickness and disease are frightening...especially cancer.

Let me remind you that sickness does not come from God. It is sent directly from satan himself. It is the devil who is trying to steal your health. And if he can't get your whole body, he will try to take part of your body... an arm, or a leg, or an important organ.

If the devil can't take all of your earnings away, he will try to take part. If he can't take your job, he will try to lay you off for awhile. If he can't get all your money, he will try to kill the economy or make inflation take it.

You see, the devil will come at you from all sides. And if you try to face him alone, you cannot possibly win.

So...your only chance is to remember that you don't belong to yourself or to the devil. You belong to God.

You are God's property.

Believe me, the devil knows who you belong to... He believes and trembles (James 2:19).

And the moment he finds out that you know you belong to God, half of your battle is won. And when you say, "Devil, take your hands off God's property...*Me*"... you have begun to drive the devil out of your life, and away from you, and to get yourself under God's great protection.

How this will work throughout your life

In your day-by-day life, the little things that seem so ordinary are really the groundwork for bigger things. So, remember that things like these will arise, and you can attack them with your faith.

- The devil putting in your mind the thought of an unkind word about yourself, which he tempts you to say to yourself, or to a loved one, or to someone else...
- Starting to develop a bad attitude at your work which may cause a demotion or a layoff, or even the loss of your job or position...
- Doing little things which lead to the beginning of a breakdown in your health—not taking care of yourself...
- Letting tension and fear buildup...
- Being angry too long and too often...
- Not planting your seeds of faith in the form of your giving of love, kindness, time, talent, money...
- Forgetting about miracles, and God's great concern to give you those miracles.

On the other hand, these are the little things you can do toward God:

- Be positive in your attitude, believing for the best to happen...
- See the good things in yourself, your loved ones, and others...
- Keep a good attitude, which can lead to a promotion...or being kept on in bad times... or even a new and better job or position...
- Keep yourself on a more even keel and in balance not permitting the devil to steal your peace of soul and mind...
- Refuse the suggestion to get angry and try to hurt someone.

In short, your daily goal is to go from planting bad seeds, which are multiplied back into bad things...to planting good seeds, how-

ever small, every day...good seeds, which are multiplied back into good things.

It's a decision.

Start believing Jesus, rather than the devil. Believe that each good seed you plant will be multiplied and sent back to you in God's own way and time, and in exactly the way you need it most.

Right now, I want you to know and feel down in the depths of your soul the loving care God has placed in my heart for you. I want you to feel it... my belief and faith that God wants the devil to take his hands off of God's property...you...and your loved ones!

I remind you and will keep reminding you to tell the devil:

"I am God's property—take your hands off me!"

YOUR GOD-GIVEN PRAYER KEY FOR TODAY:

Pray this prayer: *Father God, I know that I am Your property. I do not belong to the devil. So therefore, I say to the devil right now in the name of Jesus, God's only Son, "I rebuke you and command you to take your hands off me, and all of my loved ones, and everything that is mine." Amen.*

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[Monday]

KEY: *God Cares About Me.*

Growing up as Oral Roberts' son was both good and bad at the same time. On the good side, I loved my dad with all my heart and loved to be with him. I liked the things he liked. We both loved basketball and golf. We loved horses and cattle... and we loved to fish together.

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On the bad side, he was gone a lot because he had to travel. He was called by God as an evangelist, and that meant being away from home for long periods of time, sometimes two, or three, or even four weeks at a time, and sometimes trips overseas were even longer.

Once, he took a trip to Asia and Australia and was gone for six weeks. It was bad enough that he left, but he took my mother with him.

It was just after my birthday, and they had given me a little Boy Scout hatchet. It had a very sharp blade, so in defiance, I used it to cut off the wooden knob on the top of my bed post... But they left anyway.

School was tough on me... and not just because I was more interested in recess and playing ball than in reading, writing and arithmetic. But it was because I got the brunt of all the jokes and criticism from the other kids because of whose son I was. Sometimes, they would come up behind me and cover my eyes and touch me and say, "Be healed!" And then they would laugh. And sometimes the teacher would laugh too.

As the years passed, it drove me inside myself. By the time I was a teenager, a deep unrest had grown inside me. I didn't feel like God really cared about me. I didn't want to be Oral Roberts' son anymore. I wanted to be me. I wanted my own will and plan. I rejected God, even though deep in my heart, I felt that God would use me someday.

Now as I said, I loved my dad. I knew that he was real, and so was his ministry. I had been in those tent crusades. I had seen great miracles as he laid his hands on people in prayer. Many times, I had walked the prayer lines with him. I had seen blind eyes opened and deaf ears healed. I had seen cripples walk. I had seen cancers fall off of people's bodies.

But at about age thirteen, I discovered I had a singing talent, and offers began to come my way. Soon, I had learned to play the guitar, and by the time I was sixteen, I was singing in clubs and

singing lead in a local rock band. I was traveling all across the state, singing on the weekends. By eighteen, I had left home to go to college, now singing in clubs in Kansas City and doing Summer Stock Theater with well-known stars like Shirley Jones, Gordon MacRae, Charles Nelson Reilly... and many others.

It was the late 1960s, and everything in the world was being offered to a single boy like me... and I was ready to try it all.

Naturally, my dad wanted me to use my talent for God through his ministry, but I just told him to get the hell out of my life! He replied, "Son, that is what I am trying to do...to get the hell out of your life." I laugh now, but as I look back on it, what he said made perfect sense. I was living like hell...involved in everything I could get my hands on. I had totally rejected God and a call that, somehow, I knew was on my life. And he wanted all that "hell" in my life to be gone, so that I could use my talent in the ministry and stand by his side.

I got an offer to sing and play in the lounges of the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas. I thought, "This is it; this is my big break." And from there, I would be a headliner. I wouldn't have to put up with the stress of being the son of an evangelist who was known around the world. And I could put out of my mind all of the criticism and hate that my father and family had taken from the media... Like the cruel and vicious lies printed by LIFE and LOOK magazines and newspapers all over the world, and even our hometown. I hated it, and I hated the so called "Christian publications" that struck so hard at my dad and his ministry.

How could God allow it? Didn't He care? "Well, I guess not," I thought. So I would get as far away as I could. The bars and lounges in Las Vegas, promised to me by a talent agent, looked pretty good. Maybe someday, I thought, I would come home a big star, and I would get praised instead of being ridiculed.

But a funny thing happened on the way to Las Vegas...I got sick. And after several visits to the doctor, I was hospitalized at the University

of Kansas Medical Center, and they scheduled me for colon surgery. Me? Surgery? Not me! I was young and talented and *healthy*. Surgery? How could I be facing surgery?

I will never forget the night before the scheduled operation. I was in a ward with four other young men. I lay in that hospital bed praying. Praying? Yes, I said praying. It is amazing who you call on when you get into trouble.

“God, if You will heal me and cancel this surgery,” I prayed, “I will serve You.” Wow! That was a dangerous prayer. But I meant it! Maybe He did care about me after all.

As I lay there praying, I was aware of a strange Presence...a warmth filling me up on the inside. Something was different, and I knew it.

The next morning, the surgeon examined me and found the problem was gone and cancelled the surgery. No surgery! Wow!

The papers were signed and I was released from the hospital. God did care...and He cared about me!

Suddenly, I knew it and I believed it. He cared for a boy like me...a boy who had run away from home... a boy who was now ready for a life-change because of a life-changing experience.

And... if God could care for me... and if He could take me and make something of my life... and if He is no respecter of persons like the Bible says in Acts 10:34, then *get ready for this...*

God cares about you too!

I know
that I know
that I know
that He cares for me!

I was not just Oral Roberts' son running to Las Vegas for a career. I was somebody special to God, and He had a plan for my life.

What to do, what to do? Well, it took a little while. In my flesh, I still fought it for almost a year. But the day came when I drove

home and got on my knees in my parents' bedroom and prayed a prayer of repentance. I asked Jesus Christ to come into my heart. I repented of all my sins and received the Lord into my life. When I got up, I had been forever changed and would never be the same again.

Now, just as I got this truth deep down inside of me, I want you to get it deep down inside of you.

God cares about you!

It doesn't matter where you are, or what road you're on. It doesn't matter what you've done or not done, or what you've felt or said or not felt or said. What matters right now is that in spite of it all...

God cares about you!

Say it out loud, "God cares about me." Say it again, "God cares about me." Now, say it like you mean it...

"God cares about me!"

Believe it, say it, know it. Even if you feel low, say it over and over until it becomes a part of you.

YOUR GOD-GIVEN KEY FOR TODAY:

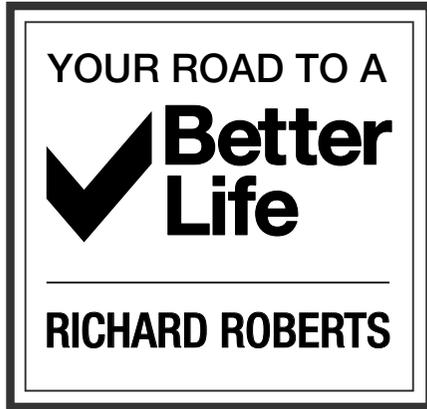
God really does care about me.



[Tuesday]

KEY: *Jesus Lives at My House.*

It has been said that the thing or things that we adore...or the person or persons we choose to adore...often help us to determine



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