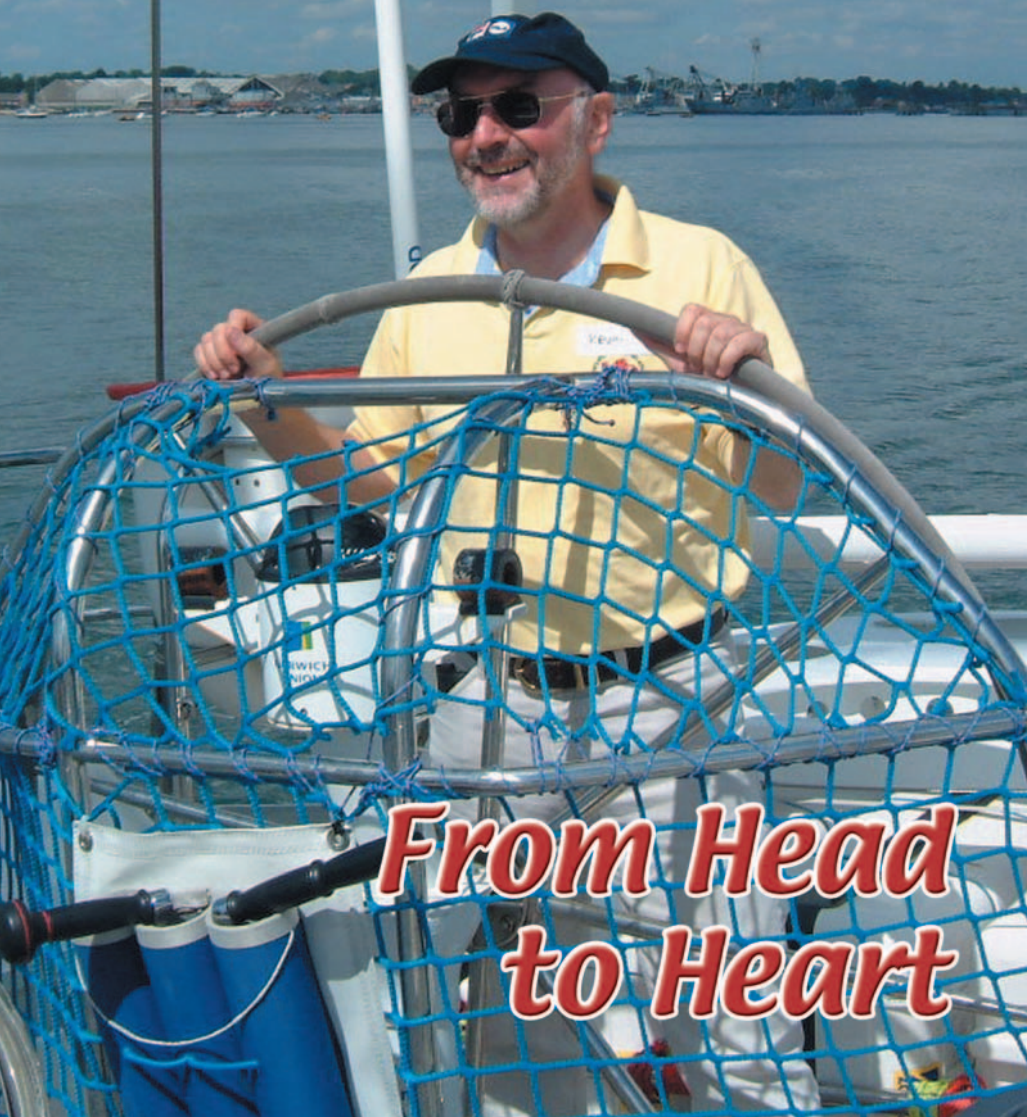


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# VOICE



*From Head  
to Heart*

# From Head to Heart



**Kevin Durban-Jackson**  
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## **Out of Africa**

**I** was the eldest son of a family of five sons and one daughter. 'Born free' under hot African skies in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. My parents, devout Roman Catholics, ensured that I had a good religious education and sent me to be educated by the Jesuit's at St George's College whilst my sister attended the Dominican Convent which had as one of it's founder's a relative who came up by oxcart from the Cape in the 1890's. I was brought up to fear God and the prospect of Hell kept me on the straight and narrow.

In hindsight I had a wonderful childhood, 'Drugs' were what you found in a chemist and the word 'mugger' had not even been invented! Holidays were spent in the bush shooting anything that moved or lolling around the swimming pool. As a school boy I had early success as an all round sportsman,

despite suffering from bronchial asthma, and played 1st Team Rugby, which enhanced my popularity with the girls. Life could not have been better.

Since the day I started work I always seemed to land on my feet. Being at the right place at the right time comes to mind, however the world's values soon had me involved in 'Wine, Women and Song' and I loved to party.

Today as I reflect on my earlier years I'm intrigued at how easily I slipped into a life of sin. I had no hang ups, no abuse and yet the things I had held so dearly in my early life just ran like sand through my fingers. I had to put it down to the fact that as part of 'fallen mankind', I was inherently as corrupt as the rest. I never consciously abandoned God, I simply drifted into things which were more appealing and interesting to me. I suppose death and things eternal seem so far off when you are young.



*Kevin with wife Chantal.*

I shudder to think where I would have gone had God taken my life away during those dark years. I can recall several occasions when I could easily have lost my life. Once on Mt Mulanje in Malawi, when I lost my way in treacherous conditions after an asthma attack, and twice while sailing in storms on Lake Malawi.

### **From Head to Heart**

7th August 1976 was a watershed in my life. That was the day I married my lovely wife Chantal and took on a ready made family when Eric, only 4 years old became my dear stepson. Suddenly my bachelor days were over and I had new responsibilities. Arriving in Zimbabwe to bid farewell to my family, I was immediately struck by the 'glow' on my mother's face. I asked what had happened and she explained that while praying in

the kitchen she was suddenly overwhelmed by the presence of God and began to laugh and cry in ecstatic joy. She later understood that she had been filled with the Holy Spirit, just as those disciples had been on the day of Pentecost. As I quizzed her more about this I knew that I wanted to have this same experience and enjoy that same peace and thus was the beginning of my search for a real spiritual experience with God.

It happened for me some six months later in Takapuna, Auckland, New Zealand. In my quest I had joined a 'Life in the Spirit' seminar, very similar to the Alpha courses offered by churches today. For the first time I saw the manifest power of God in healing, deliverance, prophecy and discernment. I was seeing and experiencing what was written in the



book of Acts nearly 2000 years ago. It blew my mind!! In my early years as a Christian, I had a 'head' knowledge of God, but now I had a spiritual revelation (a 'heart' knowledge) and that was a massive transition from where I'd been. My very nature was impacted and for the first time I saw and understood clearly the love of God for me and all His creation. I can liken the experience to watching the TV with the aerial unplugged when all you get is a fuzzy haze, but plug it in and you see everything crystal clear.

Formerly, as a Catholic I was in and out of the confessional like a fiddler's elbow but nothing really changed because, of myself, I was powerless to change my life. Now as a Born Again Believer it's the Holy Spirit who

empowers my life and makes me strong. Sadly that's not to say that I no longer sin, but I manage my affairs more successfully and have the wisdom to keep away from those

things which will entrap me. I believe God has always had his hand on me ever since I made my First Communion as a seven year old. It

really meant a lot to me and I knew that Jesus had died to save me from sin. I believe that God aches to have a relationship with all of his people.

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### **Life as a Christian in Business**

I have a simple philosophy. All that I have is God's blessing to me. If I had not had the education, the opportunity, the physical and mental capacity to hold down a professional job, I would not be in the relatively

*Kevin Durban-Jackson with stepson Eric and his wife, Caroline.*



comfortable life style I enjoy today. Truly I thank God and humbly admit that He is more than a 'crutch' to me, He is my whole life support system.

My professional life has mostly been in the sales and marketing arena which I love since I'm a bit of an extrovert and like nothing better than engaging with people who each have a whole lifetime experience I can learn from. We are all moulded by our life's experience and this I find fascinating. I have had the great satisfaction of empowering people and encouraging them into greater opportunities. So many are intimidated and controlled in their work place and never have the opportunity to be released into their full potential. The corporate workplace is full of hidden agenda's and many people fall victim to 'bad mouthing' and can be held back by peers if they are seen as a threat to their own political ambitions. Our words are powerful and can destroy as well as create. Beware, because one day we will have to give an account for our decisions to our Maker.

Until recently I have worked with the UK's largest Telecommunications provider, delivering complex end to end business solutions, involving multi-million pound integrated networks and CRM solutions. These projects take months of planning and negotiating and just as long to

project manage and implement after the sale.

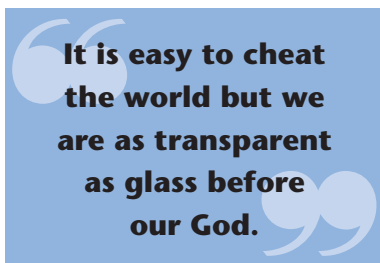
This requires teamwork and commitment to excellence. I was responsible for a number of large blue chip corporates worth in excess of £25m in revenues to my company. I've always been a team player and readily admit that without their expertise and support I would not have had the good success I attained in my business life. Always give credit and recognition to those who have earned it. It is a powerful catalyst to move them on to even greater responsibility. Their

success is my success and I hope that I have been a good mentor in showing them that all that I have is God's blessing to me. God wants us to be generous, not just

financially, but in all things, our work experience, knowledge and time.

We live in a world full of compromise. How often are we tempted with such issues as "give me cash and then there is no VAT to pay" or not asking too many questions about cheap goods which fell off the back of a lorry?! For me God sees our hearts and if we cannot be trusted with the small things he will not entrust us with bigger things. It is easy to cheat the world but we are as transparent as glass before our God.

My faith has grown out of experiencing God and His manifest power. I suffered from asthma since childhood, but one day I stepped forward





*Kevin sailing with a colleague.*

for prayer at an FGB meeting and Raymond Barr, the speaker, immediately saw that my neck had been damaged at birth and prayed for my healing. Within a few months I was free of this horrible affliction. I have been involved in deliverance ministry, used prophetically and seen people knocked over by the power of The Holy Spirit as I prayed for them. You cannot remain unchanged when you see and hear first hand what God is doing today in our midst.

My business success was the result of my passionate belief that the solutions I was proposing would benefit my clients. In the same way I'm passionate about advising people whom I meet that God cares for them despite the mess they may have got themselves into.

## **It's All up to You**

I and others could talk to you until we are blue in the face. But we will not convert you because only the work of the Holy Spirit can do that if you are willing to accept Him into your life. God gives us a free choice. We can choose His Kingdom of light or we can remain in the kingdom of darkness, but remember the choices are for Eternity. From my personal experience I commend Jesus Christ to you, there is no other way to God the Father except through Christ.

Please see the prayer in the back of this magazine which will enable you to commit your life to Him and immediately enter into Eternal friendship with God the Father.

*Kevin has taken early retirement from British Telecom and is now heading up the Monteagle Ltd International Timber enterprise as Sales and Marketing Director.*

# Making Money was my *Blind Ambition*



**Martin Clarke, London**

**W**hen one doesn't have wealth, one knows it is not enough, and when one acquires wealth, one soon comes to realise it is still not enough! Living in central London, I led a rather wild lifestyle. I had a choice to make. On one side of where I lived was a casino, where I could play roulette until four in the morning, while on the other side, I could party until five in the morning. Obviously, at that time, life didn't have much meaning.

## **A Millionaire at 28**

Economically, I was raised at the bottom of the barrel. Fortunately, I was surrounded by wealthy people. They gave me a goal in life. I used to deliver bread, wine and newspapers to wealthy people. When I went inside their homes I could see that their furniture was different than our family's. Things looked a lot better in their homes than they did in ours.

Seeing that wealth gave me an incentive in life: to make money.

A couple of times I came home and my mother was crying because we did not have any food to eat. That was pretty basic, but it was a motivation for me to make money. I'm not advising that as a management strategy, but it motivated me. I didn't know why I wanted to make money; it was like a blind ambition. It quickly became obvious that as an employee, I could not make any real money. So, at age 24, I went out on my own and started a real estate business.

My motto was that there is no point in going to work unless you are going to make money. To network with people, I would do anything to meet people. It was a seven-day-a-week job. I became quite successful through entertaining, networking, whisky, wine and luck. By the age of twenty-eight I had made several

million pounds, and was making more and more money.

On my wedding day, I went to confession, but I didn't have time to confess all of my sins. After only ten years of marriage, my wife announced that she wanted a divorce. It was quite a blow! Immediately I moved out of my estate, and so poured myself into my ambition and work: making money.

China was beginning to open up to business, so I went through that door of opportunity. I still have businesses in England, Europe, China, the Far East and Hong Kong, from real estate to technology firms.

### Life Changing Encounter

One night I was walking near Berkeley Square and I wanted a cigarette and a cup of coffee. I wasn't really going anywhere, so I sat down at a coffee shop. A great big man in the corner, who I vaguely recognised, shouted to me and asked me if I had had a hard day. My response, 'Yeah, a hard life, as well!' He was a very famous London photographer. I helped him to settle a business dispute he had; and we became friends.

A few months later he asked me out to dinner. We went to the west part of London to get one of the best curries in town. In spite of the run-down area, we parked his Rolls Royce outside the building.

When we had jumped out of the car we heard singing.

It was the Salvation Army hall. There was a very beautiful girl out front, and she ushered us into the building. Although we did not know it, it turned out to be a Christian healing meeting. We sat there in amazement. The people had smiles on their faces.

Three weeks after that, totally out of the blue, my friend hung himself. He had become depressed, so he went out and bought a rope and tackle, and put it up in his big warehouse to take his own life. It was a blow to me. I had seen him every day for six months, yet he never mentioned he was depressed.

Shortly thereafter, the pretty girl that ushered us into the Salvation Army building, along with two other men, came into my office. She exclaimed to me, "You need Jesus Christ!"

My quick reply was, "I don't need Jesus Christ. I am a businessman,



*Martin Clarke with  
wife, Shaneen.*



and I am not interested.” They explained further, “In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord plans to prosper you and not harm you...” I started listening. I thought to myself, “This girl is so beautiful looking, and yet she is into this Christian thing.” I eventually started dating her and married her in May of 2000. Shaneen led me to the Lord before we got married.

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### **A Complete Way of Life**

She persuaded me, “Why don’t you go to this Full Gospel meeting in West London?” I obliged her by attending my first FGBMFI meeting. I sat there in a very arrogant way and mumbled to myself, “Lord, what am I doing here? What is this all about?” Charles Duke, the astronaut, was the speaker. He started talking about Jesus Christ and sharing his pictures of the moon. He called me out of the audience, “Could that gentleman please come up?” I went up and suddenly spoke in tongues, filled of the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit got hold of me, my vices seemed to slip away, one-by-one. I stopped doing certain things. I refused to go to casinos or race tracks, or to use any trickery in business. Once you start doing the Lord’s business, He wants to change quite a few things. All of a sudden, my business associates were amazed. In the beginning, I was under attack. They accused me, “He’s gone mad.”

For one project, if we invested in a certain way, we could have made a couple more million dollars, but the deal did not have much integrity. I told them that we could not do the deal right now, even though it cost me millions.

Jesus Christ is a complete way of life. I am not a Christian just for the salvation and the eternal life, it is a total way of

living. The biggest miracle in my life now is through my business and my witness. Many non-Christians who come to my office end up talking to me about their problems.

Since I became a Christian, my business has come under attack. Through prayer and faith, I stand on the Word of God and His promises. There comes a point where you say, “Look, there are a lot of promises in the Bible. If it is not true and He is a liar, then we are all wasting our time, aren’t we?” But you must stand on the Word of God. There is total peace and joy. God does miracles. I’ve even had money miraculously arrive in my bank account, with absolutely no idea where it came from!

### **Working for God**

Being a Christian is a full-time job. It’s a process. There is a continuing changing process going on in my life. I am no longer obsessed with making money. Businessmen need to be God’s advocates and use our business goals for God’s purpose. More than being an International Director, I



*Martin with Richard Shakarian, the International President of FGBMFI.*

have a very sentimental attachment to the FGBMFI. It's a fantastic organisation!

When the Holy Spirit got hold of me I became involved in visiting those in prison and helping the homeless. Most Saturday mornings at 6 a.m. I have a 'soup run', helping about a hundred homeless people. Maybe I should have gone to prison for some of the things I've done in my life, and I have a heart for the underdog, the guy that's had the unlucky break. There is just a hairline difference between a crooked businessman on the outside of prison, and the convicted criminal on the inside.

I see a lot of miracles on the streets on Saturday mornings. I now know the true value of a pound. These homeless guys on the streets literally have nothing. Most don't have any hope, but when I start talking about Jesus, there is a new hope in their lives. You can buy two cups of coffee for one pound in London. That is a very valuable pound to someone who is on the streets, particularly on a November or December morning. Maybe that homeless person has slept on the street all night.

There's more to life than just wanting to make money.

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# Business was not Enough



*Clive with wife Henrietta.*

## **Clive Wisbey, Bexleyheath, Kent**

### **Background**

I was born into a happy, secure, loving, church-going family. Having been confirmed at the age of 14, I continued going to church throughout my teenage years. I had a privileged education but failed to make the most of it, and took a mechanical engineering apprenticeship.

### **Soon into Business**

At the age of 23 I left engineering and borrowed enough money to buy a run-down working men's café at New Eltham. My fulfilment lay in

providing good food, hard work, meeting people and saving money. I just assumed that I was a Christian and remained a regular pew-filler, but went to sleep during sermons!

I then sold the café and made enough money to buy and stock a small shop in Margate – Clive Menswear. It quickly became a success and I found it a very enjoyable and creative business, and it provided me with all the trappings of a large house and two cars. My church-going habit declined during these years. A series of break-ins at the shop – twenty-five in thirteen



*The original café in 1966 in New Eltham.*

years – plus one armed hold-up for good measure, seemed to show me that I was surrounded by evil. I had to ‘seek the light’ and I knew that that was in church. I was then invited to an evangelical meeting and the Minister stopped the singing to boldly say: “The Lord says there is someone here He does not want to lose, would they step forward, the Lord wants to bless him.” A voice in my head said: “It’s not you,” and another one said: “It is you, go forward.” I remained in my seat but I was challenged and had a sleepless night. I was made aware of my sins, acutely realising through terrible visions that I was existing without God, but through all this Jesus was calling me.

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### **A Personal Relationship**

As a result of this I made what I thought was a recommitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, but over a period of eighteen months I came to realise that I had no personal relationship with Him, and concluded that I was not saved. Alone on my knees

I repented, asked Jesus to forgive my sins and become my saviour. There was a wonderful release and tears of joy followed.

After this came a time of cleansing and gentle prompting by the Holy Spirit. I was aware of my inability to speak or be a helper for the Lord, and whilst on my own I asked Him to fill me with His Holy Spirit. I experienced a mighty infilling of love, peace and joy. Later I sought



and received the gift of being able to speak in other tongues.

**Into The Ark**

Still a bachelor, I was burdened to work for the Lord, who had done great things for me. My church group leader said that I would be good running a Christian bookshop. The idea seemed very dull after running a glitzy fashion business. But I sold the business and spent six months telling the Lord that I would do anything other than running a bookshop – until I heard Him say: “Do it for me.” Then, whilst looking for a suitable shop, I met a pastor and Fellowship that had had the vision of just such a shop for eleven years. A shop was bought and The Ark Christian Centre in Erith, Kent was opened. It sold books, music and



*The Ark Christian Centre at Erith.*

stationery and also had a café. So once again I was cooking, but this time for Jesus. People poured in and

*Menswear shop in Margate.*



it was our joy to see many spoken to, prayed for, counselled and generally ministered to – our vision was to show God's love to the community.

### **Nothing is Impossible with God**

After serving in The Ark for eight years, the Centre became a registered charity, and the mortgage of £48,000 was amazingly paid off through large donations and I was offered a rest.

I turned my attention to neglected property business affairs at this time, and it was then that I was introduced to the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. Eighteen months after this my mother, who was a Christian, had a severe stroke and in the intervening three and a half years

before she died I met Henrietta. I fell in love with and married this super Christian lady, and she has been a great help to me and my best present ever!

I also believe in healing and miracles. My father at the age of 79 was diagnosed with two inoperable brain tumours with only weeks to live.

Together with my mother and two friends I prayed against the tumours for three weeks before the next scan. When the scan was taken the specialist was

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amazed that he could not find the tumours at all! We praised Jesus and knew throughout that God was greater. My father continued in good health until he was called to heaven. Nothing is impossible with God!

*Clive Wisbey is President of the Bexleyheath Chapter of FGBMFI.*

### **THE FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL IS AN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN MEN WHOSE PURPOSE IS:**

1. To call men to God and into the church by witnessing to God's presence and power in the world today.
2. To provide a basis for Christian fellowship among men everywhere under the single banner of their experiences in Jesus Christ and to strengthen them so that they can go back to their respective churches refreshed and renewed. The FGBMFI is not a church nor a sect. It has no priests nor pastors, and does not start churches.
3. To bring about a greater measure of unity amongst all Christians.

# 6 Steps to Salvation

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

- 1 Acknowledge**  
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (*Romans 3:23*) "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." (*Luke 18:13*)
- 2 Repent**  
"But unless you repent, you too will all perish." (*Luke 13:3*)  
"Repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out." (*Acts 3:19*)
- 3 Confess**  
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (*1 John 1:9*) "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (*Romans 10:9*)
- 4 Forsake**  
"Let the wicked man forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord . . . for he will freely pardon." (*Isaiah 55:7*)
- 5 Believe**  
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (*John 3:16*) "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (*Mark 16:16*)
- 6 Receive**  
"To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (*John 1:12*).

## Why not make your eternal decision now?

"Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and I ask for Your forgiveness. I receive You now as my personal Saviour and invite You to manage my life from this day forward. Amen."

Write to us to tell us of your decision. We'll send you a booklet, "Now that You've Received Christ."

Yes! I have made my eternal decision. I have read the Six Steps to Salvation and have asked Jesus to be my personal Saviour. Please send me the booklet "Now That You've Received Christ."

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