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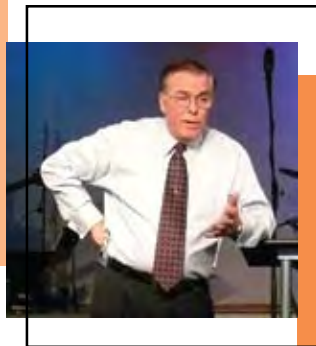
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## Changing Our World...



# Honoring Fathers



# Heart to Heart

*with Kenneth W. Hagin*

I was fortunate to grow up in the home of Kenneth E. Hagin. He was my natural father and a spiritual father to many. Although my dad is now in Heaven, his example of faith still lives with me today. I can recall the victories he obtained through his faith in God. My father's faith endured many tests and trials and got us all through many rough times.

My dad was a fine example of a godly father. Abraham of the Old Testament is another example of a godly father. In Romans 4:16 (NLT) Abraham is called *"the father of all who believe."* Throughout history, he has affectionately been called "Father Abraham."

The way Abraham endured to receive the promise of God has helped many believers to stand firm on God's Word as they go through difficult times. Abraham's life is also an example to all of us who are fathers. He shows us how to leave a godly heritage for our children. The following acrostic of the word "father" reveals some of the many lessons Abraham gave us.

**F stands for faith.** Abraham was a man of faith.

When God told Abraham in Genesis 12 to leave his country and go to a land that God would show him, Abraham obeyed the Word of the Lord, even though he did not know where he was going.

Every time a father obeys God, he leaves an example for his children to follow. I watched my dad obediently follow the call of God on his life. As a result, I learned how to use my faith to follow God's plan for my life.

**A stands for available.** Abraham was available to his family.

According to Genesis 21:8 (TLB), after Isaac was weaned, *"... Abraham gave a party to celebrate the happy occasion."*

One of the most important things a father can do for his children is to spend time with them. I understand that a father has a responsibility as head of the household to provide for his family. But spending quality time with our children will mean more to them than any amount of money.

**T stands for tested.** Abraham taught his son how to pass the tests of life.

Genesis 22 records how God tested Abraham's faith and obedience by requiring him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham used his faith in God to get through this test. And children need to see from our example that obeying God is the most important thing they can do in life.

**H stands for help.** Abraham helped his son find a godly wife (Gen. 24).

As fathers, we must teach our children how to make wise decisions. To do this, we cannot make every decision for our children, but we must train them in such a way that they will learn how to make right choices on their own. If they learn how to make good decisions when they are young, then they will continue making right decisions when they are older.

**E stands for encouragement.** Abraham encouraged his son to believe God.

When Abraham and Isaac were climbing Mount Moriah to offer a sacrifice to God, Isaac asked his father, *"... but where is the lamb for the sacrifice"* (Gen. 22:7 TLB)? Isaac had his doubts, but Abraham quickly encouraged his son to believe God by replying, *"God will see to it, my son"* (v.8 TLB).

Abraham and Isaac worked together to offer a sacrifice to God. Isaac carried the wood and Abraham carried the knife and fire. Unfortunately, we fathers often tell our children *what* to do, but we don't do it *with them*. If we tell our children to go to church and serve God, then we ought to go to church and serve God with them.

**R stands for responsibility.** Abraham was responsible to take care of his family.

Abraham raised his children in the reverence of God. Fathers, you have the responsibility to lead your family in the things of God. Your children need to see you praying and reading your Bible.

General Douglas MacArthur felt this same way. He once said, "By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder—ininitely prouder—to be a father. . . . It is my hope that my son . . . will remember me not from the battle field but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer."<sup>1</sup>

Fathers, it is our responsibility to show our children how to be responsible with their money, work, and fellow man. But above all, we need to teach them how to be responsible and true to our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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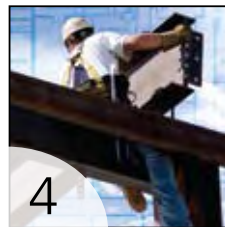
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# ARE YOU BUSY BUILDING THE CHURCH?

K E N N E T H W . H A G I N



“... Go into all the world and preach the good news to all [people].”

—Mark 16:15 (NIV)

**T**he Body of Christ is commissioned to go into the entire world and preach the Gospel. The word “preach” in Mark 16:15 does not mean that only those behind a pulpit are able to share the Gospel message. No, this verse is talking to every born-again believer and commissioning men and women—both young and old—to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people around them.



It is up to all of us to build the Church. A pastor alone can't get the job done. How can we accomplish this task? We can get the job done by *evangelizing*, *encouraging*, and *edifying*.

## First: We Build the Church Through Evangelism

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be built first through evangelism. The apostle Paul said that he was compelled to preach the Gospel (1 Cor. 9:16). Preaching the Gospel was the purpose for his life. Many Christians do not

realize that their main purpose in life is to share the Gospel with others. *All* believers are called to preach and demonstrate the Gospel of our Savior.

People everywhere need to know that Jesus is alive and that He is still the answer to their problems. Many unbelievers don't think that God can move miraculously on their behalf. Others may have heard about the miracles that Jesus did when He was on the earth but do not believe anything like that can happen today. You and I need to show those who are lost that life, power, and the miraculous are still found in Christ Jesus.

Some people might say, "I'm not skilled at going out on the street and witnessing to the lost." Well, why don't you start by demonstrating Jesus in your everyday life? Living a life of evangelism is as easy as walking in love and living a life of faith.

You see, you can preach the Gospel with your words, but you can also preach the Gospel with your lifestyle. In fact,

In everyday life, more people are led to Christ by *watching* someone they know *live for Christ* than by having a complete stranger *tell them* about Christ.

your attitudes and actions often say a lot more than your words do. In everyday life, more people are led to Christ by *watching* someone they know *live for Christ* than by having a complete stranger *tell them* about Christ.

When your co-workers look at your life, do they see Jesus? Does your lifestyle preach Jesus, or are you so involved in office gossip that there isn't much difference between you and everyone else at your job?

When was the last time you brought someone other than a family member

to church? If you want to have a tremendous experience, bring a co-worker, a neighbor, or even the clerk from the grocery store to church and watch them receive Christ!

Of course, you don't have to wait to bring someone to your church to lead them to the Lord. Share Christ with your co-workers, the mailman, the exterminator, or whomever. You come in contact with people every day who need Jesus. The altar at the front of the church isn't the only place a person can give his or her life to the Lord. And one of the greatest feelings you will experience is found in praying the sinner's prayer with someone meeting Christ for the first time.

## FAITH IN ACTION

# Sharing Christ With Others

When witnessing to unbelievers, here are some Gospel truths to share:

### 1. Everyone is a sinner, without hope and without God.

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23).*

### 2. God does not want anyone to perish.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).*

### 3. The gift of salvation is free.

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the*

*gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8-9).*

### 4. Jesus' death on the Cross paid the penalty for sin.

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Rom. 5:8-9).*

### 5. Salvation is received through faith.

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Rom. 10:9-10).*

## Second: We Build the Church Through Encouragement

First, the Church will be built through *evangelism*. Second, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be built through *encouragement*.

The apostle Paul started many churches. After the churches were established, Paul moved on to other towns. But he often returned to the churches he started and strengthened the believers in the things of God.

### ACTS 14:21-22 (NIV)

**21 . . . Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, 22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. . . .**

Paul even went back to the cities where he had been severely persecuted. In Acts chapter 14, Jews from Antioch and Iconium stoned Paul and dragged his body outside the city of Lystra. As Paul's disciples gathered around him, he suddenly got up—alive and well! Instead of leaving town immediately, Paul went back into Lystra. He probably felt

compelled to encourage the saints there because of the great persecution they were experiencing.

It is so important that we encourage one another. Someone once said, "Encouragement is like oxygen to the soul." Without oxygen we can't breathe, and if we can't breathe, we cease to live. Think about what your body would be like without oxygen. Now think about what your life would be like if no one ever encouraged you.

Nothing will lift someone higher than a few words of encouragement: "I just want to let you know that I'm here for you. You can make it." These simple words can mean so much.

Discouragement is not something you can prevent with an inoculation. In other words, no one is immune to the damaging effects of discouragement. In fact, discouragement is one of the main tools the enemy uses to get people out of church and out of the will of God. Many times a person needs only a little encouragement to get back on track.

Everyone needs encouragement. It doesn't matter how high or low you are on the totem pole, so to speak, it's always nice to hear kind words of encouragement. Even in my own life, there have been times when I have preached with a heavy heart on the inside. But in times like that, someone inevitably comes up to me and says, "Pastor, we're with you." Encouraging words always lift me up.

Have you ever been at the point where you were ready to throw in the towel? You were ready to quit, but someone came along, patted you on the back, and said, "It's going to be all right. We're with you." Those simple words gave you the strength to continue. Instead of quitting, you kept at it and finished your course.

Encouragement can come in various ways and from various people. We can even encourage ourselves. In First Samuel 30:6, King David was greatly distressed, and he encouraged himself in the Lord.

Encouragement also comes through the Word of God.

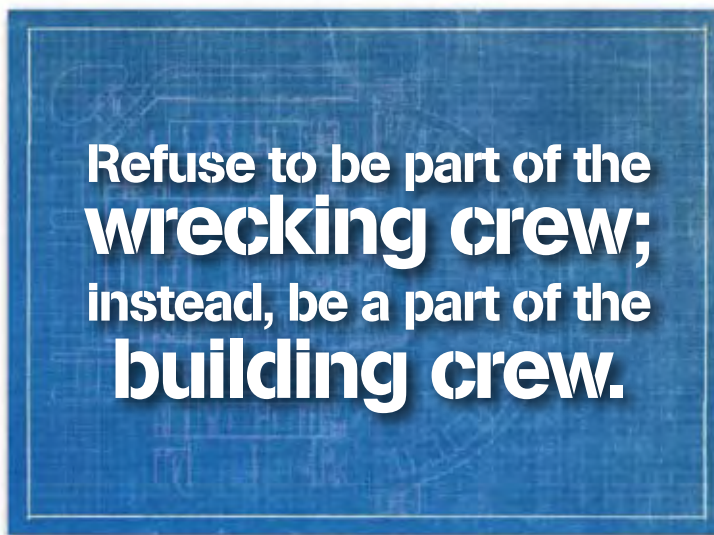
#### ROMANS 15:4 (NIV)

**4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

We can become so busy in our everyday affairs that we neglect reading our Bible. But it is from God's Word that we draw our greatest strength and encouragement.

Encouragement also comes by loving one another. Philemon 1:7 says, "*Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints*" (NIV).

Paul was encouraged when he saw Philemon encouraging others. Encour-



agement is twofold. We need to encourage others as much as we need to be encouraged.

### Third: We Build the Church Through Edification

First, the Church will be built through *evangelism*. Second, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be built through *encouragement*. Third, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be built through *edification*.

To "edify" means *to build up*. Unfortunately, too many people specialize in demolition. My father always told me, "Son, stay on the positive. Anyone can be negative. But it takes someone who is willing to buck the tide to be positive."

Have you noticed how many negative people there are in the world? Most

of the news reports we hear are negative. Rarely does the TV news feature a positive, uplifting story. Instead, we are bombarded with violence, recession worries, health concerns, high gas prices, and so forth.

Anyone can be negative, but let's determine to be positive. Refuse to be part of the wrecking crew; instead, be a part of the building crew.

You can see in Paul's writings that he always built up and encouraged the believers.

#### ROMANS 8:35-39 (NIV)

**35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?**

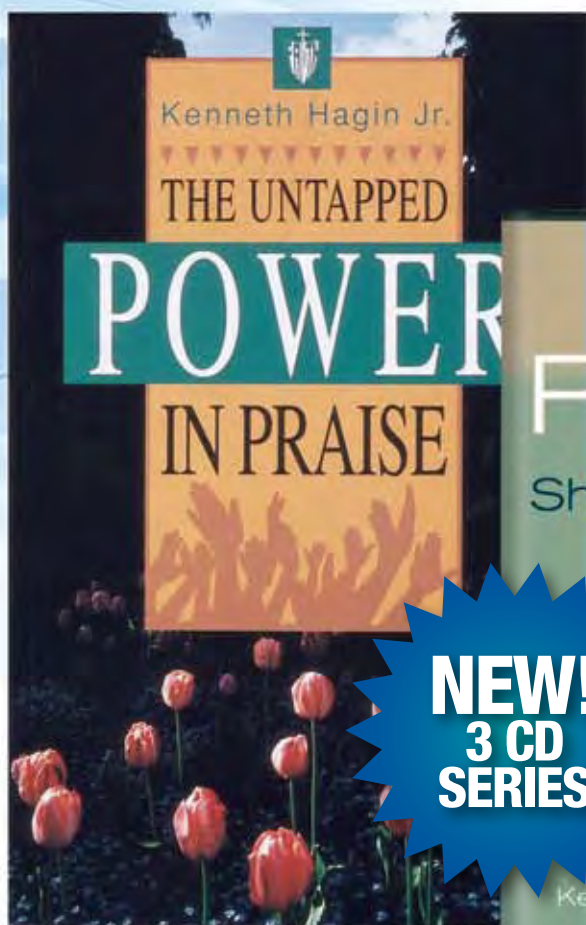
**36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."  
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.  
38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

What is interesting about this passage of Scripture is that Paul was edifying these saints *while he was in prison*. If anyone had just cause to be negative, it was Paul. He faced extreme persecution for preaching the Gospel. He was beaten, shipwrecked, stoned, and thrown in prison. Yet in verse 37, Paul said he was more than a conqueror in every situation that he faced. Paul chose to be positive even in negative circumstances.

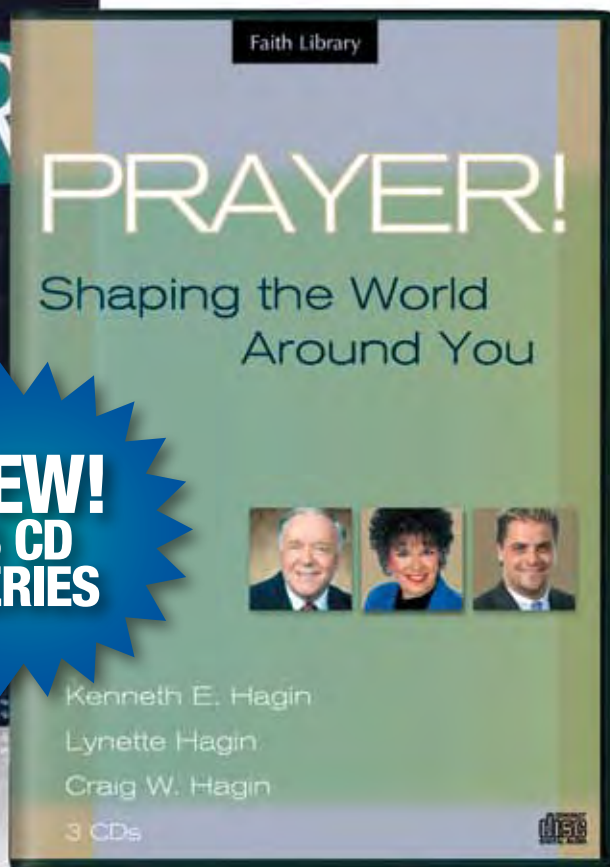
We are not on this earth by accident. And as we approach the return of Christ, we need to be committed to build the Church of our Lord Jesus. It's time to get out of our comfort zone and go into the highways and byways to reach the lost.

God has a plan for all of us and that includes building the Church by reaching the lost. We are beacons of light that shine in dark places to illuminate the pathway that leads to salvation. ♣

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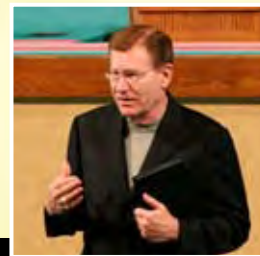
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# New Creations IN Christ

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

—2 Corinthians 5:17

**W**hen a person comes to Christ, he receives remission of sins. That is, his sins are blotted out. Not only are his sins blotted out, but his past life is blotted out as well. As far as God is concerned, nothing in his life prior to the moment he became born again is counted, or held, against him.

I thank God for the change that takes place in a person at the New Birth. According to Second Corinthians 5:17, we become a new creature in Christ. In the margin of my

Bible, it says that we become a *new creation*.

After I became born again and received healing for my body, I got hold of this verse. It became my second-favorite scripture in the New Testament. Of course, Mark 11:24 is my number-one favorite verse. But after I came across Second Corinthians 5:17, I told everyone I met that I was a new creature. And in doing so, I was really confessing that I was a new creation in Christ.

As a result of my constant confession, I did not have some of the other problems that Christians can have with the world, the flesh, and the devil. You see, you will always rise to the level of your confession. So by calling myself a new creature, that

new man on the inside of me manifested himself on the outside.

The trouble many people have is this: instead of looking at their lives from the spiritual standpoint—from an inward standpoint—they are always looking at themselves from the natural standpoint.

The spiritual nature of man without Christ is a fallen nature. When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, his spiritual nature fell. Man, in and of himself, can't change his fallen nature. Jeremiah 13:23 says, "*Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?*" The answer is no. And while you cannot change your fallen, sinful nature, *God can!*

I remember the very first time I went to town after I had been born again and raised up from the bed of sickness.\* It was on a Saturday. In fact, it was the second Saturday of August in 1934. My hometown was a small farming community. And in those days, everyone went to town on Saturday. Usually, the courthouse square was so thick with people that you could hardly stir them with a stick, so to speak.

On that particular day, I ran into a friend of mine. Before I became bedfast, we were bosom pals. If you saw one of us, you saw the other. But you know, the world soon forgets you when trouble comes. And after I was bedfast, my friend only came to see me twice.

When we saw each other that day in town, we sat down on the running board of a 1934 V8 Ford to talk. Now, he was the same old creature he had always been. But I was a new creature. My friend pointed to a building a half-block away and began talking about some of the things we used to do before I got born again. I knew what he was talking about, but I acted as though I didn't. I just sat there with a mask-like look on my face.

You see, as a teenager, I had a knack for being able to open any lock. So before I gave my life to Christ, sometimes I would open the lock on a building and my friends would go in and get some candy. They took only candy, and I never went into the store with them. I only opened the door. Of course, I always helped them eat the candy afterward!

Finally my friend said, "You are acting as though you don't know what

I am talking about. And if it had not been for you picking the lock, we would not have been able to steal the candy."

I told him, "The fellow that was with you boys that night is dead."

"You're not dead," he said. "You're sitting here right next to me."

He was looking at things from the physical standpoint. But I was looking at them from the spiritual standpoint.

"You are just looking at the house that I'm living in," I said. "You are

it is up to us to bring our body into subjection—not God. If we don't keep our body under, our body will control us.

When God makes the inward man a new creature through the New Birth, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in your spirit to give you power. In this way, you are able to dominate the outward man.

People often come up with excuses and say, "I can't help it." When they say this, they are really telling lies on themselves. They *can* help it.

## Man, in and of himself, can't change his fallen nature.

looking at the outward man—the body. That old man on the inside is gone. Now that I am born again, I am a new creation in Christ."

We Christians need to learn to let the new man on the inside dominate the outward man. Our physical body does not become born again in the New Birth, so it will want to keep doing the wrong things that it is used to doing.

The apostle Paul said in First Corinthians 9:27, "*But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection . . .*" If the body was the real man, Paul would have said, "I bring *myself* into subjection." No,

Notice that Paul said, "I keep my body under and bring it into subjection." This great, holy man of God would not have had to keep his body under if his body naturally wanted to do right. But the body continues to want to do things that are wrong. You see, no matter who you are, you have flesh to contend with.

Paul's body wanted to do things that were wrong. If it didn't, he would not have had to keep it under, or bring it into subjection. But Paul would not allow his body to dominate him ". . . lest that by any means, when [he had] preached to

### FAITH IN ACTION

## New Creation Realities

Being born again—becoming a child of God—is of foremost importance. It is also the key that unlocks the promises of God on your behalf. For when you become a child of God, then God's *promises* can become *realities* in your life.

Here are some Bible promises about the *new creation* you are in Christ:

- **You are one with the Master.**

"*But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit*" (1 Cor. 6:17).

- **All things are possible to you.**

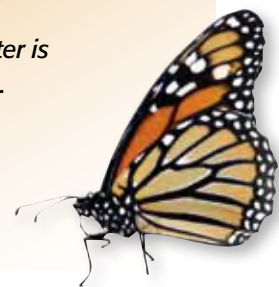
"*. . . all things are possible to him that believeth*" (Mark 9:23).

- **The Greater One lives in you.**

"*Ye are of God . . . and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*" (1 John 4:4).

- **You are to live an abundant life.**

"*. . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*" (John 10:10).



# Crusades—

## Taking the Power of Pentecost to the World



**The vision in Celia Golden's right eye was so blurry she could hardly see. But the blurriness cleared up after Kenneth Hagin laid hands on her in a healing line at a Crusade held in March in Pomona, California.**

"I received prayer, and the blurriness that was in my eye is gone," she said. "The only way I can compare it is this: If you have a camera out of focus, you turn the lens to get focus. That's how it happened. I was looking out a window, and my vision slowly became clear."

Celia and others are experiencing the power of Pentecost at *Crusades* conducted by Kenneth and Lynette Hagin throughout North America. In these anointed, spiritually charged meetings, the Holy Spirit is changing lives by healing the sick, saving the lost, filling believers with His power, and setting captives free from sinful bondages and broken relationships.

Formerly known as *All Faiths' Crusades*, these Spirit-led gatherings reflect the heart of Kenneth Hagin Ministries to impart God's compassionate power to a generation hungry for an encounter with the Living God. *Crusades* share a portion of the anointed, spiritual energy of *Campmeeting*, which is conducted each July on the RHEMA USA campus.

And the results of the meetings are just as tangible as those at *Campmeeting*, as believers throughout the United States and Canada are steered toward a renewed course of victory in Christ. Pastors also are refreshed with a word from the Lord as the Hagins reach out to fulfill their calling as "pastors to local pastors."

North American churches are being strengthened during these special meetings, and believers who view *RHEMA Praise* on television and listen to *Rhema for Today* on the radio have an opportunity to enjoy the

others, [he himself] should be a cast-away" (1 Cor. 9:27). In the margin of my Bible, it says, "that I should be disapproved by God." I don't want to be disapproved. Do you?

We all have to contend with our flesh. On the other hand, the devil also works through our flesh. And one of his

and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Anytime you stumble and fall into sin, when you go to God in repentance, He will always forgive you—no matter how big or small the transgression.

Now, a lack of understanding of God's Word can hinder a person's

## We Christians need to learn to let the new man on the inside dominate the outward man.

plots is to condemn people when they trip up and whisper in their ears, "Well, you must not be saved. If you were, you would not have done that."

The devil tries to make Christians feel as though it was *their* idea to sin. But the man on the inside—the spirit man—does not want to do wrong. It is the unregenerated flesh that trips them up.

Remember that as a Christian, anytime you make a mistake and sin, you can receive forgiveness. First John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

growth in the Lord. One time I was preaching in Pasadena, Texas. After the service a woman came down and asked for prayer to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

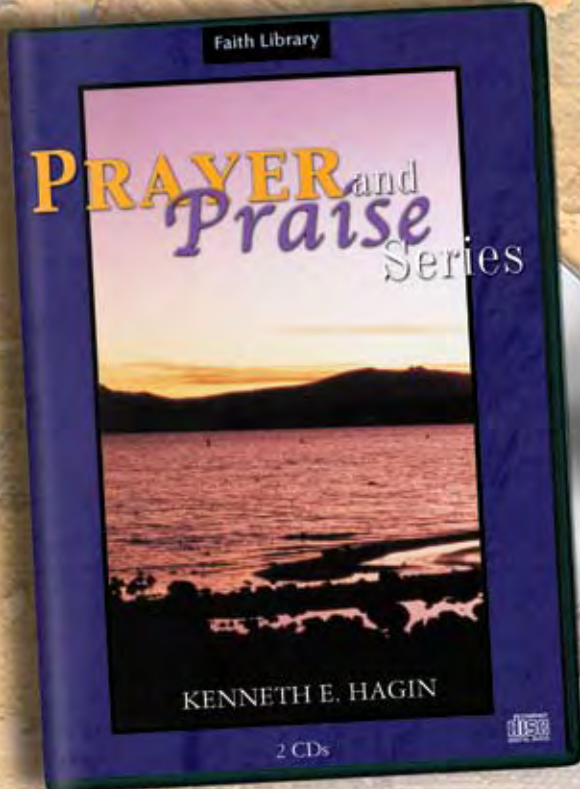
However, she thought she could not be filled right away because she wasn't "good enough." But once it was explained to her that she was a new creation in Christ and that the blood of Jesus cleansed her of all sin any time she repented, she easily was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.

When you become a new creation in Christ, your past is gone. God says in Isaiah 43:25, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." God is not remembering your past, so neither should you.

Peter tells you to desire the sincere milk of the Word so you will grow (1 Peter 2:2). Take time to read the Word and find out who you are in Christ. This is how you will move beyond your carnal, fleshy nature. The Bible teaches that there is a similarity between spiritual growth and physical growth. The more you read the Word and fellowship with the Lord through prayer, the easier it will be to bring your carnal, fleshy nature into subjection.

So remember that your past is gone and that you are a new creature in Christ. As you continue feeding on the Word of God, you will receive all of the blessings that God intends for you to have and live the kind of life that God intends for you to live. ♥

\* For a more detailed account of Kenneth E. Hagin's personal testimony, read *I Believe in Visions*.



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Hagins' ministry in person by attending a meeting in their area. *Crusades* are advertised on both *RHEMA Praise* and *Rhema for Today* and in *The Word of Faith* monthly magazine. Kenneth Hagin Ministries also gets the word out via direct mail to ministry supporters in regions where *Crusades* are being conducted.

The *Crusades* are held in local churches and typically last three to four days with services in the mornings and evenings. Believers around the U.S. can likely attend a meeting held within driving distance at some point during the year. All believers are invited to set aside time in their busy schedules to come and seek God's will for their lives, get built up in the



Word, and enjoy refreshing times in the Spirit.

During each *Crusade*, the primary rule is simple—to let the Holy Spirit have His way.

Kenneth Hagin explains it this way: "I always go to a service prepared to minister a particular message, but if the Holy Spirit directs me differently, that's

the direction I go. I depend entirely upon the Holy Spirit to lead and guide me. The Holy Spirit provides the answer that the people in attendance need."

Each evening, Rev. Hagin ministers on faith, healing, and other subjects as the Spirit directs. In a *Crusade* earlier this year in California, Rev. Hagin taught on God's will to heal believers. At the end of the message, he declared: "If you believe it and you want to receive it, get down here." Believers throughout the auditorium leapt from their seats and ran to the altar to receive healing from God's tangible anointing, which could be sensed in the church.

"There is always something different that happens," said *Crusade* Director Rich King, who is also the worship leader at the *Crusades*. "It's an awesome time. People come and enjoy the Presence of the Lord."

Over the years, countless believers have received miraculous ministry from God in healing lines and through words of knowledge from the pulpit. Back and shoulder problems have vanished immediately, and many other ailments have been healed. Mrs. Golden had experienced blurry vision in her right eye after taking a medicine almost a year earlier,



but the impairment was no match for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Once, a woman suffering from multiple sclerosis answered the altar call in faith to receive healing. She experienced continual improvement in the coming weeks and was eventually declared completely free of the disease. Believers have testified of wayward loved ones returning to Christ after ministers





“My objective is not to go teach about prayer as much as it is to inspire people to pray,” Mrs. Hagin says. “I always prepare to minister in a certain direction, but when I go into a service and we start praise and worship, I enter in and say, ‘Lord, this is what I have prepared, but You minister what You want.’ Many times I never get to my notes, because the Holy Ghost will lead me where that congregation needs to be, and I flow with it. I never go in with an agenda of what I have to do, because it’s not my agenda—it’s God’s.”

agreed with them in prayer. God has also delivered people from smoking addiction, emotional distress, and many other things that had them bound.

In addition to ministering healing and deliverance, winning the lost and getting believers filled with the Holy Spirit are paramount at each *Crusade*. During recent years alone, more than 1,000 people have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. More than 2,000 believers have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

While Kenneth Hagin ministers each evening, Lynette Hagin lays the groundwork in the morning sessions with teachings on faith-filled, fervent prayer. But she goes a big step further—under the direction and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, believers put the teaching into practice as they come before the Lord in praise, worship, and heartfelt petition for God’s will and power.

The ministry team includes a contingent of 18 employees of Kenneth Hagin



Ministries and RHEMA student-volunteers who help to plan, set up, and conduct each *Crusade*. Included are musicians, sound personnel, altar care supervisors, and others. Believers can now read about the latest *Crusade* happenings by visiting an online Weblog at [www.rhema.org/itinerary](http://www.rhema.org/itinerary). The blog is maintained by audio engineer David

Wildman, who also drives the ministry bus and assists with various aspects of the meetings. The blog is updated during meetings with reports on the current messages and miracles, and it also includes photos from the services.

In addition to ministering directly to the Body of Christ during these *Crusades*, the Hagins have the opportunity to promote RHEMA Bible Training Center to prospective students. Believers are also invited to provide prayer and financial support for RBTC as the school trains ministers to take the Gospel to the world. Information on the training center is available at every meeting.

Immediately after the final morning service of each *Crusade*, the Hagins meet with Word Partner Club members to personally share what supporters’ prayers and financial contributions are helping accomplish for God’s Kingdom through Kenneth Hagin Ministries. The Spirit’s powerful work during these particular meetings is also made possible in part by



the generous help of Word Partners and other faithful supporters of RHEMA.

You have a special invitation from Kenneth and Lynette Hagin to see for yourself what these meetings are all about. Make plans now to attend a *Crusade* near you and experience the power of Pentecost! ♠



Check out the RHEMA Web site at [www.rhema.org/itinerary](http://www.rhema.org/itinerary) for a complete schedule of Crusades near you.



# crusades

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Pastor Ray & Liz Eppard

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Pastor Mario & Stacy Latini

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**When can I attend?** Morning Healing School is available Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and is open only to those who need healing. We strongly encourage visitors to attend a full week of services or as many services as possible.

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**Is there lodging on the campus?** The ministry does not have facilities to lodge attendees. To help you plan your trip, visit [www.rhema.org/healing](http://www.rhema.org/healing) for a list of hotels/motels and food and transportation options. Healing School visitors are responsible for their own lodging and transportation.

**Is there a dress code for attending Healing School?** No. We just ask that you dress modestly.

**What can I do to prepare to attend Healing School?** Before your arrival, take God's medicine every day by speaking aloud and meditating on healing scriptures. We recommend that you read *Healing Scriptures* by Kenneth E. Hagin. Visit [www.rhema.org/bookstore](http://www.rhema.org/bookstore) to find this book or other products on healing.

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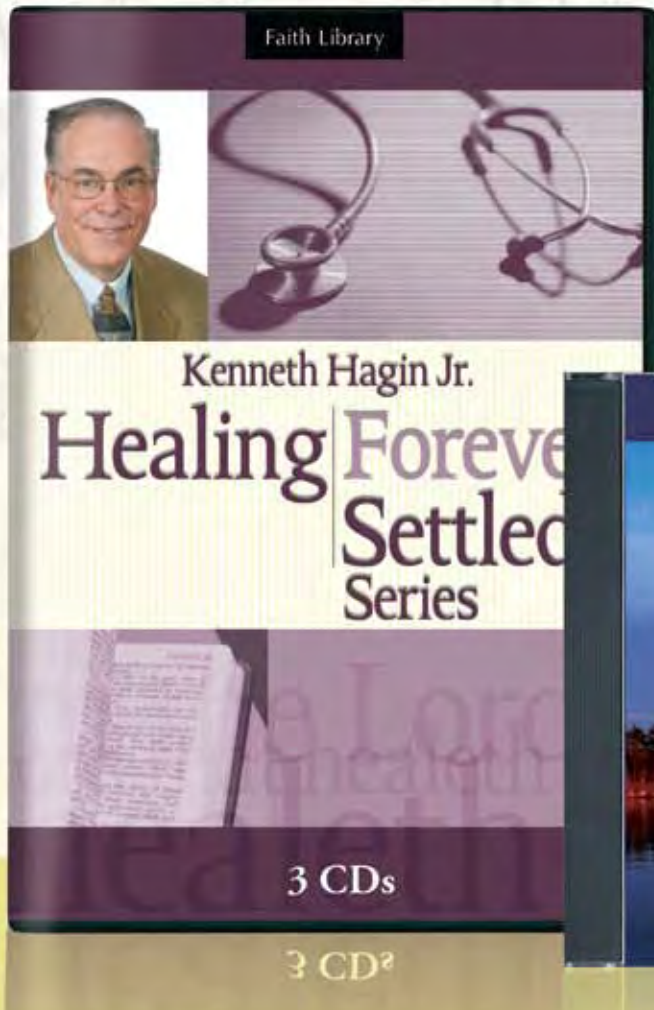
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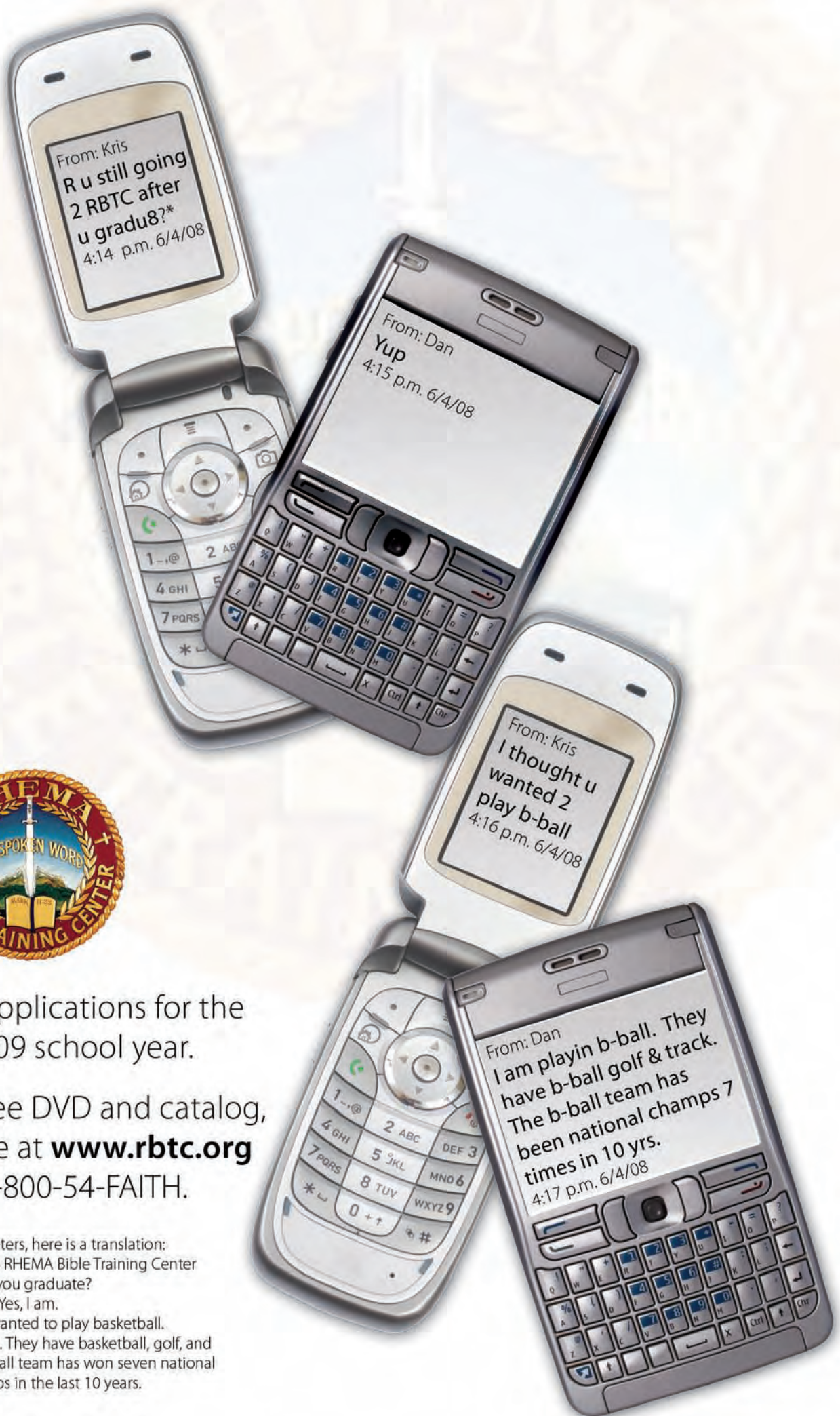


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  - Yes, I am.
  - I thought you wanted to play basketball.
  - I am playing basketball. They have basketball, golf, and track teams. The basketball team has won seven national championships in the last 10 years.



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Evening Service

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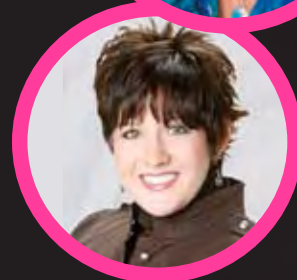
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—Psalm 18:28-29 (NIV)

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# Seed Thoughts

By Lynette

"The Lord will guide you always: he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."  
— Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

Joel 3:14 says, "*Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.*" Each of us is faced with decisions on a daily basis. Some may be as simple as, "What flavor of ice cream do I want?" or "What brand of coffee should I buy?" We make dozens of simple decisions every day.

However, we are also faced with decisions that can be life changing and life altering. Good decisions can improve our lives, and bad decisions can make our lives more difficult. What decisions are you facing today? Are you wondering what job to take, what career to pursue, or whom to marry? You may even have to make decisions concerning the medical care of a loved one.

Decisions determine your direction, and direction determines your destiny. It is important to make right decisions. Many people have made irreversible decisions which hurled them onto a wrong path for the rest of their lives.

I'm reminded of a story that I heard many years ago. A young executive asked a businessman nearing retirement for the secret to his success. The businessman said, "Right decisions, son. Right decisions." The young man replied, "Sir, how did you learn to make right decisions?" The businessman said, "Experience, son. Experience." Again the young man asked, "But sir, how did you gain experience?" "Wrong decisions, son. Wrong decisions," replied the businessman.

I think we can all attest to having gained much experience through wrong decisions. It is important to make right decisions. God doesn't make our choices for us. However,

He will assist us in our decisions if we will commit them into His hands. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*"

Never make a decision based on the difficulties of today without considering the effect that the decision will have on your future. Decisions are often made under adverse circumstances. Naturally, you cannot take an eternity to make a decision, but neither should you make a hasty one. Proverbs 19:2 (*New Living Translation*) says, "*Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes.*" Years ago I would get exasperated at my father-in-law, because it appeared to me that he was procrastinating in making decisions about things that I would ultimately be responsible for. I would panic, because once he finally made a decision, I did not know if I would be able to meet the necessary deadlines.

However, over time I learned the value of his waiting until he knew exactly what direction the Lord wanted him to take in each project. I realized that if we had started with *our* plan, it would have been a catastrophe. It was important to wait on God's specific directions.

I learned a valuable lesson that I put into practice every day: I don't allow anyone or anything to pressure me into making a hasty decision. When making decisions, gather data and facts. But ask yourself, "Why should I do this? Is it my idea or God's idea? Is it my desire or God's desire?"

Don't be led simply by other people's advice. Let it agree with your spirit. Wait on the Lord. You don't always get God's direction when you want it. When you are waiting on God, Satan will whisper in your ear, "What are you going to do?" You don't have to play Satan's game by his rules. Ask him what *he* is going to do when he is defeated. Don't worry about tomorrow—don't answer his questions. Satan likes to get you concentrating on what you don't know, what you don't have, and what you can't do. Yell in his ear, "Satan, your time is short! I am walking by faith and not by sight, and greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world."

Listen carefully to the voice of God. Ask Him for wisdom. James 1:5 (NLT) says, "*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*" Once you get direction, don't change. Don't let obstacles deter you. When you know it's God, press on to the finish line.

*Lynette*



# Kids' Page

Fearless, Anointed, Inward-led, Trustworthy, Heirs of God

## Do You Have a "Golden" Memory?

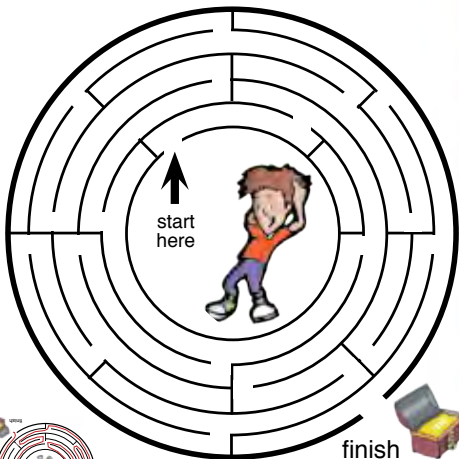
Very carefully read these verses from Proverbs chapters 3 and 4. Then answer the question below.

- Wisdom is worth more than silver. It brings more profit than gold.
- It is more precious than rubies. Nothing you want is equal to it.
- With her right hand, wisdom offers you a long life. With her left hand, she gives you riches and honor.
- My child, hold on to wisdom and reason. Don't let them out of your sight! They will give you life. Like a necklace, they will beautify your life.
- Wisdom is the most important thing. So get wisdom. If it costs everything you have, get understanding.
- Like flowers in your hair, wisdom will beautify your life. Like a crown, it will make you look beautiful.

Now, can you remember the 6 items found in the scriptures above that you would find in a treasure chest? Try to answer without looking above.

## A "maze"ing Treasure

Johnny is looking for the treasure chest of gold. Help him find his way through the maze to the treasure.



**ANSWERS:**  
 Do You Have a "Golden" Memory - Answers: Silver, Gold, Rubies, Riches, Necklace, Crown  
 Find The Hidden Treasure Map - Answer: Timmy's Bible is hidden in Suzie's bedroom closet.

## THE TREASURE MAP

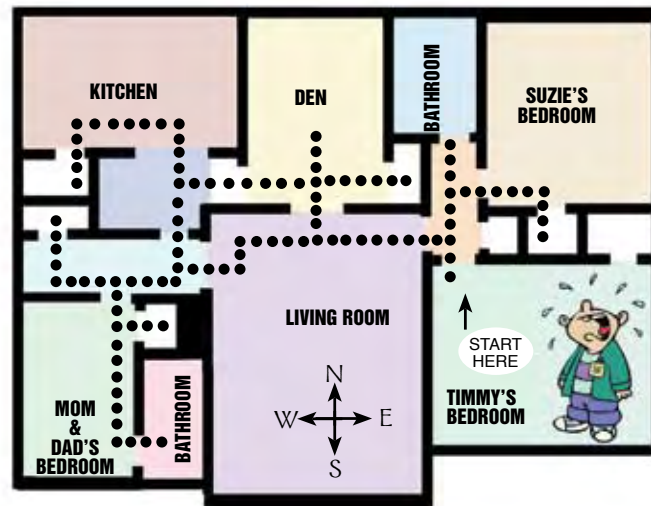
One day Jesus told a parable to his disciples. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure, and then he hid it in the field again. The man was very happy to find the treasure. He went and sold everything that he owned to buy that field" (Matt. 13:44).



God has many treasures for us in His kingdom but, just like the man in the parable, we have to **find** the treasures. So how do you find hidden treasures? By using a map, of course! And the Bible is the treasure map that directs us to God's treasures. So read the Bible often and discover all the treasures that God has laid up for those who will search for it.



## FIND THE HIDDEN TREASURE MAP!



Timmy lost his Bible (God's Treasure Map) somewhere in his house. Help him find it by following the directions to the right. All of the rooms are labeled and all of the white spaces are closets. Each black dot represents one footstep.

1. Take 3 steps North and 9 steps West
2. Take 4 steps North and 8 steps West
3. Take 5 steps South and 4 steps East
4. Take 2 steps North and 14 steps East
5. Take 3 steps North and 6 steps East
6. Take 3 steps South

**YOU'VE FOUND THE TREASURE MAP!**

## Jokes & Riddles

If a 50-cent piece and a quarter were on the Empire State Building, which would jump first?

*The quarter, because it has less sense (cents)*

Why were the little strawberries upset?

*Because their parents were in a jam*

Why didn't they let the butterfly into the dance?

*Because it was a mothball*

What starts with an "E" and ends with an "E" and only has one letter in it?

*Envelope*

How does a flea get from place to place?

*Itch-hiking*

Who makes a living by driving his customers away?

*A taxicab driver*

Why did the chicken cross the road?

*To get to the other side*

Why did the chicken cross the road a second time?

*Because it was a double-crosser*

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