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Giving Thanks Is Powerful!

Throughout the United States this month, we observe a special holiday—Thanksgiving. Typically, family and friends gather together and turkey dinners abound. Football games blare as we fellowship and gain a few pounds. But most of all, Thanksgiving should be a day when we give thanks to the Lord!

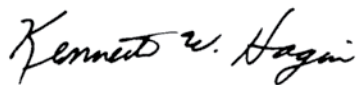
We can thank God for the great things He's done for us. He's delivered us from the power of darkness (Col. 1:13), redeemed us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13), and given us access to the throne of grace (Heb. 4:16). Because of what Jesus did at Calvary, we can enjoy all the benefits of God!

Can you imagine where you would be if it weren't for the Lord? You may be alive today because He miraculously spared your life. Perhaps He healed you. Perhaps the doctors told you, "You won't make it," but you're still here because of Jesus Christ!

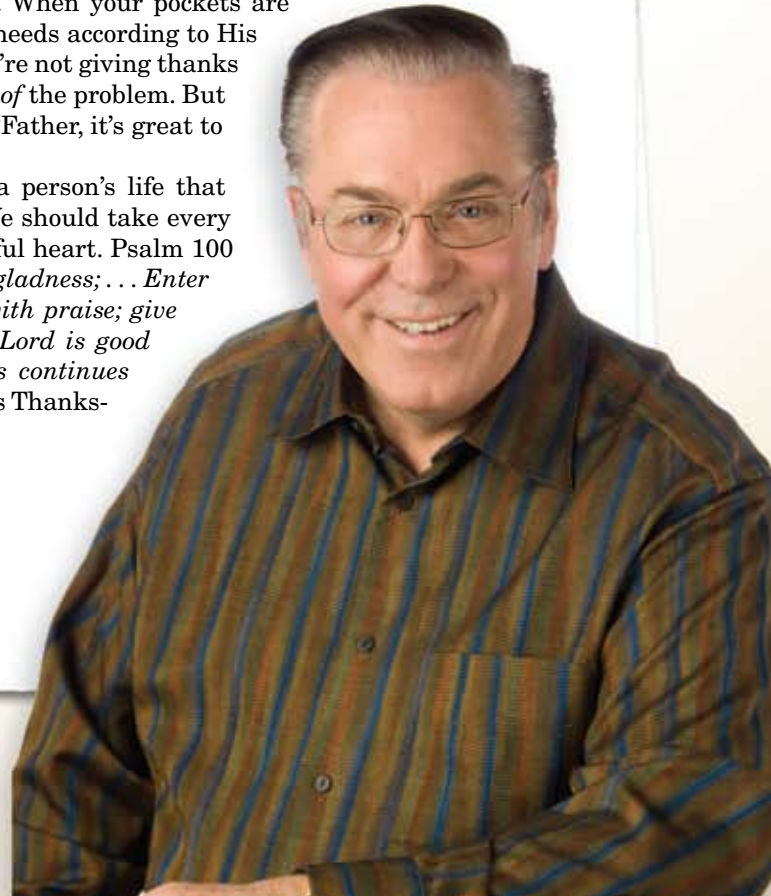
One of the most powerful things you can do is to thank someone for what you have received from them. And another powerful thing you can do is to give thanks for what you're *going* to receive. That's what faith is! Thanking the Lord for what He has promised you that is not yet manifest in your life is a wonderful way to demonstrate your faith in Him.

So when your body is racked with pain, begin to thank God that by Jesus' wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24). When your pockets are empty, thank Him that He will meet all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19). You're not giving thanks *for* the problem—you're giving thanks *in spite of* the problem. But you can't thank Him for long without saying, "Father, it's great to be alive!"

You see, giving thanks creates power in a person's life that can enable him to overcome life's problems. We should take every opportunity to shout to the Lord with a grateful heart. Psalm 100 says, "*Shout for joy. . . Worship the Lord with gladness; . . . Enter his gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations* (vv. 1–2, 4–5 NIV). This Thanksgiving, let's remember to thank the Lord!



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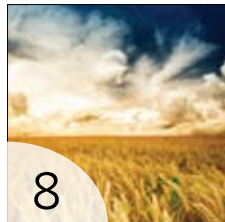


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Attitude: Your Key to Success



// KENNETH W. HAGIN

Our attitude is our key to success. It is easy to have a good attitude when everything is going well. During adversity, maintaining a positive attitude is more difficult, but it is vital that we do so.

In his book *Steps to the Top* Zig Ziglar wrote, “The important and decisive factor in life is not what happens to us, but the attitude we take toward what happens.”* I have found this to be true. How we respond to situations around us contributes to our success or failure. That’s why some people come out of tests and trials unscarred, while others are destroyed by the same set of circumstances.

The Apostle Paul encouraged us to “. . . be made new in the attitude of [our] minds” (Eph. 4:23 NIV). *The Living Bible* says, “Your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better.” *The Amplified Bible* translates verse 23 like this: “And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude].”

This verse makes it clear that if we don’t have the right spiritual attitude, we won’t have the right mental attitude. And we must maintain the right mental attitude, because attitude plays an important role in determining our outcome in life. Here are three key principles about attitude that we must grasp.

1. ATTITUDE IS A CHOICE.

Many people mistakenly think that if their circumstances were different, they would have a better attitude. But that’s not true. Attitudes

are not determined by circumstances; attitudes are determined by choice. In any situation, we can choose to have either a good or a bad attitude.

2. ATTITUDES DETERMINE WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE CAN DO.

Anyone who has known me for very long knows that one of my strongest attitudes is “I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit.” That positive attitude drives me in every area of my life. However, some people have a strong negative attitude and always look at life from a discouraged viewpoint.

You never hear people with a negative attitude say, “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (Phil. 4:13 NKJV), or “*No weapon formed against [me] shall prosper*” (Isa. 54:17 NKJV). Instead, they constantly say, “I never get ahead,” or “Things never work out for me.” Their negative attitude controls how they look at life.

If only these people would start to meditate on these two verses, their situations could be turned around. Instead of allowing difficulties to defeat them, they would see that they can be victorious through the Word of God.

3. YOUR ATTITUDE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

The most important thing we can do in any situation is to guard our attitude, because that attitude will enable us to win or cause us to lose. In sports, we sometimes have a team

“A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes.”

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that does not match up on paper with the team it is playing against. But the lesser team wins anyway. Why? Attitude.

Many years ago, I coached a group of 9-year-old boys in a city track meet. A little redheaded, freckled-faced boy wanted to run track, but he couldn't run fast at all. We tried him in every event but he didn't do well.

Finally he said, "Coach, I'm not fast."

"I know you're not fast," I said, "but can you run that same speed for a long time?"

"Yeah, I can do that."

So I trained him to run the mile race. While all the other boys were practicing, he just ran laps as hard and as fast as he could. That's all he did for six weeks. During his final practice run before the city meet, he ran 30 laps.

When we got to the city meet, I told him he only had to run four laps as hard and as fast as he could. And when the gun went off for the mile race, he took off

hard. It wasn't long before he was way ahead of the other kids. The other coaches kept saying, "He'll wear out." But I knew better. I knew he could run like that all day long. He finished the race a lap ahead of everyone else. He stood at the finish line and watched the other kids as they ran across.

This kid started out as the slowest one on the track team, and he believed that he would never win. But because I was able to instill a winning attitude in him—an attitude of "I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit"—he won the mile race. That experience changed his life.

The same thing can happen to us. We don't have to let negative attitudes keep us from receiving all that God has for us. Let's make a commitment to cultivate a winning attitude every day. As we do, we will prepare for our success tomorrow. Cultivating an attitude of faith enables us to overcome any problem. Cultivating an attitude of love will enable us to deal with any difficulty we face in relationships. With God on our side, we can triumph over anything that comes against us. ♥

*Zig Ziglar, *Steps to the Top* (Gretna, La.: Pelican, 1985), 12.

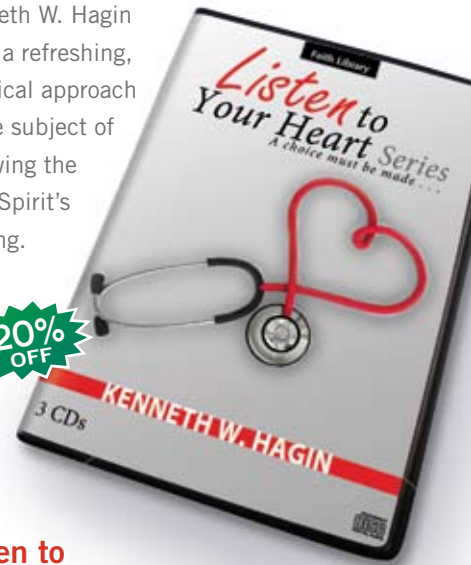
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- ① the strongholds in our lives
- ② our imaginations
- ③ our thoughts

When we cast down thoughts contrary to the Word of God, we are refusing to allow strongholds to develop in our minds. And we are able to maintain a positive attitude, knowing that God is well able to get us through any adversity.



Look it up!

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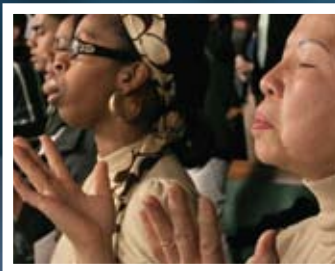
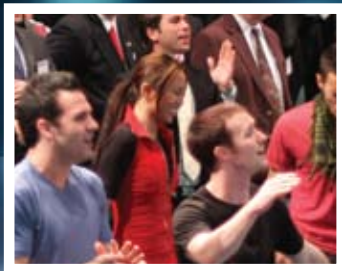
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It's Harvest Time!

There is no doubt about it—the return of our Lord Jesus Christ is soon. We only have to look around to see the signs the Bible says will appear before the return of the Lord: wars, rumors of wars, pestilence, famine, earthquakes in divers places, and so forth (see Matthew chapter 24).

But why hasn't the Lord come yet?

I believe the answer is found in James 5:7: *“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.”* Jesus hasn't come back yet because He is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth. “Precious fruit” in this verse doesn't refer to peaches, plums, or grapes. No, it refers to people being born again—a

harvest of souls.

For any harvest to be reaped, not only does seed have to be sown, but rain has to fall. I don't care how good the seed or the ground is, we must have rain if we're going to reap a harvest.

But when God spoke of "rain" in James 5:7, He used something in the natural, or natural terminology, to explain a spiritual truth. Christians in the Early Church understood what the former and latter rains were. During the time of the early or first rain, the Israelites prepared the ground and planted crops. Later in the season, the latter rain fell. This rain came to mature the crops so there would be a harvest.

Spiritually speaking, the illustration of rain is used in connection with the Holy Spirit throughout the Bible. And we see in Hosea chapter 6 that the Lord's coming unto us will also be like the rain.

HOSEA 6:3

3 . . . and HE SHALL COME UNTO US AS THE RAIN, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

This is the way God's blessings will come; they will fall on us. Rain is the way spiritual revival will come to the earth. And before the Lord's return, there will be a visitation of the Lord that will be an outpouring of His power and Spirit.

Is there anything we can do to hasten the Lord's return? Yes. We can ask for the rain.

ZECHARIAH 10:1

1 Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Some may wonder why God doesn't just send the rain. Why do we have to ask? John Wesley said, "It seems God can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him to do it." When Christians ask the Lord to send the rain, God can move without the Devil accusing Him of being unjust.

In asking for the rain, we are asking for the harvest. We are asking for an outpouring of the Spirit of God and a manifestation of the power of God.

A harvest is coming! But instead of looking for the harvest, some folks are preaching, "It's going to get worse. The Devil's going to take over. We'd better store up food and hide in a cave."

This is exactly what the Devil would like us to do. If we're concerned about storing up food, we won't be focusing on the harvest. But I'm not going to focus on the Devil and what he's trying to do. I'm going to get ready for the harvest! Some folks are getting ready for the Antichrist, but I'm getting ready for *the* Christ! I could care less about the Antichrist!

Some Christians think the Devil will take over the earth before the Lord's return. But

remember the time when Jesus asked His disciples who men said He was, and who *they* said He was (Matt. 16:13–15). Peter replied, "*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*" (v. 16). Jesus then said, ". . . *thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" (v. 18).

Jesus did not build the Church upon Peter; the Church is built on Peter's confession. The gates of hell *will not* prevail against the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ! Darkness *will not* overtake us. And the Devil *will not* take everything over. No. No. No!

The Devil can't take the Church over, for the Greater One dwells in us! First John 4:4 says, ". . . *greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*" I don't know about you, but I'm not going to lie down and let the Devil take over. I'm going to rise up and carry out the work of God.

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Someone may ask, "How long are you going to do that?" Until the harvest is reaped. We're not quitting just because we see it beginning to rain. We're going to keep going until *all* of the precious harvest of the earth is reaped! ♥

(Editor's Note: Immediately following Prayer Seminar in October 1982, Kenneth E. Hagin began holding weekly prayer meetings—a series of gatherings that lasted for more than a year. This article was adapted from messages taught during those meetings.)

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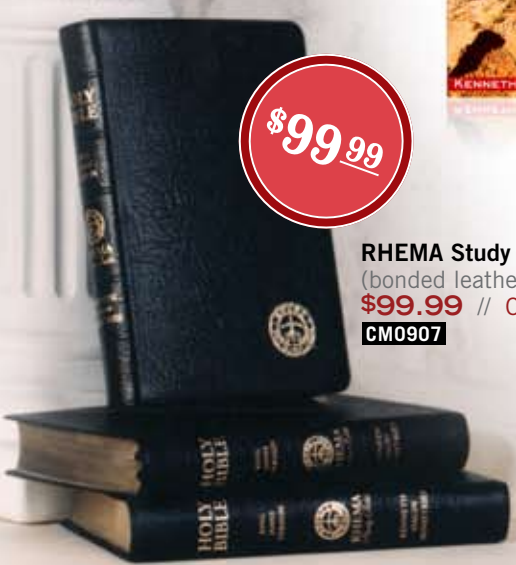
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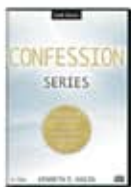
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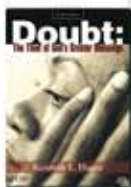
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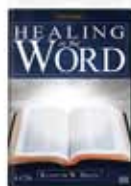
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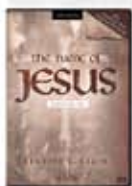
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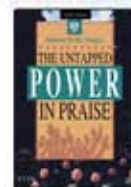
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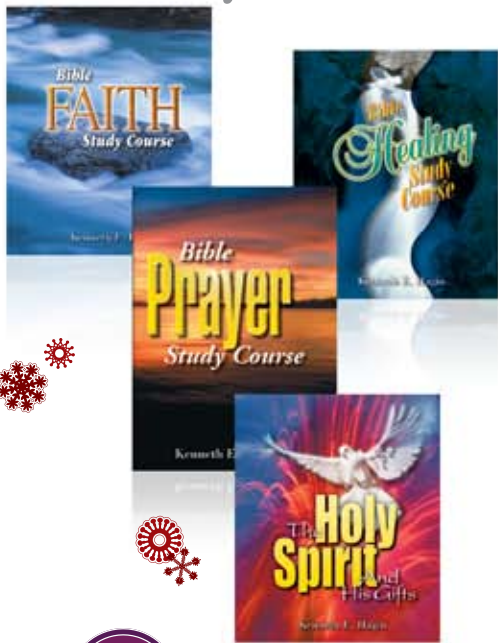
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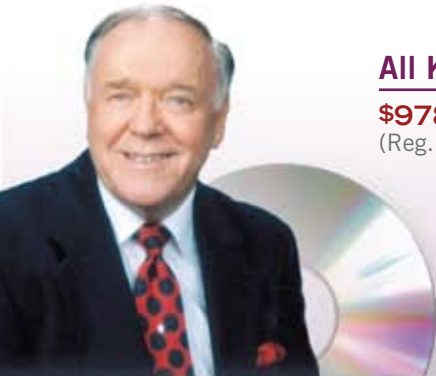
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‘He Protected Me From Certain Death That Day’



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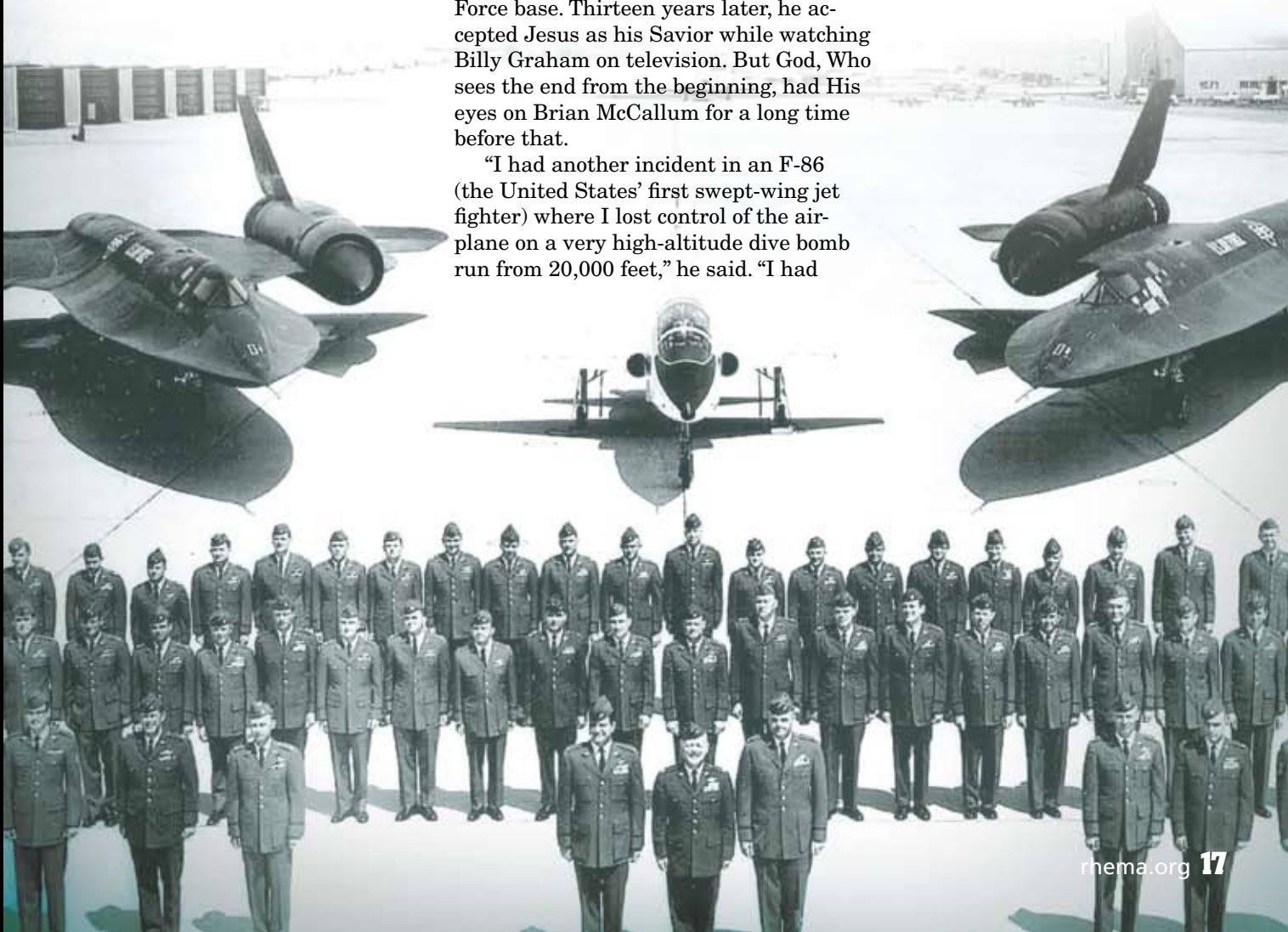
Imagine flying at nearly 80,000 feet at three times the speed of sound in a \$45 million airplane. Now imagine both engines failing at the same time and you plummeting toward the ground. Brian McCallum, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and current RHEMA Bible Training Center instructor, doesn't have to imagine it. He lived it.

“I had a double-engine flame-out (when both engines stop working) one time in an SR-71,” he said. “It just started falling. This happened to us at about 75,000 feet. You can't get it started again until you are under 50,000 feet.”

After free-falling for 25,000 feet, Rev. McCallum tried to get the engines started several times with no success. He told his navigator, “If the right engine doesn't start this time, we're bailing out.’ We tried one more time, and that engine rumbled and started. I was so glad to hear that. No one wants to lose a \$45 million airplane, which is what they cost back then. I'd say over the years I had five or six ‘close calls’ like that.”

Rev. McCallum joined the Air Force in 1951, fulfilling a desire birthed in him as a child as he watched planes fly overhead from a nearby Air Force base. Thirteen years later, he accepted Jesus as his Savior while watching Billy Graham on television. But God, Who sees the end from the beginning, had His eyes on Brian McCallum for a long time before that.

“I had another incident in an F-86 (the United States' first swept-wing jet fighter) where I lost control of the airplane on a very high-altitude dive bomb run from 20,000 feet,” he said. “I had



gotten too vertical in my dive and started to pull the nose back up to recover. Because of the g-forces (the force of gravity or acceleration on a body) I was pulling, the airplane's nose moved too quickly and my head and hands went down between my feet, and I couldn't get them up. I couldn't see where I was going, and the last I saw I was headed toward the ground at about 10,000 feet going 600 miles per hour.

"I pushed and pushed and couldn't get my head up at all," he remembered. "Finally, I got my head up, and when I did, I expected to see sand, but the airplane had pulled completely up out of the dive and did a loop-like maneuver. I was now flying upside down at the top of the loop. It shouldn't have done that by itself, but it did.

"I didn't understand in those days because I wasn't saved yet, but God was watching over my life," Rev. McCallum said with a smile. "He protected me from certain death that day. The airplane was overstressed. It was built for 7.5 g-force, and I had done over nine. The plane should have broken, but it didn't.

"Years later when I was getting ready to teach a course at RHEMA Bible Training Center called 'Angels and Demons,' I was studying and read in Hebrews 1:14, '*Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who SHALL BE heirs of salvation?*' It jumped off the page at me. The Lord spoke to me on the inside and said, 'I did that for you.' I knew right away what He was talking about! God's angels were right on time!"

Rev. McCallum was active during the Vietnam War and flew many missions in the SR-71, taking photographs of enemy movements. He was actually one of the first 20 Air Force people to ever pilot the plane, which flew above 80,000 feet at more than 2,200 miles per hour. He said he could fly from the Mississippi River to Northern California in 30 minutes.

"There's not a sensation of how fast you're going, because you're so high when you're going that fast," he said. "You get a bigger sensation when you're doing 800 or 900 miles per hour when you're close to the ground because everything is going by so



fast. Up there you don't have anything to pass by fast. Once in a while you'd pass another SR-71 or a weather balloon. You'd go by it so fast you could barely turn your head to keep up with it."

Flying at those speeds at that altitude, training is vital to the safety of the pilot and any crew on board. During his 'close calls,' Rev. McCallum was able to remain calm due to the countless hours he spent rehearsing what to do in case of an emergency.

"All of the training they gave us paid off," he said. "Your training keeps you from getting overly engrossed in what's wrong. All of the time we spent in training was never wasted. It prepared us for unexpected things that happened to us."

As a 1979 RBTC graduate and instructor since 1981, Rev. McCallum saw an obvious parallel between his training for the military and for the ministry.

"It's the same in your walk with God," he said. "The more time you spend in His Word and acting on it, the more preparation you're giving yourself for unexpected events. When they do occur, it's supernaturally natural to walk in the Word instead of what your senses tell you."

Rev. McCallum served 23 years in the military, and upon his retirement immediately started serving people. Before attending RHEMA, he served as an associate pastor and supervised a home for 50 troubled youth for five years. Knowing he needed more training, he and his wife, June, moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to attend RBTC. More than 30 years later, they are still here—and still serving. He worked as the ministry's pilot, as a part-time instructor, and for five years as dean of the school. He is still a full-time instructor.

"I was blessed to spend the years in the Air Force that I did," Rev. McCallum said,

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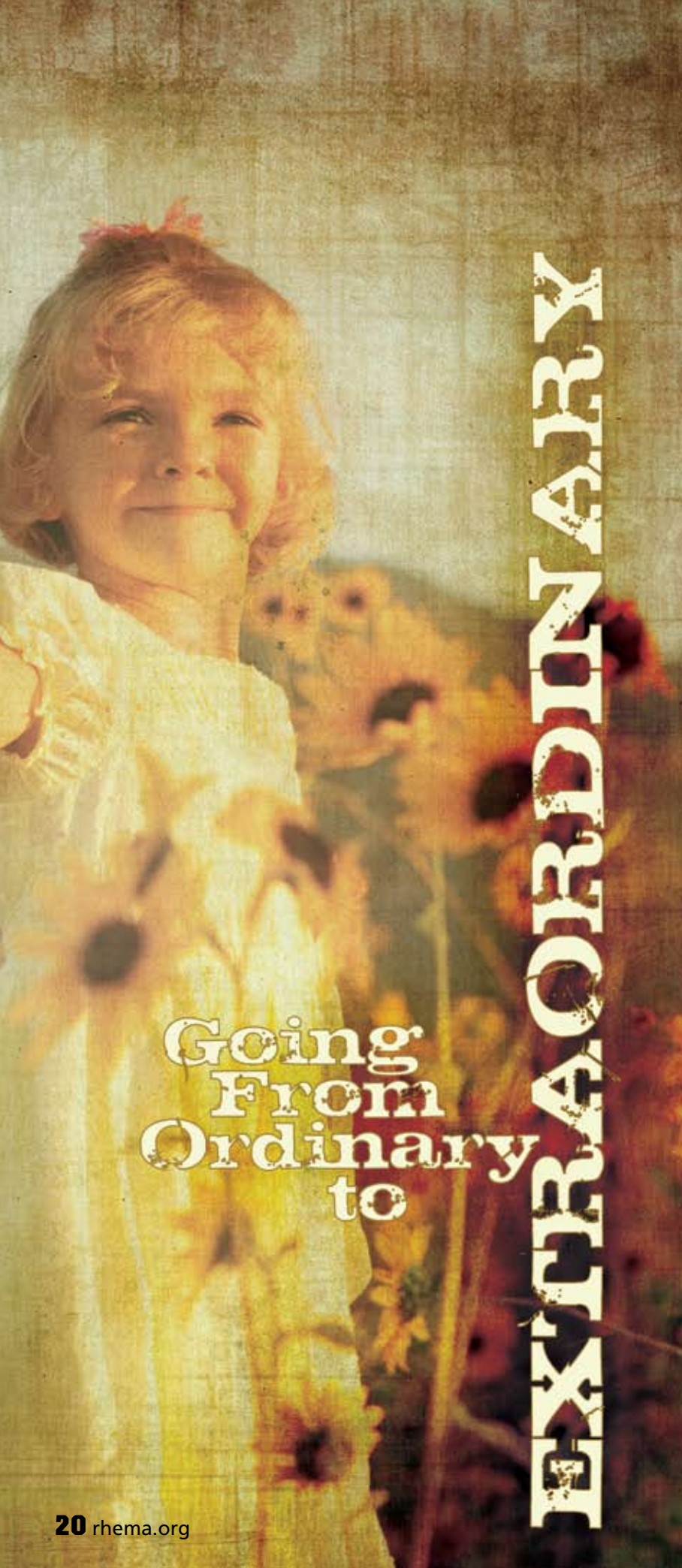
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Several years ago, my husband and I invited our pastoral staff over to our house, and we wound up playing a game that involved drawing pictures. As soon as someone suggested playing that game, my mind went back to the experiences I had in art class during my school days. There were times when I would burst into tears because I simply could not draw.

One of our associate pastors, a pretty good artist, said, “Oh, everybody can draw.”

But I told him, “I know my strengths and my weaknesses. Art is not my strength. In fact, it’s one of my biggest weaknesses.”

When my turn came, I drew my picture and it was pretty bad. Our associate pastor looked at me and gasped, “That’s horrible!” You talk about having a poor self-image! After he said that, I *really* had one. But the truth is, art is just not my talent.

Another time when the pastoral staff was at our house, we decided to play a musical game. We were supposed to select a word and then sing a song with that word in it.

When we played *that* game, I always thought of exactly the right song. That’s because I knew so many Christian songs from being involved in church all of my life. Later, one of the pastors nicknamed me “The Eternal Songbook,” because knowing all of those songs *is* one of my talents.

To fulfill God’s plan for our lives, we have to learn to be content with who He created us to be and what talents He’s given us. Instead of criticizing ourselves and demeaning God’s creation, we should say to the Lord as David did, “. . . *Marvelous are Your works . . .*” (Ps. 139:14 NKJV). We should tell Him, “God, You did a good job.”

I’m reminded of the parable Jesus told in Matthew 25:14–30 of three servants who were each given a certain number of talents. In that particular story, a talent was a form of money, but the story also illustrates the importance of using the natural talents God has given us.

In that parable, one of the servants was given five talents, and he invested them and

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brought back 10 talents to his master. One was given two talents, which he also invested, and he brought his master back four talents.

But the servant who was given only one talent dug a hole in the ground and buried it. He hid his talent and didn't use it for his lord. And his master was furious with him.

So many times we're like the servant who was given one talent. We don't do anything with the talent God has given us because we're constantly dwelling on the talents we don't have, or we're focusing on our insufficiencies or what we can't do. In some cases, we're not using our talents because we're jealous of the talents the Lord has given someone else. God wants us to be thankful for the talents He's given us, as well as to appreciate those He's given other people.

Let me give you another example of what I'm talking about here. My husband sometimes thinks I'm weird because I like to organize everything, and I also like to write procedures. He thinks that's weird because doing those things is work to him. He is not an organizer by nature, and he doesn't like procedures.

On the other hand, my husband doesn't mind making decisions, and after he makes them, he doesn't worry about whether people like him. But making decisions and handling conflict stresses me out, because I want everybody to like me.

Each one of us has our own special gifts and talents, and we need to appreciate the gifts God has given us, as well as the gifts He's given to others. We wouldn't be happy being clones.

God made you just the way He wanted you to be. If you're short, be content with that. If you're tall, be content with being

tall. It's important for us not to criticize God's workmanship. He made you perfect according to His specifications. He made you exactly the way you need to be to fulfill His plan.

Now, we still should try to improve ourselves. But the Enemy would love for us to focus on our "I can'ts" instead of our "I cans." No. We need to focus on our being "... fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps. 139:14). And we need to remember that God is the Master of taking ordinary people and doing extraordinary things with their lives. Besides, it's not about our great characteristics or abilities. It's about our great God! ♥

'Why, Lord, Why?'

One of the biggest obstacles to our contentment is constantly questioning the Lord. God doesn't mind us asking Him for specific answers when we're troubled. But He doesn't want us trapped in the questioning realm.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths*" (NKJV).

When setbacks and adverse circumstances surround us, instead of asking why, let's put our trust in the Lord. We can't do anything about what has already happened, but we can fix our eyes on God's Word and press into Him. As we do, we will find peace and contentment. And God will bring us through to victory!

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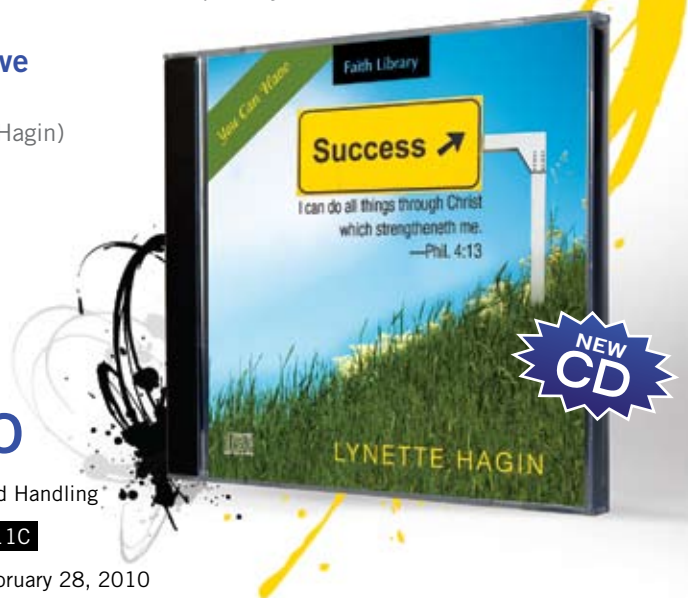
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Seed Thoughts

by Lynette Hagin

“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)

Let me ask you a question: did you worry about anything this past week? Stress and worry have become a way of life for many. We live in a world of stressed-out people. Stress and worry are enemies that are stalking our land. They are not respecters of persons. They seek to devour the peace and happiness of everyone they touch. They are major contributors to heart attacks, high blood pressure, ulcers, depression, and anxiety. They drain energy from the body and mind.

It has been estimated that 40 percent of the things an average person worries about will never happen; 30 percent are in the past and can't be changed; 12 percent are from criticism by others, most of which is untrue; 10 percent are from health, which gets worse with worry; and only 8 percent are from real problems. It's interesting to note that only 8 percent of what we worry about is something that we will actually have to deal with. Someone once said, “Worry is the interest you

pay on troubles that seldom come.”

Worry is faith in the negative. It is a belief in defeat. It has been said, “Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles.” Worry is like a rocking chair—it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere. Let's see what the Word of God says about worry.

Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV) says,

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So

do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

In this passage, the Lord is not suggesting that we not worry—He is giving a direct command. His instructions are very specific: “Do not worry about your life. Do not worry about your clothes. Do not worry about tomorrow.” Jesus is saying that things such as anxiety, worry, and fear have absolutely no place in a Christian's life.

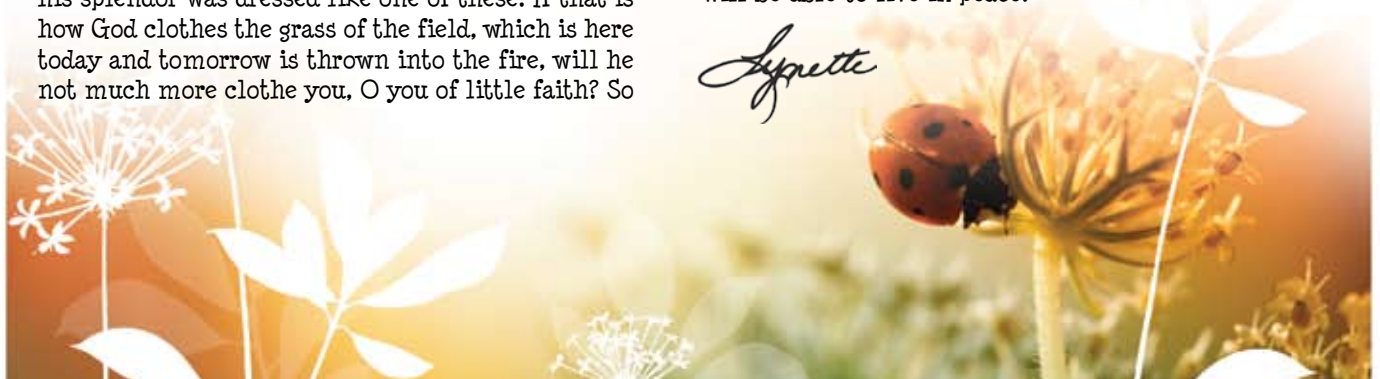
However, I am sure that many of us would admit that we struggle consistently with the cares of life. When you complained about a situation, has someone ever said to you, “Don't worry about it”? If so, perhaps you replied, as I have, “That's easier said than done.” Worry is one of the hardest habits to break.

One of our greatest examples of how to handle worry is the Apostle Paul. In Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) Paul wrote, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

We could interpret Paul's statement here as, “Don't worry about anything!” And yet when Paul wrote this letter, he was a prisoner in Rome, chained 24 hours a day to a Roman soldier and facing possible execution. He had a marvelous opportunity to worry about his future. Yet this entire letter is saturated with joy. Paul determined that in whatever circumstance he found himself, he would rejoice and not worry.

I encourage you to practice rejoicing rather than worrying. Know that the Lord is in control of your life, and if you will look to Him, He will bring you out of any circumstance. He will see you through and bring you victoriously to the other side. And instead of living in turmoil, you will be able to live in peace.

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BIBLE VERSE SEARCH

One of the shortest verses in the Bible talks about remembering something from God's Word. See if you can find where the verse is located by following the clues below.

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 If you really want to find the verse, then here's a little clue:
 You won't find it in the OLD, so look within the NEW.
 There are 27 books that the NEW Testament contains;
 To find this little verse, you will have to use your brains.
 We'll narrow down the list, so adjust your attitude;
 Paul was not the writer, neither Peter, James, nor Jude.
 The writer's name is short—only four letters in all,
 But remember, we have told you that the writer isn't Paul.
 There are three writers left once you consider all these facts,
 But the one that we are looking for wrote the Book of Acts.
 If the last clue didn't help you, you can still find the way;
 The book does not begin with the letter M or J.
 By now you've found the right book; here's your final clue:
 Just turn to chapter 17, the verse is 32.

You've Got It!

If you are a Christian, then you have something very important that will help you remember God's Word. Fill the blanks in below with the letter that matches the symbol beneath the blank to discover the answer.

▼*♠ ○*■* □♦ ✦*□*▲▼
 ✦=C - * =d - ♠=e - ♦=f - ✦=h - * =i
 ○=m - ■=n - □=o - □=r - ▲=s - ▼=t

ANSWERS: Bible Verse Search—ANSWER: Luke 17:32—Remember Lot's Wife
 You've Got It!—ANSWER: The Mind of Christ (I Corinthians 2:16)

Don't Forget!

Do you think you'll ever forget what 2+2 equals? No! Because you **studied** it over and over again until you knew the answer without even counting on your fingers. The Bible says you should **"study to show yourself approved unto God"** (2 Tim. 2:15).

When we study God's word and get it "in" us, then we

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

remember it just as easily as we remember that 2+2 equals 4.

But when we don't study God's Word, something happens. . . . We **FORGET**. James 1:25 tells us not to be **FORGETFUL** hearers of God's Word. Psalm 103:2 encourages us to **FORGET NOT** all of God's benefits. So, how do we overcome this problem we have of forgetting God's Word. Proverbs 4:20–21 gives us three keys for remembering God's Word: "My child, ❶ **pay attention** to my words. ❷ **Listen closely** to what I say. Don't ever forget my words. ❸ **Keep them deep within your heart.**" Study God's Word . . . pay attention to it . . . listen closely to it . . . and keep it deep within your heart!



Jokes & Riddles



Q: What did the pig say when the butcher grabbed him by the tail?

A: That's the end of me. . . .

I don't have lungs or a chest but I need air; I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have a mouth and I'm allergic to water. What am I?

Fire

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floor?

It was just a stage he was going through.

What did the leopard say after eating his owner?

Man, that hit the "spot."

Why is it so hot after a ball game?

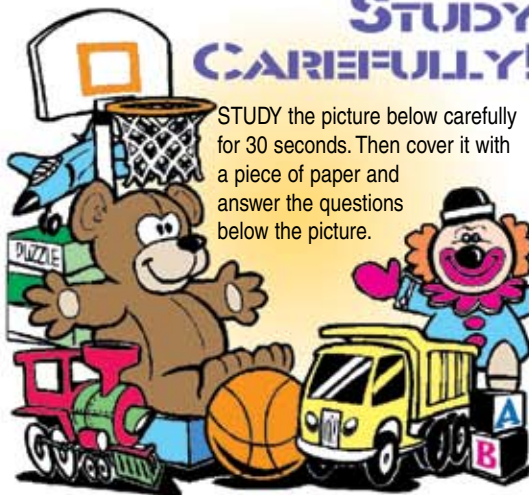
Because all the fans leave.

Mom knocked on the door and said, "John, get up! You have to go to school."

John said, "Mom, I don't want to go to school, and I have two good reasons. I'm tired, and all the kids make fun of me."

Mom replied, "You have to go to school, and I'll give you two good reasons. You're a grown man, and you're the principal!"

STUDY CAREFULLY!



STUDY the picture below carefully for 30 seconds. Then cover it with a piece of paper and answer the questions below the picture.

Can you name all nine toys in the picture without looking? What color was the dump truck? Can you remember all of the letters that are shown in the picture above? Uncover the picture and see if you are right!



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