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"Guess what mommy? My warps found out they're healed."

My four-year-old daughter Lylah had a wart on her hand. It slowly spread over her hands and feet. I counted once and she had 22 warts! I told her we have to go to the doctor. "Mommy," Lylah said, "I don't want to go to the doctor. Can you find a healing center?"

I was new to Rhema Bible Church and found out that Rhema had a Prayer and Healing Center. Lylah and I went to a morning session. **A healing technician taught us about healing, prayed for my daughter, and gave us a prayer cloth.** I attached the prayer cloth to one of Lylah's Beanie Babies. She took it to day care and sometimes slept with it.

"Mommy," Lylah would say, "my warps are not coming off."
"Those warts are healed." I said. "They just don't know it yet." I told her to touch each one and tell it, "You're healed in Jesus name!"

One day, Lylah came to me and said, "Guess what mommy? My warps found out they're healed. I can't find them, not even on the floor or in my bed! They distapeered!"

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Refuse to Quit

Over the years, I have seen many people start out believing God for things. They were excited at first, but when the answer didn't come as soon as they thought it should, they quit believing. They fizzled out in their faith.

Did you know that every minute you remain in faith about something, you are a minute closer to realizing the fulfillment of what you are believing for? But if you give up and quit, you stop your blessings in their tracks. And that's what Satan wants. He is doing everything he can in this earth realm, in the realm of your senses, to try to get you to back off from believing and trusting God.

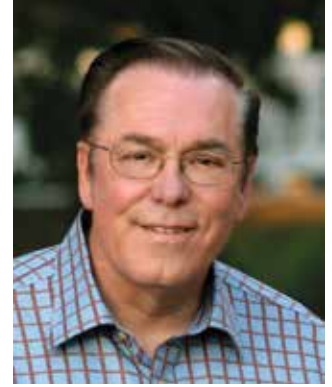
You are going to have to persevere through the pain, the obstacles, and the thoughts and feelings that come to tell you that God's Word is not true—or that it's not true for you.

You see, the blessings of God do not come automatically. Yes, Jesus paid the price for your victory, deliverance, health, and prosperity. But to have the abundant life He came to give, you must fight the good fight of faith. How do you do that? By refusing to give up on God's Word, even when the circumstances don't line up. Start talking abundance, healing, and whatever it is you need before you ever see it in the natural. What you say and continue to believe will be what you ultimately experience.

I encourage you, look beyond the natural facts to the greater facts of God's Word. God is greater than your circumstances. And if you will hold on to Him and His Word, you will enter the place of victory in Christ that He has provided for you.

We've got a great magazine for you this month! If you need further encouragement to stand strong in faith, be sure to check out my article on page 4. And while you're reading, remember, God is greater!

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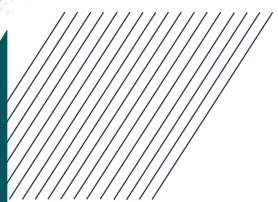
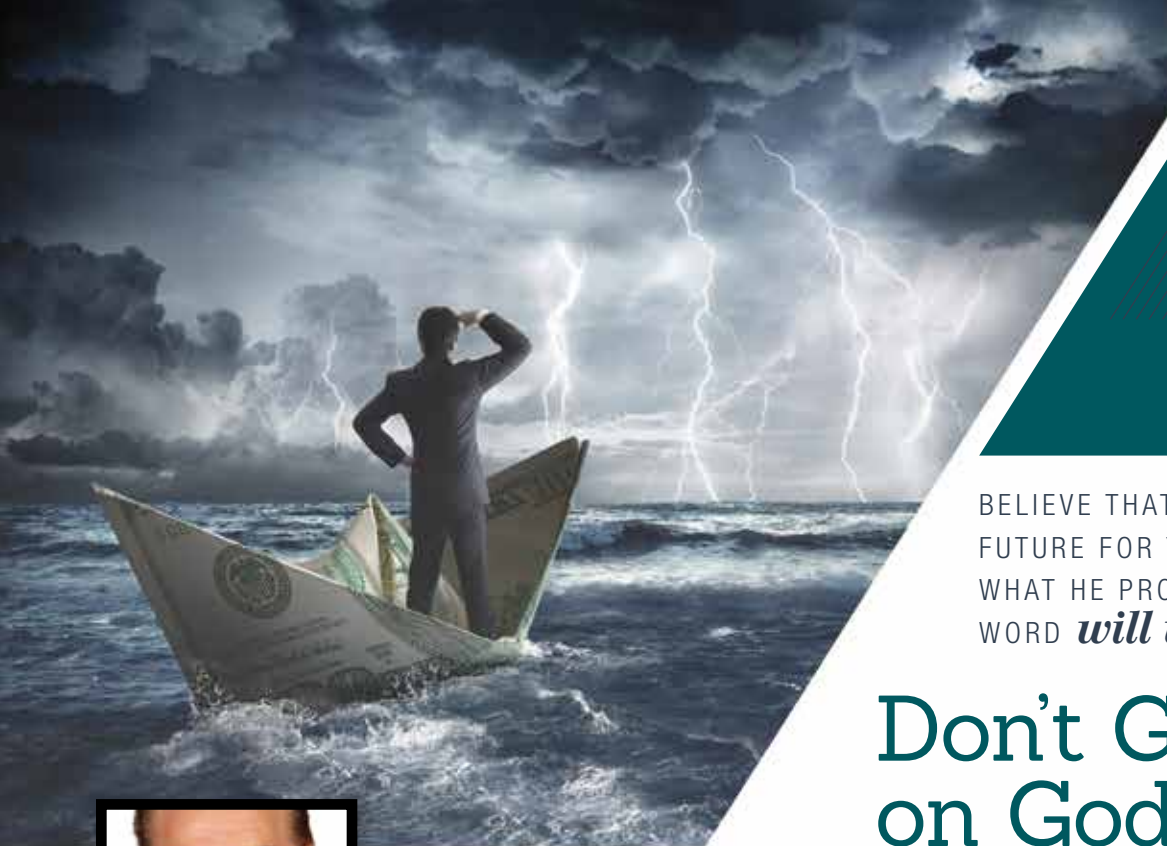
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Don't Give Up on God



KENNETH W. HAGIN

In the uncertainty of modern life, many have given up on the Word. From their point of view, the “shoreline” they’ve been seeking so desperately is nowhere in sight. They’re about to “abandon ship” where faith is concerned. But if we want to experience victory over our trials and troubles, **we must learn to esteem the virtues of God’s Word.**

THE WORD OF GOD—the Bible—is not just a collection of words and sayings in a sacred book. God’s Word, including each word that is written, is the very power of God to those who will believe it (Rom. 1:16). It is a rock we can stand on in troubled times.

When the tides of change come rolling in and fear seems to be everywhere present, God’s Word is a solid, sure foundation that the storm cannot wash away.

Hold Tightly to Jesus

Someone might ask, “Reverend Hagin, do you know what’s going to happen to our economy?” No, I don’t know the future in detail, but I know the One Who does. I don’t know what decisions will be made in Washington that will affect our nation and the world. But I know the One Who can change the tides to accomplish His plan and purpose. And my trust is in Him!

Hebrews 4:14 (NKJV) says, “*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*” The *New International Version* says, “*Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*”

When the world appears “awash” around us, that is no time to abandon ship! Instead, we must hold on tightly to Jesus. He is with us and has promised He will never leave us, forsake us, or fail us! The *Amplified Bible Classic Edition* says, “*He [God]*

Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]” (Heb. 13:5).

Whatever we’re going through, Jesus knows about it. And unlike other religions of the world, He is *with* us. He’s not in a tomb! He’s alive forevermore! He is in us and for us!

Not only that, but Hebrews 7:24–25 says Jesus is ever interceding on our behalf. That alone should embolden us to hold fast to our confession of faith in Him. We can have immovable, unshakable confidence that He will steady us, strengthen us, and calm every storm. He will be our Anchor, our steadfast hope, on the rolling tides and crashing waves. He will see us safely through the storm and guide us to our destination.

God’s Word Will Not Fail Us

It’s important for us to realize that after we’ve prayed, an apparent delay in the answer doesn’t mean that God hasn’t heard us. It doesn’t mean that help is not on the way! First John 5:14–15 (NKJV) says, “*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, HE HEARS US. And IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US, whatever*

we ask, *WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE HAVE ASKED OF HIM.*” God’s Word will not fail us if we’ll refuse to give up.

Someone once said to me, “I’ve been believing God for so long!” I encouraged this person, “Don’t quit! Your faith will see you through if you won’t give up! Keep standing on the rock of God’s Word. It’s a sure Word, and it won’t let you down!”

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No Begging Required

Hebrews 4:16 tells us that God is a giver. But how many people who believe this still hesitate to go to Him with their problems? They lack the boldness and confidence to approach His throne. They don’t understand that because Jesus’ blood has been applied to their hearts as believers, they have free access to God’s grace.

Friend, you don’t have to go to God with your head down, feeling intimidated and unworthy. You don’t have to beg and plead with Him to meet your needs. No! Because of Jesus, you can go confidently to God’s throne of grace to obtain mercy and receive help in your time of need. God is a giver, and at His throne you can receive freely from Him.

You see, when we fail to receive something that God has promised in His Word, it’s because we didn’t approach Him in faith, or we abandoned our faith too soon.

Remember the disciples at sea in their storm-tossed ship? Jesus calmed the storm and then asked them, “How is it that you have no faith?” (Mark 4:40). Because of the fierce circumstances,

they had abandoned faith in Jesus’ words: “Let us cross over to the other side” (v. 35). Those words were powerful enough to see them through any storm, but they didn’t “hold fast” to those living, power-filled words.

I wonder how many people have “abandoned ship” and let go of their faith when the answer was just around the corner. In another storm, Jesus walked on the water to the disciples’ ship as they battled the elements. Some researchers say that particular body of water was only about four miles wide at its narrowest point. If that’s true, when the storm was at its worst, the disciples could have been less than a half mile or *even just a few yards* from their destination!

Friend, your ship may be storm-tossed and battered, but you may be closer to land than you think! The devil may be shouting, *You’ll never win!* But God has victory in store for you!

You do not have to cave in or surrender to fear. You do not have to draw back and relinquish your hold on what God has promised. You don’t have to abandon the command of your ship to Satan. And you don’t have to “jump ship”!

Run to the Word of God. Realize that the Lord will never leave you and that you’re never out of His reach or His care. Don’t abandon ship just before you reach the shore! No matter how rough the storm or uncertain the times, if you’ll hold fast to your confession of faith in God’s Word, every step that you take in faith will draw you closer to your promised victory!♥



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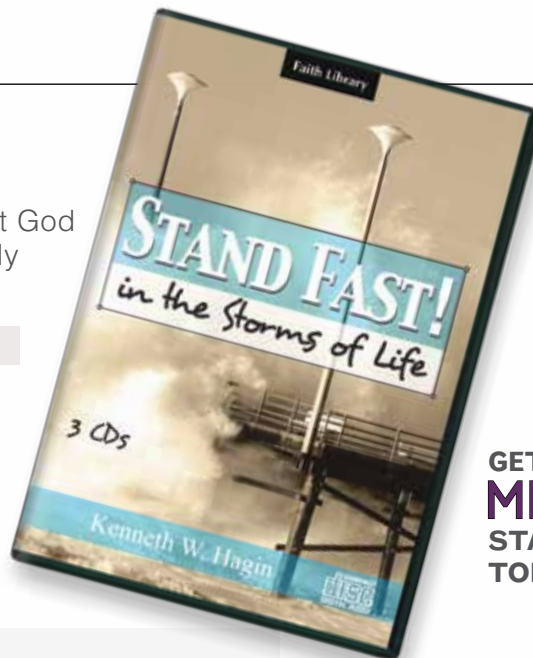
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Stirred Up to **Win Souls**

LYNETTE HAGIN



THE HARVEST of souls upon the earth is ripe. But Jesus said in Matthew chapter 9 that the laborers are few. He told His disciples to pray for laborers to be sent out into the harvest fields of the earth (Matt. 9:38).

Why are there so few laborers in the Lord's harvest? I'm sorry to say that sometimes we Christians are so busy enjoying God's blessings that we don't have time to go out into the world and be witnesses for Him.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 (NLT), *"You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."*

Do you realize how many people today are lost and going to hell? Do you realize the exciting opportunity this gives us to tell the world about Jesus? Our first responsibility as Christians is to proclaim this wonderful Good News—the Gospel!

Where are we going to be witnesses? Wherever God takes us. Every day we come in contact with someone who doesn't know Christ. How sensitive are we to listen to the voice of God and pray for an opportunity to minister to those people? Are we too busy to lend a helping hand to those who are lost, those who are hurting, and bring them in?

You don't know what lies ahead for the person who may be sitting next to you on your job. You don't know if you'll ever see that person

I encourage you to make a rededication in your heart that you will get back to the Great Commission, which is the first calling of

"Our first responsibility as Christians is to proclaim this wonderful Good News—the Gospel!"



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again after today. Let me ask you a thought-provoking question. Do you know, if that person were to die today, whether you would see that one in Heaven?

We have such a revelation of the truth and knowledge of the Word, and yet in so many cases, we're keeping it to ourselves. We're not proclaiming it to the world. God didn't give us this knowledge to keep to ourselves but to take to others and be His witnesses. He wants us to go into the highways and byways and compel them to come in!

It's Time to Draw In the Net

Are you ready to be a laborer—a witness for the Lord? We are here on this earth to carry the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ all over the earth.

every Christian. I want that desire for souls to well up inside you so much that you'll wake up every morning and pray, "Lord, where can I be a witness for You today?"

I believe the fire of God will burn so strongly in your heart that you will go out and be a witness for Him in all of your world. I encourage you to pray, "God, give me a greater passion for souls." And when you pray that prayer, He will grant the desire of your heart.

That's what is going to bring the King back—when we, the people of God, stir ourselves up to win souls and the whole world hears that Jesus Christ is Lord. I believe we've already stepped into the edge of the last, great-day revival, but we must not stop.

We must press in. We must stir ourselves up to pray—because this last great move of God is being birthed by prayer. We need to pray for signs, wonders, and miracles to confirm God's Word. Those are the things that will draw people to the Gospel.

In these dark days and perilous times, I've never been so excited. Why? Because we're going to go out and be fishers of men. And we're not going to be able to catch them all with just one line. We're going to have to draw them in with a net.

Are you ready to do that? Are you willing to join me and be a laborer in reaping a great harvest of souls?♥



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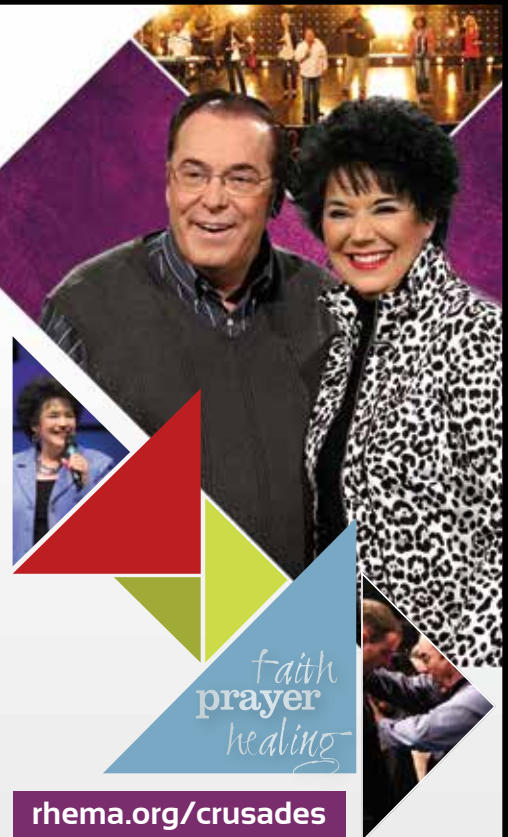
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What's Missing?

MICHAEL CAMENETI



DOES SUCCESS ever seem out of your reach? If so, your life may be missing an ingredient. And adding this one ingredient will help you become successful.

That missing ingredient is probably not what you think. But it is necessary if you want to receive the promises of God in every area of life.

We find this missing ingredient in Romans 3:18: *“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”* To fear the Lord means to have a wholesome dread of displeasing Him. Another side to fearing Him involves reverence. Every Christian should practice reverence for God every day.

Reverencing God is simply acknowledging that He is in you wherever you go. That attitude of awareness will keep you in a position where He can continually move through you in every situation.

a part in how strong God's presence is in us. That is where reverence comes in.

First Corinthians 3:16 says, *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”* As we reverence God, this awareness of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence begins to affect every area of our lives.

Many Christians put on a good act when they're around other people. But behind closed doors, they're involved in sin. They mistakenly think that if no one knows what they do, they'll be OK. They can live a lie only as long as they don't acknowledge God's constant presence.

Once they start acknowledging God's presence at all times, they'll quit doing anything that displeases Him.

consuming fire.” Just as fire consumes everything in its path, God burns up sin in the lives of those who yield to Him. Sin loses its grip on them.

The key is to be consumed with God and His presence—to keep uppermost in our hearts and minds the awareness that He is in us.

Make it a practice to acknowledge God everywhere you go and in everything you do. This *can* be done. It just takes a quality decision to start.

As you acknowledge God, you'll become sensitive to Him and begin hearing His voice more clearly. This will allow Him to lead and direct you throughout each day.

The stakes couldn't be higher. Deciding whether to walk in the fear of the Lord will determine the outcome of your life. What kind of harvest do you want to reap? An unending cycle of unanswered prayer and chronic defeat? Or an upward climb toward prosperity and success as you reverence God each day?♥

[Editor's Note: Michael Cameneti is founder and senior pastor of Faith Family Church in Canton, Ohio.]

You Are a Carrier of God!

Because people don't stay in constant fellowship with God, they feel as if they have to “work up” to Him to get Him to move on their behalf. God doesn't need us to make Him willing to help. He's *always* ready and willing to show His power on our behalf. The problem lies with us. We forget that we are carriers of God, because He is always with us.

An excellent example of this is a great man of God who lived during the beginning of the 20th century. Sometimes when he stepped onto a train, people immediately fell to their knees and repented of their sins!

Why did that happen? God's presence in this man's life became so strong that people were convicted of their sins just by being around him.

All Christians are carriers of God, but not all Christians reveal His presence in their lives. We play

God Is Always With You

Something happens in a person's life when that person continually practices the presence of God. Hebrews 12:29 says, *“Our God is a*

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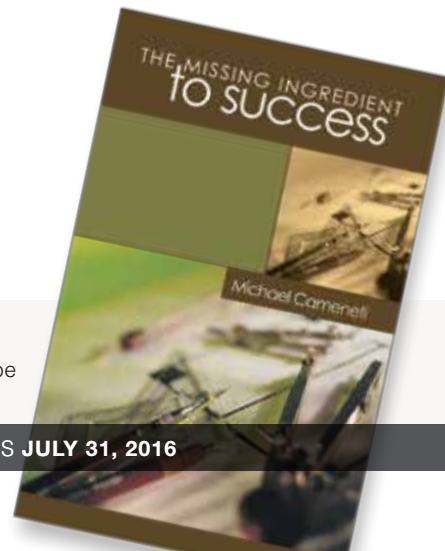
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SEVERAL YEARS AGO the Lord gave me a clear visual image of His plan for each of us in the Church. He said to me, “The work that I have for the Body of Christ to do is like putting together a beautiful puzzle.”

Have you ever put together a puzzle? There are so many pieces, but you have to put it together piece by piece. And it takes every one of those pieces to make the puzzle form a beautiful picture.

If you’ve ever struggled to find one or two missing pieces, you know it can be extremely frustrating. You’re so disappointed every time you look at the puzzle. Even though everything else looks pretty, all you can see are the glaring holes where a few pieces are missing.

Sometimes I can picture the Lord as He looks at our puzzle in the Body of Christ. Even though most of the puzzle has been put together and many of us have gotten into place, I can see our Heavenly Father looking at those glaring holes in the puzzle where someone has not taken the proper position.

After the Lord gave me this visual image, He said to me, “In order for what I have for the Body of Christ to be accomplished on this earth, every person has a piece of the puzzle. It’s important that each of you takes your piece of the puzzle and accomplishes My will for your life. As that happens on this earth, I am putting together a beautiful picture of My plan.”

When you think about the Body of Christ as a puzzle, you can probably picture the grass, sky, trees, and water that make up

that puzzle. But we’re not just making a beautiful picture to look at. We’re making a picture for our God! And we desperately need the people of God to pray out the grass, trees, and sky—the whole picture.

We Are Responsible to Pray

It’s your responsibility to pray out your piece of the puzzle, and it’s my responsibility to pray out mine. And if we don’t pray out our individual parts, there’s going to be something missing. We’re going to be one of those glaring holes in God’s puzzle!

When the Lord gave me this vivid picture of what we as the Body of Christ need to accomplish on the earth, it fit perfectly with what the Apostle Paul said in First Corinthians 12:27—“*All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it*” (TLB).

Each of us is a separate and necessary part of Christ’s Body—a separate piece of God’s puzzle. You have a part to play and so do I. And we need to understand how important each part is.

Of course, we’re living in an age and generation when people want to let everybody else do the work while they sit back and enjoy the results. But God wants all of us to do our part.

ROMANS 12:4-5 (TLB)

4-5 Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every

one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.

Paul says in these verses that there are many parts in our physical bodies. There's the head. There are the arms, the shoulders, and the legs. And there are also many parts in the Body of Christ. But there shouldn't be any competition in the Body. We each have a gift that God has given us. We each have an important part to play.

Someone might think, "I'm only the little toe." But a toe is very important. Just stub your toe or break it and see how important it is!

Each of us is a necessary part of Christ's Body—a separate piece of God's puzzle.



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When something happens to your little toe, you feel it. It hurts. And it's the same way in the Body of Christ. Each one of us is important and we each have an assignment from the Lord. You may think, "My assignment is not very important." But it doesn't matter if you're the arm, the leg, the foot, or the little toe—you're still important. And if the little toe is hurting, we need to minister to the little toe. We all need to minister to one another!

It's Time to Step Into Our Places

In verses 6 and 7 of Romans chapter 12, the Apostle Paul continues to describe how God has created all the parts of the Body of Christ to function together.

ROMANS 12:6-7 (TLB)

6 God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, then prophesy whenever you can—as often as your faith is strong enough to receive a message from God.

7 If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. . . .

So many times we think the gift of hospitality is not as important as the gift of prophecy. But the gift of serving others is one of the most important gifts we could ever have!

ROMANS 12:7-8 (TLB)

7 . . . If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching.

8 If you are a preacher, see to it that your sermons are strong and helpful. If God has given you money, be generous in helping others with it.

God has placed each one of us in the Body of Christ for a reason, and it's time for us to step into the place where He wants us to be. Romans 12:12 tells us, "Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and prayerful always" (TLB). The *Amplified Bible Classic Edition* says, "Be constant in prayer." The *New International Version* tells us, "Be faithful in prayer."

How are we going to accomplish what God has for each one of us in His divine plan? By being faithful in prayer—by praying out our piece of the puzzle. As we stay faithful in prayer to receive God's instructions for our lives, and then we step into our rightful places, we will create a beautiful picture for Him. ♥

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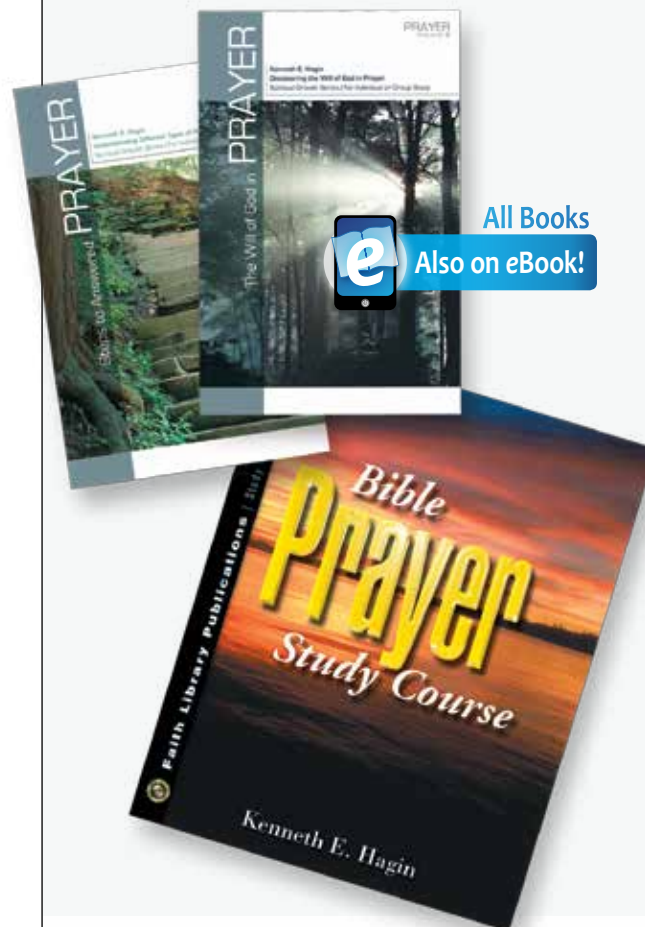
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THE JOURNEY OF LIFE is like being on a boat. It's our vehicle to get us where we are going—to reach the destination God has for us. As we're sailing to that destination, we encounter storms. The enemy brings winds and waves to get us into fear and doubt. But the winds and waves that are meant for our destruction can be the very things that power us to our destination.

There's a story in the Gospel of Mark of Jesus and His disciples getting into a boat to cross over to the other side of the lake. On their way, a storm arises—one the disciples had never encountered before.

MARK 4:37–40 (NIV)

37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Storms give us an opportunity to identify where we really are in

life. Sometimes, we're living on cruise control, so to speak. We get complacent because things are going so well. Our faith isn't tested in those moments. But in the midst of a storm, we can see where our faith really is, or where there is fear in our lives.

In Mark 4:40 Jesus asked His disciples, "*Do you still have no faith?*" In the presence of fear, there is an absence of faith. Fear and faith are enemies. They're battling each other fiercely all the time. Fear caused the disciples to awaken Jesus and say, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

When we look at the storms we face in our own lives, we can see that fear challenges us to doubt—not that God *can* deliver us, but

give His life for us. **HE CARED ENOUGH TO GIVE US EVERYTHING HE HAS.** No one else has ever paid a greater price. He died on the cross to show us that He cared for us.

If you're struggling with whether Jesus cares for you, just get closer to Him. The closer you get to Him, the more you'll know He cares. And the more you know He cares, the more faith you will walk in.

When we're in a storm, how do we turn fear to faith? First, we must focus on Jesus instead of on the circumstances. If we focus on the storm, we'll empower doubt. If we focus on Jesus, we'll empower our faith. And God has given us divine power to shift our focus.

When Jesus' disciples were in

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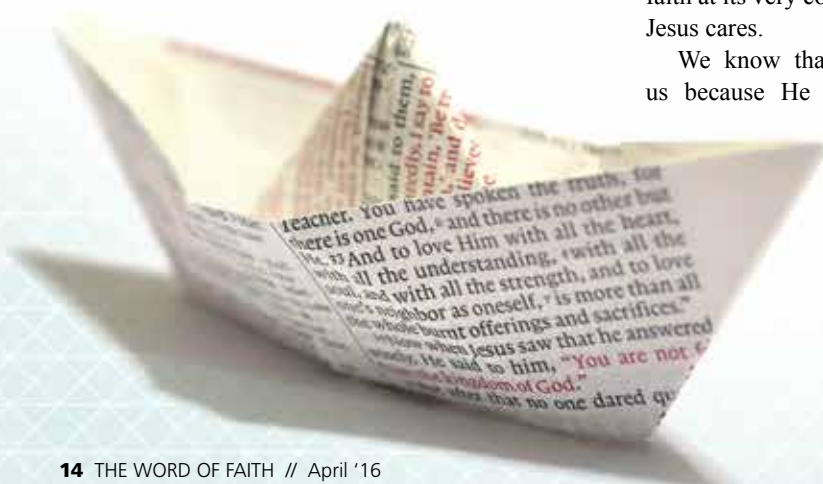
will He? Fear tells us, "God doesn't care!" Maybe our biggest faith struggle in life is not with our circumstances but with that thought. The storms of life will try to get us to believe something about God that's not true. But the power of faith at its very core is knowing that Jesus cares.

We know that Jesus cares for us because He cared enough to

the storm, Jesus was in the boat with them. They woke Him up, and He brought peace to that storm. It wasn't wrong for the disciples to awaken Jesus.

We need to know Who's in our boat and Who cares about us. When we do, then the storms the enemy brings to paralyze us with fear and destroy us can be the very thing that powers us to our destination. We can keep moving forward in the midst of the wind and waves, because Jesus is in our boat. He cares for us, and He will quiet the storms.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Don Duncan's Friday afternoon message at Campmeeting 2015.]

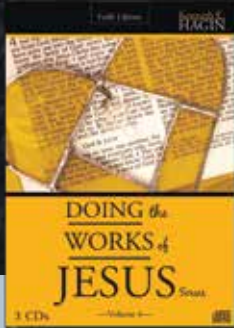




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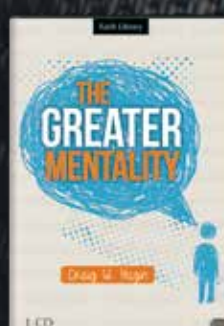
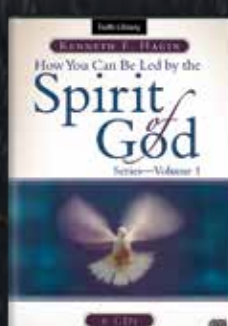
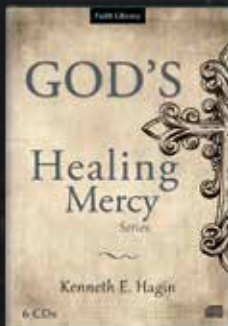
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WAVES OF GOOD NEWS

THE BEDROOM WALL of Cliff Graham’s oceanfront house in Kihei, Hawaii, was covered with pictures of extreme surfers catching and riding huge waves. Every morning when Cliff woke up, he would gaze at that wall, dreaming of one day achieving the same feats. The 20-something California native loved the ocean, beaches, and conquering the biggest waves. And his love for surfing eventually led him to the Lord.

Some time later—as an instructor in wind and wave surfing—Cliff sat on the sand at Kamaole Beach II watching the blue ocean waves come and go. His tide clock reminded him of the predictability of the tides. And he could know the exact times of sunrise and sunset. He realized that if left alone, the beach would take care of itself. But man-made things would rot if not kept up. There must be a Creator, he thought.

Cliff cried out to God, “Whoever You are, I want to know You. If You have a plan for the ocean

and a plan for the sun, You must have a plan for me. I’d like to know Your plan. I’ll do whatever You want if You’ll reveal it to me.”

Cliff found a small Christian church on Maui and began to grow spiritually. He was diving into the waters of the living Word.

Cliff’s surfer friends noticed a change in him. He started talking about God and the Word. “What’s the matter with you?” his friends asked. He replied, “I don’t know. I got in contact with the living God. I can’t keep Him shut up. It’s almost like a fire.”

The more Cliff got to know God, the hungrier he grew for Him. During one church service, Cliff responded to an altar call. The Holy Spirit spoke to him and said, “Go to Tulsa and look at schools.” This young man who felt at home on a beach thought, “What’s in Oklahoma?”

Bible College

When Cliff arrived in Tulsa, he visited a Christian university and a couple of Bible schools searching for the right one. As he prayed with some minister friends about the choice, God confirmed that he should go to Rhema Bible Training College. So this surfing instructor cut his shoulder-length blonde hair and enrolled at Rhema in the fall of 1989.

Each day after classes, Cliff attended Prayer School, where he learned how to pray out the next step for his life. He had told the Lord that he would like to win two million souls for Him. One day a guest evangelist at Prayer School said to the congregation, “You think two million souls for your life’s work is a big deal. I’m having campaigns where 100,000 people at a time come



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to the Lord. So your work would be finished in two years. You might want to get on your face and find out what the Lord really wants you to do.”

After everyone had left, Cliff lay facedown at the Rooker Memorial Auditorium altar and asked the Lord, “What’s Your goal for our life’s work?” As always, He responded. “He gave me a number that’s so outrageous, it keeps me going all the time,” Cliff said.

Unison Harvest International

Cliff has ministered the Gospel in more than 50 countries. He and his wife, Christie, a 1996 Rhema graduate, met several years after Cliff graduated. Together they have established Unison Harvest International, a ministry that reaches youth all over the world with the Good News.

With more than half the world’s population under the age of 25, Cliff and Christie have a passion for telling youth, churches, and youth leaders about Jesus. “I love to minister to adults and children too,” Cliff said. “But I’ve been ministering for 25 years to youth, and my heart still breaks with compassion for the 14-to-25-year-olds and their leaders.” Cliff ministers to all ages, but with a focus on youth at camps, conferences, and campaigns. He also speaks at schools and youth rallies.

In one campaign in Pakistan, Cliff ministered to 10,000 people and 5,000 came to the Lord. Over 20,000 people attended a

youth campaign in Nepal. The organizers had rented a 20-acre field for the event. For two or three months prior to the meetings, Cliff meditated on Luke 7:19–23, where Jesus told John the Baptist’s disciples that the miracles in His ministry verified Who He was. The youth were searching for God, and Cliff introduced them to Him.

In those meetings God confirmed His Word with signs following. Thousands of young people came to the Lord. There were healings, breakthroughs, and deliverances. A young boy who came in a wheelchair was touched by God’s healing power. He left pushing a family member in his wheelchair.

Cliff recently published his first book, *Blueprint for a Dreamer*. In it he helps others pinpoint their passion and go after their God-given dreams. Through God’s Word and his own testimony, he shares the best way to walk out those dreams.

Cliff’s passion to see young people come to know Jesus consumes him. He’s wholeheartedly following God’s blueprint for His life. He still pulls out his surfboard to ride ocean waves. But his greatest goal is to see people swept away by waves of Good News from a good God.♥



LEARN MORE

To find out more about Cliff and Christie Graham, go to UnisonHarvest.com.



**Timeless
Teachings**
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EARLY IN MY MINISTRY I was pastoring a church in the oil fields of east Texas. One of the deacons of the church had a good job working for Humble Oil Company. And he was always faithful in his support of the church.

One day he said to me, “Brother Hagin, can you explain something to me? I’ve been a Christian for 13 years, and I’ve been faithful in paying my tithes and giving offerings.”

I knew that was true. He was a regular tither whose support really blessed the church. “What is it you want to know?” I asked.

He said, “Well, I don’t know why I’m doing it. I’ve never heard any teaching or preaching about tithing. When I got saved, they told me I was supposed to do it, so

I did. But I don’t know of anything that’s ever come of it in 13 years. If I’ve ever gotten any blessing out of it, I don’t know it.”

I was amazed. Here was a good man who had been tithing strictly from the standpoint of slavish duty, and it hadn’t worked for him. So I took a few minutes and told him a little bit of what I’m sharing with you.

Then I said to him, “The next time you get your tithe envelope out, say, ‘Lord, I’m doing this by faith. I’m giving for the purpose of keeping this local church going, which is benefiting the Body

of Christ by helping people. I’m helping spread the Gospel so that people can be saved. Thank You, God, for making it possible for me to be part of Your work. **I am giving in faith and expectancy to be blessed according to Your Word.**’”

“I’ll sure give that a try,” he said. And he did.

About 30 days later, he came back to me with a big grin on his face. “I’ve been doing what you said, Brother Hagin. Every week I’ve been praying when I get ready to pay my tithes. And boy,” he declared, “it’s really working. I can definitely tell a difference in my finances!”

Why do we experience such a blessing when we pay 10 percent of our income back to God? It’s certainly not because He needs the money or anything else we

could offer Him. No, tithing is a powerful way to plug in to what God is doing in the world. The combined tithe of a congregation provides the funds to support the outreaches of a church—getting people saved, building up the Body of Christ, ministering to the poor, supporting missions, perhaps sponsoring the Gospel on radio or television, and helping provide a living for the pastor and ministry staff.

As a general principle, I believe people should tithe to their local church. I have always believed and taught that the local

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church is the primary means that God uses to bless people in the earth. The local church is where the saints are cared for, and it is to be the base for all other outreaches.

Through tithing to our local church and giving offerings to other worthy ministries, we can be part of what God is doing in the world today. **Our motive and purpose for giving should be pure and unselfish.**

1 **We should do it because we love God.** Giving is a natural expression of love. John 3:16 says, “God so loved the world that He gave.” And we should do the same; we should give to God because we love Him.

2 **We should give to God in obedience to His Word.** The Bible teaches us to give to the Lord and support His work. Many scriptures are unmistakable in their instruction about giving.

3 **We should give as a means to help carry out Christ’s Great Commission** and support the work of those who are going into all the world with the Gospel.

4 **We should give because we want to see people blessed.** Our tithes and gifts help support outreaches of the local church and other organizations that minister to the poor, evangelize the lost and unreached, and build up the saints while equipping them for Christian service.

5 **And, finally, way down the line, we should give in expectancy,** believing God to honor the promises in His Word to bless and prosper us. Notice that I have listed five reasons to give, and I believe the order of this list reflects priorities that are very important. It seems to me that many preachers are overemphasizing number five and presenting that as the major reason for people to give.

Nevertheless, **giving is a tried and proven way to plant seeds for a harvest that will result in our needs being met.** The law of sowing and reaping does apply in the area of personal finances. The Bible is true when it says, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom” (Luke 6:38).

All of these are good and valid reasons for giving. And I believe they will lead to true prosperity—spirit, soul, and body.

God sends prosperity to bless us and meet our needs. But even more important, **He prospers us to make it possible for us to help carry out His work** in our communities, our nation, and throughout the earth. If we fail to understand this, or forget it, I believe we run the risk of losing the blessing.♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s book *The Midas Touch*.]

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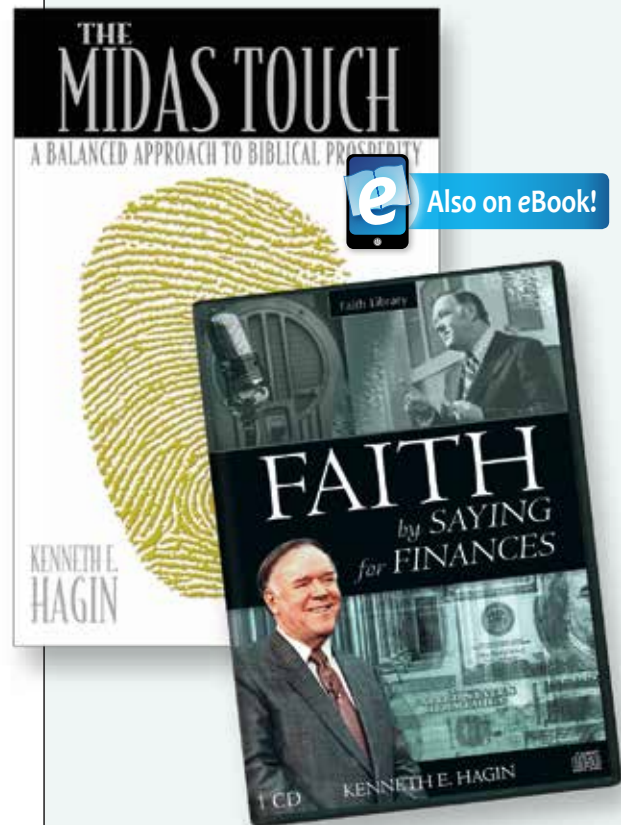
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Is **Healing** Always Instant?

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IN JESUS' ministry, healing wasn't always instantaneous. John 4:52 says, *"Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."* The Bible says that the nobleman's son began to amend from that hour—at the hour Jesus said, "Thy son liveth" (v. 53). What does that mean? That means he began to get better and better until, finally, he was all right.

On one occasion I was preaching in an Assembly of God church in California. A woman was brought in an ambulance to the church auditorium. I never saw so much medicine and equipment keeping one person alive. She couldn't breathe without a machine. And a special nurse was with her all the time.

It took me a minute to find a place to lay hands on her, because she was nearly encased with various medical paraphernalia. I laid hands on her and prayed. I knew the power of God went into her. And I asked the nurse, "Can she hear?"

She said, "Yes, she can hear and understand what you say, but she can't talk." So I said to her, "The healing power of God was administered to your body. I felt it flow out of my hands into your body. It will heal you. Believe that." Then I went on to pray for someone else.

They rolled her out. She didn't look any better. But from the moment the healing power of God was administered to her, she began to amend. Every day, she kept improving. And after three days, she was taken off all the equipment and could breathe without it. She was up and about, walking around the house!

Healing is not always instantaneous, but healing is God's will for us. Luke 17:14 says, *"When he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed."* The Bible says that the 10 lepers were healed

as they went. People are healed today just as they were in Bible days. Some of them are healed instantly. But some are healed as they go.

Years ago, a woman wrote me a letter after a meeting I held in Houston, Texas, at Brother John Osteen's church. She wrote, "Brother Hagin, I was carried to the meeting in Houston for you to lay hands on me and pray. I'd had two strokes and my left side was paralyzed. I couldn't walk. I was carried into the healing line. The doctor said that if I had a third stroke, it would probably kill me. He said that I could have one at any time.

"You laid hands on me and the power of God came on me. I fell on the floor under the power and lay there for a while. Then I began to move a little and make an effort to get up. I was helped to my feet, but I couldn't walk. I wasn't any better. Then I was carried out of the building."

She continued, "Some folks might have thought, 'Well, that poor dear woman didn't get anything, because I saw her being carried in and carried out.' I was placed in the back seat of the car. We got about two blocks away from the church when, suddenly, **THERE WAS A WARM GLOW THAT WENT THROUGH THE LEFT SIDE OF MY BODY.** Then I had feeling in my left side and was all right."

You see, the power of God was administered to her at the church. The healing, or the manifestation, became evident later on. **SHE WAS HEALED AS SHE WENT.** ♡

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

I WANT TO ASK a thought-provoking question: Are you a pessimist or an optimist? A pessimist always sees something bad in a good situation. An optimist will always see something good in a bad situation.

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world," he announced. Then he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it—and missed. "Strike one!" he yelled.

Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down, he swung again and missed. "Strike two!" he cried.

The little boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. "Strike three!" "Wow!" the little boy exclaimed. "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!"

Your attitude determines how circumstances impact your life. The little boy's circumstances hadn't changed, but his optimistic attitude prompted him to give an encouraging meaning to what had happened.

An old adage says, "You'll find whatever you look for." If you look for trouble, you will find trouble. If you look for faults, you will find them. If you look for the positive, the good, the helpful—you will find it.

Years ago a story was told of a man who owned a record company. Do you remember those vinyl disc records? Besides running the operation, he spent many hours in production creating the master discs from which other records were pressed.

Over the years his ears became adept at catching the "pops and sizzles"—the imperfections that had to be eliminated from the master disc so they would not carry over to the copies. One day someone remarked to him that working with music

must be enjoyable. His response was enlightening. He said, "You know, I haven't listened to music in years. When I turn on my sophisticated home stereo, no matter what recording I'm listening to, all I hear are the pops and sizzles."

That is the way we sometimes are with life. We can become so attuned to all the negatives that we look at everything with a destructive mental attitude. The world can program us to be negative. News is not news unless it is bad. We rarely hear about good deeds or positive things.

We tend to focus on the difficulties in our lives. We look at what has gone wrong or what we do not have. We concentrate on our weaknesses and mistakes. Certainly life can bring unmet needs, broken dreams, and unfulfilled expectations. It can be easy to focus on problems and heartaches. But when we do, we can get depressed and lose our joy.

What should we focus on? Colossians 3:1–2 (NIV) says, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Focus on the Lord—not on the world. I am thankful that I was raised in a Christian home where we were taught the importance of seeking the Lord first. My parents always focused on Matthew 6:33: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (NLT).

My focus all my life has been to delight in the Lord—to focus on seeking Him, not the world. We must set our hearts and minds on things above. My head and my heart have to be moving in the same direction or inner conflict will erupt. If my head doesn't want the same thing that my heart does, I will have difficulty staying focused.

Romans 8:28 tells us that when we stay focused on God, "We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose" (AMPC).

Make a daily choice to stay focused on God and on the positive things in your life. As you keep your focus on Him, even negative things will turn around for your good. ♥

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Kids' Page

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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.

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 ICB).



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.



jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."
—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

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?

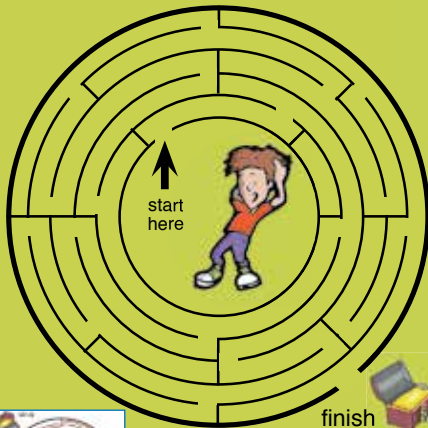
To get to the other side

Why did the chicken cross the road a second time?

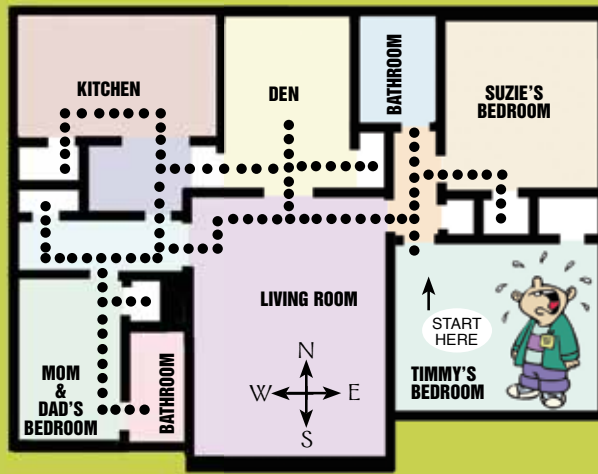
Because it was a double-crosser

A "maze"ing Treasure

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



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!

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



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-MARK 16:15 (BBE)

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