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“One night I began to have chest pains and left arm pain. The more I prayed, the worse the pain got. I had the television on and looked up, and you [Kenneth W. Hagin] were preaching. I heard, ‘The table is spread. If you have a need, reach down and take a spoonful.’

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## Possessing Our Promised Land

The new year is a time of new beginnings. It's an opportunity for us to leave behind the previous year—especially if it has been a difficult one—and press forward into a new season. I am reminded of a time when the children of Israel were about to begin a new season in their lives. As they prepared to enter the Promised Land, Moses said to them, “Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may LIVE and INCREASE and may ENTER and POSSESS the land that the Lord promised on oath to your forefathers” (Deut. 8:1 NIV 1984).

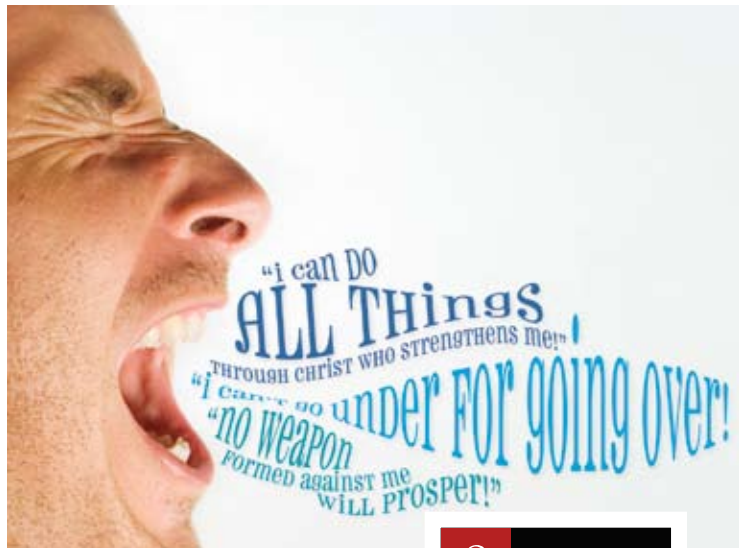
In this verse we can see four things the Lord wants us to do as we move into the “promised land” of this new year: live, increase, enter, and possess. In other words, *live* the life God wants you to live; *increase* in the things of God and His blessings; *enter* the promises of God; and *possess* what God said belongs to you.

The Word of God is filled with promises of what belongs to us. But until we possess these promises, they won't be anything more than words in a book. The word *possess* means “to take hold of.” And to take hold of what belongs to us, we must first know what the Word says, because knowing the Scriptures puts us in a position to receive.

For instance, God said He would make the crooked places straight and the rough places smooth (Isa. 40:4). He promises to open doors that no man can shut (Rev. 3:8). Health and healing belong to us (1 Peter 2:24), as well as protection and safety (Ps. 91). We are also promised that all of our needs will be met (Phil. 4:19).

Once we know what is ours, we must hold on to it and never let go. We can remind God of what He said in His Word and thank Him for His promises manifesting in our lives. This year, let's enter our promised land and triumph in every area. Let's take God at His Word and receive everything He has for us!

*Kenneth W. Hagin*



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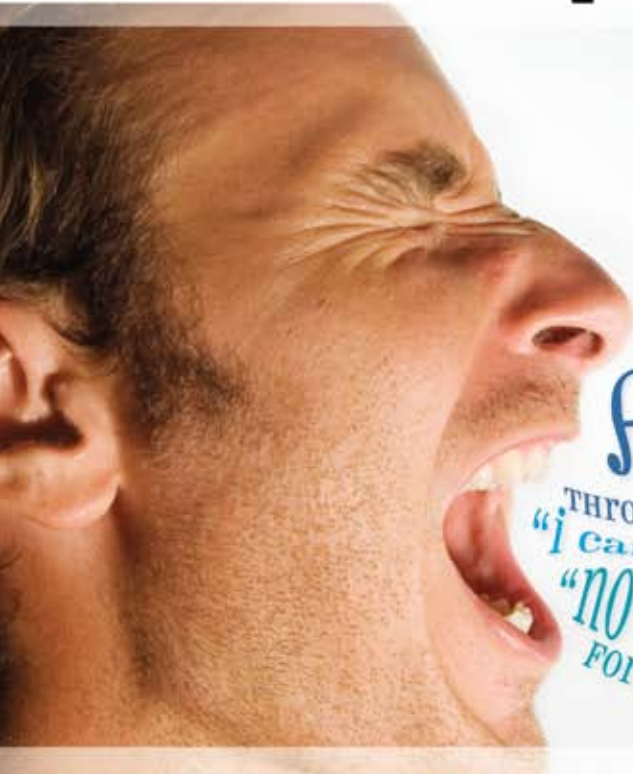
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# WORDS

## FITLY SPOKEN



"i can DO  
**ALL THINGS**  
THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS me!"  
"i can't go under FOR going over!"  
"no weapon  
formed against me  
WILL PROSPER!"

**WHENEVER I DROVE** my children to school when they were little, before they got out of the car, I always said, "Daddy loves you, Jesus loves you, and you can be whatever you want to be." I did this because I know that words are containers and that they can make an impact on others. Words filled with love, joy, peace, and encouragement can lift a person up, while words filled with doubt, unbelief, jealousy, and hatred can destroy an individual.

A biting, stinging word spoken to someone in the morning will rob that person of his or her efficiency all day long. On the other hand, an uplifting word can carry that same individual to new heights. In essence, words create the world we live in. They carry us either to success or failure.

There's no doubt that what others say about us impacts us. But equally important are the words that come out of *our* mouths. What we consistently say can affect us positively or negatively.

Electricity is carried by wires. But on occasion wires get crossed and cause a short circuit. When this happens, sparks



**KENNETH W. HAGIN**

begin flying, breakers start tripping, and sometimes even light bulbs start popping!

Speaking wrong words is like crossing electric wires. We cause things to happen that we don't want to happen. But when we speak right words, we release the power of God to operate in our lives.

### SAY WHAT?

Let me ask you, what have you been saying lately?

Some people talk about how tired they are and how broke they are. These things may be true, but if we will say what the Word of God says, they will change.

Whenever we speak God's Word, we release the power of God to operate in our lives. But if we speak the opposite of what is written in Scripture, we stop God's power from working for us. One thing is certain: whatever we are saying today is what we will get in the future.

Some people never obtain what God has planned for them because they aren't speaking the right words. Proverbs 6:2 says that we are snared by the words of our mouths. And whether we



like it or not, we *are* living in line with what we are saying.

If we continually say things like, “I can’t. I never do anything right. I always mess up,” that is exactly what we’ll get. Instead of saying, “I can’t,” we need to say, “*I can do all thing through Christ who strengthens me*” (Phil. 4:13 NKJV). Instead of

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saying, “Everybody’s against me,” let’s say, “No weapon formed against me will prosper” (Isa. 54:17).

Our mouths should be filled with what the Word of God says. We should be saying things like, “God always gives me the victory through my Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57). “I always triumph in Christ” (2 Cor. 2:14). “I always have more than enough money to meet all of my needs and to sow generously into the Kingdom of God” (2 Cor. 9:8). “No illness can prevail in my life because the stripes of Jesus have healed me from all sickness

## Creating My World

Make this confession daily to start building a highway toward a bright future:

MY FUTURE IS IN MY WORDS.  
I WILL WALK IN GOD’S BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ME  
BY SPEAKING THE RIGHT WORDS.

I’M CALLING THOSE THINGS THAT DO NOT EXIST  
AS THOUGH THEY DO.

I MAINTAIN A CONSTANT CONFESSION OF FAITH,  
I OBEY GOD’S WORD,  
AND I WILL SEE WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED  
IN HIS WORD COME TO PASS IN MY LIFE.

INSTEAD OF SICKNESS,  
I HAVE HEALTH.  
INSTEAD OF POVERTY,  
I HAVE WEALTH.  
I DECLARE THE WORD,  
AND I LIVE IN LINE WITH IT.

and disease” (1 Peter 2:24). When we talk like this, our lives and personal situations will turn around.

## CHANGING OUR WORLD

We hold the power to change our lives through the words we speak. Through our words, we are building a road over which we will travel to our destiny. If we speak negatively and contrary to the Word of God, that road will take us away from what God has promised us. But if we continually speak in line with the Word, our highway will lead to an abundant life filled with peace, prosperity, health, deliverance, and every other blessing.

Our talk always precedes our walk. So let’s make up our minds to speak only words of life—words that will bring the good things of God to us—words that will pave a road to our God-given destiny. 🛐

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"All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory" (Rom. 3:23 CEV).

"The Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin" (Gal. 3:22 NLT).

## And the penalty for sin is death.

"Adam sinned, and that sin brought death into the world. Now everyone has sinned, and so everyone must die" (Rom. 5:12 CEV).

"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23 NLT).

**But the good news is,** God loves us so much that He sent Jesus, His only Son, to die for us and pay the penalty for our sins.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in

Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 NKJV).

"God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful" (Rom. 5:8 CEV).

**To be saved**—to receive everlasting life—we need to call on the Name of the Lord Jesus.

"The Lord will save everyone who asks for his help" (Acts 2:21 CEV).

"You will be saved, if you honestly say, 'Jesus is Lord,' and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others. The Scriptures say that no one who has faith will be disappointed. . . . All who call out to the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:9-11, 13 CEV).

## Are you ready to experience the reality of God's love?

If so, say this simple prayer from your heart:

God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I admit that I have sinned and come short of Your glory. I'm asking for Your help. Please forgive me and wash me clean from all my sin. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die for me and pay the penalty for my sin. Jesus, I ask You to be my Savior and Lord. I receive God's free gift of eternal life. Thank You for saving me!

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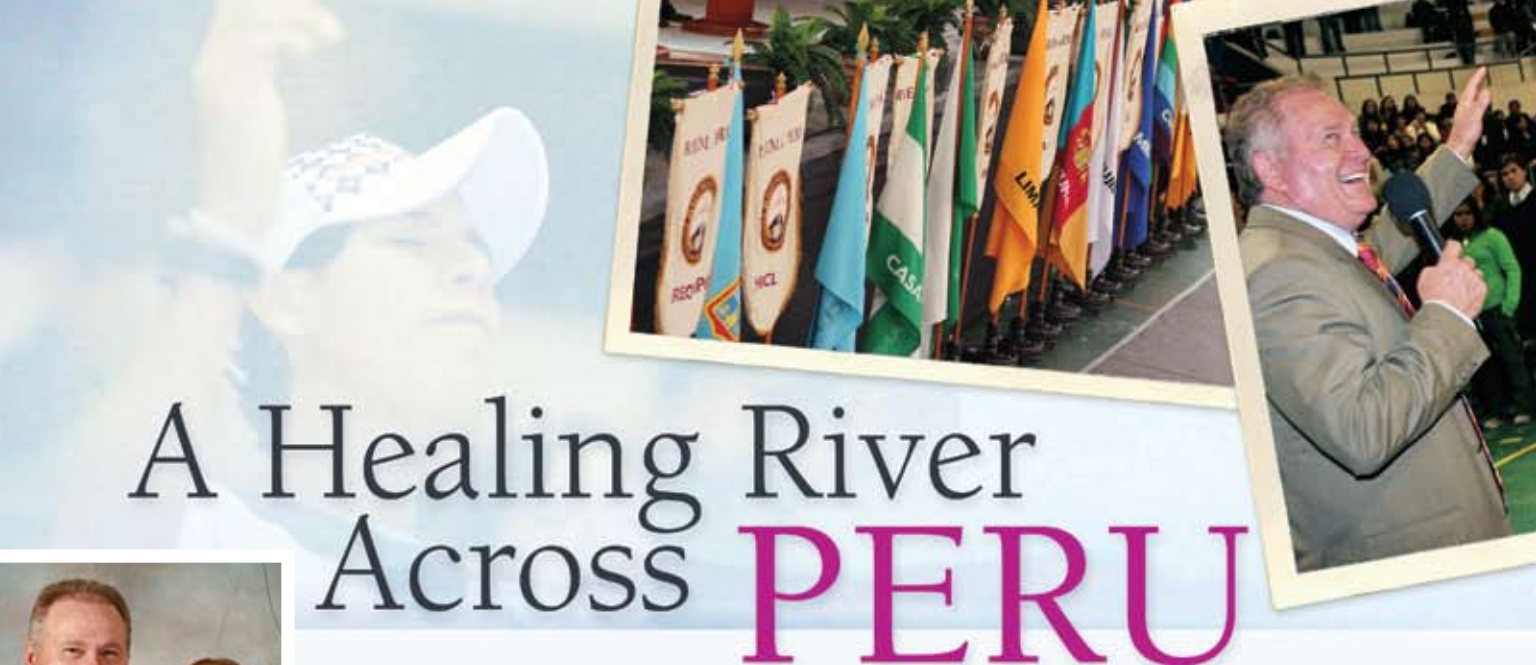
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# A Healing River Across PERU



## AREQUIPA, PERU.

The diagnosis was grim. She had 11 tumors in one breast, 13 in the other, and three incurable diseases. Doctors gave

her no hope. Three times a week she'd go to her local church and pat the statues of the saints on the feet, desperately trying to get their attention—but to no avail. She was dying.

Then she heard something. At a meeting in her city, people were being prayed for and healed. Immediately she said to herself, "I'm going to that meeting and Jesus is going to heal me." She went and was completely healed. Every tumor instantly disappeared! "I went to Jesus one time, and He healed me," she exclaimed.

Jim and Faye Andrews, directors of Rhema Bible Training Center Peru, held that meeting, and for them, such testimonies never grow old. In fact, after 27 years in Peru, Jim and Faye have a much clearer picture of what it means to walk as Jesus walked. They've seen the dead raised, the lame walk, deformed limbs grow out, blind eyes opened, and countless other miracles. They've also seen well over one million people receive Jesus as Lord. But in their eyes, what they've accomplished is only the beginning. "Honestly," said Jim, "we feel like we're just getting ready to do something great."

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Jim and Faye's journey to Peru began when they met at age 12. "Faye was my childhood sweetheart," Jim smiled. Eventually, the two married. They were born again later—Jim on one side of the altar, Faye on the other—neither knowing the other had gone forward.

Soon after, they were introduced to Kenneth E. Hagin's ministry through

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radio. They began listening to him and reading his books, and eventually attended *Campmeeting*.

"We had to believe God for enough money to get to Oklahoma and back to Florida," Jim remembered. "We camped at a state park with our four kids and niece, showered in public showers, and packed sandwiches in a cooler to eat during the day. But I remember seeing different manifestations of the Holy Spirit in that *Campmeeting* and saying, 'If that kind of anointing is available, then I want it.'"

That desire led the couple to attend Rhema Bible Training Center. At the Lord's leading they packed their things, put their property up for sale, and moved to Oklahoma. "We got here with \$350 in hand, four kids, no house, and no jobs,"

said Jim. Faye added, "But we knew we were where we were supposed to be. And God provided. Those were very exciting years that set our course in life."

After Jim graduated in 1980, the Lord began directing the couple toward missions. They spent three years in Guatemala helping another missionary. Then the Lord spoke to them again: "I want you to go to Peru."

Though they had just furnished their house, the couple sold everything and packed their few remaining personal belongings into the back of a borrowed van. They returned to the U.S. for a few months to get everything in order and in October 1984 moved to Peru.

## MISSION PERU

"I didn't know what we were going to do in Peru exactly," Jim recalled. "But three things just sort of floated up in my spirit: to establish a Bible school, build a strong local church where the Spirit could manifest as He pleased, and hold seminars all around the country teaching the Word of God."

That first year, Jim preached 800 times, teaching a message new to most. In March 1985, the couple held their first church service in their home. Around 60 people attended. Wonderful miracles took place as Jim demonstrated God's healing power. He commanded a short leg to grow out in Jesus' Name and it



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*thankful* WE CAME.”

immediately did. Four deaf people were healed, and a man paralyzed on his left side began to smile with that side of his mouth. He'd also been blind in his left eye for three years, and that eye instantly opened up.

With such miracles happening, Jim and Faye soon had 350 people packed into their home for services. “We finally decided we needed to get a building,” Faye laughed.

Today, the couple's church in Lima—La Comunidad Carismática de Lima—is thriving with 2,500 members. And they have established 20 associate churches in this city of nine million to better reach and minister to people. “We're surrounding the city with churches,” Faye said, “and God has raised up many national pastors to help us.”

## A HEALING RIVER FLOWING

Obedying the vision God gave them, Jim and Faye also traveled extensively across Peru preaching the Word. “It seemed like a healing river just flowed across the country,” Jim noted. “Everywhere we went, amazing things took place.”

In Tacna, a city on the border with Chile, the couple held an evangelistic-style meeting during one seminar. Several men present who had just been released from a Chilean prison heard Jim and Faye preach and were born again. As the couple laid hands on the sick, these men took what they had just heard to heart and thought, “We can do that.” They

jumped up and began praying for people. “They were fresh out of prison and just born again, but they were getting people healed and out of wheelchairs,” Jim said. “It was amazing.”

In the same seminar, Jim and Faye witnessed grown Latin men—men who don't normally cry—weeping as the revelation knowledge of the Word came to them. “They were so thankful we came,” Jim said.

## RBTC PERU

In addition to their church and seminars, Jim and Faye started a Bible school. Palabra de Fe (Word of Faith) opened in Lima in September 1986 and graduated 100 students in its first class. Later the school officially became Rhema Bible Training Center Peru.

Today the school has more than 6,000 graduates and five campuses—including two in Chile. Campuses are strategically placed in key cities, making it easier for students to attend while keeping their jobs. To further help working students, RBTC Peru offers both nightly video classes and regular morning sessions.

Peruvians teach all but one or two classes—another part of Jim and Faye's vision. “We've endeavored to build on na-

tional leadership,” Faye explained. “They have a heart for their people, and when you put the right tools and the right training into their hands, they are very capable.”

The results speak for themselves. Rhema Peru's graduates have founded nearly 300 churches. Many others are out teaching and doing missions work—continuing to spread the message that has changed their lives.

“It is very evident that we arrived in the country when God was ready to do something in it,” Faye remarked. “I would dare say that most every evangelical pastor in Peru has at least been to one of our seminars, if not studied at the school.”

“The Gospel message has changed the nation,” Jim affirmed. “And I believe God is calling for more of His people to go into the world like we did. I believe we're going to see people rise up with authority that we haven't seen before and change nations with the message they bring. This is a great time for the Body of Christ—a great time for those who understand the true Gospel. This is a great time to be alive.”

### DID YOU KNOW?

» Jim and Faye Andrews credit the training they received at RBTC for giving them a stability in the Word that has allowed them to overcome in every situation.

### FAST FACTS

- » Jim Andrews, a 1980 RBTC graduate, and his wife, Faye, direct Rhema Peru.
- » Jim and Faye pastor a 2,500-member church located in Lima.

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# Cheer Up!

**BRENDA THOMAS**



**I ONCE HEARD** about a parakeet named Chippie. The bird's problems began when his owner used a vacuum to clean up the seeds and loose feathers from the bottom of his cage. When the phone rang, the owner turned to pick up the phone and, you guessed it, with a *thud* and a *swoosh*, Chippie was gone!

The owner quickly turned off the vacuum and unzipped the bag. There was Chippie—stunned but still breathing. Seeing that he was covered with black dust, his owner rushed Chippie to the bathtub where she turned on the faucet full blast and held the bird under icy water. Realizing she had done even more damage to the poor bird, she quickly cranked up her blow dryer and gave the wet, shivering little parakeet an overly powerful blast. The story ends, “Chippie doesn’t sing much anymore.”

Here’s the point: Chippie had a rough day and lost his joy and his will to sing. Too many of God’s people don’t sing anymore. They’ve lost their will to sing and their joy. But God wants to restore it!

You may be knocked down but you’re not knocked out! Get up with a song in your heart. Don’t let a bad day, a weird week, a terrible month, or even an awful year steal your joy and rob you of the song Jesus wants to put in your heart.

When we’re facing a difficult situation, one of the first things we are tempted to do is lose our joy. Nehemiah 8:10 says, “*Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength*” (NKJV). If our joy is drained, so is our strength. When we become weak, it is difficult to fight the good fight of faith.

Joy is a spiritual force and must be evident in our lives if we are to overcome and have victory in every situation. Jesus was very aware of this powerful force. On numerous occasions, He instructed His followers to “be of good cheer.”

When Jesus ran into people who were full of agony and despair, He wasn’t like the guy walking across a bridge who saw another man about

to jump. The first man went over and tried to stop him. He asked, “What’s going on in your life?” The fellow who wanted to jump started telling him all the terrible issues that had gotten him to that point. What the first man heard was so bad that he grabbed the other man’s hand and said, “I’ll jump with you. Let’s end it all right now!”

Every time Jesus told somebody to “be of good cheer,” the last thing that person wanted to do was be happy, do a little dance, or be full of joy.

**JESUS IS THE ONE WHO BRINGS joy.**

But Jesus is the One Who brings joy. Jesus is the author of cheer. He wants His people to cheer up! The word *cheer* means “to bring encouragement, to give courage to, to put in good spirits, and to provide happiness or joy.”

How can we cheer up and be glad, no matter what we’re going through? We can do that because Jesus is the answer. Nothing is too difficult for Him.

Rejoicing is a demonstration of our faith in God. Being of good cheer shows that we believe the Word of God is true. Christians ought to be the happiest people on earth. We ought to be full of good cheer because Jesus has given us victory in every area of life. If we don’t rejoice when attacks come against us, the devil will think he is winning. But if we act on the Word regardless of the situation, we are stating that we believe God is working on our behalf, no matter what. And we *win!*♥

(Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Brenda Thomas’ book, *Making the Most of Your Meltdowns*.)

## ▶ ‘I CAN’T HANDLE ANY MORE!’

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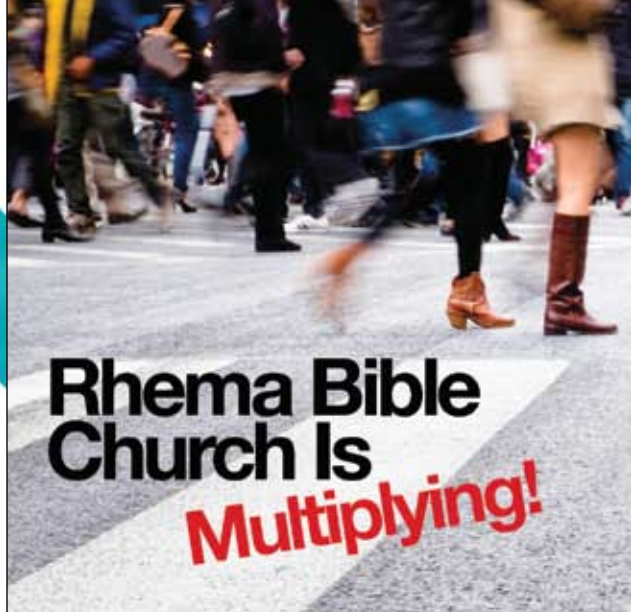


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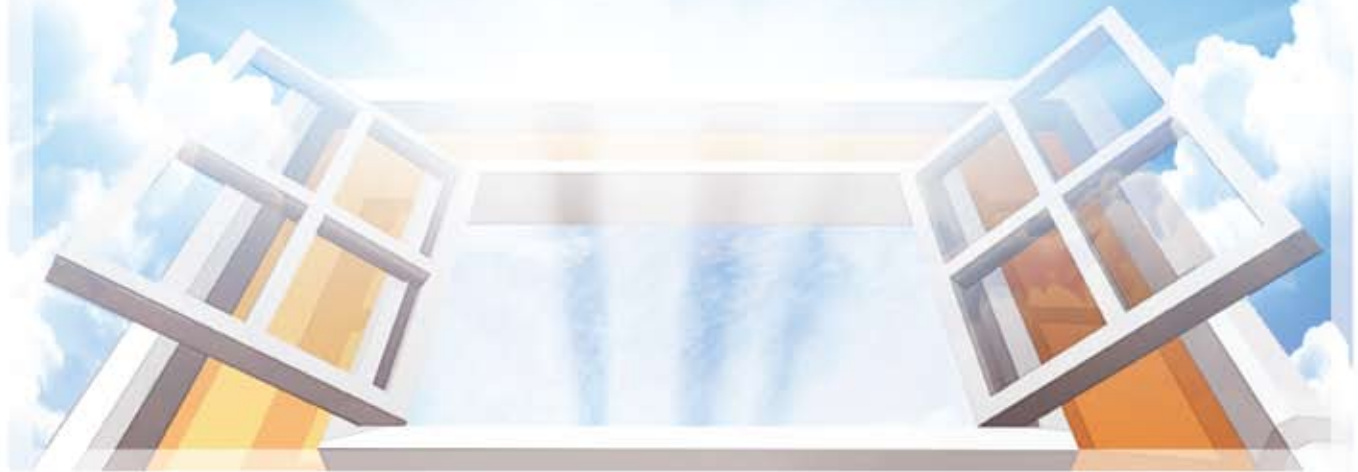
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# OPENING THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN



“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

— MALACHI 3:10

**MALACHI 3:10** is the only scripture in which God said, “Prove Me.” In fact, the only areas in which God ever said to prove Him are tithes, offerings, and giving. He invites us to prove this verse out by bringing our tithes into the storehouse and finding out whether He will do what He says.

Now remember, there is a God-ward side and a man-ward side to receiving the blessings of God. It takes our working together with God to get the windows of His blessing open. When we give our tithes and offerings, God is faithful to open the windows of Heaven.

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The Bible says that what God opens no man can shut (Rev. 3:7–8). The devil can’t shut the windows of blessings on us. We are the only ones who can shut ourselves off from the windows of Heaven, and we do that when we don’t give of our finances and walk in obedience to the Word.

Many people are trying to receive God’s financial and material blessings with the windows of Heaven closed. They haven’t done their part through their giving to get the windows of Heaven open and keep them open.

Some people are not living right, so God can’t honor their giving. Folks want God to bless them financially. God *wants* to bless them, but if they aren’t living right, He can’t honor their giving.

## **FAITH AND OBEDIENCE**

Sometimes people mistakenly think that faith can do everything. I’m not putting down faith. But if we *only* teach faith, we can leave the impression that faith is *all* that is necessary to succeed as a Christian. And that is not the case.

Faith and obedience are what open God’s doors of blessing. Faith certainly is involved, but faith confessions alone won’t open the windows of Heaven.

In other words, the windows of Heaven won’t open just by saying, “Windows of Heaven, be open!” We must put corresponding action to our faith by being doers of the Word and obeying what God says about giving.

# THE BIBLE SAYS THAT *what God opens* NO MAN CAN SHUT. THE DEVIL CAN'T SHUT THE WINDOWS OF BLESSINGS ON US.

The Scriptures say to bring our tithes into the storehouse. This is our part in getting the windows open. Our corresponding action is to render our tithes and then give offerings.

Faith in God's Word works. But some folks emphasize faith to the point that some believers think that is *all* that is necessary to succeed in God. They don't live right, but they expect their faith to work for them. God honors *all* of His Word—not just a few select scriptures on faith.

continue to walk in line with His Word to keep those windows open.

It's through our obedience to the Word that the windows of Heaven are opened in our lives. As we do our part, God is always faithful to fulfill His part. ♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Jesus—The Open Door*.)



This is another way we can keep the windows of Heaven open, enjoy the blessings of God, and be a blessing to humanity. Let's learn the secret of obeying God in giving and then watch Him work!



## STAYING IN TUNE WITH HEAVEN

Although Jesus has opened many doors of blessing, provision, and opportunity for us, it takes faith and obedience to the Word to walk through those doors. Our faith won't work when we are out of tune with Heaven or with our fellow man. It will be feeble. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light and we walk in fellowship with others, our faith will be effective (1 John 1:7).

God tells us that He will open the windows of Heaven if we meet certain conditions. We must walk in obedience to His Word by bringing the tithe into the storehouse. That's our responsibility. Then we must

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Sometimes I think believers read this verse as, "He who lends to the Lord, the Lord will just forget about it." No! The Lord will *repay* him. Concerning giving to the poor, the Bible also says, *"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed"* (Prov. 22:9).

Giving to the poor is over and above giving tithes and offerings.

**THINK ABOUT:** Is your life in tune with Heaven and your fellow man? Are there things you need to change to better receive from God? ♥

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*“Ask of me, and I shall give thee  
the heathen for thine inheritance.”*

— P S A L M 2 : 8



LYNETTE HAGIN

Many people today are lost and going to hell. But we have many exciting opportunities to tell them about Jesus. In fact, our first and foremost responsibility is to proclaim this wonderful Good News!

Where are we going to be witnesses? Wherever God takes us. Every day we come in contact with someone who doesn't know Christ. Are we sensitive to listen to the voice of God and minister to these people? **Or are we too busy to lend a helping hand and bring them in?**

MANY OF US have such revelation of the Word of God, and yet in many cases, we're keeping it to ourselves. We're not proclaiming it to others. But God didn't give us this knowledge to keep to ourselves. He wants us to go into the highways and byways and compel the lost to come in!

Some people are great soul winners. They're extremely bold and they don't mind

asking anybody, “Do you know Jesus as your Savior?” Not everyone is comfortable doing that. I know I'm not bold in that way. But even if we're not that bold, we can still be witnesses for the Lord.

I have always been the type of person who endeavors to witness by my actions, my love, and my compassion for others. I love people, especially

those who are hardened against the Gospel.

Many years ago when we were building the Rhema campus, I came in contact with a particular supplier who furnished our carpet. One of the owners of that company had been saved but he was not walking in fellowship with the Lord. He was deeply hardened against the church and often made fun of ministers.

It grieved my heart when I heard him say those negative things, but I didn't try to correct him. I didn't even try to defend anyone. I continued showing him the love of God.

I had to stop by his business frequently and usually went around 10 o'clock in the morning. One morning I had so much to do that I stopped in around 8 o'clock. He was shocked when he saw me because he knew that was not my favorite time of day. He exclaimed, “It's 8 o'clock in the





» LYNETTE HAGIN

## Praying for Our Nation

### GOD DESIRES FOR US TO EARNESTLY AND FAITHFULLY BESEECH HIM ON BEHALF OF OUR GREAT NATION

(1 Tim. 2:1–2). I encourage you to join me in praying for the United States. It's the prayers of the saints that will keep this country safe and determine its destiny.

It's so important that we pray continually for our president and our nation's other leaders. But it's also important that we pray for America's

future leaders. We want to ensure that the right men and women take office. That means we can't wait until three weeks before Election Day to begin praying. We must start praying now!

We all have our own ideas about who should and should not be in office. However, the words we must pray are, "God, You know what is best for our country. May Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

morning and you're smiling and happy!"

His business partner remarked, "We've never seen you down. You must know something we don't."

"I do know something," I replied. "Let me tell you what it is." And I began to witness to them about the Lord.

I didn't ask them to pray the sinner's prayer that day, but not long after that the man who had been hardened against the Gospel visited the Rhema campus to see the carpet we had purchased. After he toured the campus, we wound up in my husband's office.

me more than you might think." I wanted to draw in the net all the way, but for some reason I didn't. I wish I had, because only a week later we received a phone call that he died suddenly from a heart attack.

That incident hit me hard. I thought, "God, why didn't I make sure he was right with You?" Of course, I believe he accepted Christ as his Savior and is in Heaven. But I determined never to let that kind of opportunity pass me by again!

Witnessing opportunities come to each of us. Let's pray and ask God to open doors for us to

## OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PROCLAIM THIS WONDERFUL *Good News!*

He spotted one of our faith Bibles on the coffee table and exclaimed, "I'd sure like to have one of those Bibles!" We got him a Bible, signed it, and he took it with him.

Several weeks later, I called him on the phone about a business situation, and suddenly the conversation turned to the Lord. I felt an urgency inside to draw in the net a little bit more, so I said, "You know, Heaven won't be Heaven if you're not there."

"Lynette," he replied, "I've been reading the Bible you gave

present the Gospel in our own way, with our own personalities, and in whatever way He desires to use us. When we tell the Lord we want to go fishing for souls, He will make it possible. ♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Lynette Hagin's book *Talk to Me: Connecting With the Heart of God.*)

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—PASTOR LANCE FRICKE  
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## Thoughts

// 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 1984)



### YEARS AGO I WORKED

part-time in retail sales. Every January we would spend several weeks preparing for and taking the year-end inventory. From that experience, I decided to adopt the same policy in my own life. I believe that it is important each year to take inventory of our lives as individuals and as families. And there is no better time to do that than at the beginning of a new year.

We live in a fast-paced world. Each of us has only 24 hours to accomplish what needs to be done each day. How I wish that time could be stopped or stored! However, that is impossible, so we must make the most of the time we have.

I would encourage you to decide what things are most important to you, and then place those things at the top of your priority list. My list goes like this: God, family, work, my personal time, and finally, my friends.

I have always made God the very first priority on my list. As I have stated many times in this column, my parents continually reminded me of Matthew 6:33: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (NLT). I am very thankful that they emphasized that principle in my life. It has certainly been the foundation for living victoriously, regardless of the situations I encounter.

Family has always been my next priority. I am concerned that family life is being destroyed these days. Children are involved in so many extracurricular activities that it leaves little time for families just to enjoy each other. Our children were involved in sports and other school functions. However, my husband and I always made sure that those things did not consume time for or take the place of our family activities. Some of the greatest memories my children have are our family vacations, family nights playing board games, four-wheeling as a family, and those rare times when there was snow and we would sled down a hill close to our house. We laugh about and think about those memories even now when we get together.

Many make their jobs the God of their lives. A job is very important. It does require hard work and consumes a lot of our time and energy. We must not neglect the duties that our jobs require. However, we can easily become consumed with getting to the top in our work and neglect our other priorities. Our jobs can destroy our relationship with God as well as our family life.

You may be asking, "How do I give each area of my life the right priority?" I would like to share with you some thoughts and guidelines that I have followed. First of all I commit my daily life to the Lord's direction. Psalm 37:23 (NLT) says, "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives." My responsibilities at Rhema are many: General Manager of the ministry, Director of the Training Center, and Chief Financial Officer. And I minister in crusades and perform the duties of a pastor's wife.

All of those responsibilities could be overwhelming if I did not allow the Lord to direct my steps. Every day I ask God for wisdom, strength, and the ability to perform my duties. And I ask Him to help me conserve my time so I can attend to my other priorities.

After committing my day to God, I make a to-do list for that day. It is amazing how much more we can accomplish if we commit those tasks to paper. I find it so satisfying to organize my day and then check off the items on my list as I accomplish them. And I've learned that if I do the thing I least enjoy first, it seems I'm able to accomplish everything else more quickly.

Finally, I have learned to compartmentalize my life. For instance, when I am spending time with God, I don't think about anything else. When I am at work, all of my thoughts are in that area. However, when it is time for family, I forget about what else needs to be done at work and enjoy my family. And when it is what I call "me" time, I've learned to enjoy that and not feel guilty about taking it.

I encourage you this year to take an inventory of your life. Allow the Lord to direct your every step. Let Him plan each detail. As you do, you will be able to live a life of peace and fulfillment.♥

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