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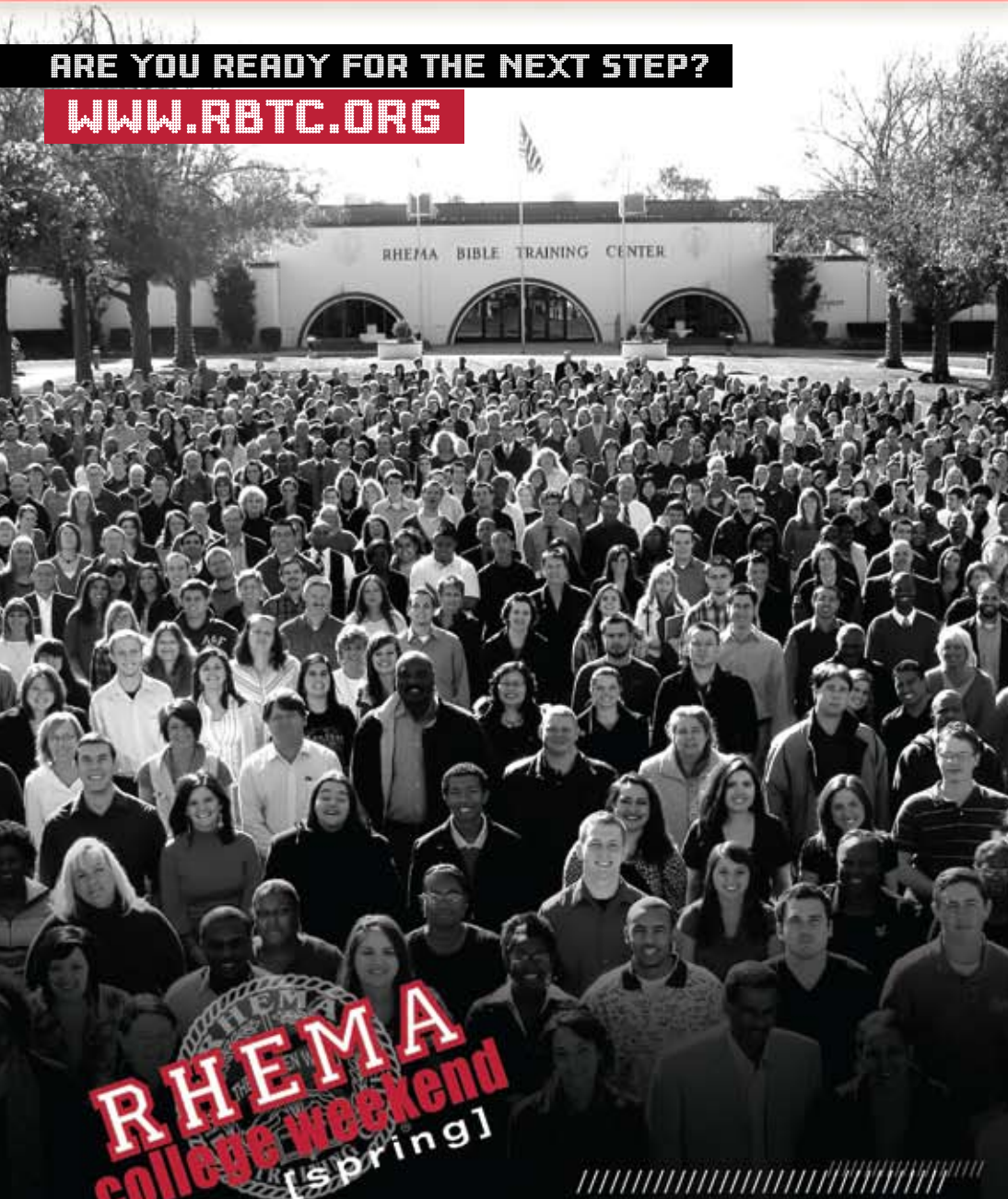
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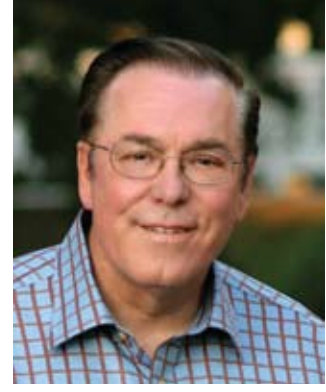
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Gifts, Gifts, and More Gifts!

Over the past few days and weeks, the stores have been crowded with shoppers and many gifts have been purchased that will be placed under the Christmas tree. As these gifts are opened, there will be lots of bows, wrapping paper, and boxes strewn around the tree—all because this is the season for the giving of gifts!

But God has already given us the Gift of gifts—His Son, Jesus Christ. And when we accept His gift, we receive what the Bible calls eternal life, or everlasting life—*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16).

At this time of year, we celebrate the gift of the Babe of Bethlehem. But we need to understand that the Babe of Bethlehem became Jesus of Nazareth, Who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil (Acts 10:38). Jesus of Nazareth became the Lamb of God, slain to take away our sin. The Lamb of God became the resurrected Christ, Who arose from the dead. And the resurrected Christ became the ascended Lord, Who sits at the Father’s right hand always interceding for us.

As I think about all the gifts that will be given and received during this festive holiday season, I am reminded of the gifts that Jesus Christ has made available for us as believers. They belong to us if we will only accept them—if we will open the packages. I’m talking about the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gift of healing, the gift of abundant life, and the gift of peace, just to mention a few of those God has told us about in His Word.

When we come to the throne of God, we should be like little children at Christmastime. We should dive into our packages and find the gifts we need at that particular moment. Then we should tear off the wrapping paper and begin to enjoy the wonderful gifts our Heavenly Father has given to us, His children!

Kenneth W. Hagin



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Kenneth and Lynette Hagin have been busy again this year sharing the Gospel and the message of faith in many ways. Catch highlights of their 2010 events and travels.



THE LORD
OUR
Peace

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart
be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

— JOHN 14:27

Peace, wonderful peace! The Lord has said that He will give us peace. And not just any kind of peace—His peace.

IN THE WORLD WE LIVE IN, we desperately need peace. The turmoil around us is mind-boggling. Reports of wars, earthquakes, floods, and every other type of calamity fill the news. It seems that the only things we hear about are tragedies.

Meanwhile, man has more conveniences and luxuries than ever before. Many of them are designed to save time as well as make our lives easier. All we have to do is push a button and things get done!

With all of our modern conveniences, you would think that we would have *more* time. But despite modern technology, we seem to have less time. And even though we have every possible convenience of the times, there is no peace.

Thank God, our Heavenly Father has provided peace for us! Romans 5:1 says, “*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

God loved us so much that He sent His Son to redeem mankind and restore our peace with Him. According to John 10:10, Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Of course, we cannot have peace without knowing the Prince of Peace. We must accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior before we can experience true peace.

Sadly, many people today who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior don't have peace. Why? Because they have not accepted Him as their Peace Giver.

I know when things begin to crumble under my feet—and they do crumble sometimes—Jesus is the One I turn to. You see, everything is not going to be a bed of roses just because we become Christians. We're still going to go through trials and struggles.

In John 16:33, the Lord said, “*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*” Jesus is telling us that in this world we will go through rough places and deep valleys, but we're not to camp in those valleys. We're to walk through them in peace, knowing that He has overcome the world.

Instead of turning to the Lord for peace, many people today—including some Christians—are turning to drugs and alcohol to help them find peace. But God can carry us through the dark days and troubled times without altering our body chemistry!

Besides, drugs and alcohol can only give us temporary peace. But God can give us permanent peace. In times of anxiety and stress, we must turn to the Lord, because He is our peace! He's the only One Who can lead us safely through the storms of life!

Keep Your Mind on the Mountain Mover

As long as we're living on this earth, there will be challenges. But we can still have peace. Sometimes we get so involved in thinking about our mountain of problems that we forget to keep our minds on the Mountain Mover. When we keep our minds on our Heavenly Father, we won't worry about troubles in the economy. Everything around us may be spinning, but our confidence will be in God and His Word!

There's an old song that says, “I trust in God wherever I may be, Upon the land or on the rolling sea, For, come what may, from day to day, My heav'nly Father watches over me.”¹

God is watching over us! And His desire is that we live a life of peace, joy, and abundance. As we keep our minds focused on the Lord and lean on Him, the struggles will fade away, the turmoil will cease, and He will give us a peace that nothing else can!

¹ W.C. Martin, 1910. Music by Charles H. Gabriel. “My Father Watches Over Me.” Public Domain.

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Lynette Hagin's new book *God's Peace: Experience It All the Time.*)



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FAITH IN ACTION

Keep Your Focus

When anxious, fearful thoughts bombard our minds, we can cast them down. As we keep our thoughts focused on the right things, God can deliver us and keep us in perfect peace. Here are some things we can do to maintain a peaceful mind:

- REFUSE TO FEAR.
- WHEN A PROBLEM STRIKES, DON'T PANIC. MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO GOD (Phil. 4:6-7).
- DRAW UPON GOD'S STRENGTH.
- FOCUS ON ALL THE GOOD THINGS GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU.
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FEATURE



It's hard to believe that we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of Lynette Hagin's *Kindle the Flame*® Women's Conference.

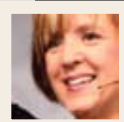
MANY WOMEN WHO GATHERED on the RHEMA campus this past September have attended *Kindle the Flame* year after year since 2001. An equal number of women showed up for the first time.

But everyone who has attended any of Lynette Hagin's women's conferences agrees—they are life changing.

Lynette kicked off the 2010 conference by encouraging women to love themselves just as they are. She spent the evening tackling the issue of low self-esteem and encouraged the women to be happy with the way God made them.

Guest speakers Friday and Saturday included Patsy Cameneti, Vicki Shearin, and Brenda Thomas. Workshops dealt with setting healthy boundaries in life and offered tips for decorating, hair styling and makeup, and cleaning and organizing a home. A style show featured elegant evening wear.

Saturday evening, Lynette encouraged the women to build a wall of prayer in their lives in the same way that Nehemiah rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem. Brick by brick the wall was built, showing the ladies the power of persistent prayer. To illustrate that power, during a time of corporate prayer, the women brought bricks they had been given to the front of the auditorium. The bricks were then stacked, vividly representing a wall of prayer. 🧱



"When God restores He doesn't just give you back what you lost. Isaiah 61:7 says, 'For your shame you shall have double.' You will have double for your trouble! God is a Redeemer, Restorer, Rebuilder, and Rewarder. That's Who He is. That's what He does. And **HE WILL BRING RESTORATION IN WAYS YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE.**"

—VICKI SHEARIN

■ BUILDING
A WALL OF
PRAYER

I attended my first conference five years ago with my daughter. What began as my daughter's 16th-birthday gift has become an annual mother-daughter getaway.

—MARY, ST. LOUIS, MO

I've attended nine *Kindle the Flame* conferences. Two years ago Lynette taught on letting go of issues. I let some things go, and I was healed of an inflamed vertebra that had caused severe back pain for 13 years.

—JANICE, ALLEN, TX



Lynette Hagin presents the *Kindle the Flame* 2010 **HIGHEST ATTENDANCE AWARD** to Vicki Shearin of Word of Life Christian Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, and members of her congregation.



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Lynette Hagin's Women's Conference



■ STYLE SHOW



'I Am Who I Am!'

LYNETTE HAGIN

WHEN I ASKED THE LORD, "What do You have for the ladies who come to *Kindle the Flame*® this year?" the words that He gave me have been ringing in my ears ever since—"I am who I am!" Then God began to deal with me that there is an epidemic today, especially among women, of people being unhappy with who they are.

All of my life I have seen women put on facades and try to hide their hurt or pain on the inside. Many of them have suffered terrible hurts, because they were desperately trying to live up to someone else's unrealistic standards.

Instead of viewing ourselves the way others think we should be, we need to look at ourselves the way God looks at us. How does

He look at us? Psalm 139:14 says, "*Thank you [God] for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous*" (NLT). *The Message Bible* says, "*Body and soul, I am marvelously made!*"

The Lord wants each of us to become a whole person and be healed from the hurts of the past so we can accomplish the mission He has for us on this earth. Unless we learn to love who we are, we cannot reach our full potential and do what God has called us to do.

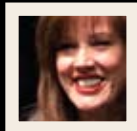
That's why Jesus commanded us in Matthew 22:39, "*You shall love your neighbor IN THE SAME MANNER AS YOU DO YOURSELF*" (Wuest). Really, we have to love ourselves in order to love anybody else.

Now that doesn't mean we shouldn't try to improve ourselves. But we don't need to be obsessed with living up to someone else's idea of perfection.

Let me ask you a question today: by whose standards are you judging yourself? Remember, the Lord says that you are wonderfully made. Don't be ashamed of God's creation. Allow the balm of the Spirit to heal your hurts so you can be the person God created you to be! ♥



"When people don't give us affirmation or validation, we feel like something has been taken away. But **THERE IS A TRUE HONOR THAT COMES ONLY FROM GOD**. God doesn't just receive honor; He gives honor. He gave it to His Son, Jesus. And Jesus gave it to man, who needed it. We don't have to wait for [people] to give us honor. We can get true honor from God."



—PATSY CAMENETI



"The Apostle Paul faced some hard times. He was shipwrecked, stoned, and thrown into prison. But he said, 'I think myself happy.' Why did he think himself happy? Because happy are the people whose God is the Lord (Ps. 144:15). **WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT!** And I refuse to let the devil, tests, or trials wipe the smile off my face. I have made a choice to rejoice!"

—BRENDA THOMAS



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Teachings
of Kenneth E. Hagin

hurt
bitterness
depression
anger
resentment
disappointment
worry



GIVE YOUR PROBLEM TO GOD



FAITH IN ACTION

Let Go of Your Problem

No one is immune to adversity. But when adversity knocks on your door, you don't have to worry. Instead, turn your anxieties, cares, and concerns over to the Lord. Every time you're tempted to worry about your situation, pray this prayer:

Lord, I'm turning all of my anxieties over to You and I'm putting my cares into Your hands. I refuse to worry anymore. I refuse to be overly concerned about my situation. I refuse to carry the care. You said to cast it all on You because You love me. You care for me affectionately, and you care about me watchfully. I thank you for turning this situation around and meeting my every need.

When the devil tries to bring thoughts of worry back to your mind, just laugh at him. Remind the devil that the Lord is taking care of your situation, and you are not going to be concerned about it anymore!

When you walk by faith—when you do what the Bible says—you’re an oddity to others, even in the church world. They think something is wrong with you because you don’t worry.

WHEN I TOOK THE PASTORATE of a certain Full Gospel church, I didn’t know that nobody else would pastor this church. It was a “trouble” church.

In those days, it was a common practice to have a pastors’ fellowship meeting the first Monday of every month. I’d go and all the pastors would say to me, “How goes the battle?”

I’d say, “Men, I don’t have a care.” They’d stand there and blink their eyes. They’d say to one another, “I don’t believe he’s got enough sense to worry!”

One of my neighboring pastors told them, “I know he has a care. He’s got the hardest church to pastor in this entire area. He’s got this problem and that problem.” (He knew more about my church problems than I did!)

were when you started as long as you hold on to those things yourself.

The Amplified Bible renders First Peter 5:7 as, “Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.”

When you turn your cares over to Him, you don’t have them anymore. He’s got them. Then you can say, “I’m carefree,” even when the cares are still there from a natural standpoint. You’re not carrying the load—He is.

We used to sing a song that went, “Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.” Many people take their burdens to the Lord and tell Him about them—but when they get up from that place of prayer, they pick their burdens up again!

Many people take their burdens to the Lord and tell Him about them—but when they get up from that place of prayer, they pick their burdens up again!

I’d get up to preach on Sunday mornings and be tempted to yield to the flesh. But I would turn to First Corinthians chapter 13 and preach on love, or I’d turn to Revelation 21 and 22 and preach on Heaven.

The first year I pastored that church, I spent most of my time preaching on love and Heaven! And when you can get everybody loving one another and heading to Heaven, things straighten out pretty well!

When I turned the care of that church over to the Lord, we had constant revival! Every weekend we had people saved, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and healed. God blessed us so that when I left that church, 40 preachers put in their application for it.

Casting Your Cares on God

If you don’t learn to commit your cares and anxieties to the Lord, there will come a time when all of your prayers and the prayers of others will be to no avail. You’re going to be right where you

It helps to imagine your burden as a 100-pound sack. People put it on their back and carry it home with them from their place of prayer. No! Leave it there! “Casting the whole of your care . . . once and for all on Him,” that verse says. Refuse to worry.

My wife, Oretha, learned not to worry. I heard her say to another preacher’s wife one time, “I finally learned it works. I don’t ever worry.” At that time in our lives, we had problems and needs that were piled up knee-deep! But Oretha wasn’t worrying because she learned to cast her cares upon the Lord.

We can do it! We can cast all of our cares on the Lord because He said to do it. God is not unjust. He’s not going to tell us to do something that we can’t do.♥

(Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s book *Casting Your Cares Upon the Lord*.)

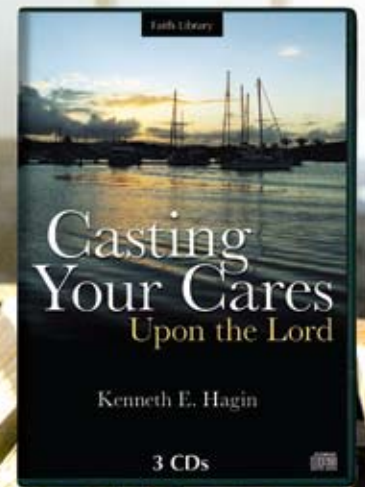
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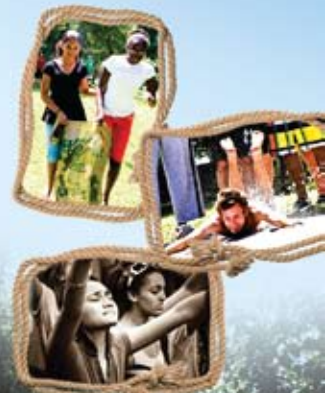
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Reaching the Children of Dar es Salaam

“You’re stealing our children and turning our mosques into churches!”

DAN AND MELINDA KOEHLER and their team of teachers hear those words each week. But they’re happy to hear them, because it means the Koehlers are accomplishing their goal—reaching Dar es Salaam, Tanzania’s largest city, with the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Melinda and Dan’s journey as missionaries to Africa began over 20 years ago. After graduating from RHEMA Bible Training Center in 1985 and 1987, respectively, they served other missionaries, trained indigenous leaders, and translated a number of Faith Library Books into Swahili. They also established churches—including Shining Light Church, the church they currently pastor. Now, through weekly Kids Club gatherings, they’re reaching the children of a city where many people are practicing Muslims. And those children are reaching their families and friends with the Gospel.

Many parents in Dar es Salaam don’t know what to do with their children during the day, so they let them wander the streets from morning until night. Many of these youngsters get into trouble of one kind or another. Dan and Melinda and their team get

the children off the streets and teach them about Jesus.

Each Saturday the Koehlers’ team of teachers ministers to around 2,000 children in 12 locations around the city. Children too young to walk are carried in on the backs of their older siblings, and even teenagers, hungry for the truth, choose to attend. In each neighborhood, between 400 and 600 kids come each week. The Koehlers have 25 to 30 teachers, but with a ratio of almost 100 kids to one teacher, they can’t train helpers fast enough.

Each time children attend Kids Club, they are taught the Word of God. Each week’s session begins with a 20-minute object lesson before the teachers give out Bible verses. The children sing and then break up into smaller groups to play games and review their Bible verses. This gives all of the children an opportunity to know and to be known by a teacher.

“The kids share their hearts with the teachers,” said Melinda. “They pour out their hearts about what has been happening to them on the streets—things that even their own parents don’t know. But they tell the Kids Club teachers because they’re so close to them. It would just make you weep,” continued Melinda, tears in her eyes. “Little children—tiny things—who have been abused and used. They come to Kids Club as their refuge now.”

Kids Club doesn’t just feed the children spiritually. The youngsters who come are also



Dan and Melinda Koehler, along with their three children, are working together to spread the message of Jesus in Tanzania.

FAST FACTS

Melinda and Dan are 1985 and 1987 RHEMA Bible Training Center graduates, respectively.

» LOCATION

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

» MINISTRY

Pastors of Shining Light Church
Kids Club gatherings

» DID YOU KNOW?

An estimated 400–600 kids attend Kids Club each week.

“They come to Kids Club as their refuge now.”



“The kids share their hearts.”

They're not keeping that gift to themselves.

fed a high-protein porridge—as much as they want. Those children who haven't eaten go through cup after cup. "When we're finished, we pray," said Melinda. "Every child is hugged, every child receives a toy and candy, and we tell each one, 'I love you and Jesus loves you.'"

The children receive the Gospel, take it, and share it in their neighborhoods and homes. One young girl whose father is the leader of a local mosque was saved at Kids Club. She begged her Kids Club teacher to give her the weekly lessons so she could start a Bible study in her house in order to teach the children who couldn't come. She even saved up all of the toys she had received at

Kids Club to give to the children who came to her group. Melinda related, "Her heart is that she loves Jesus and wants to give Jesus to the other children. Her mother even began to attend. This young girl is only 9 or 10, and she is teaching the Bible to 10 other children, plus her mother."

Another young girl, Mary (her name has been changed for her safety), was drawn into Kids Club as she made her way to the mosque to receive her Islamic teaching. Her life was changed. "She was so touched by our teaching," said Melinda. "She told the teachers that what they were getting at the Islamic school was fear and intimidation. 'But at Kids Club,' she said, 'we're getting love, and fear is being taken away. We're coming to know a God of love.'"

Now Mary comes to Kids Club every week and brings three of her fellow Islamic classmates with her. She comes later than everyone else and stays only 20 minutes, because she still has to go to her Islamic teaching class and doesn't want her parents to discover she's coming. She receives no food and no toy because her time is limited, but she is hungry to hear the Word. When the teacher gives the altar call, she tells her friends to receive Jesus and they all pray. "She's coming fully robed," Melinda remarked. "The only thing you can see is her face. Yet she is an evangelist, bringing all of her friends from the mosque."

"Mary keeps telling her teachers, 'This is what I've longed for,' Melinda continued. "And she wants to give away what she has to everyone else."

That is the heart cry of all the children who come to Kids Club. They are so excited when they receive the truth of God's Word that they want everyone else to receive it too. "They come with pure hearts for God [in the midst of] persecution," noted Melinda. "Their leaders are beating them with sticks, but they are shouting 'Jesus is Lord!' in the mosques."

Kids Club is transforming the city of Dar es Salaam. Islamic leaders and even some Christians—steeped in religious tradition—are protesting, but still the children come. And they are never turned away. Instead they're given an amazing gift—they're being saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. But they're not keeping that gift to themselves. They're taking it to their friends, families, churches, and mosques. They're going into places where others are prohibited from going, and they are reaching a nation for Jesus as no one else can. ♥

FEATURE



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DEAR GOD,

I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I admit that I am not right with You, and I want to be right with You. I ask You to forgive me of all my sins. The Bible says if I confess with my mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead, I will be saved (Rom. 10:9). I believe in my heart that You did raise Jesus from the dead, and I confess that He is my Savior and Lord. Thank You for the greatest Christmas Gift ever!

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The Bible says in John 3:16, "For God so LOVED the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV). God loved mankind so much that while we were still sinners He sent His only Son to die

for us on the cross (Rom. 5:8).

God has offered up the greatest Gift ever given—Jesus Christ—so we can receive the greatest gift available to us—eternal life. To enjoy this gift, all we have to do is receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

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Are You Upbeat or Beat-Up?

Christians don't have to lie down and let life run over them.

CERTAINLY, WE ALL EXPERIENCE tests and trials at one time or another. But we serve a great God Who has made provision for us to overcome them. We simply need to know how to cooperate with Him so He can deliver us from whatever might affect us negatively.

That is where many people fail to receive the blessings of God. They don't know how to cooperate with Him and allow Him to move by His power on their behalf. They become weary in their faith and often give up short of receiving victory. Weariness in faith sets the stage for defeat.

God wants us to stay positive in the tests and trials of life. He doesn't want us to become worn out by circumstances. Yes, circumstances are real, and they can be big. But God is bigger!

Don't Forget About God

The Bible tells of an Old Testament patriarch who became weary in his faith.

GENESIS 42:36, 38 (NIV)

36 Their father Jacob said to them, "You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!"

38 . . . "My son will not go down there with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If harm comes to him on the journey you are taking, you will bring my gray head down to the grave in sorrow."



Jacob said, "Everything is against me." I'm sure each of us has experienced problems that came in twos, threes, and fours! But let's look more closely at Jacob's situation.

Jacob was advanced in age and was experiencing *multiplied* family problems. He'd lost his wife and favorite son, and another son was imprisoned in Egypt. And, there was a famine in the land. Jacob was tired, lonely, hungry, and defeated.

We need to remind ourselves that God is greater than any circumstance.

Overwhelmed by his circumstances, he took a "beat-up" attitude. He said, "Everything is against me."

This is the same man who had wrestled with the Angel of the Lord all night and then said, "I'm not going to let You go until You bless me" (Gen. 32:26). Jacob was a great patriarch, yet he had become distressed and defeated in his mind.

Our attitude today would be like Jacob's if we gave in to negativity and defeat, saying, "What am I going to do?"

Many of us have had a "beat-up" attitude. No one physically laid a hand on us, yet we felt as if we'd been "run through the wringer." We've felt worn out and defeated!

In the midst of his trouble, Jacob forgot one thing, at least temporarily. He forgot about his God, *El Shaddai*, the One Who is more than enough! He forgot about *Jehovah Jireh*, the God Who provides!

We need to remind ourselves that God is greater than any circumstance. He will deliver us and show us the way out of trials and adversity if we will look to him!

I have a placard on my desk that reads, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." That's not just a cliché—that's what

God wants to do in our lives. He wants to turn bitter things into something sweet. But if we allow a "beat-up" attitude to control our thinking, God won't be able to move on our behalf. If we wring our hands and cry, "Oh Lord, why me?" we hinder the power of God to turn our situation around for good.

A "beat-up" attitude is exactly what the enemy wants us to have. He wants us to consider our circumstances and allow them

to make us feel defeated. Once we become "beat-up," he can dominate us.

God Cares

It's understandable why Jacob had a "beat-up" attitude. He said, "Everything is against me!" And looking at his circumstances from the natural, that was a reasonable exclamation! But with God, those words become unreasonable, because when we have a "beat-up" attitude, we underestimate not only God's abilities but His love for us.

God cares deeply for His children and doesn't want us to succumb to the devil's tactics. He wants to turn our negative circumstances around.

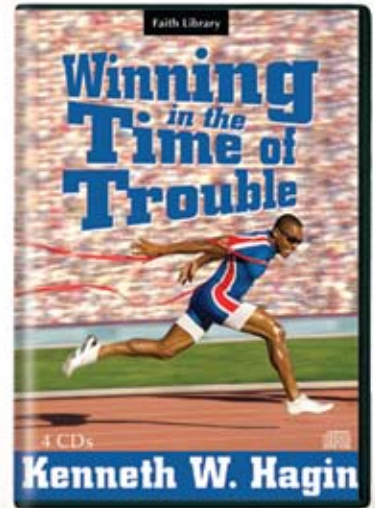
The Bible says, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7 NKJV). God does not want us to go through life "beat-up." He wants us to cast our cares, worries, and concerns on Him, then straighten our shoulders, hold our head high, and rely on El Shaddai, the God Who is more than enough! We can depend on Jehovah Jireh, the God Who will provide for us!♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth W. Hagin's book *Staying Positive in a Negative World*.)

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1 PRAISE GOD.

When life's trials come, don't dread. Praise instead.

2 CONSIDER WHAT YOU HAVE

People often focus on life's imperfections. Instead of dwelling on what you don't have, concentrate on what you do have.

3 DON'T BE A PESSIMIST

You can't keep looking at God and expect the worst! When you focus on God, His Word, His power, and His goodness, your outlook will change.

To read more about winning in the battles of life, go to www.rhema.org, click on Study Center / Articles / Faith and scroll down to "Fighting the Fight—Running the Race."

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Moving Forward With God's Bigger Plan



NO SIGN OF SLOWING DOWN

There's no slowing down at Kenneth Hagin Ministries. At *Campmeeting 2010* Kenneth W. Hagin declared, "Stay with me. I'll lead you to the mountaintop. I'm not going to be behind you. And you're going to have to run to stay up with me." No one understands these words better than the **MINISTRY CRUSADE TEAM**.

This year *Living Faith Crusades* and special meetings in the U.S. were held in:

- » NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
- » ALMA, ARKANSAS
- » TOPEKA, KANSAS
- » STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN
- » GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO
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- » COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA

HEADING NORTH: 4 CITIES, 8 DAYS, 3 TIME ZONES



Shortly before *Campmeeting 2010*, the Hagins held **LIVING FAITH CRUSADES** across Canada in Ottawa, Ontario; Toronto, Ontario; Edmonton, Alberta; and Langley, British Columbia.

Many lives were touched as Kenneth and Lynette Hagin met with partners, friends, and alumni. Lynette Hagin prophesied during the first session in Toronto that a mighty explosion of the Gospel and a great awakening was about to sweep across Canada. And for the next week, the Hagins poured everything they had into the people to prepare them for the great spiritual move about to dawn.

CROSSING THE POND

Throughout the earth, RHEMA Bible Training Center is raising up laborers to bring in the great end-time harvest. In 2010 the Hagins and their team traveled to Europe, visiting schools in **GERMANY, AUSTRIA,** and **ITALY**, and taking part in their graduation

ceremonies. Although these countries are filled with magnificent church buildings, many citizens there have closed the doors of their hearts to God. But RHEMA graduates across Europe—armed with the keys of God's Kingdom—are banding together to unlock the chains that have kept people bound.

The Hagins also made stops in **NIGERIA** and **ZAMBIA** to check progress at two new international campuses. RHEMA Abuja, Nigeria opened in October, and RHEMA Lusaka, Zambia will open in January 2011.

LADY EAGLES WIN 2010 ACCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

If you're the type of person who doesn't like the edge-of-your-seat, nail-biting endings to sports events, then you wouldn't have enjoyed the heart-pounding adrenaline rush spectators experienced at the 2010 ACCA Women's National Championship basketball game. Outnumbered and out-ranked, RHEMA Bible Training Center's Lady Eagles fought their way to victory.

On paper, the deck appeared stacked against RHEMA from the tipoff. The Lady Eagles suited up only six players, while defending champion Southwestern Christian University boasted a lineup of 12. Led by the ACCA player of the year, SCU was riding a six-game winning streak and playing in their home gym. But games aren't won on paper—they're won on the court.

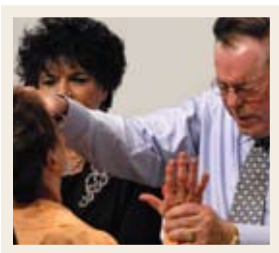
RHEMA and SCU entered overtime with the score tied 77-77. The Lady Eagles started the extra period with only five available players. Then, with 14.2 seconds remaining on the clock and RHEMA up 83-79, their fifth player fouled out. With only four players left on the court, the Lady Eagles beat back an SCU challenge and won 83-82!



The Lady Eagles' 2010 championship win marked their second in the ACCA in six years and their fifth overall title in 13 years.

FEATURE

EDMONTON, ALBERTA



LUSAKA, ZAMBIA





RBTC EXPLODES AROUND THE WORLD!

Who would have thought that what began with 58 students would grow to encompass more than **45,000 GRADUATES** and **80 CAMPUSES WORLDWIDE**? That “tramp, tramp, tramp” Kenneth E. Hagin heard so many years ago—that sound of feet going forth with the Good News—now echoes around the globe.

Our graduates are taking the **MESSAGE OF FAITH**—that of **SALVATION, HEALING,** and the **BELIEVER’S AUTHORITY**—to the uttermost parts of the earth. And now, thanks to an ever-growing number of RBTC campuses, they’re being trained *in* the “ut-termost parts” to reach their nations for Jesus.

RHEMA Bible Training Center campuses have opened this year in:

- » VIENNA, AUSTRIA
- » NICE, FRANCE
- » ATHENS, GREECE
- » COVENTRY, ENGLAND
- » MANCHESTER, ENGLAND
- » CAIRO, EGYPT
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- » COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA
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- » MONTREAL, CANADA



RHEMA MONTREAL, CANADA and **RHEMA NICE, FRANCE** are sister schools, sharing both the French language and instructors.



RHEMA EGYPT opened on August 16 with 40 students from six nations in that region.

NEW SCHOOLS OPEN ON RHEMA USA CAMPUS



CENTRO DE ENTRENAMIENTO BÍBLICO RHEMA ESPAÑOL (CEB RHEMA) opened its doors on the RHEMA USA campus September 20. Taught entirely in Spanish, CEB RHEMA is an intensive, two-year Bible School that mirrors the RHEMA USA program.

In addition, **SOUTH-WESTERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY** (SCU) began holding evening classes on the RHEMA campus in a relationship that also benefits RBTC students and graduates.

It has long been on the Hagins’ hearts to give RHEMA students the opportunity to earn a degree—and now they can! SCU credits all second-year RBTC graduates with 40 hours toward the 60 credit hours required to enter their Bachelor of Science degree-completion program.

For those with an earned bachelor’s degree, SCU offers a Master of Ministry degree in either Life Coaching or Leadership.



ILLUMINATING GOD’S LOVE

Some people won’t come to a church service, but they will come to one of their area’s biggest and best fireworks displays. July 4, more than 50,000 people packed the RHEMA USA campus and thousands more gathered in adjacent areas for the free **ROCKETS OVER RHEMA** Independence Day celebration. With every bounce on an inflatable game, every sweet bite of cotton candy, and every song heard from the outdoor concert stage, attendees were shown the love of God. As fireworks filled the night sky, each person—young and old alike—enjoyed His goodness.



SHINING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Here at Kenneth Hagin Ministries, our heart is to reach people—whether they’re halfway around the world in a remote jungle village or in our own backyard. That’s why the Hagins flipped the switch on a brilliant display of **TWO MILLION CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** on the RHEMA campus November 24. In a dark and desperate world, this spectacular display, which runs through December, points thousands of visitors to the one true light, Jesus Christ.

25 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!



Each year a variety of Kenneth Hagin Ministries events—including *Campmeeting*, *Winter Bible Seminar*, the *Kindle the Flame® Women’s Conference*, and the *A Call to Arms® Men’s Conference*—are held in the RHEMA Bible Church auditorium. In October the church celebrated **25 YEARS OF LIFE-CHANGING MINISTRY, WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP,** and **GREAT FUN.**



To see what Kenneth Hagin Ministries is doing in 2011, visit www.rhema.org/even



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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

WE HAVE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS that hang on our walls, and we have also placed them on our desks and other furniture at home. Many of these are scriptures that inspire us; some are the words of others that encourage us. For instance, one of the sayings that my husband has on his desk is, "When life gives you lemons—make lemonade."

I have my favorite scripture plastered everywhere—Philippians 4:13: "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" My husband has his favorite scripture in his office—Luke 18:27: "*The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.*" I love to look at these every day because they strengthen and encourage me for the tasks that lie before me.

One saying that I used to see often on plaques in homes as well as stores was, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last. To me, to live is Christ." It seemed that this was a standard plaque in Christian homes. The words served as a reminder for keeping priorities in the proper order.

As I began to think about that saying a few days ago, I realized that I no longer see it in homes and I haven't seen it in a store in years. It would be wise to restore that statement in our homes. I am grieved that I see so many people placing everything and everyone else above God in these days. As I have often said in this column, my parents taught me as a young child to keep my priorities in order.

The scripture that they drilled into my head and made sure that I memorized was Matthew 6:33: "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" Nothing else came above God in our home. It wasn't, "Are we going to church today?" It was, "What time are we leaving?" I have been to church more than any other place in my life. However, I have never regretted it.

In fact, I am grateful that my parents emphasized so much that I needed to make God the very center of my life. It has kept me focused on the proper priorities. In every decision I have always come back to two questions: "Will this glorify God? Or will it cause me to neglect God?" Answering these questions has helped me, and it will certainly also help you in making decisions.

We are at the end of another year. (These years seem to evaporate before our very eyes!) As you look back on 2010, ask yourself, "What was my priority this year? Did I neglect my relationship with the Lord?" I have often heard people say, "I didn't have time for this or that." However, I have found that whatever we value, we find the time for.

Some people value their favorite sport more than anything else. Therefore, they find time for it. Some people spend a lot of time watching television or enjoying other media. Others emphasize furthering their career. These things in themselves are not wrong. And certainly it is important that we devote the proper attention to our career. However, anything out of balance will produce a life that is out of focus.

Water is certainly good for our bodies, but I read in the news a few years back of a person dying as a result of drinking an excessive amount of water. The person's organs literally drowned.

You are the example that your children will follow as they become adults. Your actions speak louder than your words in molding their lives. Establish a routine of setting aside time in your home for family devotions. Your children also need to see you having personal devotions.

Two of my grandsons saw my daughter highlighting words in her Bible during her devotional time. They both grabbed their Bibles and yellow crayons and asked if they could highlight too. She said, "Of course you can." Then they asked, "What do we highlight, Mommy?" She replied, "Scriptures that mean a lot to you." So they began to read and highlight their favorite scriptures. She was teaching them by example the importance of spending time with God.

I encourage you to reevaluate your priorities. Check up on what you are placing first in your life. Remember, the accomplishments and successes that you may achieve in this life are only temporal. What we do for Christ will last for eternity.♥

Lynette



Kids' Page

Fearless, A-pointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-airs of God

Bible Mysteries

The greatest gift of all
Had no ribbons or bows!
The greatest gift of all
Was wrapped in _____

What are the missing words?

Answer found in Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Fill in the blanks by substituting the symbol below the blank with the letter that it matches in the box below.



A=☆	C=*	D=♣	E=♠	G=◇
H=★	I=↗	L=●	M=○	N=■
O=□	R=*	S=▲	T=▼	W=▷

Whose BIRTHDAY Is It Anyway?



If you've ever been to a birthday party then you know that the person who is supposed to get the gifts is the one who is having the

birthday. Right? So, why is it

that on Christmas day, JESUS' BIRTHDAY, we're the ones who open the gifts and nothing is given to Him? **WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT ANYWAY?** This year let's be sure to bring gifts to Jesus since it is His birthday that we're celebrating. There are quite a few gifts that the Bible tells us we can bring to the Lord that will please Him. Change the numbers below into letters to discover three gifts that we can give to Jesus this Christmas.

INSTRUCTIONS: There are 26 letters in the alphabet. If the letter "A"=1, "B"=2, "C"=3, and so on, then what will the numbers grouped below spell out?

- 7 12 15 18 25 (found in Psalm 29:2)
- 20 8 1 14 11 19 (found in Psalm 136:1)
- 16 18 1 9 19 5 (found in Psalm 57:7)

Get Your Story Straight!

Johnny wrote his version of the Christmas story for his Sunday School Teacher. He did pretty good but he got a few facts wrong . . . eight to be exact. See if you can find his errors as you read his story below.

Mary and her husband Jacob rode to Jerusalem on a donkey to pay their rent. They couldn't spend the night at the inn because they forgot to make reservations. They had to spend the night in a fable and that is where Jesus was born. Wise men came from the feast and brought them gifts of gold from Frankenstein and Merv. An angel announced Jesus' birth to some nearby farmers. That was the first Christmas!

HOLIDAY search & find

See if you can find the following items that are hidden in this picture.

- ice cream cone
- diamond ring
- dollar bill
- safety pin
- needle

- baseball bat
- acorn
- pizza slice
- comb



jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."

—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

Where did Frosty the Snowman take his wife dancing?

To the Snow Ball

Who danced the best at the Reindeer Christmas Party?

Dancer . . . of course!

What's worse than having athlete's foot at Christmas time?

Having mistle toe!

How do we know that the farm animals in Jesus' day were smarter than in ours?

Because in the song "The Little Drummer Boy" it says that "the ox and lamb kept time."

Why were Rudolph's parents shocked when they saw his report card?

Because he went down in History!



Answers:
WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT ANYWAY?
GLORY, THANKS, PRAISE
BIBLE MYSTERIES
SWADDLING CLOTHES
GET YOUR STORY STRAIGHT!
1. MARY'S HUSBAND WAS JOSEPH, NOT JACOB.
2. THEY WENT TO BETHLEHEM, NOT JERUSALEM.
3. THEY WENT TO PAY TAXES, NOT THEIR RENT.
4. THEY COULDN'T SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE INN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM, NOT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T MAKE RESERVATIONS.
5. JESUS WAS BORN IN A STABLE, NOT A FABLE.
6. WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST, NOT A FEAST.
7. THEY BROUGHT GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH, NOT GOLD FROM FRANKENSTEIN AND MERV.
8. ANGELS ANNOUNCED JESUS' BIRTH TO SHEPHERDS, NOT TO FARMERS.



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