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A Legacy of Freedom

This month we remember and honor the veterans who have given their lives in the service of our great nation. These men and women have done something powerful to preserve our freedom and our right to serve God. They have fought valiantly for the Stars and Stripes, shed their blood in battle after battle, and carried the banner of this nation high.



But there's another veteran—the Veteran of Veterans—Who has also shed His blood so that we can have freedom. I'm talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 5:1 tells us, *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free"* (NIV 1984). And the Bible also says without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin (Heb. 9:22).

In a spiritual sense, we are all veterans today because we have all fought spiritual battles against Satan, the enemy of our souls. The Apostle Paul tells us in First Timothy 6:12 to *"fight the good fight of faith."* Paul entered into many spiritual conflicts and he understood spiritual combat. And because of his understanding of the power in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, he always came out victorious. Paul summarized his own spiritual conflicts when he said in Second Timothy 4:7, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"* (NIV 1984). Armed with the understanding of the power in Jesus' blood, may we all, at the end of our race, be able to say those words with the Apostle Paul.

As we celebrate Memorial Day this year, let us remember the high price that has been paid for our freedom, both naturally and spiritually. Let us remember the men and women who have spilled their blood so the Stars and Stripes could fly over the land of the free and the home of the brave. And let us also remember the Lord Jesus Christ, Who freely laid down His life so that you and I could be free. Thank God, the blood that flowed upon Golgotha's Hill over 2,000 years ago is still flowing on this earth today—for any man, woman, boy, or girl whose heart's desire is to be free!

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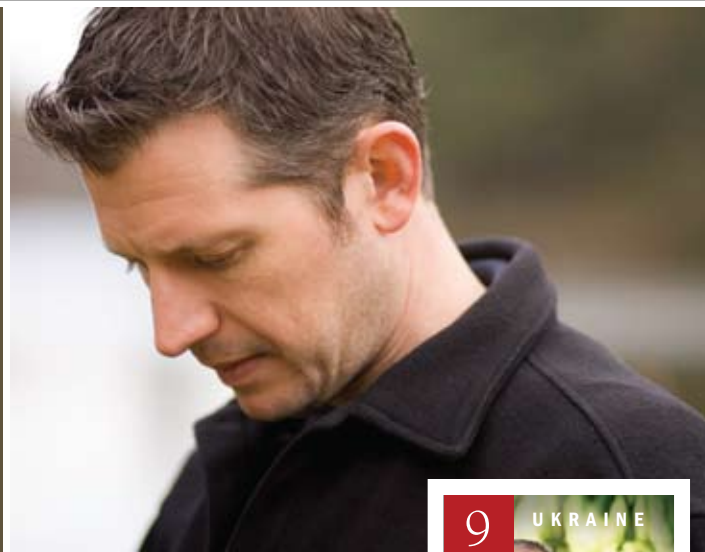
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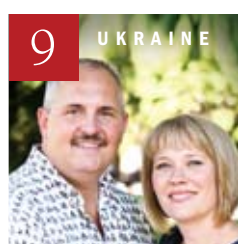
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KENNETH W. HAGIN WITH HIS GRANDSONS AND SON, CRAIG W. HAGIN. SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY IS A GREAT WAY TO "BE SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING, AND LEAVE SOMETHING."

KENNETH W. HAGIN



Making the most of our lives should be a high priority for all of us. No matter where we live or what our position or age is, we need to think about what we do with our lives. One day we will leave this earth and stand before our Lord and Savior. We want to be able to say to Him, "I did the best I could with what You gave me."

THE BOOK OF ACTS records the story of Dorcas, a believer in the city of Joppa, who made something of her life (see Acts 9:36–42). Although the Bible doesn't record anything Dorcas said, she did leave a testimony. And from the seven verses written about her, we see three points by which we should live.

BE SOMETHING

Wealth didn't earn Dorcas a spot in the Bible. Nor did fame, for no-

body knew her outside of Joppa. Her love for the Lord and the pleasure she found in helping the poor (Acts 9:36) is what is recorded in the Scriptures. After Dorcas died, widows showed the Apostle Peter robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made (v. 39).

"Being something" to someone in need will cause you to be remembered forever. We can all probably remember when somebody helped us in

a time of need. Although the incident may have happened years ago, we can still recall it as if it were yesterday. And our memories of that person are always fond.

DO SOMETHING

We must ask ourselves, *Are we doing everything we can? Are our lives making a difference? Are we using our talents? Are we doing all we can to promote God's Kingdom and see that He and His Word stay foremost in others' lives?*

Dorcas did that. She was always doing good and helping the poor. Peter could see that she had used her talent for making clothes to help the needy in the church.

Many people in the church have talents, but they're not always dependable. For example, they might sign up to volunteer, but they show up when they want to. If something else comes up that they feel is more important than serving as an usher, a

nursery worker, or a choir member, they do that instead. Then they wonder why they're not receiving

life indelibly stamped on the pages of the lives of others. What was her motivation? Her love for oth-

either Heaven or hell. But the influence we have in others' lives will never die. And how we influence

“Being something” to someone in need will cause you to be remembered forever.

the things they're believing God for. God only rewards those who are faithful.

Scripture says Dorcas was *always* doing good (v. 36 NIV). Your payday from God might not come after two or three weeks. But if you keep using your talents for good, you will eventually reap rewards for your diligence and faithfulness.

LEAVE SOMETHING

Dorcas left something more worthwhile than a large estate. She left her

ers. And the love of God and a desire to do His will should motivate us as well to leave something in others' lives.

People were a priority for Dorcas. And our priority should also be serving others. We should never allow ourselves to become selfish and self-centered. We always need to look for ways we can reach out and help others.

Remember, a part of us will never die. Yes, our bodies will go to the grave and our spirits will go to

those around us can touch the next generation.

When it's all said and done, how will we be remembered? Let us live in such a way that we can stand before our Maker and say, "I did the best I could with what You gave me. I was something. I did something. And I left something."[♥]

A Good MOTHER

Many mothers around the world have followed Dorcas' example by being something, doing something, and leaving something. A good mother is an unsurpassed blessing, and "her children rise up and call her blessed" (Prov. 31:28 NKJV). From the acrostic below, we see the strength, character, and greatness of motherhood.

m MEEKNESS

A good mother is humble before God. She praises God for her children and their accomplishments. She prays for protection, guidance, and direction for her children. She teaches them by example how to depend on God.

O OPTIMISM

A good mother maintains a positive outlook to inspire and lift her children to their highest potential. She always looks for and expects the very best. Regardless of what her children do, she never gives up on them.

t TRUST

A good mother teaches her children to place their trust in the Lord and not in who they are, what they have, or what social status they've reached. For when their trust is in God, they can face the future with assurance and have confidence that God will see them through no matter what.

h HELPFULNESS

A good mother helps her children. She is there when they are sick and she lifts them up when they're discouraged. She teaches them how to be unselfish by encouraging them to reach out and help those in need.

e ENDURANCE

A good mother does not quit. She says, "Come on, family. Let's go. We can do it. We can make it!" She is not one to throw her hands up in despair but keeps going no matter what. She endures in good times, bad times, and everything in between.

r REWARD

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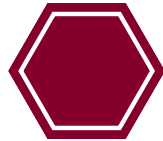
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 A photograph of railroad tracks receding into the distance, with a switch in the middle. The text "Stop, Look, and Listen" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font.

Stop, Look, and Listen

Let's face it. We have to make decisions all the time. Some decisions can have little consequence—like what color shirt we wear, what type of car we drive, or where we go on vacation. Others have a profound impact on our lives—for example, who we marry, what college we attend, which job we take, and so forth. For significant decisions, it's important that we make the right choice, because decisions determine direction. And direction determines destiny.

MY FATHER TAUGHT me the importance of making the right choice. He would say, "You don't ever want to regret the decisions you make." So all my life I have endeavored to follow his advice and look carefully at the ramifications of my decisions.

Now keep in mind that God never makes choices for us. He will lead, guide, and direct us, but ultimately we're the ones who decide what we do or don't do. I've discovered that

most decisions are made in three ways—what I call the three R's of decision making.

**RISK—DO NOT
TAKE RISKS.**

Often when we make hasty decisions, we end up regretting them. Many of us have been influenced by a salesperson who pressured us to buy something because the "opportunity" would not be there tomorrow. But how many of us have jumped at such an

opportunity, only to regret it later?

My husband and I have made it a practice to never make instant financial decisions. We'll go home, sleep on it, and meditate on it. And we check with the Lord to see what His leading is.

REASON—THINK THINGS THROUGH.

We also need to take time to gather data and review our findings. How will our decision affect us and others? It's good to reason things out.

I've found the value of not rushing into decisions. We need to wait on the Lord and allow Him to direct us. Although we can get good advice from people, we should not be led or influenced by their advice. Our friends can have good intentions, but their advice can be biased. We need to first check how we feel in our own spirit and only follow their advice if it agrees with what is in our hearts.

REVELATION—RECEIVING DIVINE DIRECTION FROM GOD.

Psalm 25:4 says, "Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths." Our direction needs to come from the Lord. A good way to get direction is from the Word of God. Scripture says that God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps. 119:105).

On occasion we may receive a personal prophecy. But we should never be led by prophecy, unless what is prophesied

agrees with what is in our spirit. God is no respecter of persons—He can speak clearly to each one of us.

I have never made a decision based on what someone has prophesied to me. I've also found that prophecies are not fulfilled overnight. And when they do come to pass, it's usually in ways that are very different from how I thought they would.

The most important thing to remember when making a decision is not to get in a hurry. Many times when we're waiting

on the Lord for direction, the devil tries to get us focused on what we don't know, don't have, and can't do. He screams in our ears, "What are you going to do?" I've learned to just holler back, "I'm going to obey God. And I'm going to wait until I know what to do before deciding anything."

Making right decisions is so important. If we will learn to just stop, look, and listen for God's direction, we will become sensitive to His voice. As we do, we will consistently make the right choice.♥



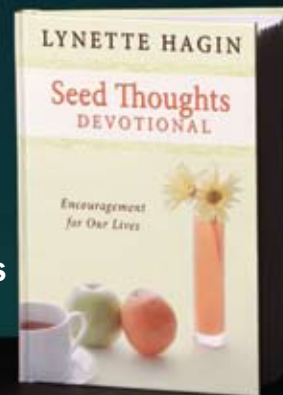
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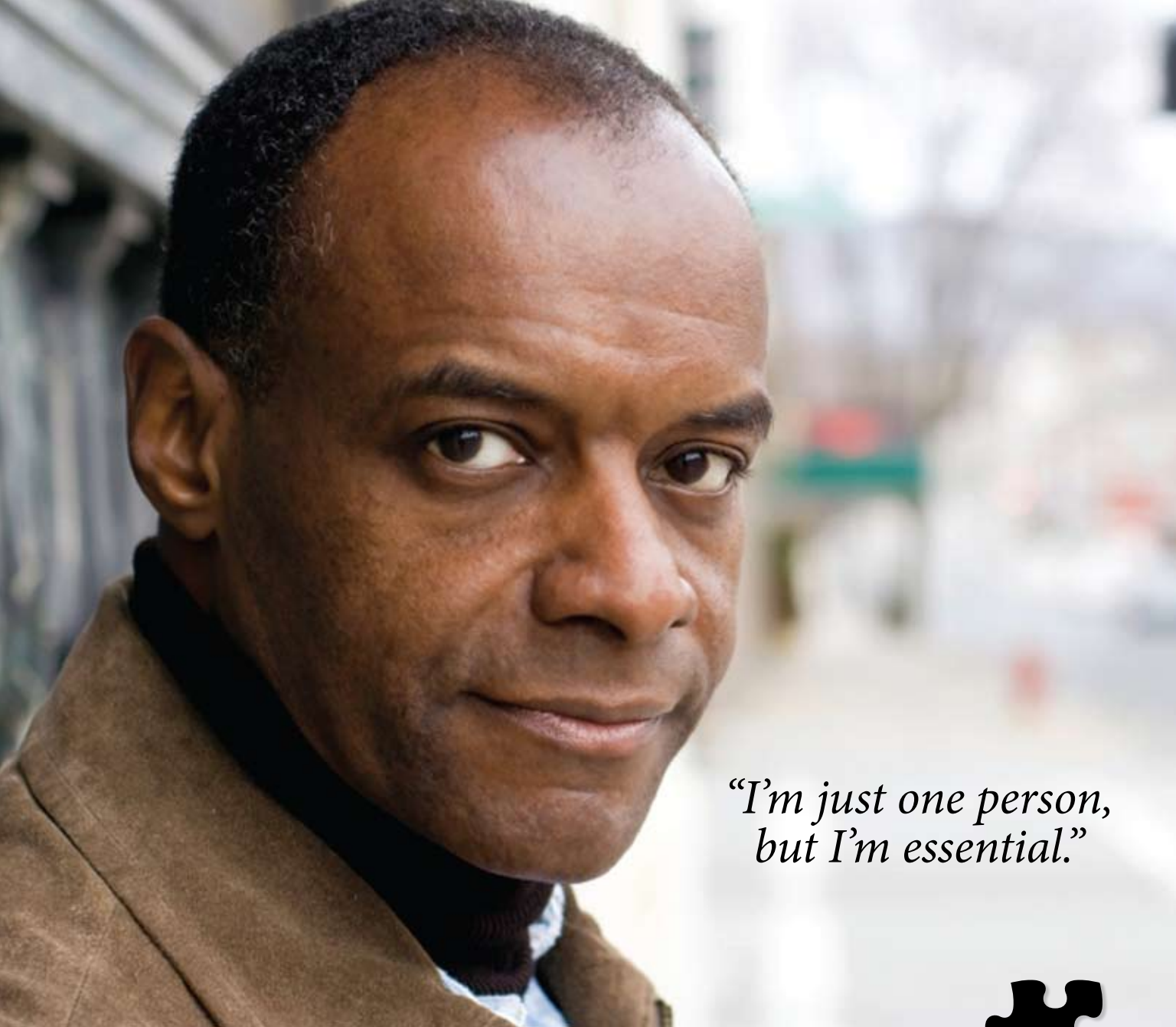
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Grabbing the Harvest in Ukraine

Not that long ago Ukraine was solidly entrenched in communism. However, the stark grey buildings lining the streets—so common throughout Eastern Europe—did not reflect the burning unrest in Ukrainian hearts. Under the totalitarian rule of the Soviet Union, people were used to being told what to do and how to think. But as glasnost (political openness) swept across Eastern Europe, the people of Ukraine joined the revolt and united their voices against communism.

In December of 1991 the unthinkable happened—the Soviet Union collapsed and the Cold War ended. Since that time, of all the former Soviet bloc countries, Ukraine is among the most progressive. Ukrainians voice their thoughts and opinions far more than their neighbors.

Against this backdrop Barry and Adrienne Jensen began ministering in Ukraine in 2001. At the time, these '90 and '92 RHEMA graduates were living in Estonia, working side-by-side with Russian pastors preaching the message of faith and raising up strong, faithful local church workers.

“Barry always thought he would be second in command,” says Adrienne. “We never thought we would have a ministry of our own.” But after working in the helps ministry for 20 years, Barry sensed God dealing with him for he and Adrienne to step out in their own ministry. They dreamed of setting captives free—not those incarcerated and kept far from society, but those whose hearts were chained and tormented by fear, despair, and hopelessness. Looking southward beyond the comforts of the Baltic nations, they saw Ukraine—a country of 46 million people that was wide open for harvest.

“We felt a real pull to Ukraine,” says Adrienne. “The culture really pulled us but also the fact that there were no RHEMA graduates there. There was a lot of harvest to grab.”

Barry and Adrienne settled in Sevastopol, a naval citadel overlooking the Black Sea. They began an independent Bible school in 2002 and offered the same first-year curriculum that RHEMA USA offers. In 2008 the school came under the RHEMA umbrella and began operating as RHEMA Ukraine, becoming the first RHEMA campus among Russian-speaking nations.

Like most European countries, Ukraine is not a mobile society. It's not common for people to quit their jobs and relocate to a different city to go to school—especially a Bible school. To fulfill the RHEMA mandate to “go teach My people faith,” it was therefore necessary to go to the people. Two extension campuses were opened in 2009—one in the capital city of Kiev and another in the city of Sumy, located near the Russian border about 350 miles from Moscow.

To make it more convenient for people to attend, classes meet on weekends. But instead of graduating in two years, students need four years to complete the curriculum. Currently there are 240 students registered in the three campuses, and RHEMA Sevastopol is set to hold its first graduation this month [May 2011].

GIDEON PUBLISHING COMPANY

A major emphasis of the Jensens' ministry in Eastern Europe has been translating Faith Library books into the Russian language. Barry worked with Jim Kaseman Ministries and the Association of Faith Churches and Ministers (AFCM) beginning in 1991 on the Russian Faith Library Project. He helped distribute Kenneth E. Hagin books throughout the former Soviet Union—sometimes just by handing out copies on street corners in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Minsk, and other cities.



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Along with the Bible schools, the Jensens began RHEMA Bible Church Ukraine in 2008. Starting in their home, they used the boys' bedroom for children's church and piled up to 35 adults in their living room for services over the course of a year. The church then moved into a lecture hall adjacent to Sevastopol's central fire station. The only problem with that facility was, it had no heat.

"We realized we needed to move out of there when our praise and worship team led worship fully dressed in their winter coats, scarves, and gloves. When they sang, we could see their frosty breath!" Barry laughingly says. Now the church meets in a heated, rented facility and has recently expanded to two Sunday services to accommodate the growing congregation.

The lives of many of the leaders working in support roles at RBC Ukraine were changed while attending the Jensens' Bible school. One couple in particular are shining examples of how the Word of God can entirely transform lives. Jenya and Katya were on a path leading to destruction. Jenya was saved while in prison, and after his release from the penitentiary, he and Katya attended the very first year of the Jensens' Bible school.

"There were many times," says Barry, "when tears rolled down their cheeks as we were teaching. They were so excited to hear how God had set them free from their past. And it was exciting for us to see the light of God's Word dawning on them."

Shortly after AFCM began the Russian Faith Library Project, a report came out showing that Kenneth E. Hagin was the number one Christian author in the Soviet Union. "He still holds that title," says Barry. "We have positive reports from all over the nation about people who read the books. Many Christians in that region have gotten their spiritual foundation from Brother Hagin."

After AFCM finished this project, Barry continued receiving calls from Russian publishing houses about printing more books. In partnership with a Ukrainian graduate, he stepped out in faith and began Gideon Publishing Company in 2005. To date, 15 Faith Library Publications books have been translated and printed in Russian, with another 15 books in the works.

Several graduates from the Jensens' Bible school help with the translating. "Having been in our classes, they know the spirit of the message," says Barry, "and they're doing a phenomenal job."

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Snatching Victory From Defeat

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While attending classes, Jenya was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Jenya put his trust in the Great Physician. And while sitting in class, without anyone laying hands on him, he received God's healing Word in his heart. When he returned to the doctor, his lungs were totally clear! Jenya and Katya thank God for the impact RHEMA has had on their lives!

For 2011, the Jensens are looking at opening RHEMA campuses in four more cities. And over the next five years, they would like to have many more campuses throughout Ukraine. Although more than half of the population doesn't believe that God exists, Ukrainians are very open to the Gospel. And RHEMA Ukraine is poised to raise up men and women who will demonstrate the love and power of God to a nation steeped in atheism. Ukraine is truly ripe for harvest! 🇺🇦

PRAYER FOCUS

» LABORERS

Pray for laborers to go to Ukraine.

» HOMESCHOOL

Because atheism is taught from an early age in public schools, the Jensens homeschool their children in addition to teaching in three Bible schools and pastoring a thriving church. Pray for help in homeschooling their three sons, Benjamin, Raymond, and Elliot.

» FINANCES

Pray for investment finances for Gideon Publishing so books will continue to be translated, published, and distributed.

FAST FACTS

» WITCHCRAFT

Witchcraft is readily accepted in Ukraine. It's not unusual for people to pay witches to cast spells on others.

» CHURCH ATTENDANCE

In Sevastopol, less than one half of one percent of the city's population regularly attend church.

» MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Very few pastors in Ukraine have more than 12 to 15 years of ministry experience. Many have less than 10 years, and many others have no formal training.

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED in the Word of God that some of the greatest victories came out of what looked like utter defeat? That's what God in His almighty power can do!

But do you know what made the difference in these situations? What the people believed! It was their faith in God that determined whether their outcome was victory or defeat.

Very often in our own lives, it can seem as if the enemy has triumphed. Sometimes all the circumstances look like the devil's got everything going his way, and we've got nothing going our way. But God's plan for us is victory, and we don't have to let the enemy win. We can snatch victory out of defeat!

Jesus—our Redeemer—faced what appeared to be utter defeat. He stood falsely accused and was sentenced to death. When His body was taken down from that cross and put in the grave, it was a dark day. All hope seemed lost. This was Jesus Christ, the Anointed One Who healed and delivered people everywhere He went.

This was the same Jesus Who stood on a boat on the Sea of Galilee and commanded, "Peace, be still!" and the winds and waves obeyed Him. This was the same Jesus Who stood among the tombs and cast devils out of the Gadarene demoniac. Even devils feared Him!

Now He was apparently defeated, and the Kingdom He preached about establishing seemed an impossibility.

But God had a plan! On that third day, He snatched victory from what looked like utter defeat as Jesus Christ rose from the grave and

ascended on High to sit and reign in glory at the Father's right hand. There was no defeat for Jesus! And there is no defeat for us!

Oh, sometimes our situation might look like defeat. It might even smell like defeat! But we can rejoice, knowing there is no real defeat for us as long as we remain in Christ. The Bible says, "Thanks be to God Who *always* causes us to triumph in Christ" (2 Cor. 2:14). The Greater One living inside us will put us over in every dark circumstance. If we'll just look to Him, He'll show us His victory plan and provide a way of escape.

Friend, let's not just *hold on* in life. Let's take what God said belongs to us! Let's possess our inheritance in Christ! It doesn't matter what we're facing. God is able to cause us to snatch victory from defeat. God's victory belongs to us! 🇺🇦



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Knowing What to Do and Which Way to Go

One of the most important lessons for Christians to learn is how to be led by the Spirit of God. But because some Christians don't understand how God leads, they seek guidance through methods other than those God has set forth in His Word.

WE SOMETIMES judge how God is leading us by what our physical senses tell us. But nowhere in the Bible does God say that He will guide us through our senses. Sometimes we look at our circumstances from a mental standpoint and try to reason things out. But God does not guide us through our intellect.

Proverbs 20:27 says, “The spirit of man is the

candle of the Lord.” *The Amplified Bible* translates the word rendered *candle* as “lamp.” This means that God will enlighten us—He will guide us—through our spirit.

Some people think that we are only made up of a physical body and a soul, but man is a three-part being. Man is a spirit being, he has a soul, and he lives in a body

(1 Thess. 5:23). Some people think the spirit and soul are the same, but they are not. This is evident in Hebrews 4:12, which says that the Word of God divides the soul and the spirit.

The primary way the Holy Spirit leads us is through an inward witness. Learning to recognize the inward witness is not difficult. When making a

decision or getting ready to go somewhere, we may have a “check” in our spirit . . . something on the inside—a “red light” or a “stop signal.” It’s not a voice saying “Don’t do this” or “Don’t go.” We just sense that we shouldn’t do something or go somewhere. We might call it an “inward intuition.” If we thought about it, many of us would probably say

there are a thousand and one things we wouldn't have done if we had listened to that inward witness.

At other times, as we consider and pray about a certain course of action, we might have a "velvety-like" feeling in our spirit. Our head might be giving us a hard time, but we have a "green light" or a "go-ahead signal" in our heart. We sense we should do something even though it may not make any sense to our mind. That's the inward witness, or the witness of the Spirit.

We can learn to develop our spirit and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit by the inward witness. One way to do that is to feed on God's Word. Jesus said, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (Matt. 4:4). Another way to develop our spirit is to follow after love. The Scriptures say that God is love (1 John 4:8, 16). If we're not listening to love, we're not listening to the voice of God. If we are walking in love, we are following after God. We're going to have to train our spirit to hear the voice of

God on love in order to develop enough to hear His voice in other areas.

A third way to develop our spirit and become more sensitive to the inward witness is by praying much in other tongues.

FAITH IN ACTION

Training the Human Spirit

Our spirit can be educated in the same way we educate our mind. Our spirit can be built up in strength just as our body can be built and trained. Here are four simple rules to follow to train the human spirit.

MEDITATE ON THE WORD OF GOD.

PRACTICE THE WORD.

GIVE THE WORD FIRST PLACE.

INSTANTLY OBEY THE VOICE OF YOUR SPIRIT.

When we pray in tongues, our spirit is in contact with the Father of spirits.

When we begin praying in tongues, our mind may wander off. We must learn to train our mind to become quiet. At first this may be difficult. But if we keep our focus on Jesus—if we think about Him as we pray in tongues—our mind will eventually become quiet. We then become more conscious of our spirit and of spiritual

things, and we begin praying out of our spirit.

The more we pray in tongues, the more we become sensitive to our spirit. After awhile, we'll know on the inside whether the Holy Spirit is saying yes or no, even in the minor incidents of life. God is not only interested in the major situations that confront us; He is interested in the minor details as well.

We spend most of our life in the mental and physical realm. Many of us have developed our intellect at the expense of our heart until our intellect has become the dominant force in our life. And our spirit—which should be our guide—has been kept locked away in prison, so to speak, and has not been permitted to function.

Let's determine to develop our spirit being. Let's get out of the flesh realm and out of the realm of human reasoning. When we get over into the faith realm and into the spirit realm, great things will happen. 🕊

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from a message Kenneth E. Hagin taught at a Satellite Seminar in 1986 and from his book *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*.)

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WINTER BIBLE SEMINAR 2011

Getting Back to the Basics

THE LAST BIT of February snow melted as the first attendees of *Winter Bible Seminar 2011* began to arrive. Everyone sighed with relief as the relentless pounding of winter storms gave way to the crisp, fresh smell of spring.

Throughout the week, the RHEMA Bible Church auditorium buzzed with excitement as men and women from across the United States and around the world gathered together. In every service, from the moment the worship team took center stage and the first musical chords were struck, it was evident that WBS 2011 attendees were eager to be ignited by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

So often, people come to seminars seeking a word from the Lord to pull

them through the adversity they are facing. But throughout the week, Kenneth and Lynette Hagin eloquently expounded on how the basics of our faith will cause us to triumph over any trial.

Kenneth W. Hagin exhorted the crowd to make much of the blood, for the power of the blood that was shed on Calvary's Hill is the secret of a powerful life in Christ. Certainly we are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, but there is so much more to the blood of Jesus than that. We have protection and healing because of the blood.



REVIEW

"Thank you SO MUCH FOR THIS YEAR'S WINTER BIBLE SEMINAR VIA THE INTERNET. THE JOB I HAVE DOESN'T ALLOW ME TO TRAVEL, BUT WITH THE INTERNET I felt like I was right there."

—VICKI



And all of God's blessings are accessed through the blood of Christ.

In each of her five messages, Lynette Hagin stressed the importance of communing with our Heavenly Father. As we do, He will show us what to do, how to pray, and how to stand. "We're coming into a new season," she proclaimed, "so it is vitally important that we stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit."

After listening to the RBTC instructors who ministered during the *Winter Bible Seminar* morning sessions, you would have thought they talked ahead of time to ensure that their messages would perfectly dovetail with each other. But no such discussion took place. The Holy Spirit, Who is so adept at orchestrating the minutest details, gave each speaker the precise message for the hour.

During the Thursday evening service, 29 people had hands laid on them and were ordained for ministry. The occasion was especially poignant for Kenneth W. Hagin as eight former members of the RHEMA Singers and Band were ordained. Rev. Hagin closed *Winter Bible Seminar* with a healing service Friday evening. He reminded the congregation that faith activates the power of God. Citing the example of the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34), he said that no matter how hopeless our circumstances may appear, they change when we touch Jesus in faith. He then ministered with a strong healing anointing and many testified they felt an immediate change in their bodies.

Those who came stressed left refreshed. Those who were searching for direction discovered that the light of God's Word and the Holy Spirit illuminated their path. New friendships were made and old ones rekindled. Everyone who attended would agree that *Winter Bible Seminar* was the place to be during the last week of February. ♥



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"Sometimes the Holy Spirit will lead us into the wilderness. I believe there are a lot of Christians who are full of the Spirit, but they aren't operating in the power of the Spirit because they haven't learned how to deal with what's in the wilderness."
// KIRK DUBOIS

"Is it God's pathway to be broke and depressed? No! God wants us to prosper in all things. But not only does He want us to prosper—He wants us in health" (3 John 2). // JEANNE ORRISON

"Line yourself up with the Word of God. Stop believing how you feel. Stop believing what you've done before. Don't believe more in your mistakes than you do in the Word of God. He says you're led by the Spirit. He says you hear His voice and follow." // KAREN JENSEN

"I don't know what you're supposed to do as far as ministry assignments. But without question, I know what we're supposed to do concerning our communion with the Father. We should get to know Him, understand what He is like, and come to a place of trust, fellowship, and relationship with Him."
// JOE DUININCK

"We say what we believe. In order to have a spirit of faith, you have to believe and you have to speak. A lot of people can quote the Bible, but do you believe what you're saying?" // RICK FERN

"I'm very convinced that if you're having trouble recognizing the Spirit of God's voice as He works *in* you, then you will probably have difficulty recognizing the Spirit of God's voice as He's endeavoring to work *through* you." // DOUG JONES





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—KATHLEEN

“A lot of Christians right now are in a holding pattern. They have been waiting for God to do something in their lives or waiting on the economy to change. But I believe God is waiting on *us* to do something.”
// CRAIG W. HAGIN



“The Body of Christ isn’t going to increase unless you increase, because that gives us a greater capacity to reach a lost and dying world. Some studies show that there are over four billion people who haven’t heard the Name of Jesus yet. We have a work to do!” // TAD GREGURICH

“Submission is a plan of God for you to walk in blessing, but submission isn’t natural. Submission is not something our carnal flesh ever yearns for. Our human nature doesn’t want to submit. It requires the renewing of your mind.”
// BOB KEICH



“Stretch yourself. It’s good for you to be uncomfortable every now and then. When you are stretched, you have to depend on the Lord! If you’ll allow Him, God will put you in situations where you’re stretched just so you’ll learn to rely more on Him.” // BILL RAY

Have a Good Day . . . Every Day

LYNETTE HAGIN

DO YOU EVER WONDER how you can have a good day *every day*? I’ll tell you how. If you’ll keep building yourself up in the Word, if you’ll keep building yourself up by communicating with your Heavenly Father—in spite of what’s going on in your life—it can be a good day.

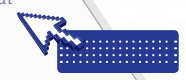
People often say to me, “You’re always smiling.” Yes, I am. Why am I smiling? I’m smiling because I don’t care how I feel on the inside. I know what my God is doing on my behalf, and I know the outcome of every situation I face. Romans 8:28 says that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. This verse doesn’t say that all things *are* good. But it does say that **regardless of what happens in our lives, we can have confidence because our Father is working out everything for our good.** So why not smile now? Why not laugh now? God is turning our situations around!♥

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Called and Anointed

KENNETH W. HAGIN

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

BASED ON JESUS’ own words, we see that He did not operate during His three years of ministry as deity. If He did, He would not have needed to be anointed, because He was the anointing.

Scripture says that Jesus took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:7). And whenever He ministered—whether He was preaching, teaching, or healing the sick—He did so by the anointing. We could exchange the words *power* and *Spirit for anointing*, because these terms all refer to the same thing.

How did Jesus know how to feed the 5,000? Why did He minister healing in different ways? Sometimes Jesus laid hands on a person. At other times He told the individual

to rise and walk. One time Jesus even spit in dirt to make clay, placed the mud on a blind man’s eyes, and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam (John 9:6–7). He ministered differently in each situation, but each time someone was healed.

How did Jesus know what to do? He knew by the anointing. The Holy Spirit dwelling inside Him showed Him what needed to be done.

We all experience times when we don’t know what to do. During those times we need to remember that the same Spirit Who dwelt in Jesus resides in us today! If we will learn to pull on the Holy Spirit—the anointing—then the answer will rise up inside us.

The anointing is the answer for every situation we face. And since the anointing dwells inside us, we *already* have the solution we need. It’s simply a matter of becoming sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit and obeying what He tells us to do.

One key to staying sensitive to the anointing is to never panic, no matter what we

—LUKE 4:18–19 (NKJV)

are facing. Giving in to fear makes it harder for us to hear what the Holy Spirit is telling us. Jesus is our example. Regardless of what He faced, He never panicked. Whether it was a storm threatening to sink the boat He was in (Mark 4:37–39) or an angry crowd trying to cast him over a cliff (Luke 4:28–30), Jesus remained cool, calm, and collected. He knew that the anointing would see Him through.

It’s by the anointing that we can fulfill our call in life—whether it’s ministering full-time, working in business, or staying home and raising our children. The anointing enables us to answer the needs of others. And the anointing causes us to be on top of every situation. Because of the anointing we are successful wherever we go and in whatever we do.

To maintain a strong anointing, we must spend time with God. All of us have probably purchased an electronic device that required its battery to be charged before we could use it. Cell phones are one example. It may take 24 hours to fully charge the battery. But just because we charged the battery once doesn’t mean we never have to charge it

again. We have to charge it repeatedly.

Some people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in 1972 and they’re still trying to run on the charge they got back then. That won’t work. We have to charge our “spiritual batteries” continually. This requires reading and meditating on the Word of God and spending time communing in prayer with our Heavenly Father.

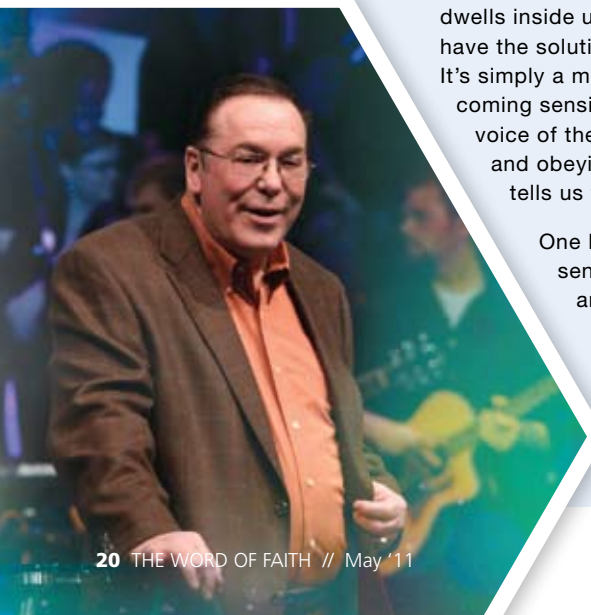
It’s when we are fully “charged” that we can rise up and set the captives free and know the right decisions to make in the most trying circumstances.

We don’t have to be helpless Christians, anxiously waiting for things to get better or desperately hoping for the return of the Lord. By the anointing we can press through any situation and take back what the devil has stolen.

So let’s march forward in the power of the anointing and take the Gospel to people who are sick, sinful, and bound. Let’s operate our business or work on our jobs in the power of the Holy Spirit. We can do this if we believe that the same Spirit that rested upon Jesus rests on us. Let’s rise up and boldly declare, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, and we are anointed!”[♠]

(Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth W. Hagin’s *Winter Bible Seminar 2011* Thursday night message.)

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV 1984)



THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE Mother's Day. It is a time when we reflect back on what our mothers mean to us. This is the first Mother's Day that my mother will be absent from this earth. After moving to Tulsa, I was not able to physically spend very many Mother's Days with my mother. However, I always called her to express my appreciation for what she had meant in my life. This year I will not be able to do that, as my mother left this earth on February 25 to meet her Lord and Savior.

Mother passed from this life at the ripe age of 95. She had lived a long and healthy life. However, I don't think that we are ever ready to release a parent to leave our presence. The picture in this column was taken at the celebration of her 90th birthday. Even at 90 she was still spry.

As I considered what words would best describe my mother, it came to me, "She was one of a kind!" One of the things that she taught me was to never duck my head. She always said, "Keep your head high." And I noticed in this picture, even at 90, she still had her head high.

Reflecting back on my early years, I shall never forget her being my protector. Mother was afraid of storms. Every time a storm would come, regardless of the time of day (and usually a storm would come in the middle of the night), my mother would drag me out of bed and take me to our neighbor's storm cellar. My dad and older sister would stay in bed, but Mother would always make me go with her.

Most of my natural memories of my mother revolved around food. Mother loved to cook. Nothing fancy—just country cooking. Biscuits and gravy and pancakes were her breakfast specialties. She prided herself in getting everything to the table when it was hot. And you knew that you, too, must get to the table while the food was piping hot. She would always fix us potato soup when we did not feel well. It just seemed to be the right antidote for our illness.

Mother always presented a beautiful table. Whether it was for family or friends, you would have thought that she was preparing for the president of the United States. We sat down to placemats, cloth napkins, and unique pieces of dishware. She would have never dreamed of using paper plates. She took great pride in setting a beautiful table.

Legacy is defined as a gift that is handed down from generation to generation. I feel so very privileged to have had parents who left me a wonderful legacy, both naturally and spiritually. Children usually learn more from what they observe than from what they are taught. I observed my mother every morning reading her Bible. She did not let a day go by that she did not have her devotions.

One of my daughter's memories is seeing my mother write out her tithe check and put it in an envelope before church. She would always give my daughter a short lesson on the importance of giving to God. Then she would make sure that Denise had money to put in the offering. Of course, I had heard that same lesson many times. That example became my guide in always paying my tithes and giving offerings. And when you obey God's commandments, you place yourself in a position to be blessed.

One of the greatest legacies that my mother left me was her example of being a minister's wife. The things that I observed were lessons that I would need as I followed in her footsteps and married a minister. I observed her supporting my father in any way necessary. I learned about sacrifice and commitment. I learned how to make it through the tough times as I observed my parents' commitment to fulfilling the plan of God for their lives.

I am thankful to have had my mother for so many years. She would always say, "If you want to stay young, hang around the young people." She has left me with a great legacy to follow. I miss her very much, but I know that she is thrilled to be at the feet of her Savior. She loved Him so dearly. And I am sure that He said, "Welcome home." 📖



Lynette



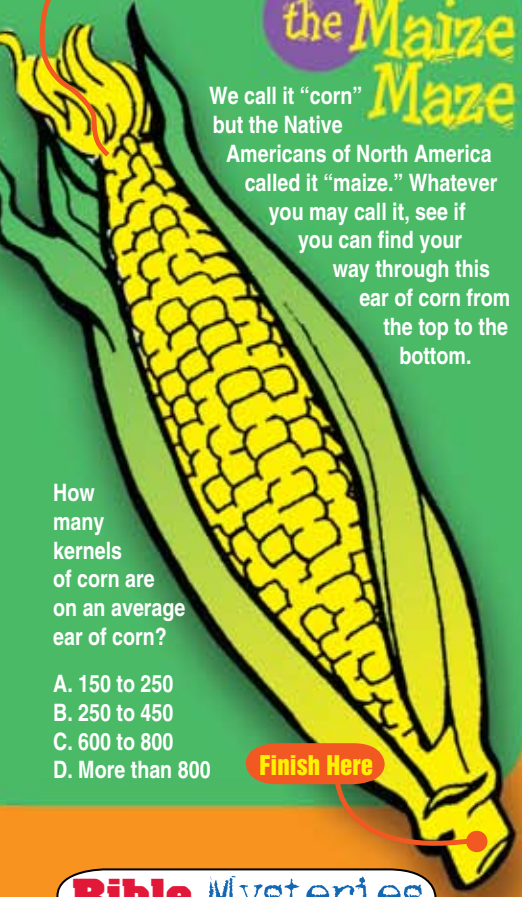
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Fearless, A-pointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-airs of God

Start Here

the Maize Maze

We call it "corn" but the Native Americans of North America called it "maize." Whatever you may call it, see if you can find your way through this ear of corn from the top to the bottom.



How many kernels of corn are on an average ear of corn?

- A. 150 to 250
- B. 250 to 450
- C. 600 to 800
- D. More than 800

Finish Here

Bible Mysteries

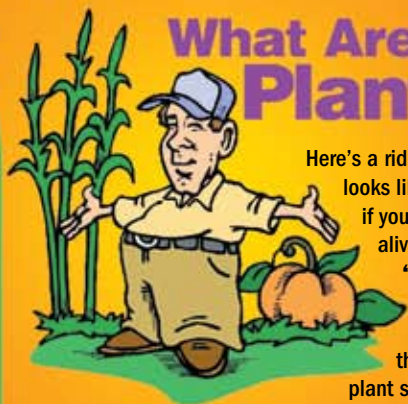
These two have been around since Noah's ark landed. And they always will continue, God promised and commanded.

What are they? (Hint: Read Genesis 8:22.)
Fill in the blanks by substituting the symbol below the blank with the letter that it matches in the box below.



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What Are You Planting?

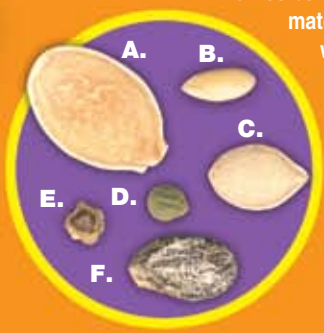


Here's a riddle for you: What looks like it's dead but if you bury it, it comes alive? The answer . . . "a seed." You may not realize it, but farmers aren't the only ones who plant seeds. You've probably planted some seeds today without

even knowing it. The **words you say** and **many of your actions** are just like seeds that get planted and later come up as a crop. Paul tells us in Galatians 6:7 (NCV), "**Do not be fooled: You cannot cheat God. People harvest only what they plant.**" So the question is, "What are you planting?" Let's put it this way: If you want to harvest watermelons, don't plant spinach seeds! Likewise, if you want people to speak nicely to you and to treat you right, then don't go around speaking harshly to others and treating them wrong. You'd be planting the wrong seeds! So be careful what seeds you plant . . . because one day soon, you'll have a harvest!

WHAT CROP WILL YOU GET?

If you were to plant the seeds below, in a couple of months you would harvest a crop. But the question is, "What crop will you get?" First, unscramble the vegetable and fruit names below. Then see if you can match the seeds to the left with the crop that it will produce.



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- CHAPINS
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- LOCATANPUE
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Find the names of nine vegetables and fruits cleverly hidden within the sentence below.

A ROLLING GRAPEFRUIT SQUASHED THE FOOT OF A PLUMP, ORANGE BEETLE AND A BRUISE APPEARED ON THE CORNER OF HIS BIG TOE.

jokes & riddles



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

CORN-Y Jokes

What is Lassie's favorite vegetable?
Cauliflower (Collie-flower)

Why should you be careful about what you say when you're in the produce aisle of the grocery store?
Because the corn has ears!

Why is an ear of corn the most respected vegetable in the army?
Because it has so many kernels (colonels).

What happened in the fight between the beet and the squash?
The beet got squashed and the squash got beet.

What do you call a group of potatoes watching a ball game?
Spec-taters

What do you call a powerful potato that rules over a nation?
A dic-tater

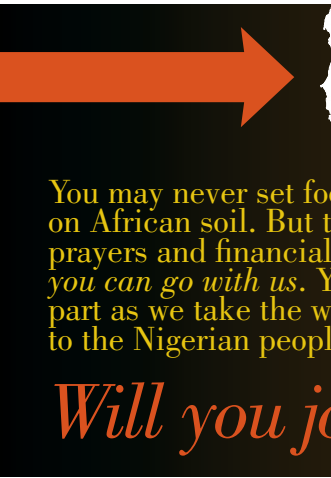
Answers:
A. Pumpkin B. Cantaloupe C. Squash D. Okra E. Spinach F. Watermelon
Hidden Names
1. plum 2. orange 3. beet 4. pea 5. pear 6. corn 7. squash 8. beet 9. grapefruit
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How Many Kernels
C. 600 to 800



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