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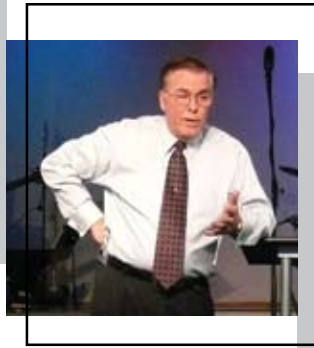


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Someone once said, “Life is nothing more than a series of decisions.” Every day, we make a number of decisions. From the mundane decisions of deciding to get out of bed, what to wear, and what to eat, to the critical decisions of where to live, where to work, and whom to marry—we are constantly making decisions.

Some of our decisions are not very important. Others can affect the rest of our lives. One thing is certain: decisions shape our future. We see this in the story of a blind beggar named Bartimaeus.

In Mark chapter 10, Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road. He had probably done this most of his life—day after day, week after week, and month after month asking anyone who passed by to give him money.

Then, one day Bartimaeus’ entire life changed. He was probably used to large crowds passing by. It was, after all, a well-traveled road between Jerusalem and Jericho. But on that particular day, something was different about the crowd. Jesus of Nazareth was passing by!

Right then, Bartimaeus made a decision to call out to Jesus. “. . . *Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me*” (Mark 10:47). Many people in the crowd told him to be quiet. But Bartimaeus would not be silent. He cried out all the more. “. . . *Thou son of David, have mercy on me*” (v. 48).

Have you ever been in a position where you had the choice to speak up or keep silent? Bartimaeus could have been intimidated by the crowd and kept quiet. Many people choose to keep quiet. When they face opposition, they stop speaking.

But Bartimaeus didn’t care what opposition he faced that day. He wanted his miracle. He made a decision to press through until he got what he wanted. And his decision changed his life.

Mark 11:23 *does not say*, “Everyone who wishes in his heart and keeps his mouth shut will get what he desires.” No; it says, “. . . *That whosoever shall SAY unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he SAITH shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he SAITH.*”

It’s the continued decision of always saying *what God says* that counts. We know what God says because we have His Word—the Bible. John 10:10 says that Jesus came so we might have life and have it more abundantly. Because of Jesus we can have life—we can live an abundant life.

But it’s up to us to decide if we’re going to receive what Jesus came to give us.

Bartimaeus knew what he wanted. And he was not going to let anyone or anything keep him from getting it. You see, when someone makes a decision to cry out in faith, all of Heaven stands at attention.

Bartimaeus’ cry of faith kept Jesus from walking past him. Jesus stopped and called for the blind man. When Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted, he replied, “. . . *Lord, that I might receive my sight*” (Mark 10:51).

It may have seemed odd that Jesus asked a blind man what he wanted. It may have seemed obvious what Bartimaeus needed. But the blind beggar could have said that he wanted someone to live with him and help him with his daily tasks. Or he could have asked for someone to be his benefactor—someone who would take care of him financially.

Bartimaeus decided to ask for the impossible. He wanted to see. Luke 18:27 says, “. . . *The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.*” It was humanly possible for all of these other things to happen. It wasn’t humanly possible for his eyes to be healed.

We need to realize that impossibilities exist only in the natural realm. In God’s realm, there is no such thing as impossibility. So make the decision to go for the impossibility rather than the possibility. When you do, like Bartimaeus, you will receive what you desire—no matter how impossible it may seem.

The decisions you make today determine where you will be tomorrow, who you will be tomorrow, what you will have tomorrow, and what kind of life you will live tomorrow. Learn to lean on the Holy Spirit, and He will help you make the decisions that will lead you into the life God has planned for you.

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Called of God

Kenneth W. Hagin

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth W. Hagin's book Called of God.)

My personal motto has always been, "I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit!" To succeed in life, you have to take the word *quit* out of your vocabulary. Personally, the word *quit* doesn't exist in my life or ministry. Let me give you an example to show you what I mean.



My son, Craig, and I used to race motorcycles. One of the races was so difficult that only 100 out of 300 entrants finished the race.

I was sorely tempted to quit in the middle of that race. At one point, I tried to pull my motorcycle out of the mud for what seemed like the millionth time. But I was so tired, all I could do was drag the bike a short distance. I finally got it on dry ground where I could start it again. But by then I was so exhausted, I just flopped on the ground to rest.

As I lay there resting, the thought went through my mind, *Why don't you just quit? You can just lie here, and eventually someone will come by to pick you up and take you back to the starting point.*

But I declared out loud, "No! I'm not going to quit!" I made myself get up. I was tired, thirsty, and

covered with mud, but I started my motorcycle and got back in the race.

Not far up the trail, I came to another rough stretch called "Lester's Tester." It was a narrow trail that was nothing but one switchback after another through a forest, making it easy for me to lose my balance. I don't know how many times I fell down and had to get back on the motorcycle and start again.

Suddenly, I came to a slick place on the trail and slid down a 10-foot embankment into the river! I was so tired, I couldn't even hold the motorcycle upright as I slid down the hill and plunged into the water.

Now I was not only muddy, tired, and thirsty—I was *wet*! I lay down on the side of that riverbank and inwardly groaned, "Now I have to pull this bike back up the hill!"

My mind said, "Would you please just quit! This is ridiculous!"

But I said, "No, I *won't* quit! I'm going to finish this race." Somehow I got that motorcycle up that embankment and went on to finish the race. The officials gave everyone who finished a button, and I've held on to that button because it reminds me never to quit. Even though I didn't win that race,

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in my mind I was a winner, because I overcame the temptation to quit. I persevered and finished what I started, despite all obstacles.

In every area of my life, I refuse to quit because I represent the Lord. He has a job for me to do, and I don't want "quit" associated with Him or with me.

If you're in the ministry too, remember that if you're called, *you're called*—

As you're **faithful to your call**, God will **honor your obedience** and help you finish your **appointed course**.



no matter how bad circumstances look or how tired you get. As you're faithful to your call, God will honor your obedience and help you finish your appointed course. God won't quit on you, so don't quit on God!

You may ask, "How do I know if I'm called to the ministry?" God does not call every Christian to the fivefold ministry positions listed in Ephesians 4:11, but He does call some. The Lord also calls some Christians into other types of ministry as listed in First Corinthians 12:28. The ministry of helps is included in this passage, and it is a valid ministry!

My dad, Kenneth E. Hagin, used to say that if you're called to preach, you know it. You don't go into the ministry just because you want to. My dad knew as a child that he was called. When adults would ask him what he wanted to be when he grew up, he'd say, "I a peacher." He meant, "I'm a preacher."

For my dad, God's calling was an inward knowing. Dad said he knew on the inside that the Lord's call to the ministry was on his life. He didn't know everything involved with it. He just knew it was there.

Be sure you are in the ministry because *God* called you, not because someone told you that you'd make a good preacher. When Satan tries to buffet you with pressures and problems, it will be an anchor for you to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is the One Who called you.

Sometimes I think about the night God called me. It was at a New Year's

Eve prayer service, and I was 11 years old. At 20 minutes before midnight, the pastor called us all forward to pray around the altar. As I was praying at the altar, I heard God speak to me in my heart as distinctly as I've ever heard anyone's voice. The Lord told me He was calling me to the ministry.

I didn't want to hear that. I had already decided I was going to live for

God—but I *didn't* want to be a minister! So for several years I tried to ignore the call. I reasoned that as long as I didn't get *too* close to God, He wouldn't bother me about His call.

But when I was 17 years old, the Lord confirmed His call on my life. I was attending a youth camp in California. One evening we watched a film called *Beyond the Bells*. It was about a missionary who ministered to a tribe of Native Americans for seven years without any apparent results before he finally began reaping a harvest of souls.

The Lord used that film to speak to my heart. After the film was over, I

went into a side room, knelt beside a bunk bed, buried my face in the mattress, and began to pray.

That night I stopped running from the call of God. When I got up off my knees, I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that I would obey God's call to the ministry. I made that decision on my own, without any help or pressure from my parents.

In fact, my dad wouldn't talk to me about my call to the ministry until after I had publicly acknowledged it. When he and I finally discussed God's call on my life, Dad explained why he'd kept silent about the matter for so long.

Dad told me, "I couldn't talk to you about going into the ministry until you had determined God's call on your life for yourself. Your decision to answer the call had to be between you and God. That way, when the pressure comes and the going gets rough, you won't be tempted to give up and think, *It must have been Dad instead of God who convinced me I should go into the ministry.*"

Dad was wise. I often relive my personal experience with God the night I accepted His call. That experience helps me hold steady and stay committed to my call when the pressure is on.

Perhaps at some point in *your* life, God made His call clear to you. You desire to give yourself to His greater purposes for your life, and you may be asking yourself, "What do I do with this call?"

FAITH IN ACTION

Run to Win!

When you answer the call of God to ministry, you should have every intention of succeeding. Don't even entertain the thought of quitting or failing in the ministry. As the Bible says, "Run your spiritual race *to win*" (1 Cor. 9:24)!

In a real race, usually only one runner gets the first-place prize. But in our spiritual race, God has set before each one of us a separate race to run (Heb. 12:1). If we finish our course and fulfill God's purpose for our lives, we'll each receive a crown (1 Cor. 9:25).

Running your course in the ministry is a different kind of spiritual race than you've ever run before. If you want to succeed in this race, you *can't* have the attitude, *It doesn't matter whether I win or lose; it's how I play the game*. It *does* matter whether you win or lose in your spiritual race! Winning—finishing your course in victory—is what it's all about.

Don't be satisfied sitting on the sidelines watching others win *their* race. And don't be content to come in second place in your race. Run *your* race to win! You *will* succeed in finishing your course as you train properly and run faithfully according to the Word of God.

God **won't quit** on you, so **don't quit** on God!



First you must realize that *training for ministry is not an option*. It will be difficult for you to fully accomplish what God wants you to do without preparation. It is very unlikely that God will place a person in a responsible position of ministry if he or she is not prepared or equipped for it. First Timothy 3:6 indicates that a novice should not be considered for a position in full-time ministry. A novice means

one who is unskilled, untrained, or *unprepared*.

To prepare for ministry, you would do well to attend a good Bible school. Among Bible schools, of course, I can personally recommend RHEMA Bible Training Center. Attending RHEMA is an excellent way for you to prepare yourself spiritually and determine what God has called you to do. RHEMA can help equip you to fulfill God's call on your life.

Perhaps you have a desire to do more for God but are not sure that He has called you to a pulpit ministry, so you're wondering what to do. Whenever someone told my father they were facing this dilemma, and they asked him what they should do, he would tell them to get a solid foundation in the Word of God.

RHEMA Bible Training Center was founded to give people a solid grounding

in God's Word and in the working of the Holy Spirit. Dad would tell people who weren't sure they were called to ministry to come to RHEMA and get trained in the Word and in the Spirit. He'd say the training would bless them, even if God hadn't called them to preach or teach. The training RHEMA provides would make them much better laborers when they returned to their local churches. As Dad often used to say, "Preparation time is never wasted time."

I encourage you to prepare for God's plan for your life—whatever His plan might be. And once you are firmly grounded in His call on your life, you will be able to have that determination that boldly declares in the face of all circumstances, "I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit!"



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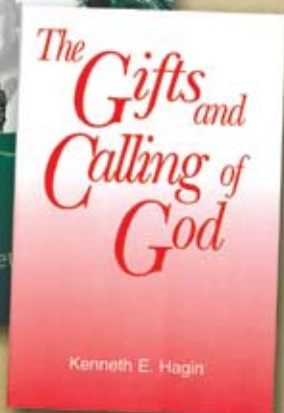
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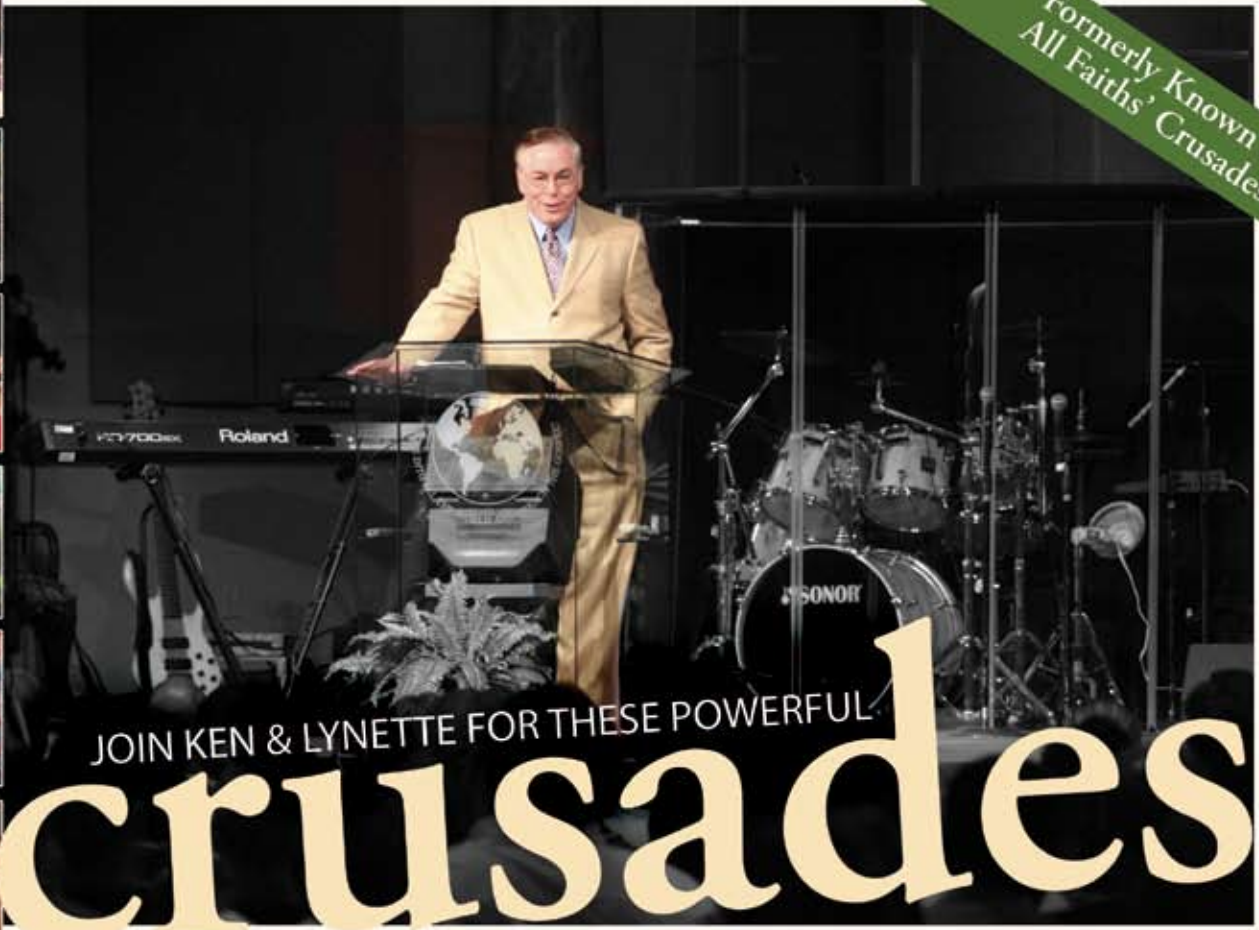
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Guidance Through the Inner Man

(Editor's Note: This article, adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book How You Can Know the Will of God, is the first of two timeless teachings on the importance of following God's direction through the Holy Spirit and your born-again human spirit. The second article appears next month. As a New Testament believer, you have God inside you to help you walk in His perfect will for you!)

The writer of the Book of Proverbs said that the spirit of man is the candle (lamp) of the Lord (Prov. 20:27). That means that God will enlighten and guide us through our spirit.

Too often we seek guidance every other way except the way God said it was to come. We judge by our physical senses, but nowhere does God say He will guide us by our senses. Or we look at things from a mental standpoint. God said, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord . . .," which means that He will guide us through our spirit, or our inward man.

The inward man has a "voice," which we call the conscience,

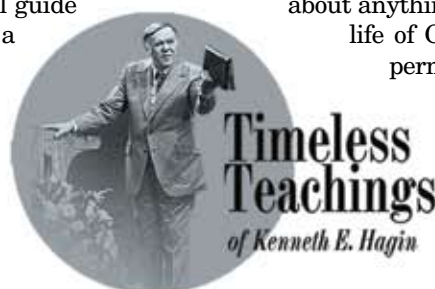
intuition, inner guidance, or inward witness. As a born-again believer trains and develops his spirit, this voice becomes clearer. His spirit becomes a surer guide.

One thing that has held back the Christian world is that we are more physical-conscious (body-conscious) and more mental-conscious (soul-conscious) than we are spirit-conscious. We have developed the body and soul, but we have virtually ignored the spirit of man.

Your spirit can be educated just as your mind can be educated. Your spirit can be built up in strength and trained just as your body can be built and trained.

Of course, a person who has never been born again could not follow the voice of his spirit. His spirit would be unregenerate. His conscience would permit him to do just about anything. When you have the nature and life of God in you, your conscience won't permit you to do just anything.

If you are a born-again Christian, the Holy Spirit is living and abiding in your spirit. He does not communicate directly with your mind, because *He is not in*



your mind; He is in your spirit. He communicates with you through your spirit.

Jesus said, “. . . *we will come unto him, and make our abode with him*” (John 14:23). Paul said, “*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*” (1 Cor. 3:16). Writing to the Corinthians, Paul said, “. . . *ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people*” (2 Cor. 6:16). If God is dwelling in us, then that is where He is going to speak to us.

It is your spirit, not the Holy Spirit, that condemns you if you do wrong as a Christian. The Holy Spirit does not convict of sin. Jesus said the only sin the Holy Spirit will convict the world of is the sin of rejecting Jesus. It is your own spirit that knows when you have done wrong.

Notice in Romans 8:16, Paul said, “*The Spirit itself [or Himself] beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.*” People often think that this witness he is talking about is a physical something. It isn’t. The Bible does not say the Spirit bears witness with our body.

Feeling is the voice of the body.

Reason is the voice of the soul or mind.

Conscience is the voice of the spirit.

If we go by feelings, we are going to be in trouble!

People say, “I felt like the Lord heard me.” It makes no difference whether you *felt* like it or not. If the Word of God states it, it is true. If God said He heard and answered your prayer, He did.

Base your faith on the Word, not on your feelings. Romans 8:16 does not say that the Spirit bears witness with our *body* or with our *feelings*. It says, “*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our SPIRIT . . .*” The Word and the Spirit agree. The Spirit will take God’s Word and witness to your heart, or spirit.

Jesus said, “. . . *when he, the Spirit of truth, is come. . . he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you*” (John 16:13–14). He said to His disciples, “. . . *he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you*” (John 14:26). Jesus also said the Holy Spirit “will show you things to come” (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit. Then He leads you. Romans 8:14 says, “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*”

It is not for us to tell the Lord how to lead us. In the Acts of the Apostles and elsewhere in the Bible, we see how at times some received guidance through a vision. We read where others received guidance from an angel who appeared and told them certain things. Too many times we seek guidance in that way instead of listening to what the Bible says. However, such phenomena didn’t happen every day in these people’s lives either. They occurred once or twice in the

under. We have a New Covenant, established on better promises.

It doesn’t say anywhere in the New Testament that any of the apostles ever told the people to put out a fleece before the Lord. In fact, this practice is really dangerous, for we put the fleece out in the same world where Satan is god (2 Cor. 4:4).

Once when I tried out for the pastorate of a church in Texas, I put out a fleece before the Lord that if the congregation

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entire lifetime of some of them. Too many times when God is trying to bear witness with our spirits—trying to guide us—we won’t listen because we want something dramatic, like a vision or an angel.

For guidance, some people put out what is called a “fleece” before the Lord. I tried that one time back in 1941. I put out a fleece; I followed my fleece; and I got fleeced!

The New Testament does not say, “As many as are led by *fleeces*, they are the sons of God.” Of course, Gideon did put out a fleece (Judges 6:37–40). But we are not living in the day he lived in. We are not living under the covenant he lived

voted one-hundred percent for me to come as their new pastor, I would accept this as the Lord’s will and go. I got every vote and accepted the pastorate.

That was the most miserable time I ever spent in my life. I lost all anointing to preach. While preparing my sermons, I would feel as if a fire were in my bones, but the minute I stepped inside the church door for services, it was as if someone had poured a bucket of cold water on me.

I was out of the will of God. I was only in His permissive will, *and things don’t work right when you are only in the permissive will of God.*

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This inward man—or as he is called by Peter, “the hidden man of the heart” (1 Peter 3:4)—is the spirit of man. When the Bible speaks of the heart, it is speaking of the spirit, the inward man, or the hidden man.

Second Corinthians 5:17 says, “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. . .*” This verse is talking about the inward man. You didn’t get a new *body* when you were born again, but your spirit man became new in Christ.

Until we become spirit-conscious, we will not be able to understand what God is saying to our spirits. Spiritual things will be indistinct. But the more spirit-conscious we become, the more real the leading of the Lord will be to us.

We need to think of ourselves as spirit beings, possessing souls, and living in bodies.

Base your faith on the Word, not on your feelings.

That was the only time I ever missed it in taking a church. In other churches, I didn't put out a fleece.

Sometimes people don't want to take the responsibility themselves, yet that is where the responsibility is. It is a lot easier to put it off on the Lord and say, "Lord, if You want me to do that, then You open the door. If You don't, then You shut it." It is easier to do that than to wait on God until you know the answer on the inside of you. And sometimes it takes times of waiting to hear this inward witness.

We get so busy physically and mentally that spiritual things become indistinct to

us. It is easier to get quiet with your body than to get quiet with your mind. You can make as much noise with your mind as you can with your hands and feet! Sometimes when you try to sleep, though your body is relaxed, your mind is still noisy. It is still churning with the day's activities, ideas, and plans, or worries and anxieties about the future.

Here is an area where praying in tongues is a great advantage. *"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful"* (1 Cor. 14:14).

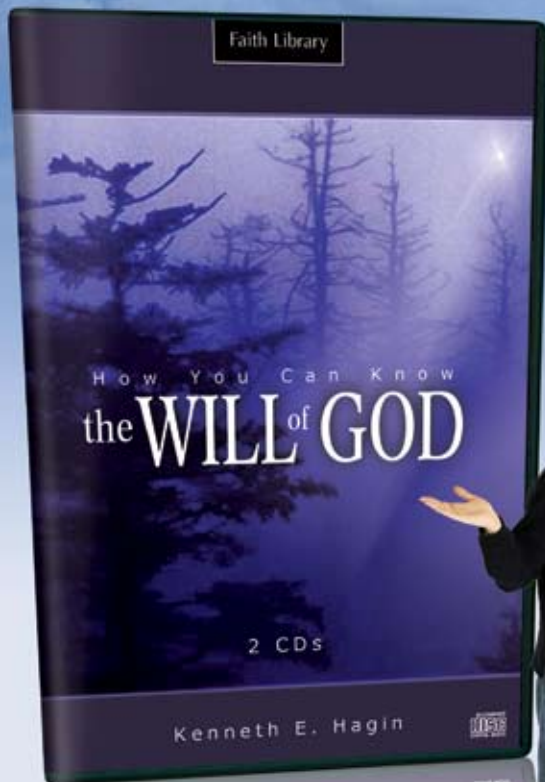
While you were praying, has your mind ever wandered to other things? It

used to take me an hour sometimes to get my mind quiet, but now I have found the best way to quiet my mind is to pray in other tongues. When you pray in other tongues, your mind grows quiet. Once it is quiet, you become more conscious of your own spirit and spiritual things.

When you are praying in other tongues and worshipping God, your spirit is in direct contact with God, Who is a Spirit and the Father of spirits. Because your mind is not active, your prayer language doesn't come out of your head but out of your heart.

When a child of God seeks to know God's will for his life, God will make His perfect will clear to him by some means. Whether it be through a still, small voice speaking to the heart of man or through a supernatural manifestation of some kind, God will guide those whose hearts are open to Him along the pathway of peace. ♥

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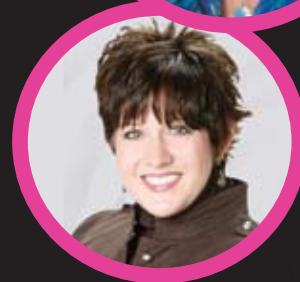
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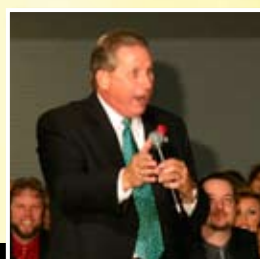
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CAMPMEETING 2007 HIGHLIGHTS



Camp-meet-ing (kamp' me'ting), *n.* [from Kenneth Hagin Ministries' *Campmeeting*] (1973) **1.** A gathering of saints hungry for the Presence of God. **2.** A time of refreshing. **3.** A place where signs and wonders are performed, as the Word of God is boldly preached.

The 35th annual Campmeeting will be held on the RHEMA USA campus July 20-26, 2008. You don't want to miss the power-packed, anointed ministry. Here is a highlight from Campmeeting 2007. The following is adapted from Scott Webb's sermon delivered Friday morning, July 27.

I was first introduced to the "word of faith" message back in the 1970s. Brother Hagin was the first minister I had heard who focused on teaching Christians about faith. Later, I was introduced to the ministry of Norvel Hayes. I like to listen to Brother Norvel. He is a wealthy businessman who used to travel around and preach with Brother Hagin. After hearing him minister several times, I decided I wanted to be just like him. So I set out to become a rich Christian businessman who made



millions of dollars. I thought I had to have this income stream so I could do what was really burning in my heart—and that was to preach the Gospel.

At first the Lord blessed my wife and I. He brought us from zero to sixty, so to speak, just like that. God blessed us in our ignorance. My heart was right. I just didn't understand that I was called to full-time ministry, not the business world.

Although I had started to minister, I kept trying to work in business and prosper there. Even though I was giving in offerings, confessing the Word, and working hard to become financially successful, I was going down, down, down. It got to the point where I was so broke, I needed a co-signer to pay cash!

I was doing everything the Word said to do except one thing. I wasn't *following*.

In the story of the rich young ruler in the Gospel of Mark, we see that this man had wealth. He was a doer of the Word. He kept all of the commandments of the Law. However, Jesus looked at him and said, ". . . *One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt*

have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and FOLLOW ME" (Mark 10:21).

The young man left the presence of Jesus sad, for the Bible says ". . . *he had great possessions*" (v. 22). He missed what the Lord was trying to get him to do. Jesus wasn't



trying to take anything away from him, but there was an element of *following* that the young man had to learn.

How do *we* follow after the Lord? We follow the Lord by following our hearts. We follow the Word, as well as the inward witness. There are also some things we *don't* follow if we're following Jesus. We don't follow offenses, our flesh, or what the world calls "success."

Although the rich young ruler had a degree of worldly success, he was still hungry. There was something missing in his life. He saw something in Jesus that he wanted. When you come in contact

with people who are walking closely with God, it strikes a hunger in you.

The Apostle Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Sometimes following the Lord means following people the Lord puts in your life. The Lord dealt with my wife Phyllis and I, and we realized that we had to venture out. We had to leave what we had started in the business world and follow the Lord to RHEMA Bible Training Center!

It wasn't doctrine that I needed to go to Oklahoma to receive, because I was already well-versed in God's Word. But there were some things I needed to prove

out in my life. You see, just because you know what the Bible *says* doesn't mean that you know what it *means*.

Once my wife and I made the decision to follow the Lord, He supernaturally made the way for us to sell our home and most of our belongings and move to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

There, we followed Brother Hagin as he followed Christ. We followed God's Word and those with whom we became connected. This is what it means to *follow* the Lord.

Once Phyllis and I got to RHEMA, we learned that God's supply will be wherever He leads us to go. Part of our supernatural supply has to do with being in position to receive it.

Our faith will work when we're in the will of God, being obedient to the Lord. And once I found God's will, I've never deviated from it. All I had to do was follow God and quit trying to make everything happen on my own.

God had a plan for Norvel Hayes, but He had a different plan for me. I can't follow God on Norvel's path. But when I stay on the path that God has laid out for *me*, supernatural provision is always there. ♣

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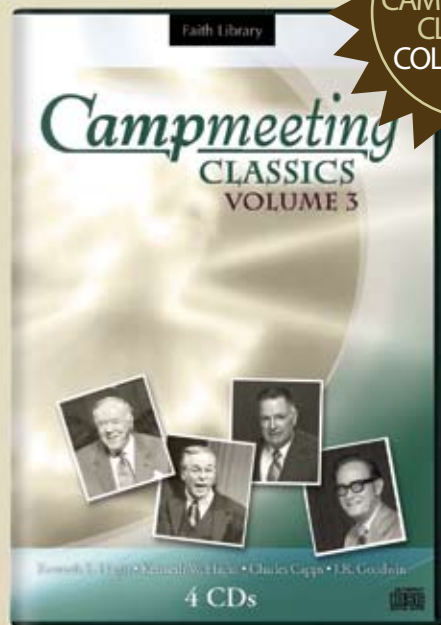
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A woman in Lima, Peru, will remember the service for the rest of her life—and the tumor that vanished from her body after Ken and Lynette Hagin laid hands on her in the healing line. During that same service, others also received a healing touch, while the unsaved experienced the greatest miracle of all—new life in Christ Jesus.

In early December 2007, many people in Peru and Colombia were born again, healed, and filled with God's Spirit during the Hagins' weeklong ministry trip to the two South American nations. The focus of the trip was threefold: to directly minister Christ in public meetings, participate in graduation ceremonies at RHEMA Peru and RHEMA Colombia, and exhort RHEMA alumni

to boldly proclaim the Gospel with signs following.

The first stop was Lima, Peru, where 3,000 believers from churches throughout the city along with many unsaved men and women packed an arena on Sunday, December 2. Operating strongly in the evangelist's anointing, Ken Hagin proclaimed the Good News and gave altar calls that drew hungry souls to the front during both the morning and evening



forward received a personal touch as the Hagins ministered to row upon row of people in a healing line.

The Hagins' heart for souls is clearly reflected in the purpose for RHEMA's 14 schools around the globe—to train men and women to win the world for Christ



services. The message was backed by demonstrations of God's healing power. The woman with the tumor behind her ear felt the growth vanish after the Hagins laid hands on her! All who came





and impart the Savior's healing, life-changing power to people from all walks of life.

After a public teaching session Monday morning, Ken Hagin exhorted 400 enthusiastic pastors and RHEMA graduates at a luncheon to remain steadfast as



they work to win the nation of 28 million to Christ. More Peruvians accepted the Lord in a service that evening in which Rev. Hagin delivered

a word of knowledge—the Holy Spirit was healing headaches and pains. Many others in the audience then flowed to the platform to receive.

The ministry sessions conducted Sunday through Tuesday morning all bore abundant fruit. "About 200 people came forward for salvation and the baptism in Holy Spirit, and there were many healings," Rev. Hagin said.

At the RHEMA Peru commencement service Tuesday night, 318 graduates were encouraged to be about their Father's business of winning souls and edifying believers. The students were trained at the main RHEMA Bible Training Center campus in Lima and at satellite campuses around the nation. Some rode buses for 12 hours along the narrow, winding roads of the Andes Mountains for the opportunity to attend the graduation and hear the Hagins minister.

"For students and our alumni, having Pastor and Mrs. Hagin come shows them that they are directly linked to a worldwide ministry," said Rev. Jim Andrews, who oversees RHEMA Peru.

"This year, RHEMA's message was sent to the whole country, because we also had various pastors and special guests in the

meetings. They saw the magnitude of RHEMA reaching out to the world. They saw that we not only have the message of healing, but we also have the practice of healing."

In Colombia, Ken Hagin ministered to over 800 pastors and church leaders in Bogotá, a mountainous city of 7 million. He taught three times a day on church leadership principles.

"They were so hungry to learn how to better lead their churches and ministries," Rev. Hagin said.

Thursday evening, expectant believers packed the main floor of the facility to hear Ken Hagin minister. Two other floors filled to capacity were equipped with closed-circuit television to accommodate the overflow crowd.

RHEMA Colombia graduates, trained by director John Romick and his staff, are stirring revival in a nation of 44 million. Churches are growing, RHEMA-trained ministers are strengthening local believers, evangelists are winning the lost, and missionaries are taking the Gospel to neighboring nations.

On Friday evening, Rev. Hagin charged the newest RHEMA Colombia graduates to fulfill God's call without compromise.



"I wish you could have watched with us as 665 students walked across the stage to receive their diplomas!" Rev. Hagin said.

Through this trip and others like it, the Hagins remind alumni and other believers to fulfill God's plan for them as extensions of the worldwide RHEMA family, telling them, "We have a world to win for God, and He has commissioned RHEMA to help lead the way." ♥



Seed Thoughts

by Lynette



Recently my heart has been stirred because I am not seeing Christians exercising their faith as they once did. I am seeing them making a confession of faith, but if what they are believing for doesn't come to pass quickly, they give up on that desire. I remember when my husband and I began traveling with my father-in-law back in the early '70s and he was bringing the message of faith to the Charismatic Renewal. I watched people grab hold of the message and see things transformed in their lives. The people were full of joy as they believed God and He turned things around for them. People hungry to hear more of the Word of God were flocking to churches.

However, as the years have gone by, I have seen the same people fill their lives with other priorities, and God and His things have taken a back seat. I believe that it is time to get back to the hunger that we once had for God and His Word.

In the natural, when you really desire something, you make every effort to bring that desire to pass whether it is convenient or not. You are willing to make any sacrifice, because you are committed to fulfilling that desire.

I'm reminded of one of my favorite Bible stories: the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5:25-34. My husband preaches from this passage often. This woman had a desire to be well. Her desire was so strong that it overrode all the inconveniences and difficulties she encountered in getting to Jesus. According to Jewish law, a woman with her condition was not supposed to be in the crowd in the first place. And I am quite sure that she was very weak from the condition with which she had suffered for 12 years.

If your body is weak, the last place you want to be is in a crowd of people. Yet she had heard that Jesus was passing by, and she knew that her future depended on her encounter with Him.

"The Lord will guide you always: he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."
— Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

She had faith that if she could touch just the hem of His garment, she would be healed. She pushed her way through the crowd, not discouraged at the many people around her who might have been pushing ahead of her, trying to get to Jesus themselves.

That little woman did not give up. She kept pressing in until she finally did what she had come to do: she touched the hem of Jesus' garment. The instant she did that, Jesus was aware that virtue, or power, had gone from His body. He said in Mark 5:30, *"Who touched my clothes?"* His disciples said, in effect, "Jesus, you must be kidding. Everyone has been touching you!" I can just imagine Jesus' reply: "But this touch was different."

The woman then came forward in fear and trembling and said, "I touched you, Jesus." And Jesus replied in Mark 5:34, *"Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."* That little woman had continued to press in until she received what she desired—healing for her body.

I encourage you this month—get back to pressing in to receive those desires you have had in your heart. You may have begun in faith and gotten discouraged along the way. You may have grown impatient and decided that the fulfillment of those desires was too long in coming. But God's ways are so much higher than our ways, and His timetable is not always our timetable. You may not receive the desires on your list when you want them. But if you will not let your faith waver, He will grant you the desires of your heart.

One of the scripture passages that I have stood on all of my life is Psalm 37:4-5: *"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."* The three key words in these verses are *delight*, *commit*, and *trust*. We must first have a relationship with our Heavenly Father. He desires that we commune with Him regularly. Communing with Him should be as consistent a part of our daily routine as brushing our teeth.

When you are delighting yourself in the Lord, it becomes very easy to commit your life into His hands. It also becomes natural for you to trust the One in Whom you are delighting. Then you can rest with confidence that He will grant the desires of your heart. Press in to God and His things and watch those desires become realities in your life.



Kids' Page

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Are You a Name-Dropper?

Some people try to impress others by telling them the names of important people they know. These people are called "name-droppers." Are you a "name-dropper"? You should be, because you know the name of someone very important . . . as a matter of fact you know someone with the most important name there is. His name is "JESUS!" The Bible tells us some very interesting things about Jesus' name.

Philippians 2:9 says that Jesus' name is above every name. **There is no name greater!** Acts 4:12 tells us that the name of Jesus is the only name that brings salvation. **We are saved by Jesus' name!** Jesus Himself said in John 16:23 that whatever we ask God for in Jesus' name, He will give it to us. **Our needs are met in Jesus' name!** When Peter and John healed the lame man in Acts chapter 3, they told him to rise "in the name of Jesus." **There's healing in Jesus' name!** In Mark 16:17 Jesus told his disciples that they would cast out devils by His name. **There's authority over the devil in Jesus' name!**

Since there is no name greater than Jesus' name and since we are saved by His name, healed by His name, have authority in His name, and have our needs met by His name, don't you think we should be **saying** His name a lot more?

NAME DROPPERS

The names below will fit perfectly in the red puzzle pieces below them if they are "dropped" into the right slot (just like the name of Jesus in the example to the right). Take a pencil and draw a line from the name to the puzzle piece that it fits.

JESUS

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Jokes & Riddles

What was Moses' cure for a headache?

He took two tablets.

One day Adam went for a walk with his sons Cain and Abel. As they passed by the Garden of Eden, Adam's sons asked their father what this beautiful place was. He answered, "Boys, that's where your mother and I ate us out of house and home!"

What did the whale tell the other fish in the sea after he spit Jonah out of his mouth?

You should have seen the one that got away!

Where would you go to find out how much a pie weighs?

♪ Somewhere over the rainbow, weigh-a-pie ♪

Did you hear about the dog that ate garlic and onions?

His bark was worse than his bite!

What do you get when you cross a bear with a skunk?

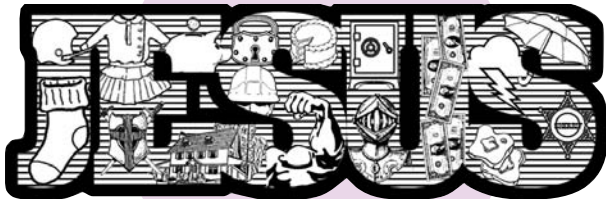
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Find the pictures in the name of Jesus above and figure out which ones are symbols for Protection, Provision, and Power.

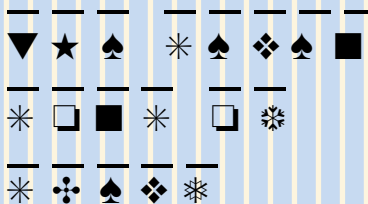
Bible Mysteries

Can you figure out who these Bible characters are?

They used Jesus' name, And what happened to them Seemed to be quite confusing. They knew the right name But really didn't know The One whose name they were using.

Who were they?

Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches the symbol below it. The letters are in the box below.



A=* - C=⬤ - E=♠ - F=✱
 H=★ - M=☆ - N=■ - O=□
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Decode the Message

In Acts 4:30 the disciples asked God for something to take place through the name of Jesus. Decode the message below to find out what they asked for.



ANSWERS :

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