









Highlights From Winter Bible Seminar 2008

Real Heroes



Memorial Day gives us a special time to recognize the fallen heroes of our land—men and women who gave their lives so others could live in freedom.

The Online *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines the word *hero* as "an illustrious warrior: a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities: one that shows great courage." ¹

The world has had many heroes—some have been publicly recognized and others have not. Some are famous; others are unknown. We're thankful for everyone who has served in our military, but this month we are honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

Many of our military servicemen and servicewomen died in faraway places. Some suffered severe pain and torture before death finally came. Their sacrifice is matched only by the sacrifice of grieving parents whose child did not return, of spouses who will face the future alone, and of children who will grow up without a father or mother.

Someone once said, "Freedom is not free; there's a high price to be paid." Part of that high price is the blood that has been shed on Bunker Hill and the shores of Iwo Jima, in Europe and Vietnam, and on the desert sands of the Middle East.

There is one Hero, however, who towers above the rest. And we must honor and recognize the Hero of heroes, the One Who gave His life so everyone might have life: Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Romans 5:6–8 (NIV) says, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Men and women have died in battle so their loved ones might live in freedom. But Jesus died for all mankind—even for those who did not love Him.

Jesus died for the sins of all mankind! He bore the punishment for all humanity! He knew suffering and agony so that we could have victory, peace, healing, mercy, joy, love, and happiness.

When heroes are honored, usually Jesus' Name is not mentioned. Yet His Name should be at the top of the list!

There is no hero on this earth who compares with Jesus. I thank God for the men and women who have served in the armed forces. But I thank God more for Jesus Christ. He is the real Hero.

Heart to Heart

With Kenneth W. Hagin

We need more heroes in our country and in our communities. But we also need spiritual heroes. We need brave people who are willing to stand for Jesus Christ and His righteousness.

We need those who are willing to unashamedly follow Christ in the face of all obstacles and against all odds. Let me challenge you with the words of John Wesley, who said, "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergyman or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon the earth." ²

We need ordinary people who will step up and say, "I believe not only in this country, but I proudly stand at attention and hold up the blood-stained banner of the Lord Jesus Christ."

In his annual address to Congress in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt listed four key human freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. 3

I want to add a fifth freedom: *freedom from sin*. Only Jesus can confer this freedom upon us.

I thank God that we live in natural freedom because of the heroes who gave their lives. And I thank God that we can live in spiritual freedom because Jesus Christ shed His blood on Calvary's hill.

Let's not forget those who've died serving our country. But let us never forget Jesus Christ, the Hero of heroes.

There has never been a Hero like Jesus Christ, Who shed His blood on that rocky hill outside of Jerusalem so mankind could live free from sin and sickness. Because of Jesus, we have ultimate freedom. He is our real Hero—on Memorial Day *and every day*.

Kenneth W. Hagin

¹ http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hero

 $^{^2}$ http://www.gospel.com/topics/hell

³ www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/od4freed.html



KENNETH W. HAGIN

Bless the Lord,
O my soul; And all that is
within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget
not all His benefits: Who forgives all your
iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who
redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns
you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who
satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

--Psalm 103:1-5 (NKJV)

In the chorus of an old hymn, Christians are told to: "Count your blessings, Name them one by one; Count your many blessings. See what God hath done."*

Unfortunately, most people today are remiss in counting their blessings. Even Christians can become so busy with their everyday lives that they do not take time to notice or be thankful for God's many blessings. The truth of the matter is, we often spend more time talking about what we *do not have* instead of giving thanks to God for what we *do have*.

All too often we are tempted to complain. We simply need to stop for a moment and remember everything God has done for us. Then we will see that we have a lot to be thankful for.

In the Old Testament, King David constantly gave thanks to the Lord. He wrote many of the psalms during very dark times in his life,

yet the passages continually express his thanksgiving to the Lord. For example, David wrote Psalm 103 after receiving God's merciful intervention during a dangerous time in his life.

In verse two of Psalm 103, David reminds his soul (his mind, will, and emotions) to ". . . forget not all [of God's] benefits." Let's do the same—remind ourselves to not forget what God has done—and look in Psalm 103 at some of the wonderful benefits God has bestowed upon us.



Benefit Number One: God Has Forgiven our iniquities

This is the most important benefit of all. Through the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven. We are no longer separated from God.

Even after accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, there will be times when we make mistakes and mess up. But God is merciful and gracious to forgive us of *all* of our sins—not just some of them.

1 JOHN 1:9 (NKJV)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Never forget that God is merciful. He is not up in Heaven with a big flyswatter, ready to swat you when you stumble. No. He stands with open arms saying, "I have mercy and grace for you. Turn to Me, and I will be faithful to forgive you."



Benefit Number TWO: God Heals All our Diseases

God is the source of all healing. He is willing and able to heal all sickness and disease. When the leper fell at Jesus' feet and said, "... Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean," Jesus immediately replied, "I am willing ..." (Matt. 8:2–3, NKJV).

In the Hebrew language, the word that is rendered "diseases" in Psalm 103:3 is applicable to *all* forms of sickness. There isn't any type of sickness or disease that Jesus can't heal. His blood was shed for *all* disease.



Benefit NUMBER Three: God Redeems our Life From Destruction

In the New International Version Psalm 103:4 is translated, "... who redeems your life from the pit"

FAITH IN ACTION

Forget Not

Have you remembered to count your blessings today? Here are a couple of pointers to help you be mindful to bless the Lord.

1. Stir yourself up to bless the Lord.

Even during the times that you least feel like praising God, you can stir yourself up and bless the Lord. Simply lift your voice and thank God for everything He has done in your life.

Have you ever noticed that dogs usually shake themselves when they wake up from sleeping? Sometimes we need to shake ourselves, so to speak, and begin praising God. Shake off your worries, concerns, and fears. And make your mind concentrate on all of God's blessings.

2. Don't allow your praise to become ritualistic.

You may be in the habit of getting up early every day and spending time with the Lord. But when you seek His face, come into His Presence with a fresh attitude each time. Instead of saying exactly the same things every day, let your praise bubble up from deep within your heart.

It's praise that comes from your heart that counts.

Fine-Tuning Your Prayer Life

(Editor's Note: Lynette Hagin taught about prayer during the morning sessions of Winter Bible Seminar 2008. The following is adapted from her message titled "Receiving Directions in Prayer.")

Many times our prayers are selfish. We talk to God only about what He can do for us. We tell Him our needs as if He is our heavenly Butler. We say, "Give me this," and "Give me that."

Other times we treat the Lord as our heavenly Lifeguard. If we're about to drown, we scream, "Help me, Lord!" and we start praying fervently. We know Who to call



when problems come—we dial our spiritual 911! But we should not allow crises to be the steering wheel of our prayer life.

We need to fine-tune our prayer life every day. God might be trying to warn us about something that He doesn't want to happen in our lives. But if we're not in tune to hear His Voice, we'll miss His warning. Once the crisis hits, we will *finally* give God our attention, but He wants us to look to Him beforehand so that He can spare us from the crisis.

I once heard someone say, "I thank God for this trial that came my way, because it brought me closer to God. And now I pray every day."

When I heard that I thought, You didn't need that trial to bring you closer to God! The only reason you got closer to God was because you had no other alternative but to pray and ask God to take care of it. But that person could have chosen without the crisis to live close to God and pray every day. And if that person had been praying every day, perhaps that crisis would not have occurred at all!



In the Hebrew language, the word destruction means "the grave." We were all destined for the pit of hell, but Christ came and paid the price for us—a price that none of us could pay.

When we were dead in our trespasses and sins, Christ redeemed us from spiritual death. And when we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we became spiritually alive and were made new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). Through Christ, God rescued us from the tyranny of Satan.

Another connotation of Psalm 103:4 is that God keeps us from destruction in the midst of danger. Many times we are delivered out of destruction, or danger, without knowing it at the time. It is only when we look back at the situation that we realize God had his hand on us and spared our lives.

PSALM 91:11

11 For [God] shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

According to this verse, God Himself places His angels in charge over us to keep us, or to guard us. If we are ever in danger, we can know that we have angelic protection according to God's Word. We also have the Holy Spirit inside of us. And when we learn to follow the Holy Spirit's leading, we can be confident that He will direct our paths *away* from danger.



The English phrase *crowns you with* means "to reward, honor, and invest with real power." God has invested His love in us. He rewards us and adorns us with His power, love, and compassion. His anointing is one of the outstanding features that belong to us as believers.



God has promised us an abundant life. And He has more than enough to satisfy all of His children in every situation.

JOHN 10:10 (NIV)

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

God wants us to live a full life. However, some Christians are living far below what would be considered a *full* life. They are just barely making it week to week. Life "to the full" means enjoying *all* of the benefits that God says belong to us.

Psalm 103:5 says, "[God] satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth IS RENEWED LIKE THE EAGLE'S" (NKJV). When you study the lifespan of an eagle, you will see that every so many years, the eagle restores itself. It grows a new beak, as well as new feathers. And once the restoration process is complete, the bird is in effect like a young eagle again, strong and full of life. What a promise we have in Christ!

Another part of living a full life is having the things that were stolen from you restored.

JOEL 2:25-26 (NIV)

25 I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten....

26 You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.

This passage in the Book of Joel tells us that God will restore to us whatever the enemy has taken away. This is another one of the benefits of being born again and serving Almighty God.

Psalm 126:1–2 (NKJV) says, "When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'"

No matter what hardship you may be experiencing right now, you can be glad! Not glad about the hardship, but glad because you know the Lord will turn your captivity and restore everything that has been stolen from you. Remember that God is faithful to His Word. So begin rejoicing now, in faith, knowing that what God has promised, He is also able to perform (Rom. 4:21). Let a song of praise rise up big in your heart.

We need to learn to rejoice because of the great things God has done for us!

we simply need to stop for a moment and remember everything God has done for us.

Rejoice, for God is causing your dreams to come to pass!

Rejoice, for God has delivered you from captivity!

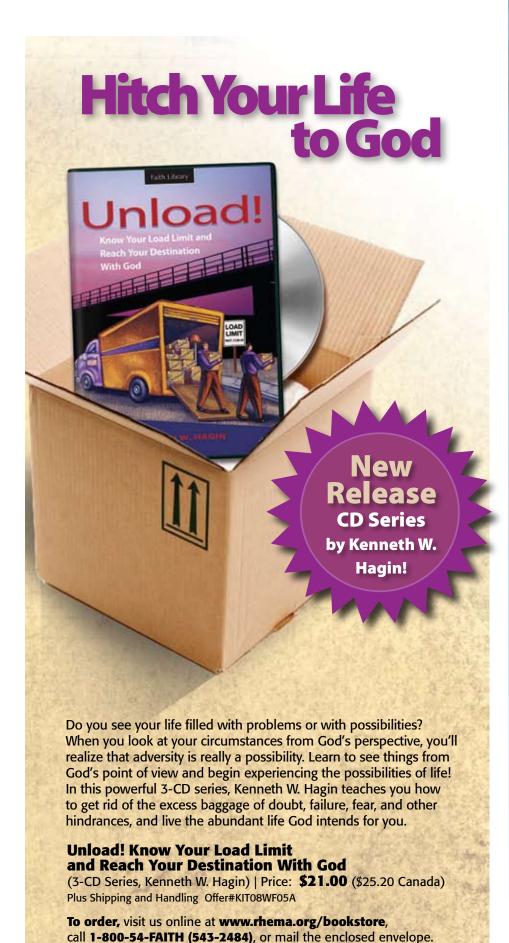
Rejoice, for God has seen your tears and is now giving you joy!

Rejoice, for God has seen the seed you have sown and will cause you to reap an abudant harvest!

Remember to count your blessings! When things look dark, count your blessings. When things look good, count your blessings. When symptoms appear in your body, count your blessings. No matter what your circumstances appear to be, never forget to count your blessings.

Psalm 103 begins and ends with "bless the Lord." Let's follow the example of David and "bless the Lord" at all times (Ps. 34:1). Count your many blessings, for God has done much for you!

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Nuggets of Truth From

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Faith in its purest definition is a firm persuasion or conviction based on something heard. Faith requires a decision. In other words, when you



hear the Word of God, you make a decision on whether you're going to believe it and submit to it.

-Jeanne Orrison



As long as we have faith for issues in our lives, we think that's all there is to it. **But we've got** to act on the faith that comes. Faith cometh, but

faith can "goeth" too. We're not to be hearers only, but doers of the Word.

-Jay Hoskins

Did you know that God has no limits to His thinking? You have yet to think a thought that is too big for Him. The biggest thought you've had doesn't surprise Him.



God is waiting for us to step up and think like Him.

-Karen Jensen





THE ROLE OF THE HOLYSPIRIT

(Editor's Note: This article, adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's Bible study course The Holy Spirit and His Gifts, is the second of two Timeless Teachings on the importance of following God's direction through the Holy Spirit and your born-again human spirit. The first article appeared in April. As a New Testament believer, you have God inside you to help you walk in His perfect will for you!)

It is significant to notice in the Scriptures that there are two groups of nine in connection with the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer:

1. The nine *fruit* of the spirit, which are a result of the Holy Spirit's *indwelling Presence*.

2. The nine *gifts* of the Spirit, which are a result of the Holy Spirit's *infilling* power.

Let's take a look at the ninefold manifestations of the fruit of the born-again human spirit that is a result of the Holy Spirit's indwelling Presence. Paul lists them in Galatians 5.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

In John 15:5, Jesus told the disciples, "I am the vine, ye are the branches. . . ." Where does fruit grow? It grows out on the branches!

This fruit that Paul is talking about in Galatians 5 is the fruit of the recreated, born-again human spirit, growing within the believer's life as a result of the life of the Holy Spirit *within*.

We see a biblical example of the *fruit* of the born-again human spirit in Luke 24:51–52 *before* the Day of Pentecost when the disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit."

LUKE 24:51-52

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

According to Galatians 5:22, joy is a fruit of the born-again, recreated human spirit. We see in this passage in Luke 24 that the disciples had great joy, but they were not yet filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the fruit of the spirit could not be a result of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, for the Day of Pentecost had not yet come.

This scripture shows that the disciples already had one of the fruit of the spirit, joy, *before* they were endued with power from on High. In fact, they had *great* fruit, because the Bible says they had great joy (v. 52)!

As we yield to God and obey His Word, the life of the Holy Spirit within us causes us to grow continually in love, joy, and peace, as well as the other fruit of the spirit. So we can see that one of the main purposes of the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is for *fruit bearing*.

We notice in John 14:16–18 in *The Amplified Bible* that the Holy Spirit is a Comforter, a Counselor, a Helper, an Intercessor, an Advocate, a Strengthener, and a Standby.

JOHN 14:16–18 (Amplified)

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you.

Notice Jesus said the Holy Spirit would be our Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby. We don't need anything more than that. Many believers have missed the reality of what the Holy Spirit came to do in us on a continual basis.

Too often when Christians need help, they run around frantically almost in a frenzy—trying to find someone to pray for them. They cry the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7).

The Holy Spirit is our Guide: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..." (John 16:13). Not only will the Holy Spirit guide us into all truth, but Jesus said (speaking to God the Father), "... Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The Holy Spirit will also guide us into the truth of God's Word.

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on one person's shoulder and then on another's, shed a few "crocodile tears," and quote a few scriptures. But when they are alone, they are in just about the same mess they were in to begin with. They forget that on the inside of them, they have a Helper. They don't have to pray for a Helper; they already have the Helper within.

Jesus said in John 16:7 that the Holy Spirit would be our Comforter. Jesus also said, "... It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away,

The Holy Spirit will guide us in all the affairs of life. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14). No one can be guided or led, however, without placing themselves in the hands of the Guide.

It is useless to pray to God, "Lord, guide me. Give me directions," unless you are going to allow yourself to be guided.

By way of illustration, when we visit some unfamiliar place and a guide is there to escort us, if we don't follow the (continued on page 14)

FAITH IN ACTION

God For Us, With Us, and In Us

The New Testament gives us three relations that God sustains toward man. First, God is *for* us. Second, God is *with* us. And third, God is *in* us.

To have God be for us guarantees our success: "... If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). If God is for you, and you know that He is for you, you become utterly fearless in life.

You can also have the assurance that not only is God for you, but in every place in life and in every situation, God is with you. No matter what the circumstances may be, if you are a Christian, the Lord is with you (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5).

Under the covenant in the Old Testament, God was for Israel and with Israel, but he was not in Israel except for where His Presence dwelled within the Tabernacle or Temple. However, in the New Testament, God is with us and for us, but we also have something better—God is in us. God is actually making His home in our body, which is His temple (1 Cor. 6:19).

After God recreated us and made us new creatures in Christ and made us His own, then He, in the Person of the Holy Ghost, chose to dwell within us. Now the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us (Rom. 8:10–11)!

ReFresh • ReFill • ReConnect



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It was an unapologetic challenge issued to the worldwide RHEMA family: Live the power of Pentecost and declare the Spirit-filled life to this generation. Only by staying filled with the Spirit and depending totally upon His power and direction can believers take their proper place in the Body of Christ and successfully proclaim God's transforming grace to a hurting generation.

Kenneth W. Hagin issued this exhortation to believers who gathered in February on the RHEMA USA campus for *Winter Bible Seminar 2008*. The theme of this year's event was "Refresh, Refill, Reconnect." Rev. Hagin ministered each evening on the need to be continually *refreshed* by the Holy Spirit and *refilled* by Him. Believers should *reconnect* with God's power through constant reliance on the Spirit's anointing and direction.

During the week, the bold proclamation of God's Word included signs following. Ken and Lynette Hagin

laid hands on believers who came forward for healing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and new direction from on High.

In daily sessions, Mrs. Hagin taught believers to pursue the Lord through heartfelt, fervent prayer—the kind of prayer that opens the way to receiving divine direction and provision. Each weekday morning, RHEMA Bible Training Center instructors exhorted believers to follow after God through faith in His unchanging Word and the Spirit's guidance.

In a powerful, anointed message on Tuesday evening titled "Carrying the Torch of Pentecost," Ken Hagin reminded believers that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was one of the most important events in human history. After Christ's death, burial, and resurrection more than 2,000 years ago, Peter boldly declared on Pentecost that the promise of the Spirit "is to you and to your children, and to all



















who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39 NKJV).

"That's us," Rev. Hagin said. "That's this generation. We are still living in the period recorded in the latter part of the Book of Acts."

During the time of the Early Church, the Pentecostal experience was a part of daily life. Rev. Hagin recounted how the Holy Spirit empowered early believers to turn the known world upside down for Christ. He explained that today's Spirit-filled believers are



responsible to stay filled with the Spirit and boldly declare His power—with signs following—to a skeptical generation distracted by doubt, discouragement, and the devil's schemes.

The devil has constantly attempted to snuff out the flame of Pentecost, Rev. Hagin said, but believers in every generation have kept it alive. However, Pentecost is only one generation away from dying out, unless believers stand up and boldly declare that the Holy Spirit is still eager to fill the

hearts of all who seek His infilling and empowerment.

"I stand here tonight as a mouthpiece, to speak as loudly as I know how, that if we're going to see a revival in the 21st century, it is up to us," Rev. Hagin said. "Let us become the torch of Pentecost to the 21st century. . . . I am going to shout the power of Pentecost from the rooftop, because the power of Pentecost is what is going to turn this world around."

Rev. Hagin went on to explain how only the Holy Spirit can empower believers to bring about revival.



Modern technology can enhance ministry but cannot replace the Holy Spirit's anointing. Despite questions about the relevance of speaking with other tongues, Spirit-filled believers should continually pray in the Spirit to seek the Lord and His direction for every area of their lives. With the power of Pentecost growing dim in the 21st century as some churches deny



the Spirit's work, believers must fan the flame and change the course of this present age.

In closing, Ken Hagin issued a powerful challenge to his listeners: "Fan that Holy Ghost fire until you have a torch of the power of God in your hand, enabling you to march forth and impact this generation for God. And where you march with the torch of Pentecost, there will be light. And where light comes, darkness has to flee, and people will accept Christ. God is calling us to carry the torch. Will we answer the call?"

Rev. Hagin asked for a show of hands to signify a commitment to proclaim the Spirit's power to this generation—and hands were raised high throughout the auditorium.

In a prophetic word that came forth at the conclusion of his message, he said, "The Spirit of God says Pentecost will be lost unless we all step up and do what we know to do, what we've been taught to do."



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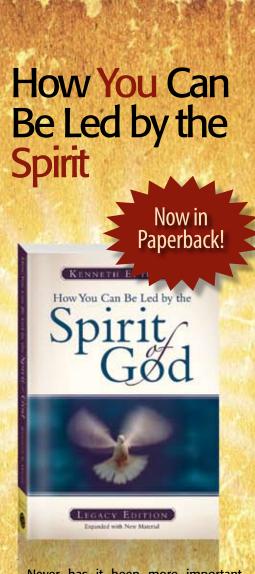
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guide, there would be much that we wouldn't understand and we might even get lost. The guide is there to explain certain things to us and show us the way to go.

Certainly no one would want to go through Carlsbad Caverns, for instance, without a guide. It is pitch black inside those caverns. We would never get out of Carlsbad Caverns if we failed to follow the guide. But the guide knows right where to turn on the lights. (Thank God, the Holy Ghost knows right where to turn on the lights!)

That is the reason many folks have gotten into such a mess in life—they were not following the Guide. The Holy Spirit will guide us, but in order to be guided in life, we have to

us a clue as to how believers are to be guided under the New Covenant.

JEREMIAH 31:33

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

This Old Covenant promise was fulfilled in the New Birth—in the recreation of man's spirit.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Where does God make us a new

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put ourselves into His hands.

When you have guidance, you can be prepared ahead of time, for the Bible says the Holy Spirit will show you things to come (John 16:13). He will guide you into all truth, and He will also guide you and lead you in all the affairs of life.

During the many years I've traveled on the evangelistic field leaving my wife and small children at home, I've depended upon my Guide, the Holy Spirit. He has always warned me ahead of time of a need in my family. Although many times, I had no communication with my family, I always knew by the Spirit of God when a member of the family was sick.

The Holy Spirit is not in me to help me just because I am a preacher. If you are a believer, He is in you to help you too. And if you will learn to listen to Him and look to Him, He will guide you.

Under the Old Covenant in Jeremiah 31:33, God speaks of the New Covenant that He would be establishing with His people. This verse gives

creature? In our *heart*, or *spirit*, by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

God said He would put His law in our "inward parts"—in our heart, or spirit. It is by the Holy Spirit that God's laws are written in our heart (2 Cor. 3:3).

Because you are born again, you will know by the Holy Spirit living on the inside of you what to do in every situation in life, for He is your Guide into all truth (John 16:13). Just look on the inside; check to see what the Holy Spirit within your human spirit is leading you to do (Rom. 8:14).

The Holy Spirit, our Helper, has made His home in us as believers. All that we could ever need Him to be *for us*, He is. He is our Comforter, our Guide, our Counselor, and our Teacher. He is the Greater One in us Who puts us over in life.

If we are conscious of Him Who dwells within us and if we believe God's Word, then no matter what or whom we face in life, we will have no fear. The Greater One Who lives in us is greater than he who is in the world. He will put us over in life!



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of God infused into our situation—will take us over whatever stands in our way.

—Joe Duininck



God's not looking at what we don't have. He's looking at what we do have. God wants us to use what we have, and He will make up the difference. We don't need what

someone else has to defeat the giants in our lives.

-Tad Gregurich

We've got to be God-inside minded. You are a carrier of the glory of God everywhere you go. The resurrected Power Plant, the Lord Jesus Christ, is living on the inside



of you, and He wants to demonstrate His power through you!

-Rick Fern







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Children often say, "My daddy is better than your daddy." One child will say, "My daddy went on a hunting trip to Africa." The other kid will say, "My daddy



climbed Mount Everest." They always try to top the other's story. But as a child of God, you have the biggest Daddy of all! He's provided everything for you. We don't brag about Him enough.

-Craig W. Hagin

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God is not obligated to bless anything apart from His plan. When we get out of position, we're not able to receive the way God wants us to. He

will always bless us as far as He can, but many times He is looking for more to work with than we are giving Him. Accomplishing His will for our lives has to be our greatest ambition.

-Bill Ray



What Are You Thankful For?

People are sometimes thankful for the strangest things:

- not being caught at a stoplight on their way to work
- finding a parking place close to the front of the store
- · a remote control
- caffeine on a Monday morning
- a 50% off sale at their favorite store
- · umbrellas on a rainy day

It's good to be thankful for those things. But as born-again children of God, Christians have so much more to be thankful for. The Bible says that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8)! That means we don't have to do anything to "earn" our salvation. Jesus did it all. Our only responsibility is to accept Jesus as our Savior.

Is that something you can be thankful for? Have you accepted Jesus as the Lord and Savior of your life? If you answered no to either of these questions, pray the following prayer to receive Jesus as your Savior:

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 you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9 NIV). I believe with my heart and I confess with my mouth that Jesus is the Lord and Savior of my life. Thank You for giving me something to be thankful for!

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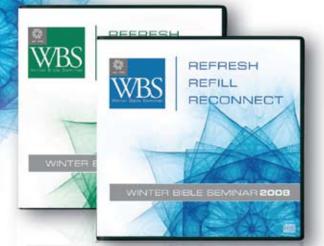
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Some people have told me that they have the gift of discernment. First, according to the Bible, the gift is called "discerning of spirits," not

"discernment." And it seems as if these people have the gift of *suspicion* rather than discernment, anyway. They are suspicious of everyone. They point out other people's faults. It takes no talent to find fault in others.

-Marvin Yoder

God's original intentions with mankind are God's eternal intentions for mankind. God originally chose for man to be in right standing with Him. The moment



you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior—no matter how bad you were—you are *instantly* made the righteousness of God in Christ. You are in as good a position with God as Jesus Himself.

—Doug Jones





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A Letter to the Hagins

(Editor's note: In January 2007, Ken and Lynette Hagin hosted an All Faiths' Crusade in Scottsdale, Arizona. At one of the meetings, a young man spoke with the Hagins and thanked them for saving his dad's life. The following is a letter he wrote to the Hagins, also to thank them. The letter has been edited for length and clarity.)

Dear Hagin Family,

First I would like to thank you for coming to Arizona. It has been a great honor to hear you speak in person. I wrote this letter because words don't come easy to me. I just want to say thank you for devoting your lives to teaching others how to live victoriously.

When I was in the seventh grade, I lived in Anchorage, Alaska, and the doctors told my dad he had leukemia. They told him he had to be flown to Seattle to receive his treatment.

My parents had met at Bible college in Minneapolis, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, but they didn't know anything about healing. When they arrived in Seattle, my mom bought your books on various subjects, and she and my dad began to realize that healing was for everyone.

After my parents fought the good fight of faith for nine months, the doctors came in with tears and told them that the leukemia was gone, but my dad now had Myelodysplasia (which back then was an incurable blood disease). It turned out that the leukemia was just a side effect of this other disease, and my dad was given only three more days to live.

Well, by the end of those three days, my dad went back to the hospital and was completely healthy. There wasn't a trace of anything!

During those initial nine months, because my dad's eyes were too bad to read, my mom read all of your family's teachings to my dad. They never stopped fighting the good fight of faith even when medically they had no hope. My mom still buys and reads your books, and my dad still refers to your dad, Brother Hagin, as his hero. I just wanted to say thank you. If it weren't for your family's teachings, my dad wouldn't be here today.

I'm 28 years old now, and ever since my parents told me this story, it has been a dream of mine to thank you in person. That dream has finally come true. I thank God for choosing your family to teach us how to live victorious lives. Thank you very much for accepting His calling and obeying His Word.

Sincerely, Justin Reckers

What Does God's Word Say?

(Editor's Note: The following teaching was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's daily devotional book Health Food.)

". . . for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

-Psalm 138:2

So much of the time, we accept the testimony of our physical senses instead of accepting the testimony of God's Word. What does God's Word say? Instead of asking ourselves that question, we let our physical senses dominate us.

Don't spend all your time talking about how sick you are and what your symptoms are and what the doctor said about it. If you keep talking like that, you'll die. In the face of sickness, stop and ask yourself, "What does God's Word say about this disease?" Matthew 8:17 says, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." And if you really believe it in your heart and confess it with your mouth, the reality of it will be created in your life.

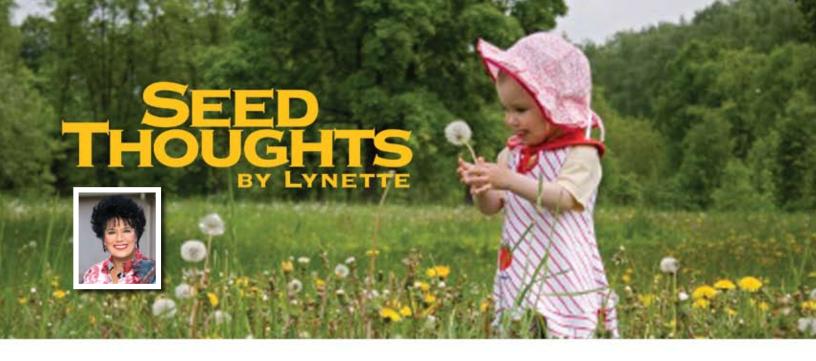
It doesn't happen overnight. You may have to confess some scriptures for a while, but if you continue and don't give up, you'll see the reality of it.

Confession

What does God's Word say about my situation? I search the Bible and find out. Then I believe God's Word and confess it. I continually practice God's Word. I continually give it first place in my life, regardless of how I feel.

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"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)

Once again the month has come when we set aside time to honor our mothers. One author wrote, "Some men build bridges, others tall skyscrapers. But a mother builds a leader for tomorrow's world." I read that statement many years ago, and it made a powerful impact on my thinking. Sometimes in the midst of the stress-multitasking and trying to meet all of the demands that motherhood presents—we lose sight of the awesome responsibility that God has placed in our hands.

Psalm 127:3 says, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord...." Our children are a wonderful gift from God. But we have a great responsibility to teach, lead, and train these gifts that God has given to us. Much of that responsibility is placed on the mother. I sometimes say to my husband with amusement, "I know why men could never be mothers; it is difficult for them to multitask."

As mothers, we learn to do more than one thing at a time. We are often cooking, talking on the phone, and comforting a crying child all at the same time. Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV) says, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord." Sometimes in taking care of all the many things we must handle as wives and mothers, we lose sight of how valuable we are to our family as well as to God.

As women, sometimes we have a problem with our self-image. We try to be perfect, especially when it comes to our physical appearance. I was quite comforted the other day when I came across an article showing the pictures of many of the famous actresses whom society claims as beautiful women. However, these pictures showed those actresses as they appeared without makeup, and then with their makeup. I was appalled. Most of them were unrecognizable without makeup and would not have won any beauty contest.

Then I remembered something my father-in-law used to say: "Any old barn always looks better with a fresh coat of paint." We laugh about that, but it is amazing how much better we as women feel about ourselves when we use the means available to make us look our very best.

My profession in previous years was hairstyling. Women would come in to have their hair styled and would be amazed at the results. It always delighted me to see the big smiles that would come across their faces when I let them look in the mirror and see the drastic change in their appearance.

The first thing I do every morning after showering is put on my makeup and style my hair. Even if I am just going to relax that day, I always follow that routine. It makes me feel better about myself when I look in the mirror and see that I have done everything possible to look my best.

It concerns me that society is promoting the idea that we must all be a size 2 to be attractive. This is causing young girls and women alike to harm their bodies by becoming anorexic or bulimic. Of course, carrying excess weight is not good for our well-being, but neither is starving ourselves. It is important to be balanced in this area and to know that no woman is ever completely satisfied with every feature she possesses. All of us have something we would like to change.

However, we should take the attitude that David had when he proclaimed in Psalm 139:14, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." I like this verse in the New Living Translation: "Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it." Sometimes when my husband is trying to figure out my actions or emotions, I teasingly say to him, "God made me this complex and I am thankful." And of course we both get a laugh out of it. Ladies, I encourage you to make the best of what God has given you, but do not become so dissatisfied with your attributes that you develop a poor self-image.

As a mother, know that the time of raising your children will pass ever so quickly. Enjoy every season of their lives. Don't be so concerned about making everything perfect that you neglect the very thing that children desire the most: having you spend time with them and listen as they share their thoughts. Strive to be the kind of mother that prompts the same response from her family as that expressed in Proverbs 31:28 (NLT): "Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her."



Know God...No Fear!



If you take a look around you, there seem to be plenty of reasons to be fearful. But the Christian is reminded many times throughout the Bible not to be afraid. Do you know why? It's because fear will keep you from receiving what God promises! When Israel sent spies to the Promised Land, 10 spies came back full of fear and with a bad report, while Joshua and Caleb came back full of faith and with a good report. Because the Israelites believed the bad report, they were filled with fear also and did not receive what God promised. But Joshua and Caleb did receive because they had faith even in the midst of fearful circumstances. When you know God, there's no reason to fear!







The pictures above show some instances when you might be afraid. But you can use the Word of God to battle fear during these times. Match the following memory verses with the picture that each one goes with.

1. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day. Psalm 91:5 (NKJV)

- 2. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. . . . Luke 10:19 (KJV)
- 3.1 will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me. . . Psalm 3:6 (NKJV)
- 4. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down your sleep will be sweet. Proverbs 3:24 (NIV)

Word Search Find words from the memory verses above hidden within these circles of letters. There are 8 words to find.



From FEAR to FAITH!

Fear and Faith both start with an "F" and they both "believe" something, but that's about all they have in common. To get from FEAR to FAITH, you've got to stop believing the lies of the devil and start believing the Word of God.

CHALLENGE: See if you can rearrange the bars which make up the letters below to change the word "FEAR" into the word "FAITH."

CLUES: Swap the position of two letters, then remove one horizontal bar, then take two horizontal bars and make them vertical bars. (Horizontal bars go from side to side. Vertical bars go up and down.)



Jokes & Riddles

Teacher: Tommy, you try my patience! Tommy: No, teacher, you should try mine. I have more of it.

Teacher: What do you call the outside part of a tree? Student: I don't know. Teacher: Bark, silly, bark! Student: Woof, Woof!

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?
Student: Not a bit!

Teacher: If you had 5 apples on your desk and the boy next to you took 3, what would you have?
Student: A fight!

What can you break without touching it?

Your promise

What can run but cannot walk?

Water

What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark? Floodlights

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Some jokes courtesy of kidsjokes.co.uk



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