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Press Into God's Plan for Your Life

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
— Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

It's very clear from the Word of God that there is a plan for each of our lives. Yet many people who are born again, and even Spirit-filled, never fulfill the plan God has for them. That doesn't mean they're not saved. That doesn't mean they're not going to Heaven. It just means they never do what God really intends for them to do.

“How do I lay hold of God's plan for my life?” you might ask. *Number one, you have to believe that God has a plan for you.* And we see in Jeremiah 29:11 and in other scriptures that He does.

Number two, you have to recognize that the Holy Spirit lives inside you and leads you. Don't be led by voices in the natural realm saying everything under the sun. I don't care if Brother So-and-so *did* prophesy to you. If it doesn't match what the Holy Spirit is saying to you in your spirit, just put it on a shelf and leave it alone.

You have to recognize that the Holy Spirit lives within *you* and speaks to *you!* Don't pull your family up and move halfway across the country just because someone prophesied that you should.

Don't be led astray. Learn to know the leading of the Holy Spirit. Remember, John said in his first Epistle, “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God . . .” (1 John 4:1 NIV). Know which spirit to follow.

Number three, obey. Do what the Holy Spirit says to do. To press in and pursue God's plan for your life, you must obey! And most of the time, we do that one step at a time. Very seldom do we see twenty-five steps ahead. The Holy Spirit usually shows us one step at a time. And until we take that step, we're not going to see what the next step is.

Number four, learn to live a life of worship and devotion to God, not allowing the pleasures of the world to overtake you and sidetrack you. Proverbs

3:5 says, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

Learn to worship the Lord. God loves to give us the desires of our heart. There's no question in my mind about that. But He knows *His* plans for us are best. When you're worshipping God, you become soft and pliable, like a lump of clay. Only when that lump of clay is pliable can the Master Potter make something out of it.

Many people become hardened to the voice of God because they want to do things *their* way, when *they* want to do them. So when God speaks to them and they resist, there is breakage, or damage to their vessels.

I love to preach healing from the story of blind Bartimaeus in Mark chapter 10. But this is also a great example of someone pressing with purpose. Bartimaeus wouldn't be deterred by anyone. He refused to allow outside pressure — whatever anyone said or anything else — to keep him from receiving what he needed from God.

We need this kind of attitude. We must not be deterred because someone rebukes us.

We have a right to press in and lay hold of what God has for us. Don't try to be something you're not. Be what you feel God wants you to be, right where God has you, regardless if that means working in a church, on your job, or doing something else. Find out where God wants you and be there, doing what He has for you to do. And as God calls you to different things, be faithful!

We have to learn how to press in and take hold of prosperity, healing, and whatever else the Word of God says belongs to us. But we also have to learn how to press in and take hold of God's plan and purpose for our lives.

Purpose in your heart to pursue the plan that God has for you, wherever and whatever it is. Be patient and satisfied with what He leads you into. If it's a pulpit or preaching ministry, fine. If it's a helps ministry, fine. Pledge to do whatever God asks you to do.

— Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.

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KENNETH E. HAGIN

HEAVEN ON EARTH



Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."
— John 14:23 (NIV)

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
— John 15:10,11

All the heartaches, all the tears, all the sufferings of domestic life come out of the fountain of selfishness. But when both husband and wife surrender to the lordship of divine love, they are surrendering to God, because God is love. And God fills the home with love.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "If you keep My commandment to love one another, My Father and I

will come and make our home with you" (John 14:23; 15:10-12). Therefore, people coming into your home should be able to sense the Presence of God.

My aunt, my mother's only sister, was a secretary to the mayor of the city. And my uncle, my mother's only brother, was vice-president of one of the banks in the city. Now my aunt and uncle didn't mind me preaching in the country as a Baptist preacher. But when I got hooked up with the "holy-rollers and tongue-talkers" (that's what they called them), they said I was an embarrassment to the whole family.

I never said a word in retaliation; I just stayed kind and sweet and walked in love. I was led by God never to say a single word to any of my relatives about being saved. I never said one word to them! I never invited them to come and hear me preach or even to go to church.

Now each person has to ascertain for himself what to do in his own family, because each situation is dif-

ferent. I do believe that our greatest testimony is our actions.

I knew that when my relatives saw something real in me, they would all want it. And you know what? Every single one of them followed me in!

Now that doesn't mean that we shouldn't vocally testify, but I think we should be wise about it. Some people are just blabbing off all the time and not living right. There's an old proverb that says, "Your actions speak so loud, I can't hear what you're saying."

My aunt had told me, "You'll never see me down there at that Full Gospel Tabernacle." But in the process of time, over a period of eleven years, my aunt said to my mother, "You know, there must be something to that baptism in the Holy Ghost and that speaking in tongues. I've observed over the years that Kenneth's children are never sick."

My children did have minor ailments every once in a while, but we always got the victory over them. We

never had any prolonged sickness in our home. My relatives were sick. And even other Full Gospel people were sick, because they had not learned how to walk in the fullness of what God had for them.

In the first eleven years of our married life, my aunt never came to visit Oretha and me. But by the time I was out in field ministry, she decided to come. After her visit, she said to my mother, "Going into their home was almost like going to Heaven. You could feel the Presence

one another, my wife and I both noticed that sharp words had been spoken in the home. We noticed the exact same things at the same time. We could feel it in the atmosphere.

If you can sense the Presence of God, you can sense other things as well. We learned later that they had had a disagreement that almost broke up their marriage. But thank God it was put back together.

Neither the husband nor the wife had surrendered to the lordship of love. If love words had been spoken in

don't think I prayed a half dozen times for him.

I said the same thing to God when my daughter Pat was born. I pledged to do my part, to live right in front of her, and to walk in love. I told the Lord that I would bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I never prayed that either one of my children would ever be saved. Why? I had already said it. I knew they would be. The thought never occurred to me that they might not be.

Now if I had gone off with some other woman and left them and lived like the devil, then I would have no right to claim anything. I would have forfeited my spiritual authority and my rights.

But both of my children got saved at an early age. Both of them received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Of course, they were children. You can't put a grown-up head on a child. But we never had some of the problems that others had.

I believe in making the right confession. But you see, the right confession is not going to work unless I do this other first. That's where people miss it. They don't set the right laws in motion. They keep making confessions and nothing happens, because they're not living right. It won't work then. But when your children are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and they see you walking with the Lord, they'll do the same.

The right words were spoken in our home. And we walked in love toward one another. Our home was filled with the love of God. What a difference it makes! Remember, when both husband and wife surrender to the lordship of love, God fills the home.

Ephesians 5 leads us into the very heart of marriage itself.

EPHESIANS 5:28-30

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

When Paul talked about marriage, he used the illustration of Christ and the Church. The Church is the Body of Christ. Does Christ love His Body?

IF GOD IS LIVING IN A PLACE, A PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE HIS PRESENCE.

of God. I said that I would never go to that Full Gospel Tabernacle, but I'm going now." And she went.

If God is living in a place, a person should be able to sense His Presence. John 14:23 says, ". . . we will come unto him and make our abode with him." God the Father and Jesus will come and make their home with you. They will live with you! When both husband and wife surrender to the lordship of love, God fills the home.

The home atmosphere is created by words. Words linger in the atmosphere long after people have departed.

One time, my wife and I were on our way to begin a meeting. My wife said, "We ought to stop and see Brother So-and-so." They were pastors of a church we had held a meeting at about eleven months before.

We drove up their driveway but didn't see a car. The garage was closed. I said, "I don't think they're home, but I'll ring the doorbell anyway."

When I rang the doorbell, no one answered. So I rang it again, and then I rang it a third time. I heard someone coming, so I waited, and the pastor opened the door. He said, "We were resting. Come on in; my wife will want to see you. Just sit here in the living room, and we'll be out in just a moment."

So we sat down in the living room while he went to get his wife. Without either one of us saying anything to

home, there would have been an atmosphere of love there instead of sharpness. If people would only learn that! If love is in the parents' words, then their children will be products of those love words.

I remember when my children were born. When Ken was born, I took him in my hands and said, "Dear God, thank You for him. I realize that as I hold this little one in my hands, I hold life in my hands — not just a physical life, but a spirit. I know that I am responsible to train him well, to live right before him, and to set an example for him. I know that as a result of my training, he will either go to Heaven or hell when he dies." That's solemn thinking, but I knew what the Bible said. I had seen it with my daddy and with others. It was important for me to live right in front of my children.

I always believed I could do what the Bible said I could do. I decided to train my children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The Bible says, "*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it*" (Prov. 22:6).

Then I said, "This child will grow up strong, healthy, and without sickness and disease. He will be alert mentally and stalwart spiritually. Amen."

He was only two-and-a-half hours old when I prayed that prayer. I never had to pray another prayer. In fact, I

Yes, the Lord loves His Body. He nourishes and cherishes it. So should the husband nourish and cherish his wife. The husband should love his wife as he loves his own body. He should cherish her body, as Christ cherishes His Body, the Church.

Colossians chapter 3 explains the

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Every home should be the temple of God. Jesus said, “. . . *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM*” (John 14:23). This is God’s ideal for the Body of Christ! He wants to make His home with us.

When you choose to forgive, love fills your home. When you and your spouse surrender yourselves to the law of love, you both are surrendering to God. And God fills your home with love.

No matter what has happened in the past, you can walk in the light of God’s Word. You can create an atmosphere of love and acceptance by filling your home with words of love. Your children will be affected, all those who come into your home will sense the Presence of God, and your home life will be Heaven on earth. ♡

IF LOVE IS IN THE PARENTS’ WORDS, THEN THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE PRODUCTS OF THOSE LOVE WORDS.

law of love and the importance of forgiveness. If you have a quarrel with your spouse, you should forgive him or her, just as you would anyone else.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-19

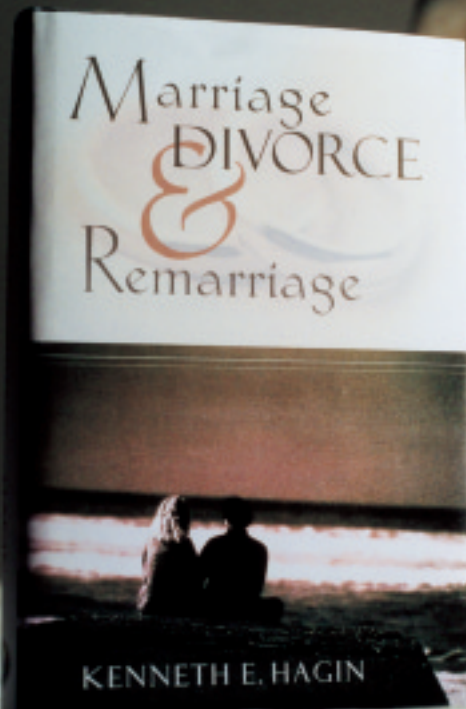
12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord

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Heaven on Earth

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From the Archives

A nostalgic look at the beginnings of Kenneth Hagin Ministries



'I Went to Hell'

Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin continues to share details of his early life. Born prematurely, Rev. Hagin suffered poor health throughout childhood. At the age of fifteen he became bedfast. Here he relates his experience of going to hell.

The very first night I became bedfast, I gave my heart to the Lord and was born again. That happened Saturday, April 22, 1933, at 7:40 p.m. in the south bedroom of 405 North College Street in McKinney, Texas.

Earlier that evening, my heart had stopped beating and the spiritual man who lives in my body had departed. When death seized my body, my grandmother, my younger brother, and my mother were sitting in the room. I had time only to tell them "goodbye." Then the inner man rushed out of my body and left my body lying dead, with eyes set and flesh cold.

I went down, down, down until the lights of the earth faded away. I don't mean I fainted — I don't mean I was unconscious. I have proof that I was actually dead. My eyes were set, my heart had stopped beating, and my pulse had ceased.

The Scriptures tell us about the lost being cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 25:30). The farther down I went, the blacker it became, until it was all blackness — I could not have seen my hand if it had been

one inch in front of my eyes. And the farther down I went, the hotter and more stifling it became.

Finally, far below me, I could see lights flickering on the walls of the caverns of the damned. The lights were caused by the fires of hell. The giant, white-crested orb of flame pulled me, drawing me as a magnet draws metal to itself. *I did not want to go*, but just as metal jumps to the magnet, my spirit was drawn to that place. I could not take my eyes off of it. The heat beat me in the face. Many years have gone by, yet I can see it just as clearly today as I saw it then. It is as fresh in my memory as if it just happened.

I came to the entrance of hell. People ask, "What does the entrance of hell look like?" I cannot describe it, because if I tried, I would have to have something with which to compare it. I paused momentarily, because I did not want to go in. I sensed that one more foot, one more step, one more yard, and I would be gone forever and could not come out of that horrible place!

Upon reaching the bottom of the pit, I became conscious of some kind of spirit being by my side. I had not looked at him, because I could not take my gaze off of the fires of hell. But when I paused, the creature laid his hand on my arm to escort me in.

At that same moment, a voice spoke from far above the blackness, above the earth, and above the heav-

ens. I don't know if it was the voice of God, Jesus, an angel, or who. I did not see him, and I do not know what he said, because he did not speak in English; he spoke in some other tongue.

When he spoke, his words reverberated throughout the region of the damned, shaking it like a leaf in the wind, and causing the creature to take his hand off my arm.

I did not turn around, but an unseen power, like a suction, pulled me up, away from the fire, away from the heat, and back into the shadows of the absorbing darkness.

I began to ascend until I came to the top of the pit and saw the lights of the earth. I saw my grandparents' home, went through the wall back into my bedroom, and it was just as real to me as it was any time I had entered through the door. (My spirit needed no door.)

I slipped back into my body as easily as a man slips into his trousers in the morning. It was the same way in which I had gone out — through my mouth.

I began to talk to my grandmother. She said, "Son, I thought you were dead."

My great-grandfather had been a medical doctor, and Granny had worked with him. She later told me, "I dressed many people for burial and laid them out in days gone by. I have had much experience with death, but I learned more about death in dealing with you and your experiences than I ever knew before. You were dead. You had no pulse or heartbeat, and your eyes were set."

(To be continued . . .)



Kids' Page

F-earless, A-nointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy H-ers of God

Faith "Gets By" with a Little Help From Its Friends



We all know that faith is very important to the Christian. Remember that the Bible says "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6 *NIV*). But just like you need the help of friends sometimes to get a job done, the same holds true for faith. The New Testament tells us about three very important "friends" of faith. One of them is found in James 2:17. His name is **ACTION**. Let's read about it. "...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by *action*, is dead" (*NIV*). How important is it for action to be with your faith? Well, without it, your faith dies! Here are a couple of important actions that will help your faith: 1.) Confess God's Word in each situation you face & 2.) Obey God's Word and do what it says to do. Well, the other two friends of faith still remain a mystery. Do you think you can figure out their names? **Unscramble the two words below to discover the names of the two other friends of faith.**

(Answers found in Galatians 5:6 & Hebrews 6:12)

VELO & TANPIECE

FIND THE BIBLE NAMES

Find the names of 13 Bible characters cleverly hidden in the paragraph below. Names may have spaces in between the letters or may be totally contained within another word.

I went to the Supermarket and played a video game called "Zulukenny." Funmart has a game just like it. It is a most intriguing game. A bell rings when you save a damsel in distress. Zulukenny is the bravest hero of all. Some video games are real evil and violent, but not Zulukenny. To tell the truth, I have a habit of playing video games too long. But I'm getting a lot better now.

Did you find the 13 names? Maybe this will help you. Here are the names you are looking for: Abel, Adam, Ahab, Amos, Asa, David, Esther, Levi, Lot, Luke, Mark, Martha, Ruth.

ANSWERS:

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Finish the Rhyme - Answers: dead, Faith "Gets By" With a Little Help From Its Friends - Answer: Love & Patience.

Galatians 5:6 says that "Faith works by love." Hebrews 6:12 says that "through faith and patience" we inherit God's promises.

Seek and You Will Find - Answers: Page 6 at the bottom left of the page. Page 29 at the bottom right of the page. Back page on the CD and cassette covers. Love & Patience.

Unscramble the words: Zulukenny, Funmart, Supermarket, damsel, intriguing, game, bell, rings, when, you, save, a, damsel, in, distress, Zulukenny, is, the, bravest, hero, of, all. Some, video, games, are, real, evil, and, violent, but, not, Zulukenny. To, tell, the, truth, I, have, a, habit, of, playing, video, games, too, long. But, I'm, getting, a, lot, better, now. Martha, and, Asa, run, together, in, the, phrase: love, promise

Jokes & Riddles

- What does the winner of a race lose?
His breath
- What lies on its back 100 feet up in the air?
A dead centipede
- What starts with T, ends with T and is full of T?
A teapot
- Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they have honeycombs
- Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?
She couldn't control her pupils
- Where was King Solomon's temple?
On his forehead

SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND!



The Book of James says that faith without action is dead. It may look alive but there really isn't any life in it. It's sort of like a statue...it may look like a real person but it's just hard cold stone with no life in it. Look through this entire magazine and see if you can find 3 statues.

THE VITAL SIGNS OF FAITH

Faith gets healthy much the same way your heart gets healthy...with good nutrition and exercise. So partake of the Word of God daily and exercise by doing what it tells you to do. Then your "faith monitor" should look like this one.

Only one of the faith monitor blips below matches the one above exactly. Can you pick out the exact match?

Finish the Rhyme

Read the Bible lesson at the top of the page. Then try to complete the rhymes below.

You might read your Bible daily,
And believe every word that it said.
If you read it but do not obey it,
Your faith, without action, is _____.

Faith is a gift sent from Heaven,
But a greater gift comes from above.
Because Galatians 5:6 has told us,
Our faith will not work without _____.

Faith is important to Christians,
Go ask the disciple named Thomas.
But if you have faith without patience,
You will not inherit the _____.

SEED THOUGHTS

From Lynette

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)



Dear Lynette,

I have a son who is twenty-four years old. I am writing because I feel I have failed him. I am a Christian, and I took my son to church regularly when he was younger. When he was in grade school, he began going to church with his grandma because a lot of his classmates attended the church she attended. He received salvation attending Vacation Bible School. As a teenager, he did not go to church as much. My son seems to be angry, resentful, and harsh, and he also uses foul language. I feel I failed him because I did not pray or really teach him at home like I should have. I look back with such regret. Do you have scripture references I could pray over my son? How should I approach God in prayer concerning these issues?

Looking back, you may now be able to see things that you could have done differently. We all learn as we grow in the Lord. As you go to God in prayer, search your heart, and if you see that you missed it somewhere, ask the Lord to forgive you. He is full of mercy and compassion, and His Word says that He will forgive you.

The important thing is to talk to the Lord about your son. Talking to your son at this point may not be the best thing, especially if he is angry and resentful toward you. Just talk to God about the situation, and walk in love toward your son.

Many times I have heard my father-in-law tell parents who were concerned about the spiritual condition of their children to simply surround their children with faith and love. Have faith in the fact that your son will return to the things of God and love him in spite of his current condition with the Lord.

If there is anything you know of that you might have done to offend your son, something that he might have reason (or feel that he has reason) to be angry about, apologize and ask him to forgive you. Even if he refuses your gesture, your love and humility toward him will go a long way toward softening his heart. Proverbs 15:1 says that a gentle answer turns away wrath.

You can also pray that laborers will come across your son's path — people who will witness to him,

people he will receive from. I have found that someone outside the family can often be a more effective witness than a family member can be.

Keep in mind that no matter what you do (and even if you had done everything right years ago), your son is free to exercise his own will in deciding whether or not to live for God. But the Bible does say that if you train your child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not depart from it. You did train your son as a child, taking him to church and sending him to church with his grandma. So you can stand on Proverbs 22:6, believing that your son will return to that which he knew as a child.

Make that your confession: "My son knows the Lord. My son has accepted Jesus as his Savior. And, God, Your Word says that it's Your kindness that leads people to repentance. So I thank You that right now You are drawing my son back to You. I thank You that my son will live for You and serve you all the days of his life."

I also encourage you to pray over your son the prayers that Paul prayed for the churches: Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14; and Philippians 1:9-11. And I encourage you to stand on the following scriptures for yourself: Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:6,7; and Romans 14:17-19.

Lynette

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I'm Stronger Than I Look

Because I'm a Partner.

I am a Word Partner because I know RHEMA is fulfilling the call of God to share the Gospel in the end times.

I moved to Tulsa in 1998 to go to RHEMA Bible Training Center. For the past two years, I've been a volunteer at the ministry, spending my time calling and thanking people for being Word Partners. I do this because I realize that Word Partners aren't just sending the Gospel around the world. Word Partners paid a good share of my tuition so that I could go to school. I feel this is my way of giving back.

I think there are many partners who don't have any idea what their money is going for.

They're giving because they love Brother Hagin or they love RHEMA's radio and television programs. They love many aspects of the ministry, but I don't really think they realize how vital they are.

The Word Partner Club is the heartbeat of Kenneth Hagin Ministries. I am totally convinced that as the partners give to RHEMA, it enables the ministry to send the message of Jesus around the world. You really get a pretty good return on your investment when you consider how far your money is going.

There are more than 23,000 men and women who have graduated from RHEMA.

Partners must realize that they're sowing into all those people. There's a mighty army out there.

Being a Word Partner has enabled me to what I call "live in the miraculous." I know I'm part of helping to fulfill the vision — the vision to get believers strong in the Lord, to get them so they are able to go out into the world. And that's what RHEMA is doing — training people to go out in the world and harvest the precious fruit of the earth. (Sharon, Tulsa, Oklahoma)

If you would like to become a Word Partner, please call 918.258.1588, Ext. 2238. Offer #W101



People. Power. Purpose.

Make Your Mark

Everyone wants to be a part of something greater than himself—to embrace a certain cause, vision, or purpose that will make a difference in people's lives. We dream of changing the world, making it a better place for us and for our children. Whether it's big or small, we all want to make a difference.

Ordinary people can live extraordinary lives and make a mark in the world. Throughout history, we've seen individuals unite together for a specific goal and achieve the impossible.

The Whole Is Greater

When individual people work together to achieve a common goal, there is power available to the group that wasn't available to the individuals. The whole is indeed greater than the sum of its parts.

Take, for example, the President and his Cabinet. The President is a very powerful man, and his influence is worldwide. Yet, this powerful man surrounds himself with countless advisors and even appoints fourteen people—men and women with varied backgrounds and experience to serve as his Cabinet. These people enrich him as a person and enable him to be a better President than he could be alone. They become his partners in the sense that they work with him to achieve a common purpose.

We can be individuals, created unique by God, and yet join together with people of like precious faith to form a powerful partnership.

Picking Partners

Remember the days in the schoolyard when it came time to pick teams? Who were the first people to be picked? The strongest, the fastest, the most coordinated? If you were captain, who would you pick to be on your team?

We know you don't want to partner with just anyone; you want to be a part of something successful, something that is making a difference in the world. Well, we don't want to partner with just anyone either. But we're not looking for the strongest, the fastest, the most coordinated. We're not even looking for the most talented, the wealthiest, or the most influential. We simply are looking for people of like precious faith who embrace RHEMA's

purpose. We want people who are willing to be faithful in prayer and in giving, and who will stand with us as we accomplish all that God's given us to do.

You might think, "Well, if God has asked RHEMA to do all these things around the world, surely He will provide." Yes, He does and shall provide. But He does so through partners. That's the way it works. One man cannot do it alone. It takes all of us working together to get the job done.

Making the Net Work

It's been said that no man is an island, meaning that no one can survive or succeed in this world on his own. We need other people. Even Jesus, the Son of God, needed a team of partners to help Him fulfill His destiny and achieve all that God had ordained for Him to do.

We see examples of partnership throughout the Bible. In the New Testament, Jesus had disciples. There were the

with them, some of the harvest would have been lost. When the partners helped, they caught so many fish, they were all astonished.

Some might say, "This was just a blessing on their regular work and doesn't really have any spiritual significance." But in verse 10, Jesus said to Peter and his partners, ". . . From now on you will catch men."

What happened? As soon as they could get their boats ashore, they forsook their nets and followed Jesus.

Here's where RHEMA is: The Lord has told us to launch out into the deep and let down our nets for a mighty end-time harvest of souls. As we obey Him, we're seeing a great harvest. The nets are full. The opportunities are so great that we can't take advantage of them all.

Sometimes it almost feels like our boat is overwhelmed. So we're looking around for partners to help us pull in the nets and take care of the harvest. We are not talking about crops of fish. The harvest is the souls of men and women, boys and girls.

See the Difference

You have the chance to make a big difference, not just in *your* life or in the life of your children, but in the lives of those around you and around the world. Look at the difference you make by giving your prayer and financial support to RHEMA:

- **RHEMA Bible Training Center USA:** RBTC has trained more than 23,000 ministers in the funda-

mental truths and practical knowledge they need to minister effectively.

- **RHEMA International:** There are also RHEMA Bible Training Centers in other parts of the world—Australia, Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, South Pacific, and Thailand. RHEMA Singapore is scheduled to open in the fall of 2001.

- **Radio:** "Faith Seminar of the Air" is beaming the Word of God into thousands of homes via more than 250 radio stations in the United States. In addition, "RHEMA Radio Church" airs on more than 100 stations weekly.

- **Literature:** Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin and Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr. have authored 147 faith-building books. More than 65 million copies of these books are currently in



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apostles, who partnered together to spread the Gospel, and who added to their number daily. Men and women partnered with Paul for the sake of the Gospel, and Peter had people who supported him with their prayers and fellowship.

The first time the word "partners" is used in the New Testament is in connection with bringing in a great harvest that Jesus provided. Luke chapter 5 tells how the Lord told Peter to put out his boat into deep water and let down his nets for a catch of fish. When Peter obeyed, he caught so many fish that the nets began to break and the boat wouldn't hold them all. Verse 7 says, ". . . they signaled to **THEIR PARTNERS** in the other boat to come and help them. . . ."

Without partners to take hold of the net

circulation around the world.

- **Magazine:** *The Word of Faith* is sent into more than 400,000 homes each month to encourage friends of the ministry with solid biblical teaching.
- **Cassette tapes:** More than 50,000 teaching tapes by Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin and Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr. are distributed each month.
- **Video tapes:** RHEMA broadcasts live satellite coverage of special events and produces videotapes of these services. They also provide hundreds of these videos to RHEMA missionaries in every part of the world.
- **Television:** "RHEMA Praise" is carried on scores of broadcast stations and several satellite networks, which reach a potential audience of 30 million people in the U.S. each week. The broadcast is aired in 40 additional countries in Europe, Australia, and the Middle East. It is also translated into Spanish and broadcasted into 54 nations covering all of South America and parts of Europe.
- **Crusades:** Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin, Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr., and Rev. Craig W. Hagin minister together and individually in crusades, seminars, and other special meetings during the year in addition to their regular duties at the ministry.
- **Healing School:** In the fall of 1979, Rev. Hagin began this dynamic school on the RHEMA campus. The morning classes are for the sick and those who accompany them. The afternoon classes are open to the public.
- **Prison Ministry:** This outreach offers—free of charge—Bibles, books, and cassette tapes to all chaplains and prisoners who request them.
- **Missions:** RHEMA trains missionaries, sends them, supports them, and mails them free faith-building literature packets each month.

No one person or small group can do God's work alone. It takes all of us working together to get the job done. The Apostle Paul declares in First Corinthians 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God. . . ." Maybe you weren't called to preach, teach, or be a missionary. But you can still have an important part in seeing that the truth of the Gospel goes forth.

As one great Christian put it, "We must all go or help send someone in our place." Your prayers and your financial support make you an integral part of what God is doing in the world today through RHEMA's outreaches.

The Plan God Gave

God gave us a scriptural plan that allows our friends and this ministry to work together with God to carry out His work in the world today. This simple plan is our Word Partner Club.

The most effective part of this program is that it provides our friends with a regular, monthly channel to share their support instead of just a one-time or an occasional offering.

We do not ask anybody to give large amounts, or to make a pledge that is a heavy burden. The success of RHEMA's Word Partner Club depends on as many of our friends as possible giving what they feel is a right and proper amount on a regular and monthly basis. Gifts of every amount are important. And no one should feel that his or her gift is insignificant.

Rights & Responsibilities

Remember that partnership is a two-way street. We are not just asking you to pray for and to give to this ministry. We want to be a blessing to you as well. Partnership by definition is *a relationship resembling a legal partnership and usually involving close cooperation between parties having specified and joint rights and responsibilities*. As a Word Partner, what are your rights and responsibilities? What are RHEMA's?

RHEMA:

- Pray for our partners daily
- Partner Services—a department of Kenneth Hagin Ministries solely dedicated to helping our partners
- Prayer Lines via telephone & the Internet.
- Partner Benefits—includes special ministry mailings to partners with teaching articles, free product offers, and special product discounts
- Ministry updates on what partners' prayers & finances are accomplishing

Partners:

- Pray for RHEMA daily—RHEMA will supply general & specific prayer focuses so you can get in on the action
- Support RHEMA with monthly monetary commitment
- Attend RHEMA meetings in your area
- Support & strengthen RHEMA by speaking only life-filled words about the ministry.



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Join the Adventure!

In 1917, Jesus said the following to Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin's mother: "Fear not. The child shall be born, for he shall bear witness concerning my Second Coming." Before Rev. Hagin's birth, his mother knew that he would take part in the revival that would usher in the coming of the Son of Man. He would not be the only one, of course, but he would have a part in the last great move of God's Spirit.

Thus began the purpose of Kenneth E. Hagin and Kenneth Hagin Ministries. The healing ministry that began in 1950, God's divine commission to "teach My people faith," and the formation of RHEMA Bible Training Center have all been steps along the path of fulfilling the purpose of ushering the last great move of God's Spirit and the Second Coming of Christ.

RHEMA's heritage is one of excellence and achievement, but RHEMA's future is shining bright, beckoning us toward the future as our purpose remains clearer, grows stronger, and spreads worldwide.

You have the chance to make a big difference, not just in *your* life or in the life of your children, but in the lives of those around you and around the world.

We encourage all those who have been helped, encouraged, strengthened, and blessed through this ministry to consider becoming Word Partners with us. Join the adventure! Live the life you were meant to live, make your mark throughout the earth, and experience the joy and satisfaction that only comes with knowing you have made a difference, an eternal difference, in the lives of people around the world.

Join RHEMA's Word Partner Club in the month of August and receive a FREE BOOK along with an informative welcome packet, which includes a coupon for 25% OFF your next Faith Library Publications purchase.* You can become a Word Partner by calling 918.258.1588, Ext. 2238, offer #W101, or by visiting our Web site at www.rhema.org.

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An Enemy of Your Faith

*Learning to live without worry will point you
to the pathway of God's perfect peace.*

Kenneth Hagin Jr.



*Casting all your care upon him; for
he careth for you.*

— 1 Peter 5:7

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and
he shall sustain thee: he shall never
suffer the righteous to be moved.*

— Psalm 55:22

Do you believe that God is big enough to take care of every aspect of your life — of everything that concerns you? Your faith in God's willingness and ability to take care of you will cause you to receive many blessings in life as you trust yourself to His loving care. It will also keep you from the sin of worry.

The Bible says that whatever is not of faith is sin (Rom. 14:23). So to worry about anything instead of trusting God to take care of the situation is a sin. *It is a sin to worry!*

Not only is it a sin to worry, worry is *unproductive*. In other words, worrying doesn't change the circumstances you may face in life. Worrying only keeps you from looking to God and getting your answer.

Let's look at Matthew chapter 6 to see what worrying accomplishes.

MATTHEW 6:25-30

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by TAKING THOUGHT [worrying] can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of LITTLE FAITH?

Verse 30 implies that a person who is taking thought for his life or worrying is a person who has little faith.

Then verse 27 says, "Which of you by TAKING THOUGHT can add one cubit unto his stature?" In other words, worrying can't make you an inch shorter or an inch taller. So we see that worry is not only a sin, it accomplishes nothing productive or of any value.

What does worry do? Worry makes a small problem look big. Or you could say it like this: *Worry gives a small problem a big shadow.*

By way of illustration, did you ever notice that if the rays of the sun hit an object just right, the object will cast a shadow? The object can just be something small, but at certain times of the day, it can cast a huge shadow!

That's what the devil likes to do with situations and circumstances in our lives. He likes to magnify even the small problems in our lives that we may be tempted to worry about. He tries to make us worry when those things are not to be worried about!

You may be facing many frustrating situations in your life. You may even be looking at some circumstances that look impossible. But I want you to understand that you cannot surprise God with whatever you take to Him, big or small. He already knows about it! And to Him, that situation is just a small problem with a big shadow!

Our text says, "Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him . . ." (*The Amplified Bible*).

The *New International Version* of that verse says, "Cast all your *anxiety* . . ."

Now the *King James Version* simply says, "*Casting all your CARE upon him; for he careth for you.*" But the words "care" and "anxiety" carry with them the connotation of *worry, fear, and concern*.

So then you could say without doing harm to the Scripture, "Casting all your care, anxiety, worry, and concern on Him, because He cares for you."

The Lord wants us to walk worry-free! He wants us to walk in joy and in peace! He wants us to walk in liberty and to enjoy life.

But if you're all tied up and bound with care and worry, you are not at peace. You are not at liberty, and you are not free to enjoy life!

Have you ever been bound with worry? If you have, you know that worry causes you not to enjoy life to the fullest. No matter where you are or what you're doing, that worry is always gnawing at you.

Worry takes the joy out of living. But God wants you to be free from worry. He wants you to live worry-free!

How can you tell if a person is living free from worry? The mark of a child of God who is worry-free is the joy and peace he exhibits *even in the midst of persecution and affliction*. The person who is worry-free lives like a person with no problems *in spite of* his unpleasant circumstances. I didn't say he never has any problems. I said he is carefree because he trusts in the Lord!

Why can a person live carefree even in the midst of tests and trials?

Because he knows that God is going to take care of him and his situation. He believes that what God's Word says is true. And when a person believes that and casts his care on the Lord, he can rest secure and worry-free.

If *you* want to be a person who's worry-free, declare from your heart, "I am what the Word says I am. I can do what the Word says I can do. And I can have what the Word says I can have."

You must learn to act on the Word if you want to live worry-free and enjoy a rich, full life in God. It doesn't matter what's happening around you — if the thunder is rolling, the lightning is flashing, and the storms of life are assailing — if you learn to cast or roll your care on the Lord according to the Word, you *can* be worry-free.

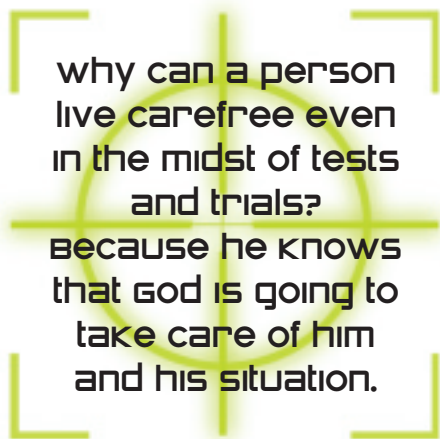
That's exciting news! Most people want to live an abundant worry-free life in God. I don't know of too many who want to be robbed of the blessings of God through worry! The Bible says, "*The thief cometh not, but for TO STEAL, and TO KILL, and TO DESTROY: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more ABUNDANTLY*" (John 10:10).

Worry is a thief and a robber. Worry robs you of your joy, your peace, and the blessings God wants you to have.

But you can make the decision never to let worry steal from you again, as you do what the Word says to do and cast your cares on the Lord!

What exactly is worry? For one thing, worry is *fear triumphing over faith*. In other words, where there is worry, there cannot be faith. But on the other hand, where there is faith, there cannot be worry. So if you are worrying about something, your worry is triumphing over your faith. But if you're exercising faith, your faith is triumphing over worry!

It's been said that worry is fear's right hand. Did you ever notice that the minute you begin to succumb to worry,



you begin to be fearful too? But the Bible says, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind*" (2 Tim. 1:7).

Worry causes you to be afraid of something. Do you remember I said that worry makes a small problem seem big? Fear is much the same way. Many times the devil magnifies something in your mind, and if you give place to those thoughts, you become more and more afraid. Most of the time, you're worried and afraid about something that doesn't even exist or that hasn't even materialized.

By way of illustration, I remember when I was a little boy, there were times I'd become afraid in the nighttime. I slept in a room in the back of the house that was separate from the rest of the family. Until I was in the eighth grade, I slept on a rollaway bed that I put wherever I could find room. When the weather was warmer, I slept on our screened-in back porch.

And do you know what? If there was a shadow from the moonlight, a streetlight that seemed to move behind

the window shade, or if I heard some unusual noise, I'd become afraid.

Then when I was a little older, one night I heard something outside, and I saw a shadow outside my window. So I got up to go see what it was. I thought to myself, *I'm tired of this! Why have I been lying here feeling afraid? I don't even know what it is I'm afraid of.*

So I opened the back door and went outside to investigate. As it turned out, the shadow I saw and the noise I heard were nothing more than a big tree limb scraping the roof! A street-light was causing the tree limb to cast a shadow that looked like someone's arm moving across the window!

There I'd been, afraid of a tree limb scraping the roof of the house! I'd been lying in bed afraid that any minute someone was going to come through that window and get me!

I'm sure many of you have had similar experiences. You can identify with my experience, and you've probably done the same thing I did! You see, I was worried and afraid over nothing! The situation looked like something it was not, and I was concerned about something that didn't even exist!

That's exactly what the devil tries to get people to do — to get them to worry and become fearful about things that don't amount to anything. When he can get them worrying, he can steal from them. He can rob them of happiness and joy. Satan can destroy a person's life through worry.

But we do not have to be robbed! We can live worry-free if we'll just do what God says to do. God doesn't want us burdened down with cares. He has made provision for us to cast our worries and cares on Him.

Did you know that worry and anxiety will affect you in every area of your life? It will hinder you on your job, because you can't work efficiently when you have your mind on a problem or care. When you worry, your productivity and efficiency are very much hampered.

Physicians tell us that if a person continues to live with anxiety and care, it could result in heart problems, blood pressure problems, and mental problems. In fact, some physicians tell us that worry can lead to paranoia, which is a form of fear. As I said, fear follows worry. Worry and anxiety will bring fear into your life.

Also, have you ever noticed that a

person who is burdened down with cares and anxieties always looks sad? He sort of hangs his head in defeat; he doesn't have any joy.

But a person who has learned to cast his burden on the Lord walks around with a smile on his face and with his head held high! This person knows that even though problems and fear and worry come, he can turn them over to the Lord and let the Lord handle them. This person has learned the secret of living worry-free!

We know that worry is fear triumphing over faith. Worry is also *the misuse of the imagination God has placed within us*.

Have you ever just sat quietly, thinking and meditating on the Word of God? Did you realize that as you were meditating, you were using your creative imagination?

God gave man the ability to imagine. He gave us our creative imagination. We are to use our imaginations properly, according to the Word of God, so we can envision our lives the way they are supposed to be — the way God intends our lives to be.

But without renewing our minds with the Word, we'll use our imaginations improperly. We'll only see our circumstances the way they appear, and we'll live powerless to change those cir-

cumstances.

I made the statement one time that as a person meditates in line with the Word of God, he sees things as they *really are* according to God's Word, not just the way they *appear* in the natural. You see, one way you view your circumstances is with the eye of *faith*; the other way you view your circumstances is with your physical eyes.

People sometimes define the circumstances they see as *reality*. But we who see with the eye of faith have a higher truth to trust in — the Word of God.

When you use your imagination properly or in line with God's Word, you can begin to see things with the eye of faith. The circumstances in the natural may be unpleasant, but you are imagining or seeing the answer according to the Word. Some people call it daydreaming with the Holy Ghost! Others simply call it meditating on the Word.

For example, if you are facing financial trouble or lack, with the eye of faith you can begin to see yourself prosperous and having plenty. Why? Because when you're thinking and meditating in line with the Word and you're trusting God, even if your pockets are empty, you can begin to see yourself with a pocketful! In other words, you are believing God to take care of the situa-

tion and to meet your need.

Or if you're facing sickness or disease, with the eye of faith you can begin to see yourself well, whole, and healthy. You see yourself according to the Word (1 Peter 2:24). This is how to properly use your God-given creative imagination — in line with His Word.

How does worry begin? It begins with a thought or an imagination. When you dwell on the wrong thing, it gives you a negative feeling and worry begins to set in.

Often that happens because we are analyzing a certain situation instead of going to the Word for our answers and taking the situation to God.

Have you ever heard the expressions "paralysis by analysis" or "too much analyzing leads to paralysis"? When you analyze a situation instead of simply going to God with it and trusting Him, you can become paralyzed, feeling helpless and confused.

When situations confront you, don't use your own natural reasoning to analyze them and forget the Word. You can find your answer in the Word!

Don't let worry rob you and destroy your life. You don't have to be defeated by worry, because you can cast your worries on the Lord. You *can* live life worry-free! ♣

Perfect Peace

Perfect peace. Few people today seem to experience it. Yet, according to Isaiah 26:3, God will keep in perfect peace the one who trusts in Him. Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin's slimline book *Casting Your Cares Upon the Lord*, Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.'s book *How To Live Worry-Free*, and Rev. Hagin Jr.'s three-audiotape series "Keeping Stress From Becoming Distress" all point the way through Scripture to the path of God's perfect peace.

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