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## holding on to hope

*Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.*

— Psalm 62:5-8 (NIV)



If there ever has been a time in this world when we needed hope, the time is now. People are searching for hope, wanting something to steady them — something to hold on to.

This kind of hope is found in the Bible.

The Bible encourages us with *many* scriptures about hope. In fact, one reason the Bible was written was so that we might have hope. Romans 15:4 says, “*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*”

In this day of turmoil and upheaval, “Bible hope” is what we need. But many Christians who have heard the faith message claim that those who are “hoping for something” are not in faith. But that simply is not so.

Without hope, we could never have faith. Without hope, we would never reach the point of believing God at all. Hebrews. 6:19 says, “*Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast . . .*” You see, hope is the anchor for our soul — firm and secure. It is the sure and steadfast spiritual force that sets the goals for faith to achieve.

Some have said that hope is like a thermostat — it starts a process to achieve a certain end result. For instance, if I want to change the temperature of a room, I set the thermostat on the particular temperature that I *hope*, or desire,

the room to be. Once I set the thermostat, I *believe* that the heating or air-conditioning system will begin to operate, making my hope for a hotter or colder room a reality.

This process is similar to how we facilitate faith’s sure results. Hope is the “thermostat” that sets in motion what we want our faith to accomplish; it gives our faith something particular to work toward. Then faith works to cause whatever we are hoping for to become a reality.

Without the thermostat, the heating and cooling systems will not produce the desired result, and without hope, faith will not produce the desired result.

Some Christians think we must be in either faith or hope, not realizing that we need to be in both at the same time. Hebrews 11:1 says, “*Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*” (NIV). The *King James Version* says, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*”

Hope is the anchor that secures us as our faith in God leads us on. Both are necessary for a successful and stable life; together they hold us steady in difficult times. For faith’s sake, we must hold on to hope; it is vital for the day in which we live.

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Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.

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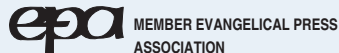
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## Becoming **Spirit**-Conscious in a **Physical** World

**I**n a time when people are searching for answers, children of God can rest assured of getting the right answers. While others may turn to false religions, psychics, or friends for guidance, the Spirit of God will lead us. But in order to be led by the Spirit, we must learn to be more spirit-conscious.



*Kenneth E. Hagin*

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

— Romans 8:14

*The Spirit [Himself] beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.*

— Romans 8:16

*The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.*

— Proverbs 20:27

**A**ccording to these scriptures, we Christians can expect God to enlighten us — to guide us — by our spirit. Many times, though, we seek guidance by some means other than the way God said we should. When we do, we get into trouble.

For instance, sometimes we judge God's leading by being conscious of what our physical senses tell us. But God doesn't say that He will guide us through our physical senses. The Bible

does not say that the *body* of man is the candle of the Lord.

We judge things going on around us from a mental standpoint too. We endeavor to use only our human reasoning as guidance. But God does not say He will guide us through our mentality. The Bible does not say that *human reasoning* is the candle of the Lord.

No, the Word says that the *spirit* of man is the candle of the Lord. God will guide us and enlighten us through our spirit.

### **Living Betwixt Two**

We can better understand how God leads us and guides us through our spirit after we first understand the fullness of man, particularly the dimension called the spirit man. According to First Thessalonians 5:23, man is a spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a physical body.

Jesus said in John 4:24 that God is a Spirit, and Genesis 1:26,27 says that man is made in

the likeness of God. So man must of necessity be a spirit. It's important to know that the spirit part of man is eternal. Even when the physical body of man is dead and in the grave, the spirit lives on. We can see that through Paul's writing to the Philippians.

#### PHILIPPIANS 1:23,24

**23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:**

**24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.**

According to this passage, Paul is going to live, whether he is in the body or out of the body. If he abides, or lives, in the flesh, he can teach the church at Philippi and be a blessing to them. That would be needful for them, Paul says, but it would be far better for *him* to depart and be with Christ. So, we can see here that Paul was actually saying, "I am going to live somewhere, either here in the body, or I am going to depart and be with Christ."

But *who* or *what* is going to depart?

Paul said, "I am going to depart." He wasn't talking about his body. His body was not going to depart. Paul was talking about the inward man — the spirit man — who lives inside the body.

Now some cults teach that when a man dies, he no longer exists. Others say that when a man dies, he is in "soul sleep." Still others teach reincarnation, saying that the spirit does depart — but it comes back as a cow, or a dog, or as someone else. The Bible does not teach any of this.

Stay with the Word of God and it will solve your questions along this line. Through his writings to the Philippians, Paul told us where we Christians go when we die, saying, "I am going to depart. I am going to *be with the Lord*, which is far better." (I like that. He didn't just say it's going to be better there, he said it would be *far better!*)

### The Real You

Paul preached the same truth and taught the same precept to all the churches. Let's look at Second

Corinthians chapter 4 to see what he taught the Church at Corinth:

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

**16 . . . but though our outward man perishes, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.**

Here we see that man is more than a body. There is an *inward* man (spirit), and there is an *outward* man (body). The outward man is not the real you. The outward man is only the house in which you live. The inward man is the real you. The inward man never grows older. He is renewed day by day. The inward man is a spirit man.

So then, how important is it to be conscious of the spirit man? Well, keep in mind our introductory texts. Romans 8:14 says, ". . . *as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*" Then verse 16 gives us a little insight into the leading of the Spirit of God: "*The Spirit [Himself] beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.*" In other words, the Spirit of God bears witness with the spirit of man. And Proverbs 20:27 says, "*The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord . . .*"

According to these scriptures God will guide us through our spirit; therefore, it's extremely important that we become more conscious of this dimension of man.

### The Reborn Spirit

Jesus said to Nicodemus, ". . . *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God*" (John 3:3). Nicodemus, being natural, could only think naturally. So he said, ". . . *How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*" (v. 4).

But Jesus was not talking about a physical birth. He clarified His words for Nicodemus saying, "*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*" (v. 6). Jesus was talking about a *spiritual* birth.

The part of man that is born again is his spirit. Man's spirit receives *eternal life* — the life of God and the nature of God. It is man's spirit that is made a new creature in Christ.

### Speaking of the Heart

Paul calls man's spirit "the inward man," and Peter calls man's spirit "the hidden man of the heart."

#### 1 PETER 3:4

**4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**

In many instances when the Bible speaks of the heart, it is speaking of the spirit. This is the real man. In the New Testament, wherever the word "heart" is used, substitute the word "spirit" and you will have a clearer understanding of what the Bible is talking about. It will help you in your faith to think this way.

#### 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.**

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we seek  
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This passage is talking about the inward man too. It couldn't be talking about the outward man because when you are born again, you do not receive a new body. The outward man is just like it was before. For example, if you were bald before you were born again, you are still bald afterwards. If you had brown eyes before, you still have brown eyes afterwards. The outward man does not change.

You do, however, have to do something with the outward man. First, you discover from the Bible what God wants you to do with the outward man — and then *you* do it.

But *God* does something with the inward man. He makes the man on the inside a new man in Christ, a new creature — a new creation.

### The Proper Order

Paul writes in First Thessalonians 5:23, “. . . *I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless. . . .*” Notice that Paul began with the inside, the innermost part of man — the heart of his being, which is his spirit — and moved to the outside. Yet

most people misquote this verse, saying, “. . . *body, soul, and spirit. . .*” That's because they are more body-conscious than spirit-conscious. Natural things are more real to them than spiritual things, so they put physical things first. But if we are going to be led by the

heart. Looking at it like that helped me to grow spiritually.

I'm sorry to say this, but most people are more body-conscious than spirit-conscious. And some are more mind-conscious, because they live more in the mental realm. But I encourage

According to First Thessalonians 5:23,  
**man is a spirit,**  
 he has a soul,  
 and he lives in a physical body.

Spirit of God, we must become more spirit-conscious, or we will miss His leading.

Many years ago, I received a revelation of this and I set out to become more spirit-conscious. At first, I would say this out loud to myself: *I am a spirit being. I have a soul. And I live in a body.* Saying that helped my faith, because faith is of the spirit, or the

you to put your spirit first. Yes, you possess a mind and you live in a body. But realize that you are a spirit being and that you became a new creation created by God in Christ Jesus. Then as you become more spirit-conscious (more conscious of the inward man), you will find it much easier to be led by the Spirit of God. 🙏

## You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God

You no longer need to wander around in life trying to figure out what God wants you to do. Every Christian can discern the Holy Spirit's direction more accurately by hearing and doing as Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin teaches in this two-volume tape series. You *can* be right on track with God's will for your life!

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*Through the RHEMA Word Partner Club, countless men and women have made a powerful difference in the lives of others around the world. Here are just a few testimonies from partners who are praising God for the difference partnership has made in their own life.*

**WPC The Pain is Gone!**

I had a severe pain that began in my shoulder and moved downward. This pain resulted in my not being able to lift my right hand without the support of my left hand. The pain was so intense and serious that I called your ministry and asked for someone to agree with me in prayer. After praying with a RHEMA prayer partner, I started singing and praising God until I suddenly began to clap my hands — and the pain was gone!

I give God the glory — He is the only One Who can heal all our diseases and sicknesses. I also seize this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the people at the Prayer and Healing Center. He will certainly reward you all in Jesus' Name!

**N.T. — Tel Aviv, Israel**

**WPC All-Faiths' Crusade Healing**

We were at Kenneth E. Hagin's All Faiths' Crusade in College Park, Georgia. On the last night, I went up to the prayer line when Brother Phillip Slaughter called out a problem in the legs. I went for a two-mile walk the next morning, and I realized that I was able to walk faster because the pain that had existed from my knees down (which I had experienced for the last twenty years or so) was gone!

**J.B. — Georgia, USA**

**WPC Reaping the Rewards!**

I have been a partner for several months and I am reaping the rewards of sowing into good ground. When I became a partner with your ministry, I started believing God for a higher paying job with benefits. At the time, I

was working full-time at a government agency. Soon our company experienced cutbacks, and I was given fewer hours. Two fellow employees quit their jobs because of the cutbacks.

I began confessing that God is faithful and that all I put my hands to is blessed. As a result, God has consistently provided me with full-time (and even overtime) hours. God is awesome! Tithing and giving open the windows of heaven, and the blessings are overflowing. Praise God and thank you.

**I.P. — Ghana, Africa**



**Quick Answer to Prayer**

When I sent my partner gift last month, I included a prayer request that stated I needed an eye exam and a new pair of glasses. Before you could have received my letter, God blessed me! I mailed a letter to RHEMA on one day — and I received a letter in the mail the next day. My letter stated that I would be receiving a check. It was enough money to pay for my eye exam and glasses. I even had some money left over to pay off a medical bill. God is so good!

Thank you for agreeing with me each and every month on my prayer needs. May God bless you and your ministry.

**C.L. — Georgia, USA**

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# VICTORIOUS—

## to the Glory of God!



### *They've done it again!*

The RHEMA Eagles men's basketball team swooped into Waxahachie, Texas, in March and grabbed its *fourth* National Bible College Athletic Association championship title. Through self-discipline and finesse, the determined players "brought home the gold!"

RHEMA Bible Training Center's journey to excellence in intercollegiate athletics began in 1989, before the school even had an athletic department. That year, Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr. deliberately stepped out in faith to have the Ninowski Recreation Center built to collegiate basketball-court specifications.

For years, Rev. Hagin Jr. carried a dream in his heart to establish a collegiate-level basketball program at RHEMA. He knew *something* would manifest if he would just stay in faith!

Faith's "something" showed up in 1993.

The favor of God paved the way for collegiate-level basketball when the NBCCA, normally open only to four-year Bible schools, allowed RHEMA to compete in intercollegiate athletics. NBCCA coaches graciously received RHEMA into collegiate competition, and RHEMA competed — with excellence! Both its men's and women's basketball teams won three consecutive national championship titles (1999, 2000, and 2001).

### **A Perfect Fit**

The NBCCA provides an opportunity to Bible schools to compete both locally and nationally. Its goals and priorities include organizing first-class national tournaments while emphasizing the importance of academic excellence, assisting in developing solid Christian character in student athletes, and helping inspire responsible community service.

RHEMA's athletic program fits perfectly with this NBCCA vision. And in keeping with RHEMA Bible Training Center's vision, the commitment of each coach and team member to use his or her God-given gifts and talents for ministry is especially remarkable.

Consider, for instance, Perry Shockley, RHEMA athletic director and men's head basketball coach. If you were to walk into his office, you would see two vastly different items hanging on the wall. One is a photograph of four African boys, and the other is a framed newspaper article (with the headline "Double Gold for RHEMA"), along with a picture of Coach Shockley cutting down the basketball net after his team won its first championship title in 1999.

Shockley, an avid photographer, shot the picture of the African boys during a missions trip. Before he graduated from RHEMA Bible Training Center in 1997, he had already taken three short-term missions trips — to Russia, Guatemala, and Africa. And he intended to go into full-time missions work after graduation. But the Lord had other plans.

"When Pastor Hagin asked if I would consider pioneering the Lady Eagles basketball team in 1998," Shockley recalled, "I took a month to think about it because I thought coaching was in my past. My heart had turned toward missions and ministry.

"The first time I stepped out on the RHEMA basketball court after I accepted Pastor Hagin's offer, I thought: *How ironic that I had every intention of going onto the mission field when I left my former coaching profession to come to RHEMA. Now here I am, coaching.* I never imagined it, but God gave coaching back to me.

"Athletics is my God-given purpose right now — but I'm also going to the mission field through the team members."

Coach Shockley went on to say, "Our teams are not just about sports; each one is also about sincere ministry. For example, despite the exhausting schedule before and during the NBCCA tournament in Texas, some of the players went on a missions trip right after they arrived back at RHEMA. They went to an Indian reservation in South Dakota

where they had to sleep on the floor! But the grueling tournament schedule and the adverse sleeping conditions didn't deter them from their call to missions. And they even used their spring vacation to go!

"They have their hearts right — they consider spiritual

things before natural things — and it shows, even in the smallest details. Just before the championship game, I found the team members in the locker room praying in the Spirit and speaking their confessions of faith.

"Now does that mean I'm saying they are 'special' over other Christian



Youngsters call "time out" on an Indian reservation to attend a RHEMA Eagles basketball camp.

teams?” Coach Shockley mused. “No, it simply means it’s obvious that they are devoted to using their faith and their talents to glorify God.”

## The Ultimate Goal

RHEMA athletes look for every opportunity to use the sports platform to reach the ultimate goal: witnessing for Jesus Christ. They touch youngsters through basketball camps all across America, and they have their faith set for extensive expansion of the basketball camp outreach. You’ll also find them ministering to underprivileged children, to patients in nursing homes, to prisoners in a juvenile detention center, and to patients and their families in hospitals.

Eagles player Nick Kline noted this about hospital ministry: “It’s rough when you go to the hospital and you see a family that just lost a loved one, but we bring them encouragement and hope. We get to minister using what we are learning at RHEMA.”

Lady Eagles player Priscilla Ibarra adds, “I’ve been asking God to give me more compassion for people, and to love the people we minister to and to see them through *His* eyes. There’s more going on out there than just what I’m going through; RHEMA is all about helping other people.”

Winning — both in ministry and in athletics — is serious business at RHEMA Bible Training Center, as Lady Eagles basketball player Jessica Roberts discovered. “I had heard about the basketball team before coming here, but I thought it was a joke. Then the first time I stepped onto the court,” Jessica explained, “I thought: *RHEMA takes this a lot more seriously than I thought!*”

“Now I know the value of the training I’m getting here — I feel like I just want to *keep on* learning from this place.”

Jessica now joins others who realize what a blessing it is to be part of RBTC and its athletic program. Here’s what other athletes thought the first time they stepped out onto the court, ready to play:

Martin Duncan: God loves me *this* much!

Anthony Ferebee: This is the most amazing place I’ve ever seen!

Brett Olmsted: What a legacy to live up to!

Frederick Anderson: This is my place to be!

Jessica McLemore: I thought: *It will be a piece of cake!* (Soon, I found out it wasn’t!)

Olivia DiCamilli, the Lady Eagles’ head coach, capped it all with her comment: “The first time I stepped onto the RHEMA court, I thought: *This is a place of excellence!* Without question, what I like most about RHEMA is the integrity of the ministry and its unparalleled spirit of excellence.”

The reach of that spirit of excellence keeps on expanding through RHEMA athletics. In August 2001, the United States Collegiate Athletic Association accepted RHEMA into its intercollegiate program. (USCAA member schools are small colleges throughout the United States.) RHEMA’s USCAA membership made way for a new and exciting event this year. From February 25 through March 1, RHEMA hosted its first-ever USCAA Division 1 National Basketball Tournament!

Every night fans filled the Ninowski Recreation Center gym. And the pervading RHEMA spirit, combined with the awesome presence of God’s Holy Spirit, impressed our visitors. Many of them commented on the outstanding quality of the tournament. And the RHEMA Eagles placed second overall.

## Prepared To Minister

Most basketball teams focus on achieving a winning season, and the Eagles are no exception; they endure intense instruction, practice, and competition. But they never lose sight of the primary goal — winning souls. They prepare to minister by spending time in the Presence of God, praising and worshiping, and praying together as a team. Then they go out to touch lives with the love of God.



**“Athletics is my God-given purpose right now — but I’m also going to the mission field through the team members.”**

**— Coach Perry Shockley**

All of the athletic teams are determined to continue representing RHEMA with excellence — both in godly conduct and in high-quality athletic performance — all to the glory of God!

There is no Bible school that instills the spirit of winning any better than RHEMA Bible Training Center, and there are no players who are more committed to winning than RHEMA players. Indeed they are champions, but they know their winning has its roots in making Jesus Christ — the true Champion — the *Lord* of their lives! It is in Him that they are able to give their all and achieve their best.

Let the records show: God uses athletics as an effective tool to get His message out. And whether it’s basketball, volleyball, golf, cross-country, track and field, or tennis, it’s all part of His plan for RHEMA.

If sports is part of God’s plan for *you*, we want to know about it. If you are considering attending Bible school and you have eligibility for sports, please contact our athletic department. Or if you know someone else who would like to be part of RHEMA’s “team of champions,” our coaching staff will be happy to assist you with the application information for them. You can call Coach Perry Shockley at (918) 258-1588, Ext. 2395, or E-mail him at [pshockley@rhema.org](mailto:pshockley@rhema.org). You can also find more information online at [www.rhema.org/athletics](http://www.rhema.org/athletics).

What a way to take advantage of sports eligibility — at a top-notch Bible school, playing for a multiple-championship team, taking the message of Jesus Christ to the world through the fun and exhilaration of sports!

So, come on! Contact us. RHEMA Bible Training Center is ready to equip you to minister with God’s team of champions!



RHEMA Eagles player activates healing power for the sick.



## Learning To Forgive

**For years, we have been taught about the many provisions that are available to us through Jesus Christ. So if God has already provided salvation, healing, and prosperity for anyone who will receive, then it's time we do what we must do in order to receive these provisions and make our divine destiny a reality.**



*Kenneth Hagin Jr.*

Let's start by looking at the following verses of scripture:

*And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

— Mark 11:22-24

**C**hristians get very excited about these three verses in the Book of Mark. The verses tell us what we can receive from God, what God can do for us, and how we can use our faith to receive provision in our life.

Nearly everyone stops reading with Mark 11:24, but this portion of Scripture

which started in verse 22 doesn't end with verse 24! In the subsequent verses, Jesus goes on to make two more statements that are vitally important to receiving all that rightfully belongs to us. The first statement is found in verse 25.

**MARK 11:25**

**25 And WHEN YE STAND PRAYING, FORGIVE, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**

Jesus ties this thought in verse 25 to verse 24 with a conjunction. The word "and" in verse 25 joins the two thoughts, indicating that these two verses were meant to go together.

We can stop reading at the end of verse 24 and get all excited about

Jesus to the cross of Calvary, He said, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do*" (Luke 23:34).

The Bible tells us to forgive others the way Jesus has forgiven us (Col. 3:13). We should forgive in obedience to God's Word — if we don't, we can't expect our faith to work.

When someone says something about you that you don't like, you might say, "I'm not going to let him get away with that! He isn't going to make *me* look like a fool and get away with it!" Then soon afterwards you might find yourself saying, "Thank God, I'm confessing that God will meet all of my needs."

*How in the world can God meet your needs according to His Word*

builds up and builds up until no blood can flow at all.

In the spiritual realm, unforgiveness builds up the same way. It starts collecting in the channel of your spirit where the Spirit flows, and if you're not careful, it'll clog the channel. Soon nothing is flowing at all.

So what can you do if your spirit is clogged with unforgiveness? Get on your knees before God, take the "knife" of repentance, and cut out all that unforgiveness. When you get rid of it, the flow can start again.

You see, it says in God's Word, "*And when ye stand praying, forgive. . .*" Now does that mean you must go to the one who wronged you? Maybe so, but you need to be led by the Spirit

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receiving the things we desire, but there's more to it than that. Verse 25 goes on to tell us about something that can hinder our faith and prayers.

In verse 25, we are told to forgive others so that our Father in Heaven may forgive us. This is serious. It is a sin to hold a grudge against someone.

I once heard a man say, "I know I have to forgive in order for God to meet my needs. And I tell you what, I'm going to forgive the person who wronged me, but I'm never going to *forget* what he did to me." That is not forgiving.

### Let It Drop

You have to let it drop and forget it, no matter what someone has done to you. *The Amplified Bible* says, "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop. . ."

"Yeah, but you don't know what they did to me," someone may protest.

Jesus was perfectly without sin, yet He was unjustly betrayed, accused, rejected, tortured, and crucified. Still, when the people nailed

*when you're not living in line with His Word? Look at the second statement Jesus makes in Mark 11:26.*

**MARK 11:26**

**26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.**

Notice that the Lord is not talking to sinners here — He's talking to believers!

*Unforgiveness is one reason why many people do not ever fulfill their divine destiny. Unforgiveness is one reason why many people do not receive answers to their prayers. Oh, they can quote the Scriptures; they can make all the right confessions; they can recite the twenty-five steps of faith. But if unforgiveness is at work in their life, faith will not work for them.*

### Clogged Blessings

Do you know what happens when you start holding grudges? It's similar to what happens in the arteries of your heart when too much fat gets in. Fat starts collecting around the edges of the artery and restricting the flow of blood. Once it starts collecting, it

about that. Sometimes I have gone to an individual to settle a matter, because I felt it was necessary. Other times, when I stand praying, the Lord brings it to my remembrance that I have not forgiven someone who wronged me. So I simply say, "Lord, I forgive that person. I ask You now to forgive me for harboring a grudge against him."

Once you start holding grudges in one area and give the devil one inch of ground, he will start to take over in other areas of your life, eventually pushing you into a corner.

Even if someone offended or hurt you, you can't hold a grudge and expect God to use you. Let that wrongdoing be between God and that other person. Remember, you have a destiny to fulfill! Do not let yourself be cut off from the flow of God's Presence and provision by holding a grudge.

### The Pressure to Speak

Many churches have problems because people in the congregation hold grudges against each other. They

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sit in the congregation, thinking they have been wronged and, without realizing it, play into the devil's hands. They prevent the power of God from moving effectively among the whole body of believers because of the thoughts in their heart and the eventual words of their mouth.

Hoarding unforgiveness affects the words of our mouth. If we are holding a grudge in our heart, we will eventually talk about it. The Bible says that whatever is in our heart in abundance comes out our mouth (see Matt. 12:34).

Proverbs 6:2 says, *"Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."* Our words can snare us and keep us from receiving all that God has for us.

The Book of James has a lot to say about controlling our tongue. James talks about having faith, and he poses a question regarding how our faith is going to work if our tongue is always wagging!

Words are containers. They are either filled with hate, doubt, and unforgiveness, or they are filled with love, faith, and forgiveness. We build the atmosphere around us with our

words. Let's forgive and let our mouths give a good report!

When you stand praying, forgive those who have wronged you or others who are important to you. Do not allow unforgiveness to get hold of you. Forgiving others is not always easy, but the Holy Spirit will help you forgive those who have sinned against you.

## Unforgiveness is one reason why many people do not receive answers to their prayers.

*The Amplified Bible* quotes Jesus in John 14:16 as saying, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever." The Holy Spirit is a Helper. He is with you.

### Choose to Forgive

If you choose to forgive and to keep a good report, the Holy Spirit will help

you. If you choose to hold a grudge, you will never experience the fullness God has prepared for you. So choose to walk in forgiveness, refusing to hold ought against anyone. If someone wrongs you, forgive him — and pray for him. Walk in love toward him. Paul said in his writings, *"Faith worketh by love"* (Gal. 5:6). Trivial things don't bother

love. Love overlooks them. Love lets them go. Love forgives.

If you want to be strong in faith, you must be strong in love and forgiveness. Without forgiveness, it is impossible for your faith to work. And you need your faith to work in order to fulfill your destiny and to receive the provisions God has made ready for you. If you want to walk in God's best, learn to forgive when you stand praying. 🕊

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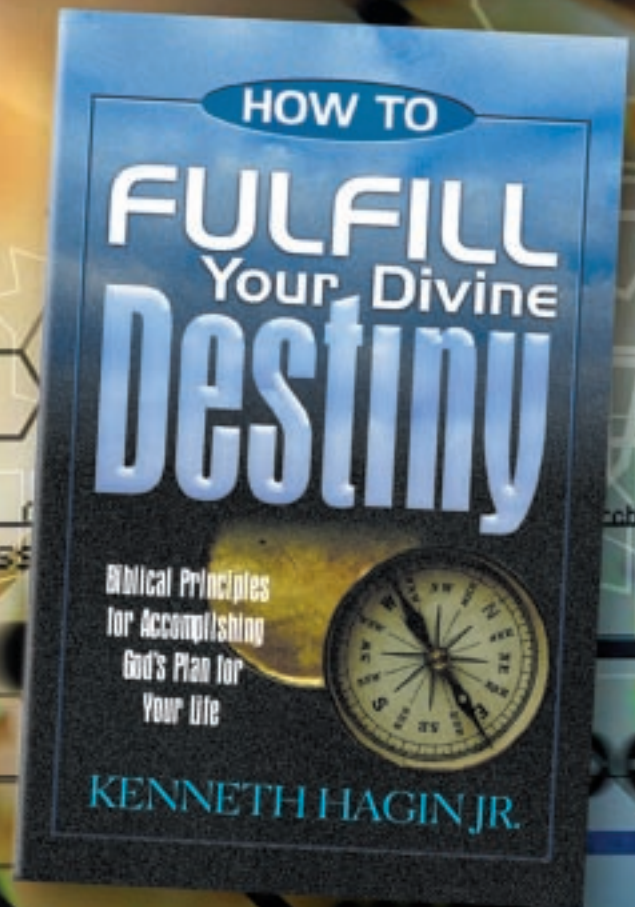
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# Out of the Mouths of Babes

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Their lives beautifully narrate the tale of how God called them to RHEMA Bible Training Center and how He placed a huge vision in their hearts: the children of the world. Now they are doing all they can to realize that vision!

## Carol Leaphart

In March 1990, on a RHEMA Bible Training Center missions trip to the Philippines, something happened that would mark Carol Leaphart's life forever. During a time of ministry, a national woman asked Carol to pray for her granddaughter. Carol entered the woman's bamboo hut and what seemed like a lifeless doll was placed in her arms. It was actually a baby, third-degree malnourished. Carol's heart was touched!

"I was not expecting my heart to be moved for children that way. My own children were already grown," Carol said, "and children were nowhere in my vision for ministry at that time."

Returning to RHEMA to finish school and graduate in May 1990, Carol prayed about where the Lord would have her go. He directed her to return to the Philippines. She left in November of the same year and spent several years helping other ministers, teaching in Bible schools, and preaching the Gospel at every opportunity she had. By 1994, Carol was directing a Bible school. Then another experience with the precious,

yet discarded, Filipino children marked her life.

One day as Carol sat on a bus, waiting for it to pull away from the bus stop, she watched the street children as they lay on the ground, wearing filthy

clothes, and covered with open wounds and sores. After that, unable to forget those images, she began to seek the Lord about what she should do for these hurting street children in the city of Catbalogan, on the

island of Samar where she lived in the Philippines.

In 1997, Carol began Asia Interior Mission (AIM), a ministry to street children to take them in, bathe and feed them, and teach them God's Word.

Beginning with 65 children receiving ministry on a daily basis, Carol had no idea at the time how God would expand her ministry to reach not just more children, but literally the entire community of Catbalogan, reaching thousands of adults and families as well!



"All of what we are doing now," Carol said emphatically, "came out of our obedience to care for the children in the beginning. I guess the Lord thought if I could be faithful in taking care of what many people would think is the least important, I could handle more."

"I believe strongly in bringing the ministry of Jesus Christ to the community every day of the week, not only on Sunday. It's not just about gathering in a building. We go out where the problems are, where the demons are, where battered children are, where sickness and disease are. And to prevent having battered children in the future, we go out to the homes and teach the Word of God and the love of Jesus to fathers and mothers who have never heard!"

AIM is impacting Catbalogan through different avenues. It started with Children Festival Teams (CFT), feeding children and teaching them God's Word. Now, instead of 65 children, there are over 5,000 children being ministered to every week at 25 different sites in the community!

Shortly after CFT started in 1997, the Lord dealt with Carol's heart about starting a home for the children. "As time progressed," she said, "seeing heart-wrenching abuses and diseases among these children, I knew that meeting with them several times a week and sending them back out into the same situation just wasn't enough."

God's Town, a children's home run God's way, was established for long-term care of the children. It started with people bringing babies and children one by one to Carol's house. By the time she had 50 children living with her, she knew they would have to find a larger facility to house so many. In 1998 the ministry purchased land and began construction. In August 1999 the children moved to the new facilities on a 4-hectare (9.88 acres) property in San Jorge. Presently, over 100 children,

including 30 infants, receive love and care at God's Town.

As if that didn't keep Carol busy enough, she trains a staff of 55 nationals through two Bible schools: AIM





Leadership Training School and School of Leaders. Carol is also the Senior Pastor of Full of Glory Community Bible Church with a congregation of 400 on Sundays, and 800 people reached in cell groups. AIM also broadcasts two radio programs, reaching into the homes of about 500,000 people every week.

Carol's life was marked with a call to children, before she ever realized it. With deep conviction, Carol said, "The plan of God is in its purest, unmanipulated form in the heart of a child. If there is a multitude of people that He seeks to reach, it is the children of the world. And now that's who I see in the multitudes also." Because of her obedience to a tug in her heart, now countless children have an opportunity for success in this life and salvation for eternity.

## Lana Vasquez

Not far from the northern hill tribes of Thailand, there is a place for destitute children to go. If they are in danger of being sold into prostitution, if they are street children or orphans, if their parents have died of AIDS, or if they are poor enough that their parents can't care for them — they have a place to go!

Zoe Children's Home (formerly known as Not Forsaken Children's Home) in Chang Mai, Thailand, is a place where children are rescued and healed



from the hard situations of life. Lana Vasquez ('99,'00), Director of Zoe Children's Home, has operated the home since it began in May 2001. Currently, the home has 50 children, ages 9-15, and is a place where these young people have come — not only to receive their natural needs met — but also to discover their God-given destiny.

"Our home is a birthing place of destinies, and that's how we run it," said Lana, with passion ringing in her voice. "We don't run it like a babysitter's camp; we run it as a home of future and hope. The children who come here find out why they were born and what they are on earth for!" The way the children find out their destiny is through Bible

teaching and encounters with God Himself.

At Zoe, the children and staff have devotions every morning and night, a time of solid teaching from God's Word, similar to RHEMA Bible Training Center's curriculum. "We basically had to develop our own curriculum from scratch," Lana said. "Each day, we would teach as the Holy Ghost led us. Often, I would take the lessons from inside my RHEMA Study Bible or from Kenneth Hagin's books, and break them down into children's language and examples they could understand."

Does this sound like a children's Bible school? That's exactly what it is! The goal is to train them up to be leaders of their nation and bold ministers of the Gospel!

The children also have awesome experiences in God's Presence in times of worship and praise. Many of them have had visions and dreams, and they are learning to hear the Voice of God! Lana says, referring to their times with God, "From the beginning, we have had revival with these children. Often at night, we would get up to speak and the glory of God would fill the room. At that time, we lived in a small village where it was too hot to do anything, and we didn't have TVs or computers or entertainment, so many nights we'd spend several hours basking in God's Presence. The children would seek God, crying on their faces before Him.

"They'd have visions and the Lord would show them things about their lives. One girl knew she was supposed to go to China. Another girl knew she needed to go to Africa. They started drawing pictures of what God showed them. One 12-year-old drew a picture of himself standing on the world with a microphone to preach!"

Not only excited about receiving godly teaching, the children at Zoe are



excited to give out of what they've learned! They go on outreaches every Friday night and minister from village to village, and hut to hut, and in the marketplaces. *The children are the ones who preach the Gospel and get people born again! They pray for people and see miracles happen!*

Clearly proud of these children, Lana says, "We teach them to do the works of Jesus right here, right now. They don't need to wait until they're adults. God isn't a

respector of persons. They are a chosen generation, for this nation at this time! And they're chosen to reach Asia with the Gospel!"

Lana was taught how to minister to children while volunteering in the Children's Department at RHEMA Bible Church during her two years of school at RHEMA. "It was in Faith Academy on Sunday nights that I learned how to teach and minister to children by the Holy Ghost, not just by curriculum.

"I remember specifically one night during a Campmeeting children's service, when Denise Burns (RHEMA Bible Church's Children's Minister) called on three children to come up and lay hands on other kids who needed healing. They were falling out under the power of God, and many children gave testimonies of being instantly healed. After the service was over and everyone left, those three children were crying to God, saying, 'I can't believe You used me.' Rev. Burns saw the gift of God in those kids and encouraged them to use it! That is where my eyes were opened and the vision was birthed in me to raise up children to be ministers, to be little laborers."

These real-life stories are meant to captivate you, and to inspire you to be all that God has called you to be. To do all He has called you to do. Wherever you are, right now. Speak a kind word. Share God's love. Influence the life of a child. You are called to be a Christian, *right where you are.*

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*Psalm 18:28,29 (NIV)*



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# Seed Thoughts by 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)

When I think of the month of June, I immediately think of weddings. Because many women choose to be “June brides,” quite a few weddings take place during this month.

Being a romantic, I love attending weddings. Every time my husband and I perform a wedding, my mind is flooded with memories of our own wedding, which took place nearly thirty-eight years ago.

Probably every bride and groom envisions a story-book marriage. And when the minister asks, “Do you take this man [woman] to be your lawfully wedded husband [wife]?” we all answer, “I do,” believing that we will live happily ever after. Unfortunately, the “living happily ever after” takes more work than most of us ever imagined!

The only premarital counseling or advice my husband and I received was, “If you love each other, just get married and then work out all of your problems.” We found that advice to be a little insufficient, since we weren’t advised as to how to work out our problems. Unfortunately, we had to learn by trial and error.

One of the things we learned is that one of the greatest keys to a happy marriage is developing a strong system of communication. I will be the first to admit that this is easier said than done. It took my husband and me many years to develop our communication skills.

My husband and I both have very strong personalities, and we naturally tend to want things done our own way. Our lines of communication began to open when we learned to express our feelings or frustrations in an assertive manner rather than an aggressive one. Assertive communication means husband and wife choose to use healing words rather than hurtful ones.

For instance, a husband might come home to an unkept house and be frustrated with the condition of the home. He can aggressively express his feelings by saying to his wife, “You are a lousy housekeeper.” Of course, this hurts the wife’s feelings, causing her to become defensive and to retaliate. A better way for the husband to express his feelings would be to say, “Honey, I like the house to be clean when I come home. It really frustrates me when it is not clean.” Using “I” and “me” words better express how we feel; while “you” words are accusatory and can hurt our spouse.

The Bible tells us to “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to

the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Eph. 4:29). When communicating, our goal should always be to build up (edify) our spouse, not tear him or her down.

Another communication skill my husband and I have developed over the years is the skill of truly listening to each other. When most people think they are listening, they are merely waiting their turn to give their opinion on the matter. True listening means we are not thinking about how we are going to respond while our spouse is still talking. Listening means we are concentrating on what our spouse is saying so we can interpret it accurately.

I interpret things with my left-brain, but my husband is a right-brain thinker. In giving directions, we approach issues in a totally different manner. Therefore, sometimes true listening and understanding can be quite a chore — but it is a valuable necessity.

Developing our communication skills also meant that my husband and I had to realize that men and women use different communication methods. Generally, women communicate with their emotions

and feelings. They want to have heart-to-heart talks. Men tend to be more analytical and logical. While women tend to be interested in the details, men merely want to get to the bottom line.

Wives, I am sure you can relate to my experience: There have been times as I relayed a situation or story to my husband when he said, “Just get to the point.” That can hurt a woman’s feelings! It hurt mine until I realized that men are “bottom liners.” When a wife “just gets to the point,” her husband will be more understanding and inclined to listen. (However, as a word of advice to husbands, listening to your wife’s occasional heart-to-heart

talks will certainly improve your marriage relationship!)

A healthy marriage requires both the husband and the wife to be flexible. It requires them to place giving above receiving. When each partner gives, there is neither a winner nor a loser — both win!

Above all, husbands and wives must both make Jesus the Lord of the home. When we maintain a close relationship with the Lord, everything else — including our communication skills — will prosper. With Jesus as Lord of our life and home, we truly can live happily ever after.

Lynette



# From the Archives

A nostalgic look at the beginnings of Kenneth Hagin Ministries



## A New Creature

*As a teenager, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin was raised from a deathbed by the power of God through prayer and faith in God's Word. This month, Rev. Hagin shares more of his life in the days following his healing.*

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People ask me about methods of studying the Bible. I suggest to believers everywhere I go that they read through the New Testament, primarily the Epistles which are written to the Church, and underline with a red pencil or write down the scriptures that contain the expression "in Him," "in Christ," or "in Whom," referring to Jesus.

The moment you find these scriptures, begin to confess that this is who you are and what you have. If you'll do that, I'll guarantee you that before many days, life will be different for you.

Second Corinthians 5:17 has always been one of my favorite scriptures. I believe one reason for that is when I was raised up from the bed of sickness, I began to tell everyone everywhere I went that I was a new creature in Christ Jesus.

I was a seventeen-year-old Baptist boy, but I never had the problems that so many young people have had, and do have. That's simply because I was quick to tell everyone, "I am a new creature in Christ," and I was quick to witness and to testify of my salvation. You see, the more you talk about the New Birth, the more real the new creation becomes

to you, because that's *who* you are and *what* you are.

I remember one time when I was just a young Baptist boy, preaching in the jails and on the streets and working in the church, a young fellow came up to me one night. I had gone to town and was standing on the corner when he came along and said, "Kenneth, would you do me a favor?"

I knew this fellow belonged to a church. He belonged to the same kind of church I did. But I'm sorry to say if he had ever been saved, I didn't know it. And neither did anyone else, judging by the way he lived. And in talking to him, I learned he had never been saved, but that he had just joined the church. (There's a difference between joining the church and being saved.)

Anyway, this young fellow said to me, "Would you do me a favor? I wouldn't ask you, but I'm already running late."

He continued, "You know my girlfriend, don't you?" I did. He and his girlfriend were just about two of the meanest and toughest people I knew.

He said, "My girlfriend's cousin is visiting, and I promised my girlfriend that I would bring a date for her cousin, but I haven't been able to find anyone."

He added, "Her cousin is not like my girl," because he knew if she were, I wouldn't agree to the date.

He asked, "Would you come along and help me out of this jam? I'll be grateful, and I promise we won't stay very long — thirty or forty minutes at the most. Then we'll leave. There won't

be any drinking or dancing, and I won't even smoke a cigarette while we're there."

I finally agreed and went along to help him out. When we got to his girlfriend's house, she introduced me to her cousin, and we sat on the front porch, talking. Then they put a record on the phonograph and began to dance. The cousin asked me to dance. I said, "No, I don't dance."

Her eyes got big and she said, "Why not?"

I said, "Because I'm a new creature." She asked, "What do you mean, you're a new creature?"

I said, "Well, in Second Corinthians 5:17 it says, *'Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.'* There was a time when I was interested in things like you folks are interested in, but since then, I've been made a new creature in Christ Jesus."

While that record was playing, she began to cry. This cousin got under conviction as I told her what the Word of God said, and she wanted to be saved. When the record stopped, the other boy and girl saw that I had her under conviction, and he said, "Let's go." He was ready to take me home immediately!

I didn't care where it was — whether in the home, on the streets, or in school — I told everyone that I was a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Friend, if we'll confess that, it will make all the difference in our lives. I wasn't tempted by the things of the world because I constantly confessed, "I am a new creature in Christ Jesus."

*To be continued . . .*

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# Kids' Page

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



## BIBLE VERSE SEARCH

One of the shortest verses in the Bible talks about remembering something from God's Word. See if you can find where the verse is located by following the clues below.

Open up your Bible, but it's not up in the front; To find this scripture verse, you'll really have to hunt. If you really want to find the verse, then here's a little clue: You won't find it in the OLD, so look within the NEW. There are 27 books that the NEW Testament contains; To find this little verse, you will have to use your brains. We'll narrow down the list, so adjust your attitude; Paul was not the writer, neither Peter, James, nor Jude. The writer's name is short — only 4 letters in all, But remember, we have told you that the writer isn't Paul. There are 3 writers left once you consider all these facts, But the one that we are looking for wrote the Book of Acts. If the last clue didn't help you, you can still find the way; The book does not begin with the letter M or J. By now you've found the right book; here's your final clue: Just turn to chapter 17, the verse is 32.

## You've Got It!

If you are a Christian, then you have something very important that will help you remember God's Word. Fill the blanks in below with the letter that matches the symbol beneath the blank to discover the answer.

▼ ✨ ♠ ○ ✨ ■ ✨ □ ✨ ◆ ✨ ✂ ✨ □ ✨ ▲ ✨ ▼

✂=C - ✨=d - ♠=e - ◆=f - ✨=h - ✨=i  
○=m - ■=n - □=o - □=r - ▲=s - ▼=t

## Don't Forget!

Do you think you'll ever forget what 2+2 equals? No! Because you **studied** it over and over again until you knew the answer without even counting on your fingers. The Bible says you should "**study to show yourself approved unto God**" (2 Tim. 2:15). When we study God's word and get it "in" us, then we remember it just as easily as we remember that 2+2 equals 4.

2+2=4

But when we don't study God's Word, something happens . . . We **FORGET**. James 1:25 tells us not to be **FORGETFUL** hearers of God's Word. Psalm 103:2 encourages us to **FORGET NOT** all of God's benefits. So, how do we overcome this problem we have of forgetting God's Word. Proverbs 4:20,21 gives us 3 keys for remembering God's Word: "My child, ① **pay attention** to my words. ② **Listen closely** to what I say. Don't ever forget my words. ③ **Keep them deep within your heart.**" Study God's Word . . . pay attention to it . . . listen closely to it . . . and keep it deep within your heart!



## Jokes & Riddles



Q: What did the pig say when the butcher grabbed him by the tail?  
A: That's the end of me . . .

I don't have lungs or a chest but I need air; I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have a mouth and I'm allergic to water. What am I?

**Fire**  
Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floor?

**It was just a stage he was going through.**  
What did the leopard say after eating his owner?

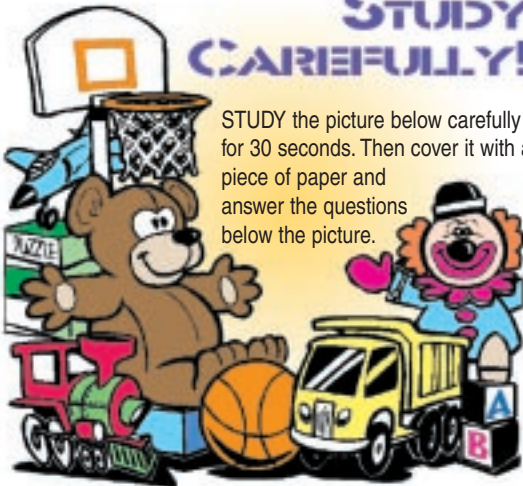
**Man, that hit the "spot."**  
Why is it so hot after a ball game?

**Because all the fans leave.**  
Mom knocked on the door and said, "John, get up! You have to go to school."

John said, "Mom, I don't want to go to school, and I have two good reasons. I'm tired, and all the kids make fun of me."

Mom replied, "You have to go to school, and I'll give you two good reasons. You're a grown man, and you're the principal!"

## STUDY CAREFULLY!



STUDY the picture below carefully for 30 seconds. Then cover it with a piece of paper and answer the questions below the picture.

Can you name all 9 toys in the picture without looking? What color was the dump truck? Can you remember all of the letters that are shown in the picture above? Uncover the picture and see if you are right!

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