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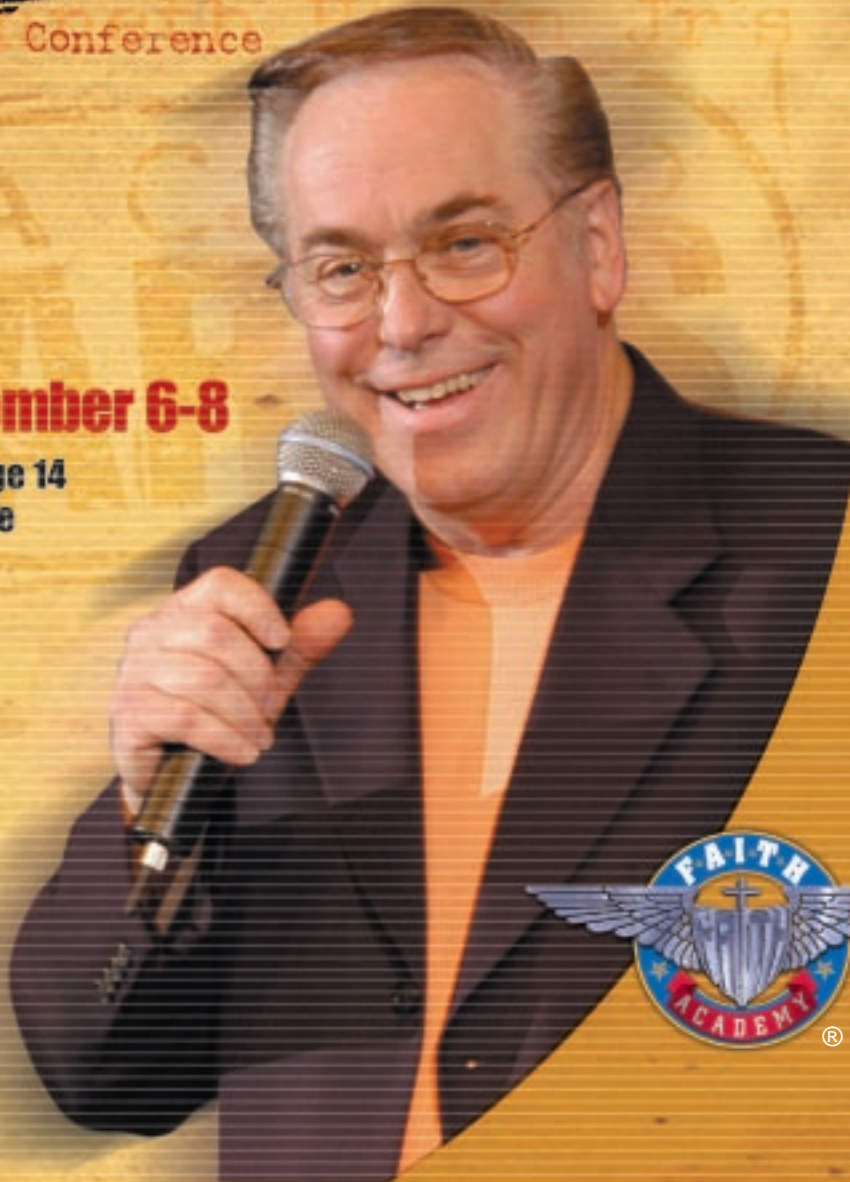
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HITCH YOUR WAGON TO GOD!

Many years ago, my high school commencement speaker used "Hitch your wagon to a star" as the theme of his address. I remember that phrase to this day. Generally, it means we're to set our sights high — to set high goals and expectations in life.

It's been said that when you reach for the stars, you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud, either! My dad used to say to me, "Son, I'd rather set my goals high and miss a few of them than set them low and accomplish all of them."

We need to hitch our wagon — *our life* — to God! He is the highest we can aim for, the highest expectation upon which we can set our sights.

I want to mention three things you can hitch your life to and ensure your success. You will accomplish great things for God and fulfill your destiny in life.

Number one: Hitch your life to the promises of God.

Whatever God has promised in His Word, He will bring it to pass in the life of the believer. Psalm 145:13 tells us that "The Lord is faithful to all his promises . . ." (NIV). Second Corinthians 4:20 says, "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. . ." (NIV). We must get to a place in our life where we have the promises of God foremost in our heart and in our mind. Then no matter the situation or circumstance, we will be reminded of God's promises and focus on those instead of on the problems. Instead of wringing our hands, we will rejoice because we know each test or trial is just another opportunity for God to work on our behalf.

I challenge you to hitch your life to the promises of God. Go where He takes you. Do what He tells you to do. Possess what He's promised you.

Number two: Hitch your life to the possibilities of God.

We must take our eyes off the problems and start looking at the possibilities! Instead of saying, "I don't see any way out!" start seeing things from God's perspective — see all the possibilities!

Nothing that happens to you will ever take God by surprise. It may take you by surprise, but it doesn't take God by surprise. *Nothing* takes God by surprise! So instead of letting the problem, trial, or situation you're in become a prison to you, begin to see the possibilities of God.

Looking at problems as possibilities will change the way you think, talk, and act. It will change your life! When you begin to focus on God's possibilities, you are no longer limited by the natural. Luke 18:27 says, "What is impossible with men is possible with God" (NIV).

I encourage you to write this statement down and put it where you can read it on a daily basis: *I no longer have problems; I only have possibilities. Glory to God!*

Take your eyes off the problem. Take your eyes off the natural. Take your eyes off yourself and focus on God. Believe that God will do the impossible! If you hitch your life to the possibili-



ties of God, there is no limit to where you can go, what you can do, and what you can accomplish.

Number three: Hitch your life to the power of God.

What do you want to become in life? The truth is, you can become all that God has destined you to be! Where do you need to go? You can go where God says you can go. What do you need to accomplish? You can accomplish all that God says you can. You can do all of these things because of God's power that's available to you. It's time to hook up with the power of God to accomplish the impossible!

Some might say, "I don't have the strength to do what I need to do." But what does God say? God has promised you power for living! Don't say you don't have the strength. Read through God's Word, and you'll discover that you're stronger than you think!

It takes divine power to live this Christian life, because the enemy is out to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). You can't live this life in your own might. But you *can* live it in the power and might of God.

It takes the *power* of God to accomplish the *will* of God. You can't accomplish God's will for your life in your own strength. You can only accomplish it when you hitch your life to God's power and allow His power to prosper you in His plan and purpose for your life.

We live in a world filled with desperate people who need to be set free. They are waiting for someone who is willing to hitch his or her life to the *promises, possibilities, and power* of God!

Will you be that someone?

Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.

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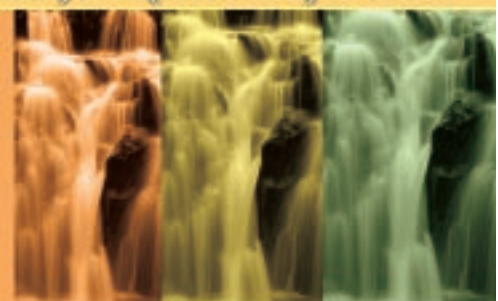
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Love: The Foundation *for Successful Prayer*

Everyone wants his or her prayers to be answered, but not everyone is willing to walk in love. Many people will love their friends and those who are kind to them, but few are willing to love their enemies. However, we must learn to love the way God loves for our prayers to be successful.

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
— Ephesians 3:19



Kenneth E. Hagin

Love — the God-kind of love, *agape* — is the first prerequisite for a successful prayer life. And if you are a child of God, you have this kind of love.

ROMANS 5:5

5 . . . the love [*agape*] of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

When you were born again, God became your Father. You are born of God, and God is love (1 John 4:8), so you are born of love. The nature of God is in you. And the nature of God is love. You are a love child of a love God!

Ours is a love family. Everyone in the family of God has God's love shed abroad in his or her heart, or else that person is not in the family. He or she may not be exercising that love. He or she may be like the one-talent man who wrapped his talent in a napkin and buried it (Matt. 25:14-30). But the Bible declares that the Holy Ghost has shed the love of God abroad in our heart. That means the God-kind of

love has been shed abroad in our spirit.

This is a love family. Love is the basis for all the activity of the Body of Christ in the earth.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

The love law of the family of God is expressed in the following verse.

JOHN 13:34

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

We are also commanded to love our enemies:

MATTHEW 5:44,45

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

The reason we can do this — love our enemies, bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them which despitefully use us and persecute us — is because of the manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us.

1 JOHN 3:1

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . .

This *agape* love — this God-kind of love — involves the choice of your will. That love is inside your spirit if you are born again. But you are the one who must *will* to put it into practice. You have to *choose* to let that love loose from within you.

We can choose to love all people — even our enemies. Almost anyone can love those who love them, but the Bible tells us to love our enemies.

God loved us while we were yet sinners and sent Christ to die for us (Rom. 5:8). We are to love the same way. John 15:13 says, "*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*" Jesus gave His life for us, and we are to give our life for others.

One of the ways we give our life for others is by giving ourselves to prayer. Prayer involves sacrifice. It involves laying down our own desires for the benefit of mankind. There is sacrifice in giving up your own will and time to pray for others.

To sacrifice and give of one's self requires *compassion*. How do we know this is so? Because God so loved the world that He gave Jesus. And Jesus so loved us that He gave Himself for us. And in Jesus' earthly ministry, again and again we see compassion.

As we look at that wonderful truth, remember that Jesus said, ". . . *he that hath seen me hath seen the Father . . .*" (John 14:9). If you want to see God, look at Jesus. Jesus is the will of God in action. Jesus is the love of God in action. And in His earthly ministry, Jesus was moved with compassion.

MATTHEW 9:36-38

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Jesus asked us to share His compassion for people by praying that laborers would be sent into the harvest field.

Jesus' compassion also moved Him to heal the sick:

MATTHEW 14:14

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Jesus' compassion led to the feeding of the four thousand:

MATTHEW 15:32

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

In His compassion, Jesus healed the blind:

MATTHEW 20:34

34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Compassion led to the healing of the leper in Mark chapter 1.

MARK 1:40,41

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

In His compassion, Jesus healed everyone who came to Him and asked to be healed.

Jesus' compassion also led Him to grieve with those who were grieving. Sympathy says, "I'm sorry *you* feel how you feel." But compassion says, "*I* feel how you feel." Compassion also brings deliverance to the hurting.

JOHN 11:33,35

33 When Jesus therefore saw her [Mary] weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. . . .

35 Jesus wept.

But Jesus didn't just *weep* with Mary; His compassion caused Him to *act*. He delivered Mary and Martha from their sorrow by raising their brother Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus' compassion brought deliverance. If we have the divine compassion of Jesus, there will be deliverance. But I

cer. He determined that she was a Christian. Then he began to give her Scripture to teach her about divine healing and to get her faith activated.

She made a decision to trust God for her healing. The doctors had given her up to die and were only giving her pain relievers to keep her comfortable. But she decided to stop all drugs.

She said, "If I am going to trust God for my healing, and I am, then I'm going to throw myself completely over on His mercy."

"This woman was in so much pain," Lake said, "that one of the ministers of the church and I stayed at her bedside around the clock, praying. As we prayed, she would get relief."

One morning, after having prayed all night, Lake went home just long enough to bathe and shave. Then he started back.

"When I came within two blocks of the house," Lake said, "I heard the woman screaming in pain. At the sound of those screams, somehow I seemed to enter into a divine compassion. . . ."

Lake entered into the sufferings of Jesus. He began to feel just like Jesus feels. For Jesus can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities (Heb. 4:15).



think too much of the time we've tried to bring deliverance without God's divine compassion. That's where prayer and intercession come in.

Weeping by unction of the Holy Spirit with them who weep brings deliverance (Rom. 12:15).

Dr. John G. Lake is known for his ministry that was well marked with apostolic ideals. He did an amazing work in South Africa during the early 1900s.

So many healings took place in his tabernacle in Johannesburg, report of them reached the leaders of the nation. Some of the top government people sought him for help on behalf of the wife of a certain government official.

When Lake went to her home, he found her bedridden with terminal can-

Lake said, "I found myself running those last two blocks without even thinking what I was doing. Without thinking, I rushed into the room, sat down on the edge of the bed, picked up that emaciated body in my arms like I would a baby, and began to weep. While I was weeping, she was perfectly healed."

Somehow, the compassion of Jesus, the love of God, was able to permeate Lake's heart, his spirit.

Dedicated believers can enter into that area of compassion one way — and you will not get there any other way — and it is by fellowship with God. You cannot fellowship with God — you cannot sit in the Presence of the great God of this universe — without His love permeating your being and

without His compassion flowing into you. And it is when you can get into this place that you will be able to do as Jesus said in John chapter 14.

JOHN 14:12

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

The works that Jesus did were born out of love and compassion. The works that believers shall do, including prayer, are products of sharing in Jesus' ministry of love and compassion.

To intercede effectively, you must know the great love God has for all humanity. Since the love of God is in us, and the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts, we are to be kind as God is kind — even to the unthankful and to the evil (Luke 6:35).

Jesus has canceled out the sins of the unsaved. That's how God is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. And He

has given us that message, that word of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:19).

Yet we have preached, "God is going to get you if you don't watch out. He's after you."

People have trained their children, saying, "Don't do that. Jesus won't love you if you do that."

That's a lie. Jesus may not want them to do it, but He will still love them even if they do.

Telling children "God won't love you if you do that" causes them to grow up with their minds blinded to the light of

His love. And it's very difficult to get that kind of teaching out of people.

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. When we can get people to see God as He really is, they will want to love Him. It is our responsibility to love people the way that God loves them, to be kind to the unthankful and the evil, to pray for those who persecute us, and to move with compassion in all that we do. Then our

prayers will be successful, and we will do the works of Jesus in the earth! ♥

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••• The art of prayer, known to early-day Pentecostals, has been virtually lost in recent years. However, for God to accomplish what He desires, the true art of prayer must be resurrected in the Church. The chapters in this important handbook by Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin cover such subjects as praying for your nation, interceding for the lost, praying for deliverance, groanings in the Spirit, fasting, and praying for those who are living in sin.

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How Many
 Of Your Prayers
 Remain
 Unanswered?

Open your home to Ken & Lynette Hagin

... a behind-the-scenes taste of
the new and improved RHEMA Praise.

The scramble is on. The last-minute touches to a newly designed set are in motion — straightening paintings, adjusting light angles, rearranging the décor. Anticipation is in the air as Ken and Lynette Hagin prepare to take the stage. The crew takes their places behind cameras and computers, shouting out final instructions. Then Ken stops it all for a moment of prayer. As he prays over the shoot, it is apparent that he and his wife desire more than anything in the world to reach people, truly living by their vision of bringing hope, help, and healing to a *hurting* world.

Then it's "lights, camera, action!" And the shoot begins.

This is a behind-the-scenes taste of the new and improved *RHEMA Praise*. Though programs in the new format have been broadcast since August, we wanted you to know the *purpose* behind the change. Ken and Lynette are confident that as they open their hearts to you on

RHEMA Praise, you will want to open your hearts and homes to them, allowing them to minister to you right where you are.

While the broadcast continues to feature the dynamic preaching and teaching of Pastor Kenneth Hagin Jr., it has opened up a whole new dimension of ministry for Ken and his wife, Lynette, and also for you, the viewer. On the new, contemporary *RHEMA Praise*, Ken still preaches from the pulpit for 10 to 15 minutes, driving home the main points of his message. Now, in the remaining minutes, you can *personally* partake of the positive energy and excitement of Ken and Lynette. Together, whether sitting on a cozy couch or at a cherrywood breakfast table sipping on large cups of java, they convey their heart for you, the people affected by the fruitful outreaches of RHEMA, also known as Kenneth Hagin Ministries.

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For many years, Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr., pastor of RHEMA Bible Church, longed to reach beyond the doors of RHEMA Bible Church and minister to surrounding communities through the medium of television. In April 1996, Pastor Hagin's dream was fulfilled when the first broadcast of *RHEMA Praise* made its debut.

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Open your home to Ken & Lynette Hagin

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The truth is, many people never hear about the great things happening in the world today as a result of what takes place on the RHEMA campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. RHEMA's impact is multifaceted and global. Ken and Lynette want to tell you about it all from their perspective: the schools, the missionaries, the conferences and seminars, the prayer requests and testimonies, Word Partner Club, and so much more!

Don Burns, Director of Communications at RHEMA, was strategically involved in bringing about many of the changes to RHEMA Praise. "One thing we wanted to do was showcase to the world how large an outreach RHEMA actually has," said Don. "We also felt like the host of the show, Pastor Hagin, was only seen from the pulpit and people never got to know him on a personal

level. We wanted to show the personal side of him and Mrs. Hagin. There's a side to them that you would never know is there unless you see it. They're fun, energetic, and they have such a good time. They have a great chemistry together!"

The new inviting look and feel of RHEMA Praise has become reality with the help of a top-notch TV crew. Joe Tucker, Producer of RHEMA Praise, also was instrumental in bringing about the changes. "We really just want to take the program, so to speak, into the households and bring the households onto the set," said Joe, obviously excited about what's happened with the show. "We're stepping into their kitchens and their living rooms, identifying with the real issues that people have out there.

"We also want to highlight RHEMA Bible

Training Center and other aspects of the ministry, emphasizing the fact that RHEMA isn't just a church. It is so much more! This place has been a training ground for numerous successful ministers, whether they've got huge churches or a small missionary post out in the middle of nowhere. People want to know where the pros went to school, what college put Michael Jordan in the pros! RHEMA has trained a lot of 'pro' ministers."

As the result of much counsel, collaboration, and good, old-fashioned hard work, RHEMA Praise has expanded its focus to encompass the entire ministry. And Pastors Ken and Lynette Hagin have wholeheartedly embraced one-on-one time with their TV audience. Watch RHEMA Praise and get better acquainted with this warm, friendly couple who lead RHEMA in excellence! 🙏

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FIGHTING THE FIGHT— RUNNING THE RACE

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

— 1 Timothy 6:12



Kenneth Hagin Jr.

We know from the Word of God that God will meet our needs if we go to Him and ask Him in *faith*. Yet in this world, we face circumstances that can cause us to falter in our faith. The economy and employment situation, impending wars, the continued threat of terrorism, and the life and family issues we face daily can cause us to quit the fight. But it is in these precise times that we must *fight the good fight of faith!*

Now is the time for us to believe God and trust in His Word more than ever before. The Bible says in First Timothy 6:12 that we are to fight the good fight of faith. These are the times when we must stand our ground and not quit — even if it looks like we’re going down for the count. Don’t quit! God will cause us to be victorious if we will believe His Word and not give up.

It’s one thing if you quit a fight in the natural. But when we embark upon this spiritual fight and we quit in the middle of it, the consequences can be extremely sobering; whether or not we stay in the fight could mean *life or death*.

So stay in the fight of faith! Yes, you may lose a round or two in the fight of faith. The devil may take you by surprise, but just because you lose a few rounds doesn’t mean you lose the whole fight. You may come away from that first round or two with a black eye and a bloody nose, so to speak, until you learn how to stand on the Word for your victory. But just because the devil gets in a couple of good licks — maybe a right cross and a left hook, and you may be staggering a little or bouncing off the ropes — that doesn’t mean he’s won the whole fight!

If you will put your trust in the Word of God instead of in what you can do or see in the natural, you will be ready for the next round. Get into God’s Word and get your spiritual muscles built up. Then go back out there and meet the enemy at the center of the ring. Wind up and deliver him a strong, sharp uppercut punch with the Word of God, and knock him

Yes, there will be challenges to your faith; there will be times when you will be tempted to give up and quit. But what great glory it will bring to God if you keep fighting the fight and running the race! And what a great reward will await you at the finish line!

right out of that circumstance he's been holding over your head!

If you're going to whip the devil in every circumstance of life, you must have the attitude that you refuse to quit and that the devil will not defeat you or take anything that legally belongs to you again! Remember, in Christ, if you'll stay faithful to God's Word, you are assured of the victory in every circumstance.

However, you have to make up your mind to win the fight of faith when the circumstances become rough. When everything looks dark and hopeless, and there's no victory in sight, what are you going to trust? The circumstances? Your fears? Or are you going to trust in the Word of God? If you're going to see victory, you're going to have to make up your mind to stick with the fight of faith, no matter what — regardless of what circumstances *look* like.

There are too many Christians who are falling for the devil's lies. When they are just about to achieve victory, the devil starts blowing and huffing and puffing, telling them they will never win. They get scared off and back away from the victory. Instead of pressing on in faith, they begin to say, "Well, I guess I might as well give up! God isn't going to answer me this time." And they quit and lay their faith down, and that's as far as they ever go. They never take another step or make another advance to gain the territory God has already promised them. I didn't say they weren't saved; I just said they aren't advancing toward the blessings God has for them because they've listened to the devil's lies and have given up the fight of faith.

I don't believe in quitting! I don't think God believes in quitting, either! In reading the Word of God, you'll see that the people God used were those who refused to quit! They weren't people who were necessarily any braver, wiser, or smarter than we are. They were just people with a tenacity and determination of faith who wouldn't take "no" for an answer! There is an old saying, "Quitters never win, and winners never quit!"

Don't be satisfied with second best in life! But on the other hand, don't be upset with yourself if you lose a round or two, because condemnation is the devil's way to try to get you down. Los-

ing a round or two in a fight does not mean you'll lose the whole fight! Make up your mind: "I am determined to follow God's plan for my life. I will not turn aside from following Jesus *no matter what!*" And if you're out there in the midst of the fight when the last bell rings, and you've been faithful to what God has told you to do, you're going to be wearing a victor's crown!

There's another reason we should never quit fighting the good fight of faith.

HEBREWS 11:32-34

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

So many mighty acts of righteousness have been wrought by men and women refusing to let go of their faith in God that Paul would run out of time if he tried to tell us about them all! These powerful men and women of faith



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kept their faith in God stalwart and strong in the face of fire, in the face of the lion, and in the face of every obstacle they encountered in life! If they could do it, so can we, because God is the same God now as He was then! What He did for those who trusted Him in the past, He'll do for us today!

HEBREWS 12:1

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

In this scripture, Paul uses the image of the Greek Olympiad — the

ancient Greek games — as an illustration so we can relate to what he is talking about. In ancient Greece, the athletes who competed in this race wore heavy weights on their legs and arms and armor-like plates on their bodies as they trained and prepared for the Greek games. They did this so their bodies would be accustomed to rigorous discipline and hardship — so they would have the endurance, condition, and stamina they would need in the actual contest.

When it came time for the race or the competition in the actual games, those athletes laid aside all those heavy weights. Without all those weights, it seemed as if their bodies were almost weightless; movement seemed effortless, and physical strength and endurance were mightily increased. The stands were full of cheering spectators who watched the athletes as they ran their various races and competed in their great trials of strength and endurance.

Paul uses this imagery of the Greek games as a picture or type of the Christian running the race of life. He's also saying that we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses just as

the Greek athletes were surrounded by thousands of spectators cheering them on from the stands. In fact, one translation of this verse says, "Wherefore seeing that we are standing on the playing field with a grandstand full of witnesses, let us lay aside the weights that would try to entangle us." I can just imagine that great cloud of witnesses — Paul, Peter, Moses, Abraham — the great patriarchs of old and the whole host of our heavenly family — watching from the grandstands of Heaven. Our loved ones who have gone home to be with the Lord are there in that company, too, cheering us on to victory.

When thoughts of defeat are racing through your mind, remember this scripture in Hebrews. Remember that great cloud of witnesses cheering, “Come on! You can make it! The Word says you are more than a conqueror [Rom. 8:37]!” And be encouraged to run your race with patience and with confidence!

Sometimes I think of that great cloud of witnesses, and it just spurs me on to victory. But in this

race, you must also realize that you are going to have to fight the good fight of faith. Refuse to give up on the promises God has given you in His Word! Being strong in faith means that you believe that what God has promised you, He is able to perform (Rom. 4:20,21).

Remember that great cloud of witnesses cheering, “Come on! You can make it!”

Those Christians who know how to run this race for God *by faith* are choking Satan to death with the dust from their heels as they run steadily down their course toward victory. Maybe the devil has outrun you and defeated you in your race at one time or another.

Don't let that deter you! You can overcome him if you'll just get back in the race and start to run again. Run with patience and run by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Always keep in mind that the

devil is a defeated foe! Jesus won the victory over him at the Cross of Calvary!

If you've been contemplating giving up and quitting, or if you've even slowed down to a walk, ask God to forgive you. Turn to Him again, and ask Him for renewed strength. Put your

sights again on the victory in spite of your circumstances and on the course God has set for you. Then be diligent to run your race so you can receive your reward. If you're born again, you've begun the race, and there's no stopping you until Jesus Christ comes in the clouds of glory. Then and only then should you quit fighting the good fight of faith!

I realize that you may feel weak in faith; your feet may be hurting and your sides may be aching from the exertion of running your race. The devil would like to make it so convenient for you to stop and sit down a while. He may tell you to stop running — to give up the race. Or he may whisper to you, “Why don't you stay out of the race *just for a little while*. But if you do, you'll lose every inch of ground that it's taken you months or maybe even years to gain. No — with your faith, press on in the race! Take what belongs to you because of who you are in Christ. *You're a winner in Jesus!* ♣



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No one can succeed in this world on his own. We need other people. Even Jesus had a team of partners to help Him achieve all that God had commissioned Him to do. When individual people work together for a common purpose, there is power available to the group that isn't available to the individuals.

Through the RHEMA Word Partner Club, men, women, and children have made a powerful difference in the lives of countless others around the world. Here are just a few testimonies we received from partners who attended Campmeeting 2003 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

WPC My Arm Is Good as New!

I have been listening to the word of faith message since 1974. I graduated from RBTC in 1996. Kenneth Hagin Ministries' meetings, books, tapes, and so forth all continue to impact my life. Campmeeting 2003 was my tenth Campmeeting, and the meetings were just awesome! Every speaker, every service added to the knowledge I gained while I was a student at RHEMA Bible Training Center.

I have been a RHEMA Word Partner for seven years. Through my partnership with RHEMA, our ministry went from a small five-member church to an international traveling ministry through which we minister to all denominations.

About eight weeks ago, I took some golf lessons and injured my arm. I couldn't bend my wrist, clench my fist, place my hand flat on any surface, or pick up anything of any weight. It really hurt.

During the Tuesday evening Campmeeting service, Pastor Kenneth Hagin Jr. gave a word about healing of the elbow. I knew the altar call was for me, so I just went up and received my healing. When Pastor laid his hands on my elbow,

I was instantly healed. Now I can move my arm, elbow, and wrist without pain! Praise God!

P.S. — Owasso, Oklahoma

WPC The Holy Ghost Is for Teenagers Too!

I have been a RHEMA Word Partner for more than three years, and I'm now being blessed spiritually through taking the RHEMA Correspondence Bible Course.

My grandson attended the Summer Blitz youth services at Campmeeting 2003. After the youth service was concluded on Tuesday night, my grandson came out of the meeting very excited. He told me, my wife, and his mother that he had been baptized in the Holy Ghost and had spoken in other tongues. He described it as something churning inside him, wanting to come out. He said, "I felt so good. It's better than playing my video games!"

My grandson is thirteen years old, and we have been speaking God's Word over his life for several years now. Jesus is so faithful!

P.G. — Moulton, Alabama

WPC Partner Favor Just in Time

I have attended Campmeeting every year since 1999. I would describe the meetings this year as God's best for me at this time in my life. The teaching and times of praise and worship helped me receive clearer focus on what I needed to do when I returned to Pennsylvania.

When I left for Campmeeting, I had only enough money to travel from Pennsylvania to Tulsa. But the day I became a Word Partner during Campmeeting, someone gave me \$400, enabling me to return home debt-free!

D.B. — Montrose, Pennsylvania

WPC I Received Revelation and Healing!

My daughter, a student at RHEMA Bible Training Center, told me about Campmeeting, and I decided to attend. The television show *RHEMA Praise* influenced my daughter to become a RHEMA student. Before that, reading Kenneth Hagin books taught me about the authority of the believer, and I subsequently gave the books to my daughter. We also joined a word of faith church in Oakland, Iowa.

Campmeeting 2003 services were electric and liberating! The teachings of faith were instrumental in breaking strongholds of misinformation I had received about the way God cares for my life. I think the sequence of the services was ordered in such a way that each built upon the other until I was able to receive the revelation that God cares about every area of my life!

During the Friday evening service, I received prayer in the healing line. When Pastor Kenneth Hagin Jr. laid hands on me, I was healed of arthritis and chronic pain resulting from various operations I had during recent years.

J.P. — Council Bluffs, Iowa

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Answering the Call

Here's what a few men who attended A Call to Arms 2002 had to say:

"I want to thank Pastor Hagin for his willingness to follow the Holy Spirit and the leading of God. The weekend was such an awesome blessing for me and for those I know who attended."

Raymond Kidd
Custer, South Dakota

"I received a lot of good ideas and inspiration from the conference, and sometimes that's all it takes to lift you up to the next level. If I had to describe the conference in just one word, I would say it was *super!* It was so worthwhile that I plan to come back again!"

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Guest speaker highlights:

“It’s kind of like a chocolate pie,” the preacher said. “How many of you like chocolate pie?” With upraised hands from the eagerly participating audience, he agreed, “Amen. I know some folks here on the front row like it so well they’ll eat two pieces for breakfast! We won’t call any names,” he continued, “but you know, you can slice that pie up into about six or eight pieces and you can take out one piece and eat it, but you still don’t have the whole pie.”

It was a delightful whetting of the audience’s appetite — their appetite for more of God.

“God wants you to have *the whole pie*.” And following an emphatic pause, he added, “Where you can say, *I ate the whole thing!*”

With that illustration, Campmeeting 2003 guest speaker Rev. Charles Cowan drove home his point: just as there are many pieces — not just one — to the “whole pie,” so too, faith, or the life of faith that a Christian is to live, has many components.

What are these many different components? And how, over the course of twelve morning and afternoon sessions, did Campmeeting 2003’s guest speakers serve the crowds with the pieces of the “whole pie”?

You’ve Been ‘in-Christed’!

It begins with being born again — becoming a new creation in Christ. Second Corinthians 5:17 says, “*Therefore if any man be IN CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*” Afternoon speaker Rev. Mark Hankins preached and taught compellingly on the all-important subject of who we are *in Christ*. “When you got

born again, you got ‘in-Christed,’” he said, referring to the New Testament scriptures on a Christian’s new identity “in Christ,” “in Him,” and “in Whom.”

Becoming born again means more than forgiveness or a home in Heaven. It means a new identity *in Christ* and an identification *with Christ*. As the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*”

Expounding on the many aspects of this new identity, Rev. Hankins proclaimed, “Now, listen, you have 10 seconds to get enthusiastic about who you are in Christ!”

NOW “Perfect” YOUR Net of Faith!

Indeed, living by faith in the Son of God requires a constant, ongoing process of “perfect[ing] that which is lacking in your faith” (1 Thess. 3:10). As Rev. Cowan explained, this “perfecting” work is four-fold, involving the continual process of repairing, adjusting, restoring, and mending. “One of the outstanding characteristics of faith is that faith will either grow or it’ll go. It never remains status quo.” And just as James and John were mending their nets (see Mark 1:19) and the fishermen were washing their nets (see Luke 5:2) to keep their nets in a good state of repair, so too, Christians ought to keep their “net of faith” mended and washed so that they may “catch” every blessing that comes

their way! “The object of your faith, number one, is to please God, and then it is to catch everything in your net that God says belongs to you,” said Rev. Cowan as he unfolded the biblical how-to’s of repairing, adjusting, restoring, and mending one’s net of faith.

EXERCISE FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

Dovetailing with Rev. Cowan’s morning messages, Campmeeting guest speaker Bishop Keith A. Butler preceded a step further, taking his hearers a level deeper in their understanding of faith. Relating faith to belief, Bishop Butler explained that the Greek word for “believe” (*pisteuo*) means to have faith (*pistis*) in, upon, or with respect to a person or thing. And because First John 3:23 says, “*And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment,*” Christians are commanded to have faith in the Name of Jesus!

Clarifying that the Name of Jesus does not mean a mere title, Bishop Butler taught that the Greek word for “name” (*onoma*) in First John 3:23 connotes authority and character so that Christians are commanded to believe, or exercise faith in, the authority of Jesus and the character of Jesus! Further expounding on this biblical principle, Bishop Butler walked his audience through the various components of exercising faith in Jesus’ authority and character.

As though streams of wisdom, revelation, and understanding were flowing through each meeting, the following prophetic word came forth during Bishop Butler’s Friday morning teaching:



Don't you understand that the things that I am telling you are the things that bring you into marvelous victory? Each and every day, you'll see these things in Me when you get excited about these things and you believe these things about Me. I am all that the Word says I am, and I do all that the Word says I do. And I do it even for you. . . .

A call for end-time 'pray-ers'!

The heart's cry of many Campmeeting attendees was for a touch of God. Guest speaker Rev. Reggie Scarborough, who taught on and led prayer during two afternoon sessions, directed them on how to experience that touch. He said, "In a church service, you need to leave room for the Spirit of God to begin to move. Just make way for the Spirit of God. And when you do that in your life it's amazing how He'll come. If you program Him out, He won't force Himself in, but if you make room for Him, He'll always come."



Attendees prayed fervently during these two prayer meetings. "I believe with all of my heart that a wave of prayer is coming to this world unlike anything we've ever seen except on the day of Pentecost," Rev. Scarborough said. With that, he

gave an altar call for those who desired to dedicate themselves and be in the "end-time army of 'pray-ers.'" Many came and lifted up their voices in prayer — tuned to the Spirit of God and seeking His heart, His touch, His glory. The spirit of prayer fell upon the arena as men and women asked, "Father, what do You want to pray through me? What do You want? Pray through me. Speak through me."

What comes After hearing and before the blessing?

Closing out the final afternoon session, Rev. Gary Crowl, Dean of RHEMA Bible Training Center, admonished attendees on the importance of being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only. "All this week, you have received some tremendous teaching and exhortation from God's Word. It would really be impossible to put a financial price tag on what you have heard," he said.

Yet without corresponding action, faith is dead, or unproductive (James 2:17). Rev. Crowl emphasized, "You can't separate them [faith and works]. It's safe to say that *there is no real faith apart from works or corresponding actions.*" Turning to Galatians 6:9, he encouraged attendees not to grow tired of doing the right things and exhorted, "Don't give up. Don't quit. You



can't just 'try it.' Blessed is the man who doeth, not the man who trieth."

So many Christians become weary in well doing and, as a result, never receive. "They stop confessing, they stop doing the right things, they stop believing, they stop giving, they stop reading the Word, they stop praying . . . and they have no harvest," Rev. Crowl continued. Referring to the parable of the sower in Mark chapter 4, Rev. Crowl went on to say, "It's first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. . . . It's not time to quit when you see a little blade. It's time to be committed to His Word, committed to confessing God's Word, committed to believing God's Word, committed to prayer, and committed to being a doer!" In short, Rev. Crowl concluded, spiritual growth is a process, and faith is a way of life, a lifestyle.

From beginning to end, Campmeeting guest speakers preached, taught, and ministered with faithfulness, passion, and conviction. Much was accomplished. God spoke through them. The Spirit of God moved. He was present to heal, deliver, and set free. Words of encouragement came forth. There were times of instruction and times of correction. There were opportunities to obey. Like the warp and woof of a beautifully woven piece of tapestry, the meetings came together as only He could have orchestrated so that truly, for those who attended, it could be said, "It's been good to be in the house of the Lord!"



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The stage was set and silent. A scenic backdrop of a marina and boat docks gave the impression that a great voyage was about to take place — the voyage of a young lifetime. At stage left, a thatched-roof hut stood by. Then the hustle and bustle of children’s voices filled the room. It was Monday, July 21, and Kids’ Campmeeting 2003 was under way!

And what a rip-roaring time it was! This was not a typical “baby-sitting” children’s church environment. The RHEMA Bible Church Children’s Department staff and volunteers spent a great deal of time and Holy Spirit-led effort preparing for this once-a-year opportunity to minister to tender hearts from around the world.

One might think that elementary age kids are *too young* to learn the same truths from God’s Word that adults can. Surely, they aren’t old enough to enter into the same powerful presence and anointing of God that adults do. And they could not possibly enjoy six straight days of church services like adults would.

No way! Almost every night, the children belted out the worship chorus, “I’m never too young to know You, Lord, and God, You let me see the plans You have for me. . . .” Throughout the week of Campmeeting 2003, God revealed His plans to these children!

One might ask, how can God speak to children? It’s easy. He did it all week!

The same worship songs, the same Bible, and the same Holy Spirit — the entire Campmeeting service, really — were simply wrapped in a child-friendly package.

Rev. Denise Burns, Children’s Minister, said of Kids’ Campmeeting 2003, “Kids are always receptive, but this year was so different. It seemed like the kids were a lot more mature *spiritually*. They got involved in the services right away and seemed to understand a lot more. . . . It was unique this year, like we stepped up to a whole *new level* with the kids. We were just running to keep up with them!”

Known as “Planet Kids,” the evening services were packed with fun, action-filled praise songs, beautiful worship melodies, and lively skits performed by costumed actors who encouraged the children to respond and participate. A lesson about the Holy Spirit was woven through all these components, and each service ended with a mini-sermon bringing home the main point. Every activity was designed to make it easy for kids to enjoy the services and draw closer to God!



The skits centered around “setting sail” for a different island destination each night. The captain and sailors would find “a note in a bottle” (the night’s message in a nutshell, with a Bible verse to support it). Some of the messages were, “*The Holy Spirit is like a compass. He guides my whole life . . .*”; “*The Holy Spirit gives me a prayer language . . .*”; “*The Holy Spirit will remind me of what God says in His Bible . . .*”; “*The Holy Spirit lives in me to help me . . .*”; and “*The Word of God is food to our spirits.*” Each was a profound lesson brought forth in easy-to-understand ways.

The morning services were certainly no exception to the fun as “FAITH Academy®” energized kids with messages about who they *are* in Christ Jesus — not who they might be someday, or who they could be when

they grow up, but who *they* (yes, as children) are in Christ *right now!* “We talked about all the ‘I am’s,’” said Denise. “We taught them the truth of who they are in Christ. ‘I am . . . righteous, blessed, anointed, more than a conquerer!’”

Plain and simple, throughout the week God showed up and showed Himself strong to His children — not just to His grown-up children but to His little children too. During times of worship, children crowded the altar or knelt down by their chairs. During times of teaching, God’s Word was planted into the fertile soil of young hearts. During times of ministry, many little ones received salvation and the baptism in the Holy Spirit and rededicated their lives to God. Kids’ Campmeeting 2003 brought times of refreshing and spiritual impartations for this new generation, soon to become teenagers, adults, and leaders in the Body of Christ and the world.

“Parents approached me and said, ‘My child wants to come to Kids’ Campmeeting every year!’” said Denise.

Parents: mark your calendars for **Campmeeting 2004**, July 26 – 31, at the RHEMA Campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. And remember to bring your kids, because God will show up!



'I Have a Purpose'

KENNETH HAGIN MINISTRIES'



summer blitz highlights:

Several hundred teenagers crowded in front of the stage. Eyes closed and hands raised, they sang, "I'm coming back to the heart of worship, 'cause it's all about You — it's all about You, Jesus."

Summer Blitz 2003 was all about Jesus and His love and plans for these young people. The message rang clear: Teenager, God has a purpose for your life. He created you for that purpose. You are not an "oops," a mistake. Get to know Him and He will show you that purpose.

Through preaching and teaching layered between ripping-fast praise, reverent worship, thought-provoking skits, and just plain good times, each speaker revealed a different facet of that truth.

More than 700 teenagers registered for Summer Blitz 2003. Groups came from Erie, Pa., Indianapolis, Ind., and Leavenworth, Kans., among other places. Youth from many churches contributed skits, break-dance routines, raps, and music to help make Summer Blitz happen.

During many services, the speakers moved in the gifts of the Spirit, especially for healing. Often, speakers asked teenagers to pray for those who had come for healing. And many were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Of the speakers, **Christian Ophus** explained how what we look at will either help or hurt our pursuit of purpose. God exhorts us in Proverbs 4:23 to guard our hearts, Ophus said, and "you guard your heart by guarding your eyes." He warned of the trap of Internet pornography, adding that God will help

us fight temptation, but we can do some natural things to control our thoughts.

Darian Rains shared that "Teenagers have always been at the right place at the right time since the beginning of time," citing Jeremiah, Esther, and Rhoda (the young girl mentioned in Acts 12:13) as biblical examples. He recalled that as a teenager at Summer Blitz some years ago, "for the first time in my life, I sensed God's purpose for my life."

Keith Nachbor emphasized God's mercy, recalling that he once asked the Lord, "How long are you going to keep forgiving me for all the stupid little things I keep doing?" The Lord answered, "Until you stop asking." Nachbor urged teenagers to remember that God designed them, they are destined to do something no one else can do, and they have a job to complete.

Amy Adkins exhorted the teenagers not to let their age discourage them from following after God. "Age has never mattered to God . . . ever! It's all about, 'How well do you know God? How is your relationship with Him in order for Him to use you?'"

Brent Bailey, speaking directly to the Summer Blitz teenagers, said, "Standing in front of me are influential people . . . successful people." Citing Jeremiah 15:19 and 20, he reminded them, "As easy as it is to be influenced by others, it's that easy for you to influence them. . . . You have an influence, and it's time for you to use it."

Troy Covey led the Summer Blitz crowd in saying, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want," then urged them to "live in the state of being, not

in the state of having. . . . Everywhere we look, we are being bombarded with lifestyles . . . God never intended for us to have." He urged them to be only what God intended them to be.

Jeff Nash asked the teenagers, "What happens on Monday morning" once Summer Blitz is over? He told them, "You have to decide: 'Jesus is more important than my reputation. I don't care what people think about me.'"

Hope Sims urged the crowd to be passionate about God's purpose for them: "Whatever your purpose is in life, you have to have a passion for it." She imparted to the young people that developing their relationship with God is the key way to find their purpose in life. ♥

SUMMER BLITZ TESTIMONY



Brittney Henningsen

Brittney Henningsen of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a high school junior, is a member of RHEMA Bible Church's AXIS youth group. This was her tenth Campmeeting. She said that during Summer Blitz, God "has really been ministering to me. I knew what it [my purpose] was, but He just helped me confirm it."

Brittney said the Holy Spirit helped her and other teenagers during Summer Blitz to clarify issues and receive boldness to be used by God. "Now I just want to do whatever God wants me to do," she shared. "I'm not going to worry about being afraid of what other people think."

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)

My husband coined the phrase, “The natural and the supernatural, working together, make an explosive force for God.” The Lord gave him that phrase many years ago, and it has been a guiding force in our lives. In last month’s column, I wrote on the spiritual importance of waiting on God and of not allowing our schedule to keep us from hearing God’s voice. This month, I want to focus on the natural side of time management, and offer some practical hints that have helped me redeem my time and keep my sanity.

I realize that we really live in a fast-paced world. In the natural, time can become one of our worst enemies because it seems that there is never enough time to go around. There is always too much to do and there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish it all.

Because of this “time shortage,” we may find ourselves living in a continually stressful environment. Often this stress causes us to react in ways that are not pleasing to God. Psalm 32:8 in *The Living Bible* says, “I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress.” It may sound simple, but I daily ask the Lord to guide me in the things I need to accomplish that day.

Every time-management book instructs readers to write a daily to-do list. I definitely agree we should do that; I do it on a consistent basis. However, I also believe we should ask God to instruct us and guide us in our daily life, because I find that many times God wants to add some things to my to-do list that I might not have included on my own. For example, God may instruct me to speak a word of kindness to the waiter who took my order; to call a friend and encourage her; or to pray for the need of an employee.

If we are not careful, we can get so engrossed in checking off our to-do list that we forget one of the greatest exhortations in the Bible: “Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs it down, but an encouraging word makes it glad” (Prov. 12:25 Amplified). God can bless others through us by guiding us to say an encouraging word at just the right time.

I was so blessed the other day when I received a note from a well-known woman of God whom I have admired for many years. In the note she expressed how much she enjoyed my column and what a blessing I had been to her. The day I received her note, I

needed a word of encouragement in the worst kind of way. That note gave me a lift and helped me tackle the hard tasks and decisions I had to make that day. How vitally important that word was for me on that particular day. And how thankful I was that she had listened to God’s to-do list.

We must keep God’s to-do list in mind, but it is also important that we keep a natural to-do list. I find that writing down on paper any future tasks I must attend to allows my mind to focus my full attention on whatever I am presently doing. Writing future tasks down on paper also helps me to organize things according to their priority.

I always write tomorrow’s to-do list at the end of each day. I am not a morning person, so I tend to function better in the afternoon and evening hours.

Therefore, I make my list for the next day during that time. (I used to get frustrated because what seemed to be a normal routine for most people was abnormal for me. One day I finally realized that God made me the way I was, and there must have been a reason why He made me to function better at night than in early morning. So rather than fight against it, I learned to flow with it.)

In making a to-do list, you may find you have more on it than you can accomplish in one day. Don’t let that frustrate you. Simply move any “not done” items to the next day’s list of things to do. When I find that I am consistently getting behind on my list, I ask myself the question, “Can I delegate any of these items to someone else?”

This kind of delegation would alleviate stress for many people. For instance, many working mothers stay frustrated because they are trying to work, keep the house clean, cook for the family, spend time with their husband and children, and spend time with God. There is absolutely not enough time to do everything and keep your sanity. So what should you do? If you can, assign some of the tasks to someone else!

I will continue writing on time management next month. But if you have not consistently followed a to-do list in the past, I encourage you to try it this month. You’ll find that it will not only relieve stress, but it will also give you a sense of accomplishment when you are able to mark off some or all of the items on your to-do list.

Lynette



From the Archives

A nostalgic look at the beginnings of Kenneth Hagin Ministries



Speaking in Tongues!

This month, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin concludes his account of how he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

As I knelt on the living room floor of that Full Gospel parsonage, I just closed my eyes and shut out everything around me, and I lifted my hands to God. No one told me to do it; I just lifted my hands (that's pretty good for someone who was untaught).

I said, "Dear Lord, I've come here to receive the Holy Ghost." I repeated in my prayer what I had just learned from Acts 2:39 and Acts 2:4. Then I said, "Your Word says that the Holy Ghost is a gift. Therefore, I realize that the Holy Ghost is received by faith. I received the gift of salvation by faith. I received healing for my body three years ago by faith. Now I receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by faith. And I want to thank You now, Heavenly Father, because I receive the Holy Spirit."

Then I said to the Lord, "By faith, . . . I have now received the Holy Ghost. Thank God, He is in me, because Jesus promised it in His Word. And I say it with my mouth, because I believe in my heart that I have received the Holy Ghost. Now I expect to speak with tongues, because believers spoke with tongues on the Day of Pentecost. And, thank God, I will, too, as the Holy Ghost gives me utterance."

After I had prayed that, because I was grateful for the Holy Ghost whom I had just received and for the speaking with tongues that God was going to

give me, I said, "Hallelujah, hallelujah." But I had never felt so "dry" in all my life saying that word.

Feelings and faith are far removed from each other; in fact, sometimes when you *feel* as if you have the least faith, that is when you have the most faith, because you do not base your faith on feelings. So I said "Hallelujah" about seven or eight times, even though it seemed as if that word was going to choke me!

About the time I had said "Hallelujah" seven or eight times, way down inside of me, in my spirit, I heard some strange words. It seemed as if they were just going around and around in there. It seemed to me that I would recognize them if they were spoken, so I just started speaking them out!

So about eight minutes from the time I first knocked on that pastor's door, I was speaking with tongues! The pastor had said, "Wait." But instead of waiting, I spent that hour and a half before the church service speaking in tongues! It is much better to wait *with* the Holy Ghost than to wait *without* the Holy Ghost!

I believe in waiting on God, of course. We should have tarrying meetings for people who are Spirit-filled. It is more wonderful to tarry and wait in God's Presence *after* you've been filled with the Holy Spirit than it is to wait in God's Presence *before* being filled with the Spirit.

Also, notice that you don't speak in tongues and *then* know you have the

Holy Ghost. No, you believe you have the Holy Ghost *first*, and *then* you speak in tongues. Notice Acts 2:4: "*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost . . .*" If we stop reading there, we know that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. But if we continue reading that verse, we find, ". . . *and [they] began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*" Speaking with other tongues was a result of those believers having received the Holy Ghost. You receive the Holy Ghost first; *then* you speak in tongues.

During that hour and a half that I was speaking in tongues, I had a glorious time in the Lord. You see, speaking in tongues edifies you. First Corinthians 14:4 says, "*He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself. . . .*" Therefore, speaking in tongues is a means of *spiritual* edification or building up.

Linguists tell us that there's a word in our modern vernacular that is closer to the meaning of the Greek word translated "edify," and that is the word "charge." We charge a battery; we build it up. Jude 20 says, "*But ye, beloved, BUILDING UP YOURSELVES on your most holy faith, PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST.*"

In other words, when a person prays in the Holy Spirit, he charges himself up. He builds himself up like a battery that is charged or built up.

Edifying yourself by speaking in other tongues is just one of the many blessings that God has provided through the baptism in the Holy Ghost. And this wonderful blessing, this glorious gift of the Holy Ghost, is available to every born-again believer. ♡

The CENTER Of God's Heart

Compassion is at the center of God's Heart. See if you can find your way through the maze to the center of this heart.



What **MOVED** Jesus?



Did you know that many times in the New Testament it was said that Jesus was **MOVED** by something? What do you think it was? Was it a moving van? A donkey? A camel? Read the passages below and you will discover the answer. *"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them"* (Matt. 9:36). *"And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them"* (Matt. 14:14). *"And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him"* (Mark 1:41). You've figured it out, haven't you? Jesus was moved with **COMPASSION**. Compassion is God's love in action. Suppose that you saw someone who was really hungry and you felt sorry for him. Just feeling sorry for him won't help him. But if you give him something to eat, then you have shown compassion. Jesus' compassion **MOVED** Him to do one of the greatest miracles ever recorded . . . the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus' compassion **MOVED** him to heal the man with leprosy. What is compassion **MOVING** you to do?

jokes & riddles

A merry heart does good like medicine
- Proverbs 17:22



What ball LOOKS good but doesn't bounce good?

An eyeball

Mom: Johnny, who's your favorite teacher at school?

Johnny: My English teacher.

Mom: Why is that?

Johnny: She really speaks my language.

How many times is the word "the" found in The Bible?

Once . . . The Bible

Mom: Johnny, who's your least favorite teacher at school?

Johnny: My math teacher.

Mom: Why is that?

Johnny: She gives too much "additional" work.

A donkey, a monkey and a turkey were walking down a hallway. They came to 3 locked doors but passed through each door without a problem.

How was this possible?

Because they have 3 "keys" in their names.

What is the highest-ranking animal in the army?

A zebra . . . it has the most stripes.

Bible Mysteries

They were in need of compassion, And Jesus gave them plenty. You can read their story At the end of Matthew 20.

Who were they?

Fill in the blanks by substituting the symbol below the blank with the letter that it matches in the box below.



B=* - D=⊗ - E=⊛ - G=◇ - H=★

I=⊛ - L=● - M=○ - N=■ - O=□

R=× - S=* - T=▼ - U=☞ - W=►

What's in **COMPASSION?**

You can make lots of words using the letters found in the word COMPASSION, like PASS, PANS, and CAP. See if you can come up with 15 other words that can be made with the letters, and write them down.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.

Bible Mysteries - ANSWERS: TWO BLIND MEN
What's in COMPASSION - ANSWERS: NAB, NAPS, SNAP, CAPS, MASS, MOSS, MISS, MAP, MOP, MAPS, MOPS, SIN, SON, SONS, SINS, PIN, PINS, SAP, CAN, CANS, MAN, PAN, CAPS, SOON, MOON, SIP, SIPS, PANIC, PANICS, CANIP, CAMPS, (did you come up with others?)

ANSWERS: