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heart to heart

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There's more where that came from!

Have you ever eaten something enjoyable and made a comment about how good it was and had someone say to you, "Have all you want—there's more where that came from"? They meant that there was an abundant supply available. In other words, there was so much supply available that you could take as much as you wanted and there would still be more available!

Has God ever blessed you? I'm sure He has. I have good news for you! *There's more where that came from!* You can't exhaust God's supply. You can't bankrupt God's abundance. You can never reach the end of God's provision.

But in order to experience the abundant life God has for you, you have to have a revelation of it! You have to realize that it exists and you have to receive it.

You need to picture yourself receiving the blessings of God. Do you have a mental picture of God's abundance? Can you see yourself well when you need healing? Can you see yourself with plenty when you are in need? It's time for us to get the picture: *God has more than enough.* And we can be assured that with each good thing He has provided in times past—*there's more where that came from!*

I want you to see yourself possessing all the promises of God. I want you to see God's huge supply, a supply ample enough to meet every need you may have. No matter what you may need—healing, provision, peace—there is such an abundant supply that it will never run out!

In today's world, there is constant change. Companies are downsizing; corporations once thought to be stable are shifting. There is uncertainty all around us, and if we're not careful, we'll begin to let this uncertainty spill over into our life. We'll begin to think, *We better be careful. We may run out of our supply.*

Let me tell you something. There is never a shortage with God! There's always more where that came from!

Abraham had a revelation of God's abundant supply. Genesis 13:7 says there was strife between Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen. Both Abraham and Lot owned a lot of livestock. And there was only so much land on which the animals could graze. So the two groups of herdsmen began to fight over the land.

Abraham didn't want there to be strife, so he told Lot to choose the portion of land he wanted. He said, "Lot, if you go to the right, I will go to the left. And if you choose the land to the left, I will take the land on the right" (v. 8,9).

Notice Abraham's attitude of faith regarding the land that was available. He gave Lot first choice, because he understood the promises of God and knew there was more where that came from!

Abraham realized that no matter what part of the land Lot chose, there was plenty more for him. The attitude of faith realizes that even if the other person chooses first, whatever is left will be more than enough with God.

Having that kind of attitude eliminates strife. There is no more need to compete for a blessing. With God, there's more blessing where that one came from!



If you're believing God for something, and someone else receives that same kind of blessing you've been believing for, don't be concerned! God's got more than enough. He's not going to run out of healing. He's not going to run out of blessing. Even if you're last in line, so to speak, and everyone else has taken all they want, remember, *there's more where that came from!*

Are you beginning to get the revelation of God's abundant supply? It's more than enough for you! You don't have to be concerned that someone is going to get ahead of you and get all the good stuff! They can get all of the good stuff they want, because there's more than enough!

Don't be afraid of circumstances that come your way. Whether your need is financial, physical, emotional—or *whatever* the need—God has the answer! He has your provision; He has your healing; He has your peace. Whatever it is you need, He has it! And He doesn't just have a little bit; He has all you will ever need and all that anyone else will ever need. He has an abundant supply!

We all have experienced God's blessings in the past. But we don't have to live on past experience. "There's more where that came from!" Let us determine to lift our hands in faith continually and praise God for the abundant, inexhaustible, over-and-above supply that is ours!

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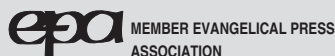
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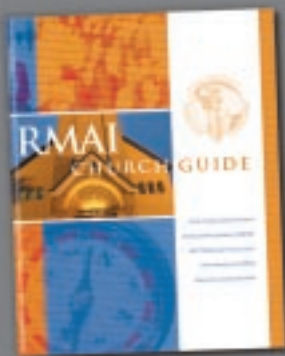
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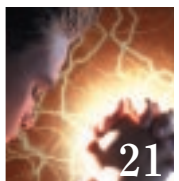
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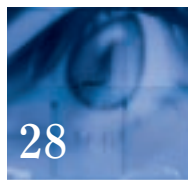
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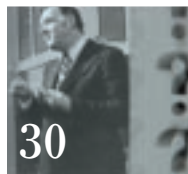
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Luke 18:27 says, "The things which are impossible with men are possible WITH GOD."

We like to hear about man's possibilities with God, but what exactly does the phrase "with God" mean?

"With God" can certainly mean being born again. In the New Birth, He is not only with us but in us.

However, there's more to receiving God's blessings and experiencing His greater glory.



What It Means to Be

'WITH GOD'

K e n n e t h H a g i n J r .

(Editor's Note: The following teaching article is adapted from Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.'s new book, God's Greater Glory.)

In the New Birth, we become qualified to be partakers of God's divine nature and heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus. But how do we actually *partake* of the blessings and glory of God? How do we receive and experience them for ourselves?

So many people accept Jesus Christ as Savior, and then that's *that*. They don't receive Him as *Lord* of their lives. They don't go any deeper in their walk with Him. They go back to living their lives the best they know how and waiting for the Sweet By-and-By when they'll walk those heavenly streets of gold. But the "with God" that makes man's impossibilities possible also means that we're following Him. In other words, our being "with God" is a lifestyle, not just an event.

Let's look further at Luke 18:27 and the verses that follow.

LUKE 18:27-30 (NIV)

27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

28 Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God

30 will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

Talking about himself and the other disciples, Peter told Jesus, "We have left everything to follow You."

Did you know that to follow God sometimes means giving up some things or making a sacrifice? It may mean leaving a group of friends you've been associating with who don't want to wholeheartedly follow God. It may mean moving to a certain place in obedience to Him and giving up the comfort of familiar surroundings. It could mean any number of things. But if you will follow God with your whole heart, He will give you more than you ever had before.

When Peter said to Jesus, "We've left everything to follow You," notice Jesus' reply: "... No one who has done these things will fail to receive many times as much in this age and then, in the age to come, eternal life" (vv. 29,30).



You never give up anything for God that He won't prosper and bless you many times more as a result. Sometimes people want to see the *blessing* before they do the *giving up*. That's where faith comes in. You have to believe Luke 18:27–30, that the God who does the impossible will increase you in every area of your life as you follow after Him. So don't just sit around and try to figure out with your head, your natural human intellect, whether or not God will bless you. Just follow Him with all your heart. Obey Him in everything you do, and the blessings will come.

We know that if we're "with God," we're following Him. But let's break that down further. What does it mean to follow God? It means that if we're "with God," we have priorities—not *our* priorities, but *His*.

If you were to take a course in time management, one of the first things you'd learn is that you need to prioritize your activities, tasks, and goals so you can get a clearer picture of the things that are most important in your life. Then you could devote more of your time to those things.

When God's priorities become your priorities, you will put Him and His

... when you get quiet and begin to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to your spirit, you will know what to do.

Word first in your life. And it's not an option; it's a necessity. You won't put friends first. You won't even put listening to tapes, reading teaching materials, and attending special meetings first. You will put *Him* first! Those other things can help you, but they can't take the place of the Word and of your fellowship with God.

You can always tell when a person is putting God and His Word first in his or her life. It's not the absence of tests or trials that determines whether a person is putting God first. *It's what that person does in the midst of a test or trial that shows where his or her priorities lie.* When you're putting God first, you won't wring your hands and worry, saying, "Oh, God, what am I going to do?" No, you will have already armed yourself with the Word of God, and you will

begin to speak it out. What you have put in your heart will eventually come out of your mouth.

When a sponge becomes saturated with some kind of liquid, it's not easy to recognize what liquid is in the sponge until the sponge is squeezed. Then whatever is in that sponge comes pouring out. In much the same way, when the pressures of life come against you, whatever your heart is full of will come pouring out of your mouth.

Another aspect of putting first things first is not only putting God and His *Word* first, but putting His *will* first. If we are going to follow God, we are going to have to put His desires above our desires and choose His will for our lives over our own.

The choice to put God's will for our lives first is a decision that we will have to reaffirm throughout our lives. The decision to do the will of God takes continual dedication and consecration; it's not just something we say to the Lord one time, and that's it.

If you haven't already done so, I challenge you to put God's desires for your life above your own. He made you and has created you for a very special purpose. You can trust Him to cause that purpose to be fulfilled in your life.

And it will be better than anything you could have planned on your own.

We've seen that if we're really "with God"—if we're really following Him—*number one*, we're putting first things first; we're putting God, His Word, and His will first. And *number two*, we're learning to be led by the Spirit of God.

You can train yourself to be sensitive to the Greater One within you, the Holy Ghost, and to follow His leading even if your mind wants to do something else. For example, have you ever been in a situation in which your heart, your spirit, was saying one thing, but your mind was saying something else? Sometimes your mind can scream at you, especially when the pressure is on. But when you get quiet and begin to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to your spirit, you will know what to do.

Your mind will argue, *Yes, but I can't figure that out. I just don't see how that can work out.*

But, friend, you don't always have to have everything figured out! Follow the Spirit of God, and He will always lead you in line with the Word to victory and success.

In review, how do we know we're really following God and positioning ourselves to receive His blessings and walk in His greater glory? *Number one*, we're putting God, His Word and His



If you have been a Christian for any length of time, you've probably heard how important it is to follow God and His plan for your life. You've probably heard it said that to receive God's blessings, you must follow Him. But how do we know we're really following God and positioning ourselves to receive His blessings?

If we are following God:

1. We're **putting Him** and His Word first; we're choosing His will over our own.
2. We're **learning** to be led by the Spirit of God.

3. We are **committed** to following God as a *lifestyle*. (In other words, we are committed to putting Him and His Word first on a continual basis. We're committed to choosing His will above our own. And we are committed to following the leading of the Holy Spirit.)

This week, take personal inventory and determine whether or not you are following God in every area of your life. For example, when finances are tight, do you put God and His Word first or do you put the checkbook figures first? Is "My God shall supply all of my needs" (Phil. 4:19) first place in your heart and mouth? Or does "We don't have the money to pay our bills" come first?

When you want to go a certain direction in life, but you know in your heart that God wants you to do something else, do you choose God's will above your own? What about when you want to do something that goes against what the Bible says? Are you committed to choosing God's Word, His written will for your life?

Take some time to honestly assess how well you adhere to each of these three principles. After assessing which area or areas may need improvement, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you as you endeavor to walk closer with God.

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Now, *number three*, following God means we are *committed* to following Him as a lifestyle. We are *committed* to putting Him, His Word, and His will first on a continual basis. And we are

These things are what it means to be "with God" and to follow Him. If we are "with God," we are *putting God, His Word, and His will first*; we are *learning to be led by the Spirit of God*, and we are *committed to doing these things* despite the sacrifices we think we may

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We need to have the attitude that we are going to wholeheartedly commit ourselves to following the One who knows more about us than we know about ourselves and who cares more about whether we prosper and succeed than we do! He has our best interests at heart; we can trust Him with our life!

have to make to do them.

Whatever you think you may be sacrificing to follow God is nothing compared to the rewards of following Him. Whatever you leave behind in order to obey Him is nothing compared to what you will receive from Him, both in this life and the next (1 Tim. 4:8).

Someone might argue, "Well, you sound so certain, but I'm just not sure." People like that often find themselves

feeling dissatisfied and unfulfilled. They're *questioning* rather than *believing*. They haven't reached the point in their walk where they can say with full assurance of faith, "God said it. I believe it. That settles it!"

When the pressures and tests and trials of life come to try to steal from us and to make us doubt, we have to let the infallible truth of God's Word be our rock and the foundation on which we stand. We have to maintain our commitment to following God, His Word, and His will for our lives, no matter what. And we have to steadfastly follow the leading of His Spirit.

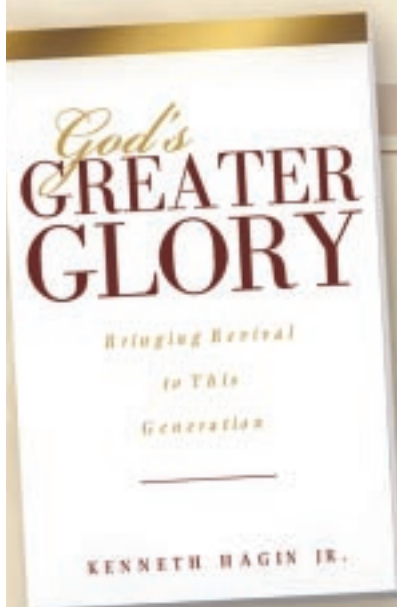
Many Christians will start out believing God when they're in a test or trial. They study God's Word just a little bit, but when the circumstances don't improve, they give up. They're not *committed* to God and His Word.

But, to receive the full measure of God's blessing—to partake of and participate in His greater glory—we're going to have to do our homework spiritually. We're going to have to dig deep into the Word and obey what we find that He has told us to do. Then, having done all to stand, we must stand *and then stand some more* (Eph. 6:13)! We must stand our ground, no matter how badly we may be hurting on the inside, knowing that God will not let us down.

Your heart may be broken and your mind may be shouting at the top of its voice, *You're not going to make it! There's no way out of this!* You may have to bite your lip to keep from giving in to hysteria and desperation. You may have to just close your eyes and cling in faith to the Master, because all you can see is hopelessness with no way out! But if you will hold to the truth that the answer to your problem is possible with God, you will make it through! You'll come out of that test or trial and experience the fullness of God's blessing.

As you trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding, you'll begin to get a new mindset, a new way of thinking. Then when your mind screams at you, *Impossible*, out of your spirit, a different cry will arise: *Possible with God!* Obstacles will be moved and you'll receive the breakthroughs you need so that the plan of God can go forth in your life, and you can experience greater manifestations of His glory. ♥

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God's Greater GLORY

In every generation, God has always had men and women who discovered what it was He wanted to do and then set themselves to pray about it so that He could bring it to pass. If you want to stand up and be counted in *this* generation, God is saying to you, "*Prepare yourself; get ready!*"

In his new book, *God's Greater Glory*, Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr. expresses concerns over ministers pushing their own ideas, plans, and programs and says, "If we allow programs to take the place of the true move of the Spirit, it will be a sad day indeed when we finally look around to see nothing but sweat and toil—nothing but the work of man's hands—instead of what God Almighty is doing in the earth!"

God's Greater Glory will inspire you to drop your own agenda and seek the face of God for a move of His Spirit in your life—a greater move than you have ever seen before. God wants *this* generation to experience a powerful display of His glory, and this book will show you how to get involved!

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God Is Bigger Than Our Cares!

**And the cares of this world,
and the deceitfulness of riches,
and the lusts of other things
ENTERING IN, choke the word,
and it becometh unfruitful.**

—Mark 4:19

(Note: The following is adapted from Charles Cowan's new book, *How to Deal With the Cares of Life*.)

Care is a thief of the Word, but care will steal the Word only if you allow it to enter into your life. You must stay alert, watch for care, and not allow it in. The cares of life come in many different packages, including, for instance, the package of financial pressures. Too often, people take upon themselves the care of their job (or business) and its financial uncertainty. But it is important that we understand something—*our job is not our source*. It is a channel or an instrument God uses, but if we look at it as our only source to meet our financial needs, then our job becomes our god. If our business is our source, then our business becomes our god.

God is bigger than any business, any job, and any financial care, as long as you know that God—and God alone—is your source of provision. You must come to the place where you say, “Let no man say he has made me rich, but God, and God alone. For I am a covenant man and my God meets my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (see Gen. 14:22,23; Phil. 4:19).

God is not only bigger than any problem you might have on your job or in your business, He is also bigger than problems with your children, your spouse, or any sickness or disease. He is bigger than worry. He is bigger than anxiety. God is bigger than anything you are dealing with today. *He is bigger!*

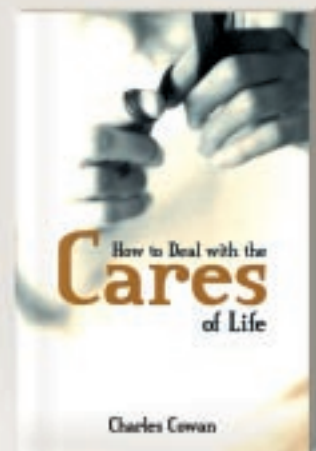
God meets our needs. He is our Helper, and we should not fear what man shall do to us. God is BIG! He is Mighty God. He is El Shaddai. He is Jehovah Jireh! ♠

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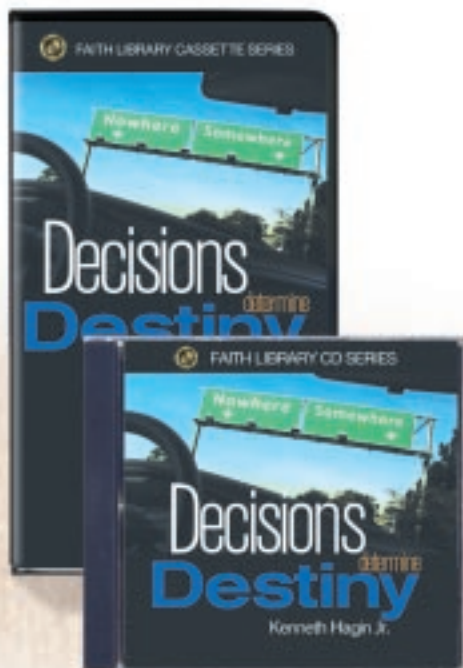
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—Romans 11:29

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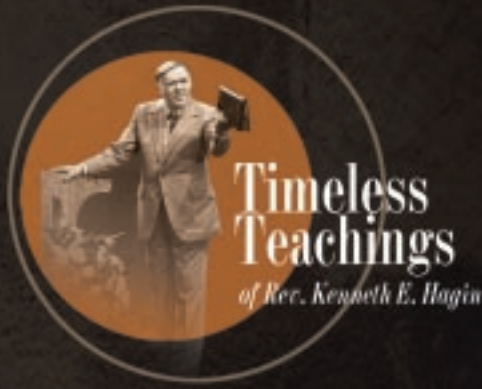
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Authority *in* Prayer



(Editor's Note: Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin originally wrote The Authority of the Believer in 1967. Subsequently Rev. Hagin gained new revelation on the subject which led to his book being re-edited and released in 1986 as The Believer's Authority.

Throughout the years, Rev. Hagin preached many messages on this topic, with nearly every teaching bringing even more revelation. The Believer's Authority: Legacy Edition features sermons Brother Hagin preached after the 1986 edition of his book was published.

The following article is adapted from the new legacy edition. Brother Hagin taught this particular message February 19, 2001, during Winter Bible Seminar.)

In teaching on prayer for so many years, I always take two particular Bible texts. The reason I choose these two for my main texts is because I don't believe there are any better. These two texts will cover anything you want to teach on the subject of prayer. The first text I use is Ephesians 6:18, in which Paul is writing to the believers at Ephesus.

The second text is John 15:7, which says, *"If ye abide in me [Jesus], and MY WORDS abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."*

This verse is all-inclusive, because Jesus said "My words." Therefore, any word the Bible teaches on the subject of prayer is covered by John 15:7.

If Jesus had just said, "If you abide in Me," we Christians would automatically have it made because

If you want answers to your prayers, follow the instructions that have been given to you.

we all abide in Him as believers. But Jesus added, *"And My words abide in you."*

Have you ever noticed that many of God's promises are conditional? If you want answers to your prayers, follow the instructions that have been given to you: If you abide in Jesus, and His Words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you.

I believe in receiving answers to prayer, all right. But there are conditions that have to be met in order for our prayers to be answered: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you . . ."

I want to look at a passage in the Old Testament that teaches us something further on prayer. Isaiah 43:25 and 26 gives us insight into the *authority* we have in prayer.

ISAIAH 43:25,26

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

God, through the prophet Isaiah, spoke this passage to Israel, but it applies to us because we are now God's children (Rom. 8:16). And Hebrews 9:12–14 explains how the blood of Christ has blotted out our transgressions!

Notice that God made the statement, “. . . *I am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake . . .*” (v. 25). I used to think that He blotted out my transgressions for *my* sake and that for *my* sake He wouldn't remember my sins. But that's not what the Scripture says. God did it for *His* sake! One reason He did it for His sake was, He wanted to bless us. And He couldn't

No, put God and yourself in remembrance, saying, “Yes, I've failed. I've missed it and have fallen short. But thank You, God, *You* said in Your Holy Word that You blot out my transgressions and will not remember my sins. Thank You, Father, that I can come into Your Presence as though the sin never existed.”

How does He keep from remembering your sin? Well, He's God! You and I aren't God, so it's hard for us to keep from remembering. But God said, “I'll not remember your iniquities.” In other words, He won't remember that you did anything wrong. And if *He* doesn't

got saved and started going to church. The only theater in town closed because no one went anymore. The only beer joint in town closed too.

And that happened wherever Finney went, time and time again. One of the secrets to Finney's evangelistic success was his prayer life. Finney prayed from 4 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the morning—every morning.

Finney once said, “I had some experiences in prayer that indeed alarmed me. I'd find myself saying to the Lord, ‘Lord, You don't think we're not going to have revival here, do You?’ And I found myself quoting scripture after scripture to the Lord, putting Him in remembrance of all that He had said concerning revival and prayer.”

How could Finney be so bold? He understood his authority and covenant rights in prayer.

Today, we Christians live under the New Covenant (Heb. 8:6; 12:24), and thank God for it. But even in the Old Testament under the Old Covenant, God heard and answered prayer. (Of course, now we ought to be able to do *more* because we're living under a better covenant with better promises.)

In Genesis chapter 18, we read that God intended to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their great sin. But Abraham—who understood his covenant rights in prayer—intervened on behalf of the two cities, and made a deal with God!

GENESIS 18:22–25

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Abraham realized he had covenant standing with God; the two of them had a covenant with each other. That covenant provided both parties with certain rights. And Abraham knew he had covenant

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bless us if He didn't blot out our transgressions and forgive our iniquities.

Look at verse 26 again.

ISAIAH 43:26

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

What does God mean when He says, “Put Me in remembrance”? In other words, He's saying, “Remind Me.” Now, if God tells me to remind Him of something, I'm going to remind Him!

Well, God said for us to put Him in remembrance. And He tells us what to remind Him of: “I am He that blots out your transgressions, and I will not remember your iniquities [sins].”

God doesn't forget His Word or His promises, so why does He tell you to put Him in remembrance? When you remind Him, you also remind yourself.

It's important to remind yourself of God's forgiveness, because when you go to God in prayer, the devil will try to bring all of your past failures and sins up before you. If you entertain the thoughts the devil brings, you will begin to think, *There's no use for me to go to God; He's not going to hear me. I've messed up too badly.*

remember, why would *you* want to remember?

Bringing up past sin is a ploy of the devil to defeat us. He wants to keep us thinking about how we've missed it and how far short we've come. But that kind of thinking is not scriptural, and it robs us of the blessing that God has for us.

Isaiah 43:25 and 26 removes our guilt over past mistakes. Say it out loud: “Lord, I put You in remembrance. You've blotted out my transgressions. You've forgiven my sins. I stand in Your Presence as though I've never sinned.”

That Word gives you faith and confidence in prayer. Not only can you put God in remembrance of that passage, but if you abide in Him and His Words abide in you, you can put Him in remembrance of all His promises concerning prayer.

Charles G. Finney, a lawyer and renowned preacher, knew his authority in prayer. He had authority because of the Word of God, and he exercised that authority by putting God in remembrance of His Word.

I once read that Finney went to Rochester, New York, in 1828 to hold a crusade. Nearly every person in town

rights in prayer. Abraham knew he had rights and privileges that gave him legal standing with God. So we hear him speak plainly, “*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right*” (v. 25).

If you continue to read the story, you find that the Lord answered Abraham every time he went to the Lord with a proposal. I believe that if Abraham had asked, “Will You spare the city for Lot’s sake alone?” the Lord would have said, “Sure, I will.”

Throughout the Old Testament, we find people who understood and took their place in their covenant with God. Joshua opened the Jordan River. He also prayed and the sky stood still. Elijah brought fire out of Heaven to consume the water-soaked offering and altar. David’s mighty men were shielded from death time and time again as long as they remembered the covenant. Practically all the prayers of the Old Testament were prayers by God’s covenant people. *They had to be answered!*

Thank God, we’re under a New Covenant and a *better* covenant, established on better promises (Heb. 8:6). And if there are better promises, that means better rights and privileges—better authority!

Even though we may have failed, we can enter the Presence of God as though our sin never existed. Why? We have a legal standing with God. We

The New Testament believer has authority and covenant rights in prayer just as believers in the Old Testament had covenant rights in prayer. We’re to put God in remembrance of His Word! When it comes to having authority in prayer, we are to remind God of what He has said concerning prayer! Throughout church history, the mighty men and women of prayer have been those who reminded God of His promises.

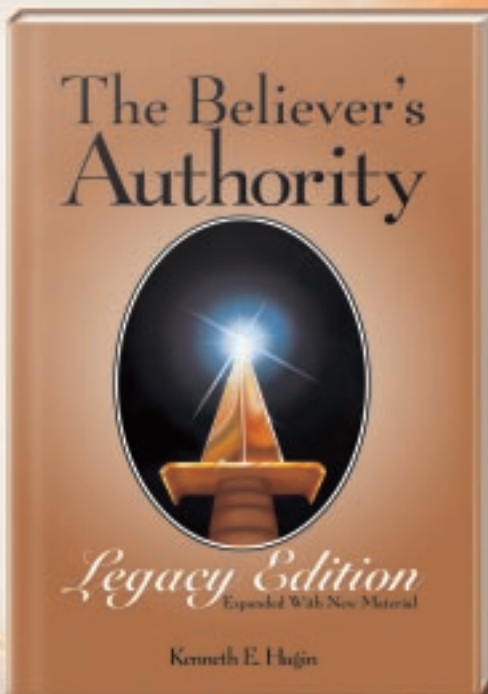
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have His Word on it! God said, “*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins*” (Isa. 43:25). Say it out loud again: “God has blotted out my transgressions. He doesn’t remember that I did anything wrong.”

Isaiah 43:25 was spoken to Israel, but it also applies to the Church today!

The rest of Isaiah 43:26 says, “. . . *Let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.*” Let us plead together! Declare thou! Another translation says, “Put forth your cause that you may be justified.” That’s a challenge from God for us to lay our case before Him. When you stand before the Throne of God, plead your case as a lawyer would. A lawyer is continually bringing law and precedent to bear. What are our law and precedent? The Word! We bring what God has said. ♣

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STEPPING TOWARD **SUCCESS**

(Note: The following is adapted from Michael Cameneti's new book, *The Missing Ingredient to Success*.)



Michael Cameneti

Why do so many Christians struggle from one defeat to the next, never really experiencing the abundant life God has for them? The answer is simple. They are missing the key ingredient to success: *the fear of the Lord*.

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If you read this verse in context, you will find that wisdom is speaking, revealing to us that the fear of the Lord means to *hate evil*, which means it hates anything that is sinful or wrong. You could say it this way: *The fear of the Lord is to dislike or disapprove of whatever God dislikes or disapproves of.*

With this understanding, we can go back to Proverbs 8:13 and insert the word "hate" in front of each of the sins listed. In other words, to walk in the fear of the Lord is to hate evil: to hate pride, to hate arrogance, to hate the evil way, and to hate the froward mouth.

Job 28:28 gives us further insight into what it means to fear the Lord: *"And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."* We're now beginning to get a clearer picture of this subject.

First, we learned that to fear God is to hate evil and sin; now we see that the fear of the Lord is wisdom. So if we acquire *wisdom* from the Word and we hate what is evil, we will be on our way to fearing God. ♥

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Real Men Pray!



(Editor's Note: On November 6, 2003, men from all over the country—and some from other countries—gathered on the RHEMA Campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, for A Call to Arms, Kenneth Hagin Jr.'s men's conference. Rev. Reggie Scarborough, founder and pastor of Family Worship Center in Lakeland, Florida, was the guest speaker for Saturday morning's meeting. The following article is adapted from that message.)

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

—Matthew 26:41

I want to take you back in time 2,000 years ago. As Jesus was getting ready to go to the cross, one of His main concerns was for one of His disciples by the name of Peter.

He said, "*Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat*" (Luke 22:31). In other words, Jesus was saying, "Peter, you're getting ready to go through a horrific time, and it's going to seriously challenge your faith."



Reggie Scarborough

How many of you have ever been at that place in your own life? Your challenge might come in the form of temptation, or it could come in the form of discouragement. There are many avenues that the enemy uses to come against you. Jesus perceived that something

such as this was going to happen to Peter.

As Jesus led His disciples into the Garden of Gethsemane, He took three of the disciples and said, ". . . *Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder*" (Matt. 26:36). After a time of prayer, He came back and found His disciples asleep. (And do you realize that the enemy often comes to trip us when we're "sleeping"?)

Satan tries to blindsides us. He tries to get us in a place where we lose our focus spiritually. And that's what Jesus was telling Peter. He was telling Peter that Satan was going to make an attempt to steal Peter's life! Jesus said, "*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not . . .*" (Luke 22:32). Hallelujah!

When Jesus returned from His time of prayer and found His disciples asleep, He woke them up and said, "*What, could ye not watch with me one hour?*" (Matt. 26:40).

But then He gave one of the most powerful keys to overcoming temptation that we will ever find in the Word of God. He said, "*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation . . .*" (Matt. 26:41).

Every man (or woman) is tempted at one time or another. The devil tries to make us think that if we're tempted, we're inferior as a Christian. But I have news for you. Jesus Himself was ". . . *was in all points tempted like as we are . . .*" (Heb. 4:15). Yet He did not give in to it—He did not sin! He kept His life pure! Temptation comes to every one of us. But with the Spirit of God living in us, we have the power to say no.

Real Men Pray

For so long in the church, it seems that women have done most of the praying. Certainly, women should pray. But nowhere in the Bible does it say that women are supposed to do *all* the praying. Men should be praying too. In fact, every man needs to pray. Jesus taught that men should pray always (Luke 21:36).

Prayer is *not* for wimps. It's for men—godly men! Real men get down on their faces and say, "Satan, you're not going to take another thing from my family! You're not going to do this to my wife! You're not going to do this to my children! I forbid you in the Name of Jesus to come near my dwelling!"

Prayer isn't something you're *forced* to do. It's something you *get* to do. And it is how you receive the power of God. There are things—*powerful* things—that God will do for you as you pray and put your trust in Him.

You may have made some terrible mistakes in the past. Even now, you may be caught up in some things—things that you're wanting to get free from. God is not here to condemn you. He's here to strengthen you. He's here to empower you. That's why He told Peter, "*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation . . .*" (Matt. 26:41). When temptation comes, you don't have to fall if you've been maintaining your prayer life. Unfortunately, Peter didn't listen to Jesus' advice. He did fall and later had to be restored.

Prayer Produces Power in the Holy Ghost

Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus gave His disciples one last instruction. He said, ". . . *tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high*" (Luke 24:49).

The disciples obeyed. In Acts chapter 1, we see that they left, went to Jerusalem, went into an upper room, and tarried there. Jesus had told them that they would receive power at that time—not before (*see* Acts 1:8). After the disciples obeyed the Lord in these things, the Holy Spirit fell on those in what we today call the Upper Room.

ACTS 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

What is the purpose of tongues? Praying in tongues allows us to pray things that we wouldn't know to pray otherwise. When you pray in tongues for your wife, you pray mysteries on her behalf. When you pray in tongues for your children, you pray mysteries on their behalf. When you pray in tongues over your business, you pray mysteries

in the Holy Ghost. Speaking in tongues is not just for messages to the Church. And it's not just for a select few!

Through prayer, real men maintain their focus spiritually, steer themselves away from temptation, exercise their

Prayer is *not* for wimps. It's for men—godly men!

Verse 4 says, "*And they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues. . . .*"

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—3 John 2 (NKJV)

An Incurable Disease?

"During all the pain, I kept telling the devil that my body is a temple of the Ever-Living God," Mike Kelly said. "And where the Ever-Living God is, sickness and disease cannot dwell."

Mike was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, an incurable inflammation of the digestive tract, in 1995. Medications and surgery can relieve the pain, but they cannot rid the body of the disease. In 1995, 18 inches of diseased intestine had to be removed from Mike's body to get his intestines working properly again.

The doctors thought the surgery would bring relief, and it did for a while. But the pain returned. On Friday, May 14, 2004, Mike woke up with an aching stomach, and symptoms worsened throughout the day.

The pain awakened him at 4:30 the next morning and his wife, Jerrie, took him to the hospital.

Even though he was in excruciating pain, Mike remembered the scriptures he had been confessing. For many years he had confessed Isaiah 53:5 and First Peter 2:24—that by Jesus' stripes, he was healed.

Mike put God in remembrance of His Word (Isa. 43:26). "Your Word says that by the stripes of Jesus I am healed," he said. "I'm confessing my healing no matter how I feel."

Members of the RHEMA Bible Church pastoral staff came to see him while he was in the hospital. Mike told them he had already prayed and believed for his healing, but asked them to pray the prayer of agreement with him. During the visit, a member of the pastoral staff gave him a copy of *Healing*

Scriptures, a compact disc recording of Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin reading scriptures focused on healing.

"I went to bed every night and woke up every morning listening to *Healing Scriptures*," Mike remembered.

After a day or two, Mike began to feel better and he went on the offensive against the devil by witnessing to people in the hospital.

"I just kept telling the devil, 'What you meant as bad for me, I'm going to turn around for good,'" he said.

Mike talked to anybody in the hospital who would listen.

Prompted by the Lord, he struck up a conversation with a nurse and talked to her for two hours. At the end of the conversation, he gave her his Bible. Tears welled up in the nurse's eyes as she left the room. Mike found out later from another nurse that she normally wouldn't talk to anybody.

On Tuesday, May 18, the doctors did a CT scan on Mike to see what was causing the blockage in his intestine. When they viewed the images from the CT scan, the doctors could not find a trace of Crohn's disease. In fact, they were baffled as to what had caused the blockage and why it was no longer there.

"I told the doctor, 'I know what caused the blockage and what uncased the blockage,'" Mike said. "I told him it was the devil, but God had a better plan. He looked at me and said, 'Amen.'"

"When the devil comes against me, I just laugh at him and say, 'Devil, you ain't gonna stop me,'" Mike said. "'I cannot be defeated and I will not quit!' All I can say is, praise God! God is good!" 🙏



Michael Kelly

A Fact, Not a Promise

(Editors Note: The following is taken from Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Health Food*.)

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. —1 Peter 2:24

By Jesus' stripes, you are healed. You don't have to pray. You don't have to have someone else pray. It's not necessary to pray when you know this fact as you ought to know it. Simply thank God for perfect deliverance.

The afflictions in your body were laid on Jesus. And He bore them. You do not need to bear them. All you need to do is recognize and accept the fact that Jesus has already borne your sicknesses and diseases. Therefore, you do not have to bear them. That's a fact, not a theory. It's a Bible fact.

I've heard people say, "Well, I know the Lord promised to heal me." No, He didn't. He didn't promise. First Peter 2:24 is a statement of fact. It tells you what happened. A *promise* tells you something that's *going* to happen. A *fact* tells you about something you've *already received* or that's already happened. *By Jesus' stripes, you are already healed!*

CONFESSION

The afflictions in my body were laid on Jesus. My healing was consummated in Christ. And by His stripes, I am healed!

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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 38:11 (NIV)

God has a plan for each of our lives. But the thing that has disturbed me recently is that I am seeing many people either giving up on that plan or doubting the plan of God for their life. But the Word tells us that God does have a plan—a good plan. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome” (Amplified).

We are living in perilous times, times in which everything that can be shaken will be shaken. These are times when the enemy is seeking whom he may destroy—and many are being devoured. I want to encourage you today: Don’t become a defeated statistic. Be an overcoming statistic!

We live in a natural world. In this world, we are going to have trials and tests. Second Corinthians 7:5 says, “For even when we arrived in Macedonia, our bodies had no ease or rest, but we were oppressed in every way and afflicted at every turn—fighting and contentions without, dread and fears within [us]” (Amplified). Doesn’t that sound like the world in which we are living? Everywhere we turn, there is a lack of ease and rest.

We are stressed out, worn out, and fighting sickness in our body. We have financial concerns, family distress, and concerns about our stability. All of this outward pressure begins to work on the inside until suddenly, we are not only hit from the outside, but inward fears begin to dominate us. We begin to be afraid of what may happen to us, our family, our job, and our country.

No one knew more about adversities and hardships than the Apostle Paul. He faced tremendous obstacles and challenges in life. I believe the enemy was continually trying to discourage him because Paul was doing so many great things for the Lord. I believe that God has called us in the “faith movement” to carry out a tremendous task for God. When you have a mandate to do great things for the Lord and you step out in faith with big dreams and visions, I guarantee that the enemy will do everything he can to discourage you from accomplishing those dreams.

One day I was complaining to God about a problem that I was encountering. In my conversation with God, I said, “Lord, why is it that I just seem to go from one obstacle to another, from one challenge to another? Why is it that I just can’t have a time of no adversities?” He spoke ever so loudly to me, saying, “Dummy (that got my attention), haven’t you read in My Word, “In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you]” (John 16:33 Amplified)?

The Lord said, “Lynette, as long as you’re on this earth, you’re going to encounter problems.” He was even humorous when He asked, “Okay, which problem would you rather have?” (To us, some problems in life seem greater than others.) He said, “Quit concentrating on the problem, and keep your eye on the Problem Solver. In Me, you can have perfect peace and confidence, for I have overcome the world for you. I have deprived it of power to harm you.”

I’m telling you—that set me free. It set me free from constantly being burdened down with the everyday cares of life. I realized that the problems I faced were mere distractions to keep me from accomplishing the plan of God for my life. If you are going to navigate through the circumstances of life, it is important to take your eyes off the problem and focus on the One Who can solve all of your problems.

Each time an obstacle comes your way, let your confession be: “My Lord has overcome the world for me. My trust is in Him. The battle is not mine, but the Lord’s. With God, all things are possible. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers me out of them all.” As you begin declaring your confessions of faith, you will see the circumstances of your life turn around. You will walk in peace and confidence, knowing that God will turn all things for your good. And you will fulfill the perfect will of God in your life.



Lynette

Tough Questions

Biblical Answers to Tough Questions

From the Archives of Kenneth E. Hagin



Throughout the ministry of Brother Hagin, men and women—both ministers and laity—asked him questions regarding life and Christianity. True to his lifelong philosophy of staying in the middle of the road on an issue, Brother Hagin answered most questions the same way each time they were asked. He kept his answers in line with the Word of God, the Book upon which he based his own life and ministry.

Each month, we will present a question that was once asked of Brother Hagin, along with the answer he gave. This material will be taken from transcripts of meetings and special sessions Brother Hagin held throughout the years.

Question: Is the office or ministry of the apostle still in operation in the Church today? If so, how can you tell if someone is an apostle?

The Greek word translated “apostle” means *sent one*. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is called an apostle. Hebrews 3:1 says, “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.” Certainly, Jesus was a Sent One.

The Bible tells us there are only twelve “Apostles of the Lamb” (Rev. 21:14). These apostles include Jesus’ twelve original disciples, minus Judas. After Judas fell, the remaining eleven disciples selected someone to replace him.

In making their selection, the disciples chose Matthias—someone who had been with them from the beginning and had been an eyewitness of Jesus’ ministry, death, burial, and resurrection (Acts 1:13–26). The Apostles of the Lamb were sent ones—sent for the purpose of testifying of all that they had seen during the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ and of His death, burial, and resurrection.

Paul himself did not qualify to be an Apostle of the Lamb, for the simple reason that he had not been an eyewitness of Jesus’ ministry, nor of His death, burial, and resurrection. And yet Paul was an apostle; we know that because the New Testament calls him one.

ACTS 13:1–4

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul [Paul].

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul [Paul] for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Having hands laid upon them and being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, Paul and Barnabas went on their first missionary journey. Acts 14:14 then says, “Which when *THE APOSTLES*, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out.” The Bible tells us that Paul and Barnabas were apostles, sent forth by God to minister.

There are still apostles in that sense today. A missionary is an apostle—that is, if he’s sent by the Lord to minister.

There are no Apostles of the Lamb today, because according to Revelation 21:14, there were only twelve Apostles of the Lamb. But there are other apostles of the Lord. Reading the New Testament, we find approximately twenty different people called apostles. And there are still apostles today.

What is the ministry of the apostle? The apostle seems to have all five ministry gifts combined. First, he has the ability to do the work of an evangelist—to get people saved (see 2 Tim. 4:5). Notice Paul’s ministry. He first got people saved. Then he stayed long enough to teach them. When doing the full work of an apostle, he typically never stayed in a place less than six months. His stays were between six months and three years. Third, he organized the church and got them started as a local body. An apostle has the ability to establish churches.

I’ve run into people who have said to me, “I’m an apostle. And I’m over you, because I’m an apostle.” I’d just as soon hear a donkey bray at midnight in a tin barn! No, the only authority that any apostle has is over churches he has built and established.

(For more on this topic, see Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin’s book *He Gave Gifts Unto Men*.)

» When you have questions, the Bible has answers.



Kids' Page

Fearless, Anointed, Inward-Led, Trustworthy Heirs of God

SCRAMBLE UP!

Throughout the New Testament, there are several words used to describe the Holy Spirit. See how many words you can find using the scrambled-up letters to the right. Then add up the point value of each word using the numbers at the bottom of the tiles. *You can use the same letter more than once.* If you need some help, read these scriptures to find the words:

John 3:8, 4:14, 7:38;
Luke 24:49; and Acts 2:2-3.

CHECK YOUR FINAL SCORE:
22-31 points—Pretty Smart
32-41 points—Brainy
55 points—Genius!



Are You "Plugged In?"

Do you have POWER in your Christian life? If not, it may be that you're not "plugged in" to the Power Source. Read the verses below to discover God's Power Source.



Luke 1:35 . . . The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. . . .

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; . . .

Acts 10:38 . . . God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power. . . .

Romans 15:13 . . . you may abound in hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit. . . .

Well, did you figure it out? The Christian's source of POWER is the HOLY SPIRIT! Even Jesus himself didn't do any POWERFUL miracles until He had received the HOLY SPIRIT. After the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at His baptism, Luke 4:14 tells us that Jesus "returned in the POWER of the SPIRIT into Galilee. . . ." So if you want POWER in your life, receive the "gift of the HOLY SPIRIT" (Acts 2:38)!

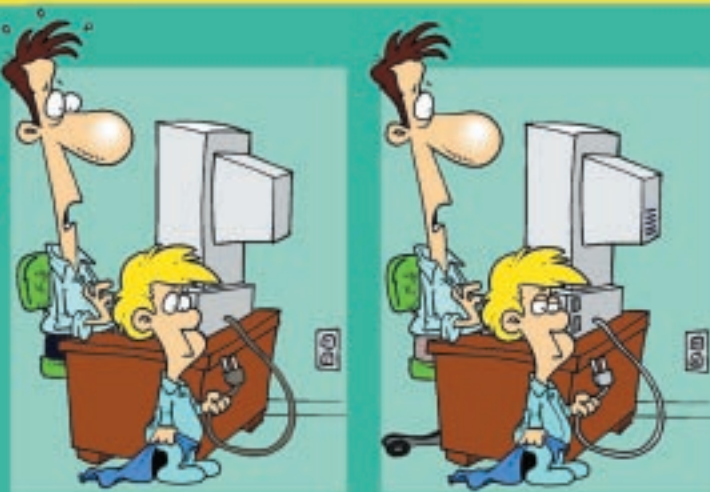
Finish the Puzzle!

In John 16:13, Jesus told us a very important job that the Holy Spirit does. See if you can finish the puzzle below by filling in the blanks with the missing letters.



Find the Differences

Are you plugged in to "The Power Source?" If you are, you should be able to find the 10 differences in these 2 pictures.



jokes & riddles

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



Mother: Tommy, you've left the front door open 3 times today. Were you born in a barn?!!
Tommy: No, Mom, but my Sunday school teacher said that Jesus was.

A "LITTLE" Humor

Two fleas were walking on a leopard's back. One flea said to the other flea, "This looks like a nice SPOT for a picnic!"

Tom: I'm writing a book about the life of Zaccheus.

John: It must be a "short" story!

Teacher: What's smaller than an atom?

Tommy: An Eve!

Rhyming Punchlines

What did Caesar's mother-in-law tell him to do for her daughter?

Please her, Caesar

What would you get if Jesus' baby crib was unsafe?

Manger Danger

Answers:
SCRAMBLE UP: RIVER, WATER, FIRE, POWER, WIND.
FINISH THE PUZZLE: HE WILL SHOW YOU THINGS TO COME.
FIND THE DIFFERENCES:
1. Man's eye 2. Sweat drops around man's head
3. Man's pants color 4. Leg of chair 5. Boy's eye
6. Vein on back of computer 7. Rings on back of computer 8. Outlet in wall is different 9. Color of computer cord 10. Boy's palm on front.