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God Cares for You

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

— 1 Peter 5:7

Many people feel that no one cares. They feel left out. But I want to tell you that someone does care! And if you're feeling that no one cares — if you have that sinking feeling of being all alone — I want you to know that someone does care. God cares!

The *New International Version* of First Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." Care and anxiety carry with them the connotation of fear, worry, and concern. You can cast all those things over on God. You can then get up and move on with your life. You can have a feeling of worth. You can have a feeling of usefulness, because someone cares for you.

You see, when you feel that someone cares for you, it gives you something to live for. Someone patting you on the shoulder and saying, "I appreciate you," can do so much! That gesture means that person cares about you.

Think back to a time when you were facing something, when you were going through a trial, and someone patted you on the shoulder and said, "It will be all right." Did that change the way you felt? Did it help your outlook? Did it minister to you? That gesture, in itself, said, "I care."

Today we need to say, "I care," to others. We need to say it in as many ways as we can.

God says that He cares for us. When we believe that someone cares for us, we trust in that person. We're not afraid to tell him whatever we need to tell him, because we believe that he cares. *The Twentieth Century New Testament* says, "... he makes you his care" (1 Peter 5:7). Beck's translation says, "... He takes care of you." Phillips' translation says, "... you are his personal concern." I like that one!

There's no need to be down and depressed. God has made you His personal concern. The Word of God says that He knows the number of hairs on your head (Matt. 10:30). God is there all the time. Now there are times when you are busy with other things and

your mind may be thinking about other things. You may not be thinking about God. But whether you are thinking about Him or not, He is still caring for you. He is right there with you all the time. When you're asleep, He is caring for you. You are His personal concern.

Look up and say, "God cares about me, and because He cares about me, I can make it through the day. And I will care for someone else."

You see, as we understand God's care for us, we will immediately reach out to care for someone else. We will show love to others. We will reach out to them and minister to them.

God is personally concerned about your welfare and your well-being all of the time! He is there to minister to you, to care for you, to lift you up. At your beckoned invitation, He will come and sustain you. He will carry you through the crisis. He will put a smile on your face and a song on your lips. And you will be able to say, "I'm not moved by what I feel. I'm moved only by what I believe. And I believe that the Word says, 'God cares for me.'"

Get hold of that and it will sustain you in the hour of need. Get hold of that and it will reject the spirit of the enemy that comes against you.

You see, God has a sustaining power that you cannot get from anywhere else. Psalm 55:22 says, "*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*" I want you to notice the word "shall" in this verse of Scripture. It carries with it the connotation that it *will* be done, no matter what! When you cast your care and anxieties on the Lord, there isn't even a shadow of doubt that it will take place. He said, "I *shall* sustain thee!" The only person who can move you from God and His sustaining power is you. You can remove yourself, but God will not remove Himself.

You are blessed because God cares about you. You are blessed because you're God's child. You're blessed because God has no favorites. God loves all His children the same. And because you know that God cares for you, you can reach out and help someone else. You can show them that you care for them and God cares for them.

— Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.

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Campmeeting 2001

People of Purpose

People traveled from 56 countries and 45 states to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July to attend Kenneth Hagin Ministries' Campmeeting 2001. The messages they heard throughout the week helped them realize that they were *people of purpose*.

MORNING SERVICES

In the morning services, the speakers taught on faith. Rev. Charles Cowan, president of RHEMA's 1975 charter class and founder and pastor of Faith Is the Victory Church in Nashville, Tennessee, opened Campmeeting 2001 on Monday morning, speaking on how to grow strong in faith. He continued with that subject Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Rev. Cowan reminded attendees that Jesus called Himself "... *THE way, THE truth, and THE life*" (John 14:6). "Facts — including negative circumstances — exist," Rev. Cowan explained. "We don't deny what's going on, but we deny its right to have a place in our life." He shared that we change facts by establishing the unchangeable truth of God's Word in our heart, meditating on it, and acting on it.

"For our faith to grow strong," shared Rev. Cowan, "we must accept God's Word as the truth" (John 17:17). "And we must use our faith every day, not just when a crisis threatens."

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings, Bishop Keith Butler, a 1978 RHEMA graduate, encouraged Campmeeting attendees to follow the faith of God. Bishop Butler founded and pastors Word of Faith International Christian Center in Southfield, Michigan,

and Faith Christian Centers in Smyrna, Georgia, and Phoenix, Arizona.

Bishop Butler explained that no one has been more successful than God at walking in faith. "If I'm going to follow the faith of my Father, then I'm going to call things that be not as though they are (Rom. 4:17)," he said. Bishop Butler shared that, when facing a problem, we should say what we want, not what we see. He also said, "Use your powerful words to deliver someone else. Stop thinking about yourself!"



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[Rev. Charles Cowan, Bishop Keith Butler]

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AFTERNOON SERVICES

The afternoon services offered more rich teaching from God's Word. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Rev. Mac Hammond taught on leadership. Rev. Hammond is founder and senior pastor of Living Word Christian Center in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

"Leadership applies to every one of us," said Rev. Hammond. "We've all been given the opportunity to speak into other people's lives." He noted that evangelism succeeds usually because the influence of others has opened people's hearts to the Gospel. He shared that a good leader must learn to be a better listener than a speaker, and

that a Christian leader's greatest responsibility is to make godly decisions without impulsiveness or wavering.

Thursday afternoon, Rev. Scott Webb, a 1982 RHEMA graduate and pastor of Word of Life Christian Center in Birmingham, Alabama, taught on the blessing of the Lord. "The blessing of God is the result of the choices I make," Rev. Webb said. "It's not a feeling. We must have faith in the blessing of God to enjoy it."



Friday afternoon, Rev. Doug Jones, a 1975 RHEMA charter class graduate and an instructor at the school, looked at how Christians can increase their influence in the world. He said, "As laborers together with God (1 Cor. 3:9) and ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20), Christians are to promote God's interests: winning the lost and seeing that believers are Spirit-filled and mature in Christ."

Rev. Jones shared, "I believe the tool God wants the Church to use to influence the world and win the lost is consistent, ethical, upright living — Christian conduct."

Saturday afternoon, Rev. Marvin Yoder, a 1984 RHEMA graduate and assistant dean of RHEMA Bible Training Center, preached on the power of praise. He said, "We've cried out to God, 'God, I want you to do good things in my life!' But God wants to do *so much more* than what we think! How do we receive those good things? *Praise Him!*"



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[Rev. Mac Hammond, Rev. Scott Webb, Rev. Doug Jones, Rev. Marvin Yoder]

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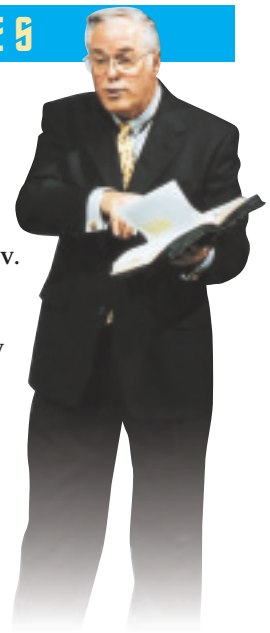
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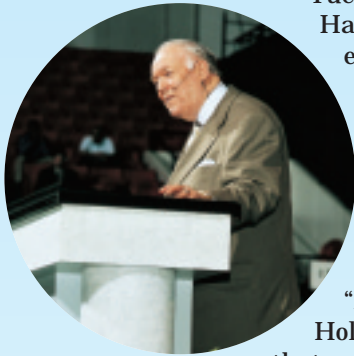
EVENING SERVICES

The evening services were filled with stirring teaching and preaching from God's Word and supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit. In keeping with the Campmeeting 2001 theme, "People of Purpose," Monday evening Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr. preached a strong message on "The Power of Purpose." He used as his text Acts 26:16-19, especially verse 16: "But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you *for this purpose . . .*" (NKJV). He challenged those present to let God's purpose become their motivation in life.

Rev. Hagin Jr. explained the believer's purpose is to share the Gospel, to live a godly life, to walk by faith, to enjoy the abundant life, and



to work for the Kingdom of God and the betterment of mankind.



Tuesday evening, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin taught by precept and example a remarkable lesson on being continually filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:18-21; Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:26).

Brother Hagin explained, "A psalm is a spontaneous, Holy Ghost-inspired poem or ode that can be recited, chanted, or sung.

It both edifies us and ministers to the Lord. Such psalms are for every Christian, not just for preachers. Sometimes the first word or two is all that comes. As we speak those words out in faith, the rest will follow."

Brother Hagin then demonstrated by uttering a psalm. Then he taught alternately in English and in tongues with interpretation. He told the congregation that he saw two angels standing, one on each side of him. He asked them their names and purposes, and shared those with the congregation. One was Michaelini, a messenger angel sent to carry out Rev. Hagin's words. The other was Michahnini, Rev. Hagin's guardian angel. After that, Rev. Hagin moved through the congregation ministering words from the Lord to several individuals.

Wednesday evening, Rev. Hagin Jr. preached a powerful message on "El Shaddai, the Great Multiplier," using as his text the last phrase of Genesis 17:1 and 2, ". . . and [God] will multiply you exceedingly" (NKJV). "God just doesn't add a little to your life," said Rev. Hagin Jr. "God is the Great Multiplier. He brings abundant increase beyond our description!"

Rev. Hagin Jr. shared that making a covenant with another is planting a seed, and each party in a covenant agreement gives something to the other. He said, "When you're born again, you enter into a covenant with God. You plant your life into Christ, and God plants Christ in you!"

Rev. Hagin Jr. explained that once we plant a seed, to reap God's rewards we must do what God says and live the Christian lifestyle (Gen. 17:1). That involves reading the Word of God daily, praying for others, giving our time, talents, and finances in our local church, and witnessing to others about Christ. He urged his hearers to sow seeds of love, kindness, and whatever else they desire to see a harvest of in their own life. He explained that doing that and living in line with God's Word allows El Shaddai, the Great Multiplier, to cause the harvest to come.



Rev. Hagin Jr. then spoke in tongues with interpretation and prophecy and gave some personal words for individuals. He said the Lord had been prompting him for some time to minister more in that way.

Thursday was RHEMA Day. During the evening service, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin ordained several RHEMA Bible Training Center missionary alumni. They are among the 1,013 RHEMA alumni living in 113 countries outside the United States.

Then two alumni spoke. Milos Kozohorsky, a native of the Czech Republic and a 1999 graduate, shared how God supernaturally provided the funds for him and his wife to live for two years in the U.S. and for him to attend RHEMA. And 1982 graduate Christopher Alam, an Arab who was raised Muslim, recalled how he converted to Christianity, escaped execution, became a political refugee, and saw God make a way through government channels so he could attend RHEMA.

Current and former RHEMA Singers & Band members then filled the stage for a stirring reunion performance. Then Brother Hagin preached on James 5:7: "*Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*" Brother Hagin explained that the Lord is waiting for a harvest of souls, and it will take the outpouring of the Holy Spirit — the early and latter rain — to bring in that harvest.

Brother Hagin illustrated through the Apostle Paul's life and his own that the Lord promotes those who serve faithfully where they are. Brother Hagin said Jesus told him in 1950 in a vision that He had told his mother before Brother Hagin was born to give him a certain name. She was afraid, and did not do so. Jesus told Brother Hagin that the name didn't matter, and that Brother Hagin would be a forerunner of His Second Coming. Brother Hagin said he had never revealed that part of the vision publicly before.

"Every one of you has a purpose," said Brother Hagin.

"You have the same purpose that I have. This movement is a forerunner to Jesus' Second Coming!"

During the Friday evening healing service, Rev. Hagin Jr. preached a strong message titled "Jesus of Nazareth Is Passing By." He used as his text Luke 18:35-42, the story of the blind roadside beggar whom Jesus healed. Afterward, many people who came forward for prayer were touched by the healing power of God as Rev. Hagin Jr. and his wife, Lynette, laid hands on them.



Saturday evening, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin taught on Romans 14:17: *"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."* He shared that as Christians we've emphasized righteousness and peace, but we've neglected joy. Brother Hagin read Psalm 126 and John 8:32. As he continued to speak, laughter and other expressions of joy broke out across the congregation.



Throughout Campmeeting 2001, speakers exhorted those present to accept, speak, and act on God's Word to see deliverance in their own lives and to make a difference in the lives of others. The thousands who attended went on their way clearly reminded that God has called and empowered them to be *people of purpose!*

All Evening Services

[Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin, Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.]

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YOUTH SERVICES

Summer Blitz 2001 "Desperate 4 God" brought hundreds of young people from throughout the world together for five days of fellowship, praise, worship, and anointed messages from God's Word. Summer Blitz speakers included Craig Hagin, Brent Bailey, Keith Nachbor, Chris Hill, Kate McVeigh, and Tom Woodcock. An afternoon concert by the band Jake and singer Joy Williams was a highlight of activities on Wednesday.



Thursday, the Summer Blitz 2001 youth spent the day beating the heat at Big Splash water amusement park in Tulsa. The awesome week ended Friday with an afternoon talent contest and a riveting, challenging message that evening from Chris Hill, youth pastor at The Potter's House in Dallas.

CHILDRENS' SERVICES



Hundreds of boys and girls attended the children's services at Campmeeting 2001. Fun and excitement abounded. Children grew in the Lord through faith-building preaching and experienced the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. Sergeant Sonshine (Mrs. Denise Burns) led the F.A.I.T.H. Academy morning services, teaching first through fifth graders how to be *Fearless, Anointed, Inward-Led, Trustworthy Heirs of God*. And "Armadillo Jim" brought his unique ministry to two services.

The evening services, held on "Planet Kids," were set to a *Gilligan's Island* theme. Friday and Saturday nights, Kids Revival Ministries of Minnesota taught youngsters how to be "Hawaiian survivors." Throughout the week many children were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many rededicated their lives to God.

YOU'RE INVITED!

WHAT: A Party!

WHEN: Campmeeting 2002, July 22-27

WHERE: Tulsa Convention Center
 Tulsa, Oklahoma

WHY: To celebrate 30 years of Campmeeting and Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin's 85th birthday!

From the Archives

A nostalgic look at the beginnings of Kenneth Hagin Ministries



Born Again

Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin suffered poor health throughout childhood and at the age of fifteen became bedfast. That night, he died and went to the gates of hell three times. This month he concludes his account of that experience.

I wish I had adequate words to describe the horrors of hell. People go through this life so complacently, so unconcerned, as if they will not have to face hell. But God's Word and my own personal experience tell me differently. I know what it is to be unconscious. It is black when you are unconscious. But *there is no blackness to compare with outer darkness.*

As I began to descend into the darkness for the third time, my spirit cried out, "God, I belong to the church! I've been baptized in water!" I waited for Him to answer, but no answer came — only the echo of my own voice coming back to mock me.

It will take more than church membership and being baptized in water to miss hell and make Heaven. Jesus said, "... *Ye must be born again*" (John 3:7). Certainly I believe in being baptized in water and in joining the church — but only after a person is born again. If you merely join the church and are baptized in water *without being born again*, you will go to hell!

The second time I cried a little louder, "God! I belong to the church! I've been baptized in water!" Again I

waited for an answer, but there was no answer — only the echo of my own voice through the darkness.

It would frighten a congregation out of their wits if I ever imitated the way I screamed the third time, although, if I could scare them out of hell and into Heaven, I'd do it! I literally screamed, "GOD! GOD! I BELONG TO THE CHURCH! I'VE BEEN BAPTIZED IN WATER!" And all I heard was the echo of my own voice.

I came again to the bottom of that pit. Again I could feel the heat as it beat me in the face. Again I approached the entrance, the gates into hell itself. The creature that met me the first two times again took me by the arm. I intended to put up a fight if I could to keep from going in. I only managed to slow down my descent just a little.

Thank God the voice that had spoken the first two times spoke again. I don't know who it was — I didn't see anyone — I just heard the voice. I don't know what he said, but whatever he said, that place shook; it just trembled. And that creature took his hand off my arm.

It was just as if there was a suction to my back parts. It pulled me back, away from the entrance to hell, until I stood in the shadows. Then it pulled me up headfirst.

As I was going up through the darkness, I began to pray. My spirit, the man who lives inside this physical

body, is an eternal being, a spirit man. I began to pray, "O God! I come to You in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask You to forgive me of my sins and to cleanse me from all sin."

I came up beside my bed in my grandparents' house. The difference between the three experiences was that I came up on the porch the first time; at the foot of the bed the second time; and right beside the bed the third time.

When I got inside my body, my physical voice picked up and continued my prayer right in the middle of the sentence. I was already praying out of my spirit.

Now, we didn't have all the automobiles in 1933 that we have today — that was in the Depression. But they tell me that between me and Momma praying so loud, traffic was lined up for two blocks on either side of our house! They heard me praying from inside the house, and they heard my mother as she walked the porch praying at the top of her voice.

I looked at the clock and saw it was 20 minutes before 8 o'clock. That was the very hour I was born again due to the mercy of God through the prayers of my mother.

I felt wonderful — it was just like a two-ton weight had rolled off of my chest. Although I was rejoicing and was happy in my spirit — although I felt wonderful spiritually — I felt no better physically. The doctors had been called, and they told my family that I was going to die. I thought I would die that night, but it no longer bothered me. I knew I was ready to go.

(To be continued . . .)

Except the Lord Build *the* **HOUSE**

Except the Lord
build the house,
they labour in vain
that build it. . . .
— Psalm 127:1



KENNETH E. HAGIN

Throughout more than fifty years of ministry, Psalm 127:1 has been the main scripture I've based my life upon. Before I ever move to do anything, I make sure the Lord is in it.

Notice that in this scripture, they *did* build the house. They got it built, all right, but their labor was all in vain because the Lord wasn't in it. So many times in the ministry, what we do is good, but it is not the Lord's plan at all. It is man's plan.

Psalm 127:1 refers to more than just building a house. Of course, in the natural, if God is not in *whatever* you are doing, it will fail. But the Bible is talking here about spiritual things as well.

Whatever you are doing for God, ask yourself, *Is this God's plan?* Remember, if the Lord is not building the house, all your labor is in vain. You can build an entire house and yet not have any part of it built according to God's plan. This verse points out that *they* had to labor to build it because *God* was not in it. Get God involved in whatever you are doing. Find out what His plan is before you ever begin to build.

It is easy to stray from God's plan. Ministers especially are susceptible to straying from God's plan with something that seems right, good, and legitimate. But if God didn't tell them to do it, and it is not His plan for them, they end up pursuing the wrong plan. When this happens, they forfeit the fullness of God's blessing.

For example, on October 1, 1979, we started Healing School on the RHEMA campus at the Lord's direc-

tion. Through the years, we've received marvelous testimonies from people who have been healed.

We had a custom of beginning these healing classes with someone leading singing. Many times, we would spend forty-five minutes just singing and worshipping the Lord. One day as I was going to Healing School, the Lord spoke to me. It was so real that it was just as if someone were walking beside me. The Lord said, "What is the purpose of this meeting?"

I answered, "It's a healing meeting."

"What kind of a healing meeting?"
"Well, we're teaching people who need to be healed how to receive healing and we are teaching others how to minister to the sick. That's the purpose."

"Then," the Lord said to me, "it's not a worship service."

"No," I said, "it's not a worship service."

“Then don’t try to have a worship service. Only sing a few songs, just enough to get the congregation to participate, and go right into your teaching.”

So we stopped conducting our Healing School as we had been. We got in line with God’s plan. We sing and praise fifteen minutes or so, and then go right into our lesson.

The Secret of Success

A few years ago, I attended what was called an “Idea Exchange.” Ministers from various churches and denominations across the country were invited to that meeting.

At that meeting, some of those ministers asked me, “Brother Hagin, what is the secret of your success?” One minister said, “When I first knew you, nobody had ever heard of you. You were preaching in small churches and, once in a while, in a large church. But then, all of a sudden, you became not only a national figure, but in just a matter of a few years, you’re an international figure. Now how did that all come about? What is the secret of your success?”

I answered, “The only secret of success I know is walking in line with the Word of God, and praying and listening to the Holy Spirit. I simply listen to what the Spirit of God says to do, and then I do it.” Actually, everything I’m doing today is the result of believing the Word, praying in other tongues, and being obedient to what God told me to do.

Thank God for the value of praying in other tongues. Sometimes I interpret my own prayers. In fact, that is how I first started interpreting the messages of others — by interpreting my own prayers.

God doesn’t just have plans and purposes for me. He has a plan for the Church. He has a plan and a place for each of His children, and His children can know His plans and pursue them in their lives and ministries.

But you have to get His plan from Him. You have to pray it through.

The old-time Pentecostals had a term, “praying through,” but people misused it. They would say to a fellow believer, “Have you prayed through today?” Really, if you are in fellowship with God, you don’t have to pray

through, in that sense. However, if you are in a backslidden condition, you do need to pray through to a renewed fellowship with Him.

That expression got started because sometimes people do come up against forces of evil in prayer. You’ve got to pray through them sometimes. Daniel prayed twenty-one days until he prayed through and his answer came from an angel of God (Dan. 10:1-15). So sometimes there are *spiritual forces* that you have to pray through to victory.

Sometimes you have to pray and wait on God to find out what *His*

(Ps. 127:1). And I know God can get the job done!

So what we are doing is the result of what *God* said to do, not what I wanted. It’s not my plan or my purpose — it’s God’s.

Find Your Place of Anointing

One reason many ministers miss God’s plan for their lives is that they try to be a “jack of all trades and a master of none.” We need to realize that every one of us is limited! If you could do it all yourself, there wouldn’t be any need for the rest of us. Yet some people seem to think, “If God takes *me* off the scene, the job won’t get done!” Isn’t it strange how God has gotten by without them all these years? No, it’s human ego that likes to think that!

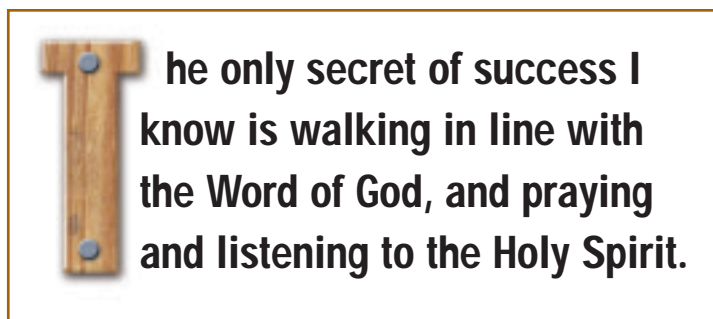
“Yeah, but I’m the only one who is doing anything for God!”

Dear me, many times it is the folks you have never heard of who are doing

more for God than people with an attitude like that! You may not be gifted and anointed by the Holy Spirit to minister in a certain way, but find *your* place and you will be successful. If you don’t know for sure where your place is, just keep giving people the Word and laying hands on them in faith! God honors faith, and you will see many miracles!

The late Rev. Howard Carter was the General Chairman of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain for nineteen years, and built the first Pentecostal Bible school in the world. He was used by the Lord to minister some of the clearest teaching I have ever heard concerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I heard him say once that nearly everyone he laid hands on was filled with the Holy Spirit, and practically everyone his wife laid hands on got healed. You see, both he and his wife had found their place of anointing and they flowed together in their anointings as a husband-and-wife team in the ministry! They learned that by staying in their individual places of anointing, they were effective!

When people find their area of anointing and stay in it — not trying to be someone they’re not — they become effective in whatever they are doing for God.



plans, purposes, and pursuits are. You need to find out God’s plan for your life, your ministry, your church — or whatever it is that God has called you to do.

In waiting upon the Lord in prayer, all I did was simply obey what God told me to do. I haven’t done anything except run to try to keep up with Him!

Once, a minister friend and his wife came to visit my wife and me, and we drove them around showing them RHEMA and all the facilities. They said, “You must be carrying a heavy load.”

“No,” I said, “I’m not carrying any heavy load. No, you’re mistaken — I’m not the least bit burdened by anything. It wasn’t *my* idea or *my* plan to start a training center. I didn’t want to do it to begin with.”

You see, I had already cast my cares upon the Lord. I had settled all this with the Lord and had His plan on the matter. Early in our building programs, I told the Lord about our financial needs. (The Lord is our friend and He is our Father. He cares about us, and He can understand us when we talk to Him.)

That’s why I don’t carry the burden! If it is the Lord’s plan, He will put you over! “*Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . .*”

Sometimes God will show you what He wants you to do — you will have His plan. But at the same time, you will perceive in your spirit that the *time* to do it isn't quite right. Learn to wait for the right time to implement God's plan — wait for the quickening of the Holy Spirit. At other times, God will show you things in the Spirit, and although you won't know *everything* God wants you to do, as you fulfill what the Lord told you to do — little by little, you will move into deeper areas of the Spirit. As you are obedient to follow God's plan and *His* purpose, He will begin to illustrate and demonstrate some things to you and lead you into greater understanding of His plan.

There will also be times when you simply pick up on what the Spirit wants to do through others in the Body of Christ, but that does not mean that God wants *you* to do it.

Listen to what I'm saying. For instance, sometimes when Paul had something to say, he would say, "This is what the Lord said." But at other times, he'd say, "God gave me permission to say this."



Learn to wait for the right time to implement God's plan — wait for the quickening of the Holy Spirit.

Please understand that I'm speaking this by the Spirit of God. God wants to clear up some areas so He can move in our midst. Many people who have some sensitivity to the Holy Spirit sense what God *is* doing and what He *wants* to do. They grab that and run off with it and try to build something from that. But because God didn't specifically tell *them* to do it, their plans are only man's plans, not God's plan or purpose. Because they add to God's plan or they take away from it, they get the real thing God wanted to do in a mess, and sometimes even thwart the plan and the move that God wanted. We can't let that happen in what God wants to do in our day in the Body of Christ.

How are we going to keep that from happening? Are we going to pray? Certainly, we should pray, but that alone won't do it. We are going to have to *teach* people what the Bible says. We are going to have to get people informed. The Body of Christ is going to have to begin to follow after God's plans, purposes, and pursuits.

Let me use an illustration to explain what I mean. A number of years ago, I announced during Campmeeting that we were going to start a Bible school. Many other people sensed the same leading to start a Bible school. I'm sure God had probably spoken to some of these people; others were just sensing the move of God in that area and direction.

After we announced we were going to start a Bible school, we received many letters that said, "God told us to start a Bible school, but we don't know how. Could you tell us how?" Well, when God told us to start one, we didn't know how either. We had to seek *God's plan* for what He wanted *us* to do. We wrote these people back and said, "If God told you to start a Bible school, He'll tell you how to do

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it. If He doesn't tell you how to do it, He didn't direct you to start one in the first place!"

Then in another instance, I announced from the platform, "We are going to start Healing School." Right after that, we got letters from others who had also sensed the move of God in that area. They wrote us saying, "God told us to start a healing school. How do we do it? Tell us how to do it." However, when God told us to start ours, we had to seek Him for the "how-to." We prayed and sought God!

What happened was that many of these people sensed in the Spirit that God was moving this way, and they thought He wanted *them* to do it. They didn't take time to wait before Him to get His plan for *themselves* or for their church.

When people sense which way God is moving, many times they

assume God wants them to do something. Of course, there will always be those people who just want to start something because someone else is doing it. Most of them fall flat on

and they do it in their *own* strength. They think *they* have to perform it, and some of them labor under that burden until the strain of it literally kills them; they have a heart attack

and die young. Then you hear someone say, "*See*, that proves healing is not for everyone, because that fine fellow worked for the Lord, but he died right in the midst of doing God's will."

No, in that circumstance, if you do all the laboring to bring God's plan to pass, and you

don't trust in Him to do it, you may work yourself to death! Seek God, and let Him bring His own plan to pass! When God tells you to do something, you need to rest as you go, glory to God! I'm resting *in Him!* The Bible says, ". . . *we which have believed do enter into rest . . .*" (Heb. 4:3).✠

What happens so many times is that God really does tell Christians to do something, but then *they* try to go build it or do it *themselves*.

their faces. Why? Because, "*Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . .*" (Ps. 127:1).

Once we get God's plan and begin to follow it, it is vital that we learn to rest in Him.

What happens so many times is that God really does tell Christians to do something, but then *they* try to go build it or do it *themselves*. They try to carry out God's plan in themselves

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The Lord will guide you always: he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

— Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)



Dear Lynette,

You said in a previous issue that you were called into the ministry as a young child. How did you know when it was time to enter your ministry? What sign did God give you? I went to a church-sponsored prayer meeting, and the coordinator asked everyone what God had called them to do. When it came time for me to answer, I said, "I haven't received my calling yet." I was told to continue to pray in the spirit until I hear from God. Can you give me some feedback on this issue I'm facing? Whatever God wants me to do, I'm ready, but I want to hear from Him and do what He wants me to do.

First, let me say that God has not called everyone into fulltime, pulpit ministry — the five-fold ministry positions listed in Ephesians 4:11: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." In my prayer time as a young child, the Lord quickened to my spirit that I would be in fulltime ministry and that I was to marry a minister. As a teenager, I began preparing for the ministry by volunteering in my church in whatever capacity was needed. I volunteered my time, whether it was working in the nursery, cleaning the church, or washing dishes at the church social.

Although not everyone is called into fulltime ministry, all believers should be working for the Lord by giving of their time and talent. God has given each one of us different talents. Romans 12:6-8 says, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully" (NIV).

If God has not spoken to your heart about a specific ministry, then I suggest asking yourself this question: "What natural talent do I have that I can use for the Lord to help further the Kingdom of God?" Whatever your talent is, whether it be in music, art, cooking, cleaning, encouraging, or simply in being a good listener, make yourself available to volunteer in those areas of the church you attend.

Dear Lynette:

I would like your opinion about this. My husband and I have been married for forty years. He has always been a person who wants me or someone else to praise him for everything

he does. This isn't normal. What would you suggest is the problem he is having? Even though we have children, he still wants to be the center of attention. He is an only child. Maybe you can enlighten me and others who may be going through the same situation.

There could be several reasons for your husband's actions. As an only child, he most likely grew up being the center of attention and became very used to that. When children grow up in a family where there are several siblings, they quickly learn to share their parents' attention, whereas an only child is not always exposed to this kind of interaction.

Wanting to be praised continually can also be a sign of low self-esteem. Perhaps your husband doesn't feel he has attained the level of success he desires, and he deals with these feelings by placing emphasis on himself and by wanting to be praised. Or perhaps he doesn't feel he measures up to your expectations of him as a husband and father.

One of the basic needs of a man is admiration. Praise and admiration have a powerful effect on all of us. Unfortunately, as husbands and wives, we have a tendency to voice criticism rather than praise of our spouse. In teaching on marriage, I tell husbands and wives that we often take our spouse for granted. We need to praise each other on a daily basis for what some might consider minor and insignificant things.

I encourage you to communicate your concerns to your spouse. Let him know how much you love him and that you are proud of him. I believe that as you reassure him of your love and appreciation, his need to constantly be praised will diminish.

Lynette Hagin

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Kenneth Hagin Jr. ●●●

HOW TO

HANDLE

TROUBLE



Learning both spiritual and natural ways to deal with trouble will help you become a success for God.

Some people say there are only two things in life that are certain: paying taxes and dying. I say there's a third thing that visits us all — trouble. If you live very long upon this earth you're going to find yourself in some kind of troubling circumstance.

I want to share with you some things that I think will help you to deal with the troubles, circumstances, and trials that you face as you live out your life down here on earth.

We all will face troubles. Look in Matthew chapter 7 at something Jesus said.

MATTHEW 7:24-27

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

I want you to notice something in this scripture passage. The rain, floods, and winds came against both the wise man who built his house on the rock and the foolish man who built

his house upon the sand. Trouble came to both of them.

Sometimes people suppose that trouble only comes to those who are negligent, lazy, or just plain ignorant. And sometimes when we find ourselves in trouble, we ask, "Why me, Lord?"

The truth is, troubles, trials, and tests come to everyone. Disappointments and trying circumstances come to us all. But we need to understand that how we *deal* with those troubles determines whether our house falls or stands!

We must learn to deal with life in two areas: the spiritual and the natural. Some people continually have problems because they only deal with the natural area. Others have problems all the time because they only deal in the spiritual area.

I have a saying — "When the natural and the supernatural come together, they make an explosive force for God." Dealing successfully with troubles is not all natural, and it's not all supernatural. God talks to us about this in His Word. The Bible shows us both natural and spiritual things we can do.

Let's look at the natural first; then we'll deal with the spiritual.

The first natural thing you can do to get yourself out of trouble is: *Get rid of the excuses.* Stop saying, "It's not my fault; it's So-and-so's fault." No. *You're* the one who made that bad decision. It's *your* fault!

Some people blame everything that happens to them on someone else. They say, "It's my upbringing. It's my parents' fault." Or they say, "It's the economy. There are just no opportunities available for me."

Some people develop the "victim" mentality. They say, "The world owes me something." Friend, nobody owes you anything! As they say where I come from in Texas, "Grab hold of your boots and put them on yourself!"

To explain, if you have a pair of Western boots that fits well, it takes some effort to put them on. Once they're on, they're really comfortable. But you have to put them on! And that takes some effort.

If you can slip your foot into a boot real easily, you're going to end up with blisters on your foot because that boot's going to slip around as you walk. I've experienced that, and I don't want to experience it again.

It's said that in the Old West, a cowboy would go to the leather maker and have him make a pair of boots. Then that cowboy would put them on, go stand in a water trough, get those boots soaking wet, and wear them until they dried out. As the leather dried, it formed to his feet. No one else could wear those boots because they were formed to that cowboy's feet!

Friend, it's your life! No one else can live it for you. And no one else can

make you do what you don't want to do.

We have to get rid of all of our excuses and our crutches. I'm talking about things to do in the natural. To handle your troubles properly, you're going to have to handle them both in the natural and in the spiritual. If you'll handle them in both areas, you'll be successful.

The second natural thing you can do to handle trouble better is: *Don't look back*. Your answer is not behind you. If it were, you wouldn't be in the mess you're in. Your answer is in front of you!

You cannot change the past. It's history! But you can change tomorrow. You can't change what you did yesterday. It's written forever on the pages of your life. But you can change what happens *today* in your life!

Another natural thing you can do to deal with troubles, trials, and tests is: *Quit comparing yourself to others*. You are *you*, and you're not to compare yourself to anyone else! God made you the way you are. Now go out and *do* something with what He gave you!

When God talked to you about coming into the Kingdom, when He talked to you about doing some things and He gave you some visions, dreams, and plans, He knew who you were. He knew your shortcomings, and He knew where you could excel. So quit comparing yourself with someone else. Just get up and go do it and be a success!

Here's something else you can do in the natural to handle your troubles and trials better: *Don't second-guess yourself*. An individual in management told me many years ago, "Look at all the circumstances. Then make a decision that you can live with."

Too many people make decisions based on emotion and all kinds of other things, and end up unable to live with those decisions. When you make a decision, be sure you can live with it.

Another natural thing you can do to deal more efficiently with trouble is: *Learn to say, "I don't know."* It's okay sometimes to say, "I don't know!" You can't know everything! You can't be everything to everyone.

Some Christians think they have to know all there is to know about the Word of God. And they get intimidated if they don't know an answer to someone's question. Then the devil starts using that against them and drives them out of church. I know many peo-

ple that's happened to. But it's all right to say, "I don't know."

Another natural thing you can do is: *Know your own limits*. Realistically evaluate yourself, your abilities, and what kind of pressure you can take. Naturally speaking, too many people rationalize about themselves. No — be honest. You can't expect more of yourself than you are able to accomplish.

Let me tell you, though — in the time we live in there are libraries, the Internet, and many other places where you can learn about almost anything. And once you learn about it, then you are able to do it.

But don't put yourself in a position where what you say you will do is beyond your current abilities. And if you already have put yourself there, don't just say, "I can't do this job," and put yourself under pressure. Go find out how to get it done!

You cannot change the past. It's history! But you can change tomorrow.

Something else you can do in the natural to deal with trouble is: *Give clear communication to other people*. Don't send out mixed signals. Have you ever worked for a boss who didn't make it clear to you what he wanted you to do? He may have said one thing at one time and something else at another time, and you didn't know what he really wanted. Learning to communicate clearly will help keep you out of some difficult circumstances.

Something else you can do is: *Take time off*. Go somewhere away from the problem for a short time. It will help to restore your perspective.

And one final natural thing you can do is: *Hire a professional to do what you can't do*. It often pays to do this. You will end up paying less in the long run.

Have you ever tried to fix something and messed it up worse than it was? Then when you finally called a professional, he said, "If you hadn't messed it up, it would only have cost this much. But since you messed it up, we'll have to replace these parts."

Those are some natural things you can do to deal with trouble. Now here are some spiritual things. Remember, I'm coming from the perspective of the

natural and the supernatural *working together* to bring an explosive force for God in your life.

First, we must remember that *God is with us and He wants to help us out of our trouble*. Psalm 91:15 says, ". . . I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him" (NIV). Notice that God does *not* say here, "I'll help him out of some of his troubles." No, He says He will deliver you out of *all* your trouble. And Romans 8:31 says, ". . . If God is for us, who can be against us?" (NIV).

Second, we must *resist fear*. Romans 8:15 says, "*For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear. . . .*" And Second Timothy 1:7 says, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*" You can't be fearful and have faith and expect the supernatural to work for you.

Next, realize that *God always has a way out!* I've heard many people say, "There's no way out." Yes there is! Maybe you can't see it or feel it, but there's a way out! First Corinthians 10:13 says, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it" (NIV).

Next on the spiritual side, *maintain a good attitude*. Too many people get "stinky attitudes." They say, "I don't understand why I'm going through this. Why is trouble on *my* doorstep?"

Well, what if it is? Count it all joy! When trouble has kicked your door down and is tromping around inside of your house, count it all joy.

"What are you talking about?" you might ask.

I'm talking about maintaining the proper spiritual attitude! James 1:2 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds . . ." (NIV). And "trials" can be "troubles."

Next on the spiritual side, *you have to walk in love*. The Word of God says walking in love is our standard of conduct. That's the character we are to have. First Corinthians 13 in the *New International Version* says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude . . ." (vv. 4,5).

Sometimes when we are involved in a trial, we're rude to people. But

Christian love is not rude.

First Corinthians 13:5 says, “. . . It is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs” (NIV). Some people say, “I’ll forgive them, but I’ll never forget what they did.” But Christian love keeps no record of wrongs.

Verse 6 says, “Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth” (NIV). I’ve seen some Christians who don’t like certain people and when those people are in a car wreck or their house burns down, those Christians say, “Well, that’s what they deserved!” But love does not delight in evil.

“It [love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails . . .” (1 Cor. 13:7,8). Learning to walk in love will help you deal successfully with trouble in life.

Another thing you can do spiritually to handle trials better is: *Use your faith.* Use your faith to move the mountain-sized troubles out of your life. Of course, you know I’m going to Mark 11:23.

MARK 11:23 (NKJV)

23 “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those

things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

Next on the spiritual side, *maintain a proper confession.* Maintain a positive confession in line with God’s Word.

Some people talk constantly about their problems. Don’t let a negative tongue get you into trouble. Hebrews 10:23 says, “*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).*”

When I was growing up, every time we would run into trouble and trials, my Dad would say, “We’re just going to trust God.” Trouble would knock the door down and Dad would say, “This is just another chance, family, for us to

Learning to communicate clearly will help keep you out of some difficult circumstances.

prove that God’s Word works!” You have to keep a positive confession.

Then, also on the spiritual side, when you’re facing troubles and trials, *you have to stand your ground!* Ephesians 6:13 and 14 says, “*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

Stand therefore. . . .”

You have to resist pressure from the devil, and from other people. People can put pressure on you. Families can exert pressure on you. We have to learn how to stand our ground in the midst of all kinds of pressure, circumstances, and trouble.

Remember that God is faithful to perform His Word. Look at these verses from the Book of Psalms.

PSALM 34:17-19 (NKJV)

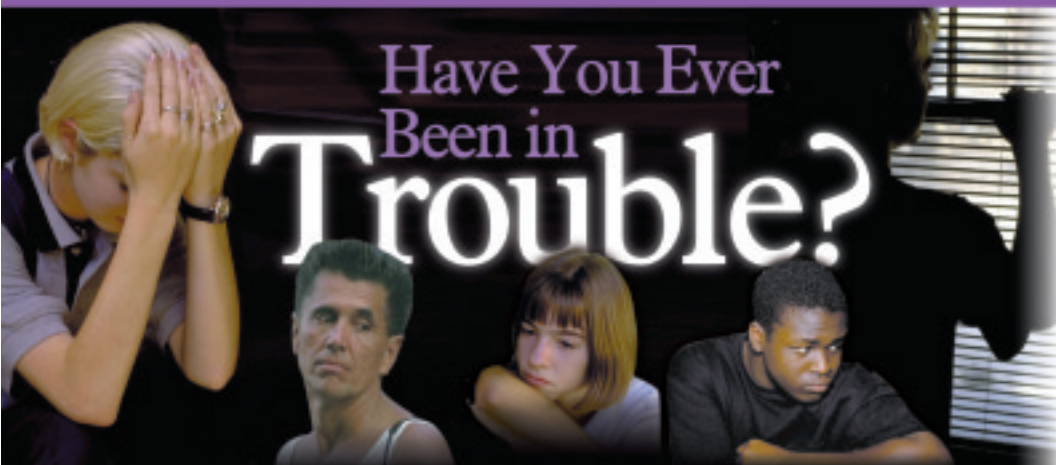
17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of ALL their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them ALL.

Notice that these verses *don’t* say that the Lord delivers the righteous out of *some* of their troubles. No, He delivers them “. . . out of them ALL.”

If we’ll just use some natural things we’ve learned through the years, and apply the Word of God on the spiritual side, we will overcome every trial and circumstance. We will be a success for God because Philippians 4:13 says, “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*”

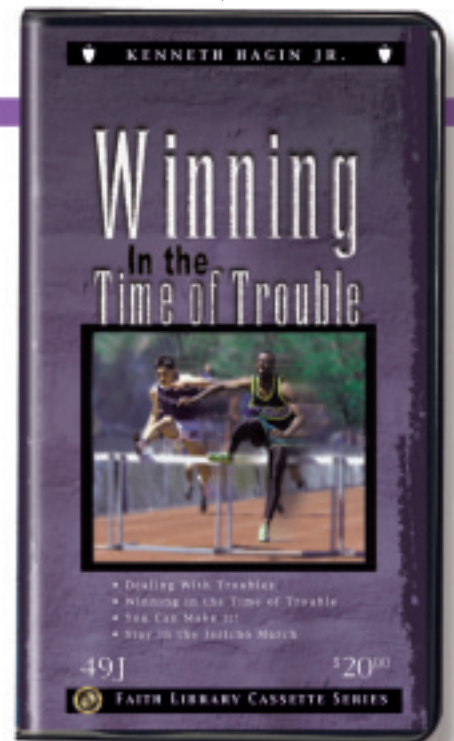


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Are You A Name-Dropper?

Since there is no name greater than Jesus' name and since we are saved by His name, healed by His name, have authority in His name, and have our needs met by His name, don't you think we should be saying His name a lot more?

NAME DROPPERS

The names below will fit perfectly in the red puzzle pieces below them if they are "dropped" into the right slot (just like the name of Jesus in the example to the right). Take a pencil and draw a line from the name to the puzzle piece that it fits.

JESUS

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Some people try to impress others by telling them the names of important people they know. These people are called "name-droppers." Are you a "name-dropper"? You should be, because you know the name of someone very important . . . as a matter of fact you know someone with the most important name there is. His name is "JESUS!" The Bible tells us some very interesting things about Jesus' name.

Philippians 2:9 says that Jesus' name is above every name. There is no name greater! Acts 4:12 tells us that the name of Jesus is the only name that brings salvation. We are saved by Jesus' name! Jesus Himself said in John 16:23 that whatever we ask God for in Jesus' name, He will give it to us. Our needs are met in Jesus' name! When Peter and John healed the lame man in Acts chapter 3, they told him to rise "in the name of Jesus." There's healing in Jesus' name! In Mark 16:17 Jesus told his disciples that they would cast out devils by His name. There's authority over the devil in Jesus' name!

WHAT IS IN Jesus' name?

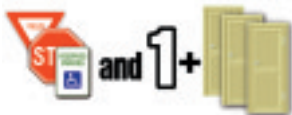
There are 3 "P's" in Jesus' name . . . Protection, Provision, and Power. His Protection gives us shelter and safety. His Provision meets all of our needs. And His Power gives us authority, strength, and ability.



Find the pictures in the name of Jesus above and figure out which ones are symbols for Protection, Provision, and Power.

Decode the Message

In Acts 4:30 the disciples asked God for something to take place through the name of Jesus. Decode the message below to find out what they asked for.



ANSWERS:

What IS IN The Name of Jesus -
 ANSWERS:
 PROTECTION: football helmet, shield, lock, hard hat, sock, dress, piggy bank, house, PROVISION: suit of armor, umbrella, cake, money, bread and butter
 POWER: muscle, lightning bolt, sheriff's badge
 Bible Mysteries - Answer: The seven sons of Scava (These men tried to cast out a demon in Jesus' name but they didn't really know Jesus in their hearts...the man who was demon possessed jumped on them and beat them all up. If you're going to use Jesus' name in this way, make sure you know Him in your heart first.
 Decode the Message - Answer: Signs and Wonders
 Add em Up: 27 times!

Bible Mysteries

Can you figure out who these Bible characters are?

They used Jesus' name, And what happened to them Seemed to be quite confusing. They knew the right name But really didn't know The One whose name they were using.

Who were they?

Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches the symbol below it. The letters are in the box below.

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Jokes & Riddles

What was Moses' cure for a headache?

He took two tablets.

One day Adam went for a walk with his sons Cain and Abel. As they passed by the Garden of Eden, Adam's sons asked their father what this beautiful place was. He answered, "Boys, that's where your mother and I ate us out of house and home!"

What did the whale tell the other fish in the sea after he spit Jonah out of his mouth?

You should have seen the one that got away!

Where would you go to find out how much a pie weighs?

♪ Somewhere over the rainbow, weigh-a-pie ♪

Did you hear about the dog that ate garlic and onions?

His bark was worse than his bite!

What do you get when you cross a bear with a skunk?

Winnie the PHEW!

Add'em Up!

Count the total number of times Jesus' name appears on this page.



Doug Jones

KEEP THE Switch of Faith Turned On!

For years I've heard Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin say things when he is ministering to the sick, such as, "The moment I lay hands on you, the healing power of God will be administered to your body. But what you do with it after that is up to you." And then he will say something else that's very interesting. He'll say, "Keep the switch of faith turned on."

Do you see that it is faith that not only *obtains* the healing power, but it is also faith that *keeps* the power working in us once it is obtained?

Keep the switch of faith turned on! Even though I have heard and used this phrase for years, I did not always fully understand what it meant. I had personally instructed people to keep the switch of faith turned on after I had laid hands upon them. But after a time, I found myself asking, "What does it really mean to keep the switch of faith turned on?"

I would ask others to define this phrase. They would tell me that it meant to keep believing. Well, that settled my heart for a while, so after I would lay hands on folks, I would tell them, "Keep believing." But then I began to ask the question, "Believe *what*?" What exactly are we to believe?

When we mention the switch of faith, are we talking about believing that God has raised Jesus from the dead? Are we talking about believing that God will provide for all of our needs? What are we talking about when we use this phrase "Keep the switch of faith turned on"? If we are unsure as to what we are to believe, then how are we to know that we have the switch turned on? It's hard to keep

the switch of faith turned on if we are unsure as to what the switch of faith is.

In pursuing the definition of "the switch of faith," I came across something that Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin said when he was speaking about the first time he ever used this phrase. As I listened to his story, he plainly gave the definition. I found out that the switch of faith is not just believing. Rather, it is a very *specific* belief. I am going to give you the story that Brother Hagin tells of the first time he used the phrase. He used it to help a couple who had a little child with clubbed feet. This is such a wonderful story — I trust that it blesses you as much as I have been blessed by it.

Brother Hagin was holding a meeting in a certain denominational church in which the people had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and had gone charismatic. Several hundred of them had received this experience, and while Brother Hagin was there for eight days, another 150 were baptized in the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues. He also laid hands on the sick each night for healing.

One particular night, he was laying hands on the sick, and a young couple brought their only child, a little boy, to be prayed for. Both of his feet were clubbed feet; they were deformed. Brother Hagin held those little feet in his hands and ministered God's healing power to them. After doing so, he

opened his eyes, looked at those little feet, and they were just as crippled as they were to begin with.

Brother Hagin said to the parents, in effect, "If it will help you any, I'll tell you this: I have a stronger anointing right now to minister to this boy than I have had with others in this prayer line before him. I'm just going to hold these little feet in my hands for a few minutes."

After a moment of holding those little feet in his hands, he opened his

hands and looked at them again, and they were just as crippled and deformed as they ever were. So he said to them, "If it will help you any, I felt that power go right out of my hands into this child's feet." And then he said to them, "Keep the switch of faith turned on. Every time you think of it, say,

"The healing power of God has been ministered to those feet, and it's working in them right now."

Several weeks later, Brother Hagin was ministering in Tulsa. While he was ministering there, the son of the pastor of that denominational church, who was attending the meeting in Tulsa, got up to give the testimony of the couple with the little boy. He said that the young couple came back to his dad's church a few weeks after the little boy was prayed for and asked to show the child and to testify. With the pastor's permission, they brought the child up to the front of the church, and both his feet were perfectly healed! Both feet were normal!

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This was their testimony: "We did just what Brother Hagin told us to do. Every time we would look at those feet, we would say, 'Thank God the healing power of God was ministered last Thursday night to our child's feet, and that power is working in these feet now to effect a healing and a cure.' We did that every time we thought of it for three days and nights, and after the third day, the feet began to change. Little by little, they changed until they were just as perfect as feet could be!"

Glory! What a testimony! But the thing I want you to see is the definition of the switch of faith.

Notice what Brother Hagin said to this couple: "Keep the switch of faith turned on. Every time you think of it, say, 'The healing power of God has been ministered to those feet, and it's working in them right now.'"

What is the switch of faith? It consists of two elements. The switch of faith is the belief that: (1) the healing power of God has been administered; and (2) the healing power is working mightily in your body to recover your body from the sickened condition.

As I became aware of this, a number of thoughts came to my attention. First of all, do you understand that we should not be telling people to "keep the switch of faith turned on" until we first determine if they even *have* the switch of faith. It's impossible to keep something *on* that you do not *have*. For example, I can't keep a flashlight on if I don't have a flashlight. So if I do not have the switch of faith, I can't keep it on.

We judge whether or not a person has the switch of faith by determining what the person believes in two areas: (1) Do they believe that the healing power was given to them when they were prayed for? and (2) Do they believe that the power is working in them now to drive out the sickness and disease?

If they do not believe that the power is in them, then they do not have the switch of faith, and there is no reason to encourage them to keep it on. Likewise, if they do not believe

that the power is in them working mightily to drive out the sickness, then they do not have the switch of faith, and there is no reason to encourage them to keep it on.

I am convinced that most people do not have the switch of faith. Why? Because they are in every prayer line that is offered to them. They are still trying to *get* God to heal them. They are still wondering whether or not they will ever be healed.

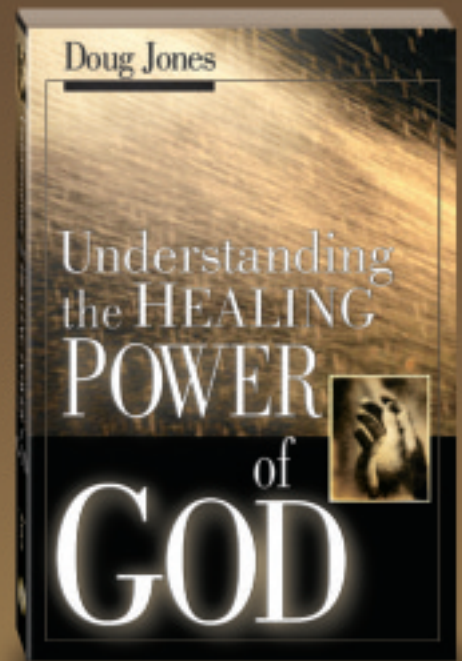
But remember the couple who brought the little boy to be ministered to by Brother Hagin? They believed that the power was administered to

those feet, and they believed that the power was working mightily in those feet. And every time they *thought* of it they *said*, "Thank God, the healing power of God was ministered last Thursday night to our child's feet, and that power is working in those feet now to effect a healing and a cure!"

The couple's confession of what they believed kept that power active and working until, after three days, the feet started changing. If they had stopped believing after *two* days that the power was working in those feet, do you understand that they would have caused the power to become dormant or inactive, and their child's feet would continue to remain as they were? *Their loyalty to their belief that the healing power was administered, and their confession of what they believed kept the power working.* If they had stopped believing and confessing that the power was in their child's feet and working mightily, the power would have become dormant. They did the things that kept the power that was given by the laying on of hands active, not dormant.

When you are prayed for, the power is administered, and from that moment on, you can relax, knowing that the power is working mightily in you. Every time you think of it, you can lift your hands and say with a voice of confidence, "Thank You, Heavenly Father, that the healing power of God is in me mightily driving out the sickness and disease." ♥

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