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Mothers Are Special

My mom, Oretha Hagin, went home to be with the Lord on June 28, 2007. I thank God for her and the godly example she set in our home. Mom was a portrait of a godly mother. I am proud to be her son. She taught my sis and me endurance by her example. Maybe that's where I get my tenacity. Throughout her life, she faithfully obeyed God. There were many hardships, but I watched her stand in those hard places.

In the early years when my dad traveled a lot, Mom never complained and never allowed us children to complain. There were many lonely hours while he was gone. A lot of responsibilities and decisions fell on her shoulders. Besides that, she had a pretty strong-willed, strong-headed teenaged boy she had to pray a lot for!



Mom knew what it meant to endure hardness as a good soldier (2 Tim. 2:3). She taught us to stand strong in the face of all obstacles. Mom taught us to be faithful. Faithfulness was a hallmark in her life. I remember her saying, "Kids, don't worry about the sacrifice. If we stay true to God's call, we will be blessed in the end."

I think mothers are the most special people in the world. I am grateful for the example my mom set in my life. It made me who I am today.

On Mother's Day, show your mother how special she is. Call her if she's far away. If she is close by, give her flowers and take her out to eat. Perhaps your mother isn't alive today. I encourage you to reflect on the valuable lessons she taught you.

We hope you enjoy this magazine. May each article encourage you in your walk with the Lord and strengthen you to remain faithful to His plans.

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SUPERNATURAL CRAVING



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AFTER I WAS raised up off the bed of sickness, my granny convinced me to go to a tent meeting because they preached healing like I believed. It was a “Full Gospel” revival, which didn’t mean a thing in the world to me. But when I found out they believed in divine healing, I canceled everything and went.

I was baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues. But when I went back to the church I was raised in and started ministering, they said, “The poor boy stayed in bed so long that it affected his mind!” The same people would have pulled off their coat, rolled up their sleeves, and fought to prove they believed in God and His power. Yet, as soon as God’s power manifested, they said, “That boy has gone off the deep end!”

GOD WANTS TO MANIFEST HIMSELF. A dry, dead meeting has no drawing power. But a service where believers are richly blessed by the unfolding of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit in manifestation is a drawing power, for people everywhere crave the supernatural.

The church at large is to blame for the rise of the occult in America. The heart of mankind seeks after the supernatural, and if they had it in the church, people would be there. Men and women long to see the manifestation of the power of God, to feel the thrill of the touch of the unseen.

A MIRACLE-WORKING GOD CREATED US, AND THAT MIRACLE ELEMENT IS IN US. We yearn to live in the atmosphere of the supernatural. The miracle realm is our natural realm!

We are by creation the companions of a miracle-working Father God. Sin dethroned us, but through grace, we come into our own. It’s been a hard struggle for us to grasp the principles of this strange life of faith. It’s still odd to many people.

In the beginning, our spirit was the dominant force in the world. When Adam sinned, our mind became dominant. It dethroned our spirit being and crowned the intellect. But grace is restoring our spirit to its place of dominion. When we come to recognize the dominance of the spirit, we will live in the realm of the supernatural without effort. God tells us in His Word exactly how to put the supernatural to work.

MARK 11:13–14; 20–24

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

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

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

Act on It!

If you're not satisfied with what you have, stop saying what you're saying. Don't wait for something to come and change it, put the supernatural to work on it!

God gave you His Word. Act on it! He gave you His Spirit. Listen to Him!

Rise up in the power of the Spirit. Go and do what He has called you to do. He *will* cause signs and wonders to be wrought by your hands!

Notice in verse 23, Jesus said it belongs to "whosoever." Whosoever! Therefore, whatever *you* desire, when *you* pray, believe *you* receive them, and *you* shall have them!

When I was on the bed of sickness as a young man, I did not understand how to turn my faith loose at first. Nobody taught it in those days. But I believed the verses in Mark 11:23–24. I believed my faith could make me whole.

IT'S SO SIMPLE THAT WE STUMBLE OVER IT: "WHOSOEVER SHALL SAY."

Lying there in bed, I said, "I see it! While I am still paralyzed, I have to believe that I receive healing for my paralyzed body. While my heart is not beating right, I have to believe I receive healing for my deformed heart. While my blood is still a pale orange color, I have to believe that I receive *now*."

I began to say, "I believe I receive healing for the heart, healing for the paralysis, healing for the blood disease, healing from the top of my head to the soles of my feet." Within the hour, I was standing beside the bed well.

YOU BRING THE SUPERNATURAL. The reason we have so little most of the time is that our vision is so small. Don't wait for the supernatural. Put it to work. Jesus told us exactly how to do it. How did He put the supernatural to work in that fig tree? He spoke to it.

God is still in the sign business. He wants to demonstrate His power and His Spirit with signs, wonders, and miracles. We've touched the edge of this supernatural anointing, but I believe we will get to the place where we live there.

THE SPIRITUAL REALM IS OUR NORMAL HOME. It places us where communion with God is a normal experience—where faith in the miraculous, supernatural, miracle-working God is unconscious. We will exercise the highest type of faith and yet be unconscious of having used it.

Some of you have cried and prayed, "Oh God, use me." And yet when the Spirit of God speaks to your spirit, you sit there. He nudges you and manifests Himself to you, but you say, "Lord, wait. Use someone else."

Let's not grieve the Spirit of God any longer. Respond to Him, and the Lord will manifest Himself. Don't push or force anything. That's when you get in the flesh. Just flow with Him. Great and mighty things shall come into being! God is waiting on you.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's 3 CD *The Supernatural Series*.]

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SOMETIMES WE TAKE our freedom in the natural and our freedom in the spiritual for granted. The Tomb of the Unknowns in the Arlington National Cemetery represents missing and unknown service members who lost their lives on the battlefields of war. These soldiers gave the ultimate sacrifice so others can experience freedom. Since 1937, a sentinel has guarded The Tomb of the Unknowns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In Jerusalem, an empty tomb stands unguarded. This tomb represents something greater than our natural freedom. It represents the freedom Jesus Christ won for all mankind through His death on the cross of Calvary.

As we remember the brave men and women who gave their lives so we might live in freedom, let's not forget the freedom we have in Christ. And let's walk in our complete freedom, both spiritually and naturally.♥

Below are some interesting facts about the **TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS**.

★ Arlington National Cemetery was designated as a national military cemetery on June 15, 1864.

★ The interment of the World War I Unknown Soldier took place on the morning of November 11, 1921.

★ The first 24-hour guard was posted on July 2, 1937.

★ The double interment of the World War II and Korean War Unknown Soldiers occurred on May 30, 1958.

★ The interment of the Vietnam Unknown Soldier took place on May 28, 1984.

★ On May 14, 1998, the Vietnam Unknown Soldier was disinterred. (The remains were positively identified by DNA to be 1LT Michael J. Blassie, US Air Force.)

★ The Vietnam Unknown Crypt Cover was re-dedicated on September 17, 1999.

★ The United States Army has been the only military service to guard the Unknown Soldiers.

★ The 3rd US Infantry (The Old Guard) assumed the sole responsibility of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on April 6, 1948.

★ The Tomb Guard takes 21 steps, stops on the 21st step, then turns and faces the Tomb for 21 seconds. He then turns to face back down the mat, changes his weapon to the outside shoulder, counts 21 seconds, then steps off for another 21 step walk down the mat. These steps are repeated over and over until the Sentinel is relieved at Guard Change.

★ The 21 steps allude to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given to any military or foreign dignitary.

★ The west panel of the tomb is inscribed with: HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD



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Defeating Insecurity

KATE MCVEIGH

HAVE YOU EVER experienced uncertainty, instability, or a lack of self-confidence? Have you ever been so upset that you thought you might drown in a pool of anxiety? That is how the word *insecurity* is defined. It leaves you feeling unsafe, threatened, and apprehensive. But God's Word and His will for you is to be victorious over insecurity. **GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SECURE AND CONFIDENT IN HIM, HAVING NO FEAR OF FAILURE.**

The chief author of insecurity is the devil. The Word, however, lets us know that through God's grace, we can overcome insecurity. We *can* become everything He has called us to be.

I looked up the word *secure* to determine exactly what it meant. Of course, it is the opposite of *insecure*.

Secure is described as "free from danger, harm, or risk of loss. Free from fear, anxiety, or doubt; confident; not likely to fail or give way; stable, assured, certain; guarded from danger, harm or risk of loss; so strong or well-made as to render loss, escape or failure impossible."

That sounds like holy boldness to me!

While growing up, children are taught to have confidence, and we need to be self-assured. But **OUR CONFIDENCE SHOULD BE IN WHO GOD MADE US TO BE.** Let me share how Jesus helped me to overcome insecurity and become fearless.

Christ Is My Security

Two months after I became born again, the new school year began. High school had always been painful for me. On the outside, everything seemed to be the same that first day of school. I returned to special education classes and started practicing with the same basketball

team. However, everything inside me had changed. And it didn't take long for people to notice.

The change in my academic performance astounded my teachers. Concepts that had previously confused and frustrated me were suddenly simple to grasp. When asked what happened, I quickly responded, "I have the mind of Christ now. I've been born again!"

My turnaround on the basketball court was also astonishing to the coach and my teammates. My newfound confidence in Jesus enabled me to concentrate on playing the sport. I had natural athletic ability that immediately became evident. By the end of the season, I was not only off the bench and in the game—I was voted "Most Valuable Player"!

Nailed to the cross of Christ were my old insecurities! No longer was I intimidated by what others thought about me. Nothing mattered more than pleasing Jesus.

Living Carefree

Freedom from insecurity and intimidation involves a decision that fear, worry, and anxiety no longer have a place in us in any way, shape, or form. First Peter 5:7 reminds us

to cast our care on God. Why? Because He cares for us. The word *cast* means "to throw off."

Peter is telling us to throw off fear—get rid of it! Don't allow worry in your life. The Bible stresses that we should not be troubled about anything because care and anxiety can ruin our lives.

LET'S DECIDE TO BE SECURE IN WHO WE ARE. There is something in each of us that is unlike anyone else—a uniqueness and a wonderful "something special."♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kate McVeigh's book *Conquering Intimidation*.]

FAITH NUGGET

Be Yourself

To build your self-esteem, do the following:

1 Don't wish you were someone else.

God uniquely created you. So be the best "you" you can be.

2 Decide to live carefree.

Plant the Word of God in your heart. When you are tempted to worry, come against it with the Word.

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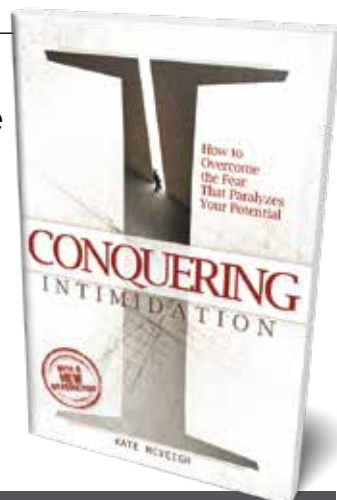
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Modeling Life Lessons

RUDYARD KIPLING ONCE said, “God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.” It seems as if mothers see all and know all. Being a mom is a big responsibility because God gave us children to teach, train, and mold.

Moms do many tangible things for their kids every day. However, the most important lessons they can teach them are often unseen. Here are a few intangible life lessons mothers can model for their children.



DENISE HAGIN BURNS

1

Love God

One determining factor of a child’s success in life is their relationship with the Lord. They mirror what they learn from *your* relationship with the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6 says, “*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*” A big part of training a child is showing them what a relationship with God looks like. Your relationship with the Lord is not what you do on Sunday. It is the example you set every day. Your kids watch how you act, talk, and walk in love. That’s what they remember and carry into adulthood.

Growing up in my family, church was our entire life. My parents made a point to not only have jobs as a pastor and minister, but to also model their relationship with the Lord.

Every night I watched them read their Bibles and highlight different scriptures. One day I asked, “Mom, what are you doing? How do you know what to read?”

“Denise,” she said, “your dad and I have scriptures we read every night before we go to bed. We are working on different things in our lives and want to build ourselves up in those areas.” I thought it was a great idea. So I found scriptures in my Bible that ministered to me and read them every night. My parents set that example for me.

When my children were young, I used to get up early to spend time with God. One day the Lord spoke to my heart and said, “You’re doing your kids a disservice by never letting them see you spend time with Me.” I did not realize I spent all my personal time with the Lord when my children were asleep. I made a point to let them see me spending time with the Lord. It wasn’t long before they began to imitate what they observed.

2

Be a Good Example of a Wife

It is important for moms to model a healthy marriage. Your relationship with your spouse is the first example your children see of how a wife and husband interact.

Show your daughter how a wife helps her husband so she can learn how to treat her husband one day. If you want your son to choose someone who treats him well, set a good example of how a wife should behave toward her husband. He will know what qualities to look for in a wife when the time comes. Your children should see that the marriage relationship is a priority and that it takes preference over being parents.

3

Forgive Others

Forgiveness isn’t always easy. But when we learn how to forgive others just as God forgave us, it makes our lives better.

There may be times when you lose your cool. Every parent has lost it, yelled at, or punished their children unfairly or out of frustration. When that happens, ask them to forgive you.

When my oldest son was three, we were driving in the minivan. Everything seemed to go wrong that day. My son was in the backseat trying to open a package of Skittles. I didn’t want him to eat candy in the car, so I told him to wait. He began screaming, “I want Skittles!” In my frustration, I reached back to grab the candy. When I did, the package ripped open, and the Skittles went flying all over the place.



ons for Your Children

It is the example you set every day. Your kids watch how you act, talk, and walk in love. That's what they remember and carry into adulthood.

Then he began crying, “You threw my Skittles on the ground!” When we arrived at our destination, I said, “Son, Mommy lost her cool. I should not have grabbed your Skittles and thrown them on the ground. I didn’t mean to. I’m so sorry.” He looked at me and said, “That’s okay Mommy. I still love you.” Modeling forgiveness will take your children far in life.

4

The Value of Friendship

God didn’t create us to be alone. Even Jesus had 12 friends. He knew the value of friendship. As a parent, you need friends. And your kids need to see how people speak into your life.

Your children should have healthy friendships, *and* you need to know who their friends are. However, it’s equally important to

develop a friendship with your kids. That doesn’t mean you stop being their parent—parenting comes first. Eighteen years go by quickly. As your kids become adults, it’s their choice if they talk to you anymore. Get involved in their lives. Become interested in what they like and develop a friendship that extends into adulthood.

Teachable Moments

Moms, in the midst of everyday life, don’t just concentrate on doing the dishes or laundry, making sure the house is clean, and putting away the toys. While those responsibilities are necessary, they are not what matter most.

What matters is being there for your kids. When a question pops up, use it as a teachable spiritual moment. Take those moments to talk to and spend time with them. No one can teach your children about God the way you can. You are their greatest teacher.

Your kids won’t remember how clean and organized your house was or if the meals were home cooked. They will remember how you treated them, what you modeled in front of them, and if you took the time to interact with them. Choose to focus on teaching your kids godly life lessons. They will remember them for a lifetime.♥

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Faith to Prosper

CHARLES COWAN

WHEN WE CHOOSE to live by faith, we are choosing more than to be called faith people. It's more than a title. It's more than a faith necklace, wristband, or hat we wear. There's nothing wrong with those external things, but faith goes far beyond them.

FAITH REACHES INTO THE INNER-MOST PART OF OUR LIVES. It reaches into our words and actions. How we walk in life—how we humble ourselves to God. Faith should reach into every aspect of our lives.

Sometimes when people accept Jesus as Savior—especially if they have not been taught—they think nothing is involved in the Christian life except saying, “Thank You, Lord.” But there's more to walking in faith and victory than that.

Micah 6:8 says, “*He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee?*” **GOD REQUIRES THINGS OF US—THINGS HE EXPECTS US TO DO.**

The Bible is full of instruction and responsibilities where our faith is concerned. Let's look at a few of faith's duties in Joshua chapter 1.

In this passage, God talked to Joshua after Moses died. Joshua was now responsible for leading over three million people into the Promised Land. They were unhappy and complained. He had quite a problem on his hands!

But God gave Joshua instructions—duties pertaining to his faith—to get him across the Jordan River, through the wilderness, and into the Promised Land with the Israelites. He told Joshua to be strong and courageous and promised to be with him as He was with Moses (Joshua 1:1–7).

Joshua 1:8 lists our first duty of faith. God told Joshua, “*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth.*” What does it mean? It means **GOD WANTS US TO CONFESS HIS WORD ALL THE TIME!**

“What will people think?” someone may ask. What difference does it make? If they don't think you're fanatical about the Bible, they'll think you're squirrely about something else!

Verse 8 continues with our second and third duties: “*But thou shalt meditate therein [on God's Word] day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein.*” We are to meditate on what we have heard—meditate on the Word day and night! In other words, God doesn't want our attention to be on the circumstances. He wants His Word on our minds all the time. More than that, He wants us *to do* everything that is written in it. This is talking about our faith behavior, or how we act.

Why are these duties important? God wants us to have the highest level of faith in what He has already done for us. Then, as the end of this verse says, “*thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*”

PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS ARE THE BYPRODUCTS OF CARRYING OUT OUR DUTIES OF FAITH! Do you see that? God never mentions our adversary. He never brings up hard times or trouble. Nor does He talk about despair, discouragement, or dismay. We are told to speak His Word, meditate in it, and act on it. Then we'll be successful.

Our Heavenly Father doesn't drop everything into our laps without any effort on our part. But His blessings will come to those who assume the duties of faith.

Just look at Joshua. When he was in the worst circumstance he could face, the Lord told him to be successful. God is saying the same thing to us.

In difficult circumstances, we often ask God to see things our way. But He asks us to see it the way He does. No matter what life brings, He wants us to stand and perform the duties of faith. When we do, He *will* make us successful. ♥

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DO YOU REALIZE that you make history every day? Chapters of your life are authored by your choices. Each decision adds another page. Every action you take is etched in time. God can't decide for you. He gave *you* a free will to choose. That's why it is so important to make the right choices. You are writing your history right now!

When I look back, one decision I had to make was about moving to Oklahoma. I lived in Texas and didn't want to leave! But God said, "Lynette, I want 100 percent of you." It was a little scary because He didn't tell me what that decision would cost. Nor did the Father show me the path ahead. He just said, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths"* (Prov. 3:5–6 NKJV).

God couldn't make that decision for me. I didn't know then what I do now, but I knew Him enough to listen to the Holy Spirit. I knew I had to obey the Lord. Looking at it today, just think what I would have missed! It wasn't until two years after we moved to Tulsa that Rhema Bible Training College started. Suddenly, our story began to unfold. The plan God had for Kenneth and me came together, and God was saying, "This is ultimately where I have brought you."

Prepared for Revival

God has a big plan for all of us. I believe we are right in front of the Last Day revival, but for it to come into fullness, we have to be ready. We must do our part and prepare ourselves first.

2 TIMOTHY 2:20–24 (NLT)

20 In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use.

21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

22 Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

23 Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights.

24 A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.

This passage of scripture is not just for preachers. It's for all believers. In verse 21, who does it say that God will use? Those who keep themselves pure. We often want God to use us as *we see* fit, not as *He* sees fit. Sometimes we don't think about correcting areas of our lives because they seem acceptable. Let's take a closer look.

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Polished and Pure

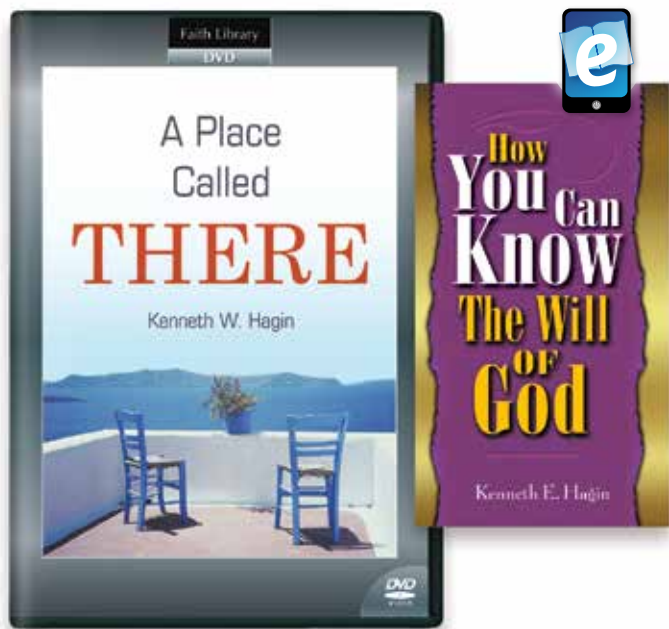
I have a silver tea set that sits on my dining room table. I don't think about polishing it when it looks acceptable. One day I noticed the sugar bowl had some dark spots on it. I thought it was the only piece in the set that needed polishing. But after I finished, the teapot looked tarnished in comparison!

Air tarnishes silver. What tarnishes our lives? The world. Like my tea set, our lives may look acceptable day to day. But if we notice some dark spots and polish ourselves with the Word of

God and commune with the Father, suddenly different areas in our lives look "tarnished." They don't look "acceptable" anymore.

I didn't throw out part of the tea set when it had spots. It was still good. Maybe your life *is* tarnished. You may have messed up royally, but God is not through with you yet! God wants *all* of you—spirit, soul, and body—*right now*. Polish yourself in Him and receive His mercy. Take time to wrap yourself in the Holy Spirit, and He will keep you from tarnishing. Stay close to Him and live a clean life—you will be used of Him!

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Sometimes our Rhema graduates go out expecting to enter "full-time ministry." But instead of working in the ministry, they are working a full-time job. I tell them, "Listen, you are still in ministry! You can impact people who may never be influenced by somebody in the pulpit!"

Regardless of what God has you doing, if you want to be fulfilled, give yourself to His plan—100 percent. Be proud of where God has called you. Live a holy life, and let Him use you right where you are. Revival is around the corner!♥

FAITH IN ACTION

Polishing Checkup

Let's check up on ourselves and honestly answer these questions:

- Am I prepared for revival?
- Am I hungry for God?
- Am I right with God?
- Am I communing with God—reading His Word and praying?
- Am I willing to be used as the Lord wants to use me?
- Am I ready to obey when He speaks to me?
- Am I living a holy life?

HEBREWS 4:14–16 (MSG)

14 Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers.

15 We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin.

16 So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.

Go to the throne room of God and let Him talk to you. Take the mercy Jesus offers! Accept His help. He wants to prepare you for your future.

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NEW REALMS OF GLORY



"The anointing is in every one of us. Revelation comes when we praise God and get into His Word. There's a realm of glory that we are not aware of

yet. It's a realm of power. It's a realm of God's presence. **WE NEED TO RISE UP BY FAITH AND ENTER THAT REALM THROUGH PRAISE TO HIM.** If we will open our mouths and praise God from a heart of gratitude, the anointing will sweep over us. Scripture says our praise rises to God as a sweet-smelling savor (Eph. 5:2). The more we praise Him and enter into worship, the more He wants to do for us. We can enter a new realm by praising God. We don't have to be preached into it. We don't have to be talked into it. We praise ourselves into it!" // **KENNETH W. HAGIN**

IT'S A NEW SEASON!



"God has a new season for you. It will take faith to step into it because it's a time of stretching. Preparation through prayer and reading the

Word will propel this season into what it should be. Pray for the anointing of the power of God to help you. **THERE WILL BE BATTLES TO FIGHT, BUT GOD WILL ALWAYS BRING YOU THROUGH.** Be strong, courageous, and bold. Listen to His instructions and obey them. If you do, you will end up in the right place at the right time." // **LYNETTE HAGIN**

HAVE FAITH IN GOD



"It hit me one day—I had never looked up "faith" in the dictionary! Definition number two changed my life: an *unquestioning* belief. People

are trusting God and asking, "Why isn't it happening?" "Why?" is a question. That's not faith! **ANY TIME I ASK A QUESTION, I KNOW I'M NOT IN FAITH.** The devil tries to say it's not working, but you have to *know* this: I've already spoken to that mountain. I've already done my part. My faith is in God. **I TRUST GOD THAT HE WILL DO HIS PART!"** // **CRAIG W. HAGIN**

GENERATIONAL COHESION



"God wants to bridge the gap between the generations. It's time for the older and younger generations to come together and support

each other. The older generation has a responsibility to teach the things of God to the next generation. What are we modeling to them? Young people are crying out and looking for answers. **OUR PART IS TO GET ON OUR KNEES AND FIGHT IN THE SPIRIT REALM SO THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NOT BE LOST TO THE NEXT GENERATION."** // **DENISE HAGIN BURNS**



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"It's not about a man. It's about mandates, and every mandate has a leader. If you honor those who God sent before you, you will receive things you cannot receive otherwise." // **ALEX HARTEN, GERMANY**



"Jesus' mission is to seek and save the lost. He gave us a co-mission—alter where people spend eternity by getting involved in the mission." // **JOE DUINICK**



"God wants us to cooperate with Him. We must be filled with the knowledge of His will, so you and I can know our uniqueness and not imitate somebody else." // **MAURO GIRGENTI, ITALY**



"We have been uniquely graced by God to bring a lost world to Christ. We are portable lamps, and everywhere we go our light should shine." // **JOHN GRUNEWALD**



"The truth that set us free is the same truth that will keep us over time. To never deviate, we need to hold tighter and tighter." // **THIAGO GARCIA, BRAZIL**



"Faith comes by hearing the Spirit of God say something to you. God wants to give you specific instructions for victory." // **PATTIE DUINICK-AH KUI**



"Miracles, signs, and wonders—that's our DNA! We are supernatural beings. God Almighty is *in* us! How can miracles *not* happen? We are containers of God on this earth!" // **TAD GREGURICH, USA**



"As long as you don't quit, winning is a possibility. Hold on to that which never passes away—God's Word will never pass away!" // **JOHN DAVID ROMICK, COLOMBIA**



"We should be *moved* by the love of God. The harvest is not a problem. Be one of the laborers and go—do something. Miracles are in the doing." // **WILLIAM MENI, KENYA**

RHEMA KIDS

Elementary ages enjoyed "The Candy Shop" all week. The theme focused on the "Sweet Love of Jesus" with a delicious candy related to each spiritual lesson. Candies like Milk Duds illustrated "We Aren't Perfect but God Loves Us" and Mr. Goodbar helped kids "Love Your Enemies." The highlight of the week was the sweetest: Kids received salvation and healing and were set free from fear and thoughts that they were unloved. They experienced the love of God!

WINTER BLITZ

The 6th–12th graders received wonderful teaching from D.K. Hall and Chris Campbell. Students learned how to be led by the Spirit and the importance of listening to the inward witness. Lives were impacted as the young engaged in worship with the presence of the Lord surrounding them. It was a great week as they committed to allowing the Holy Spirit lead their lives.



Blueprint FOR BUILDING Strong Faith



KENNETH W. HAGIN

MANY SINCERE CHRISTIANS are asking, “How can I build a strong faith?” They realize the things they need from God don’t come simply because they have been born again—they come by faith. But many don’t

know how to get faith for the things they need from God.

The faith I’m referring to doesn’t come from an act of the will. You can *will* it all you want, but it doesn’t come that way. Here is a blueprint to build strong faith for whatever you need from God.

1 Surround Yourself With Faith Producers

We must realize that to nurture our faith—if we’re going to build it into something that will produce results for us—we must surround ourselves with successful people of God, not negative people. And we must feed our minds and spirits on material that builds faith, not destroys it.

Faith isn’t fed by reading a steady diet of secular magazines or watching secular television constantly. Turn off the television. Read your Bible and listen to good teaching and Christian music. Continually surround yourself with the things of God that will nurture your faith. God doesn’t mind us enjoying leisure time, but we have to put God and the things of God first.

2 Build on the Word of God—Not Experience

Once as I was praying for someone during a service, a woman came running up, exclaiming, “Oh, I had that same thing! Let me tell them about my experience. It will probably help them!”

I said, “No, I don’t want you to say anything.”

Why? Because God doesn’t always move the same way all the time. Too many people have Him locked in a little box. They think God only moves in the confines of that box. If He doesn’t operate exactly the way they think He should, they don’t believe it is God. But you can’t lock God and the power of the Holy Spirit in a box!

Don’t try to make people receive salvation, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, or healing the way you feel it should be received, or the way you have experienced it. If you want to grow in faith, become more spiritual, or get in on the move of God—build on God’s Word. Jesus didn’t build on experience. He taught the Word. Jesus defeated Satan by saying, “It is written!”

3 Look to the Word of God—Not Someone’s Personality

Faith that receives from God is built on the Word, not on someone’s personality. When my dad, Kenneth E. Hagin, preached, he didn’t put too much of his personality into it. He suppressed his personality so people would look at what the Word says.

Years ago, people would come to Tulsa, Oklahoma and say, “We came here so Brother Hagin would pray for us.” Sometimes he was out of town or shut away for a time of prayer, fasting, and study. We offered to have someone else minister healing to them. But they refused, saying “We want Brother Hagin. We don’t want *second best*.”

My response was, “There is no second best with God. It doesn’t have to be a certain person laying hands on you for you to be healed.”

When people have that attitude, they are looking to personalities instead of the Word of God. But it's the Word—not a person—that heals them. The Bible says, *"He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions"* (Ps. 107:20). God didn't send a personality. He sent His Word.

4

Obedience Is Necessary

God doesn't require that we are obedient to another person's doctrine, church tradition, or a denomination. He expects us to be obedient to His Word. When we walk in the light of the Word, we can be confident and know that God will perform what He said.

We will not have confidence that God will give us what He promised in His Word if we don't continually do what is right in His sight and live the way we should. It's not that He won't; He can't because we're not walking in line with His Word.

Many people are making faith confessions that will never come true because they aren't living in line with God's Word. There is a right way to live, and it doesn't have to do with a set of "do's and don'ts." It is obedience to the Word and Spirit that gives us the right as children of God to claim what is ours.

5

You Must Have Humility

Many people are proud of their humility! I've met several people across the country who have bragged that they are "faith people." Their attitude is, "If you're not where we're at, you haven't made it." That is not a biblical point of view.

The disciples fell into this same attitude in Luke chapter 9. They became prideful and puffed up. When a child was brought to them, they couldn't cast the stubborn, unclean spirit out of him (v. 40). Jesus explained to them that this kind comes out only by prayer and fasting. They lacked humility and discipline, which hindered their faith.

We need to be humble before God. I'm not talking about being a doormat. It's about realizing we would not be where we are

"There is no second best with God. It doesn't have to be a certain person laying hands on you for you to be healed."

today without the grace and love of God. If we're not careful, we lift up ourselves or other people to where they think they're somebody. All of us are somebody with the power of God—but without it, we're *nothing*.

6

You Must Have Holy Boldness

This is something many people really need. Most people are afraid of the devil. They would rather hide from him than stand against him. They don't realize that Satan wants no part of someone who knows who he is in Christ because Jesus defeated him. The devil knows an informed Christian will speak God's Word. And every time those words come out of their mouth, it's like hitting the devil with a whip.

We are joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, and we have a right to be bold about our position as a child of God. We must learn to walk in that boldness—even when hurting—proclaiming God's Word.

Boldly take whatever you need from God. Grab hold of it with the same tenacity a bulldog grabs hold of a bone and don't let go. Authoritatively declare your deliverance in the areas of finances, healing, addictions, or habits. The words you speak are a creative force. Your mouth will turn the power of God loose as you speak His Word.

If you follow these six steps, your faith will grow stronger. And you will start receiving from God whatever you need. ♥

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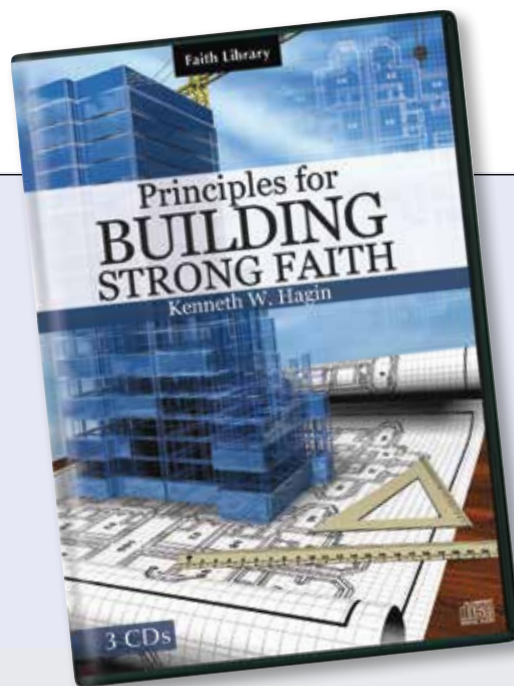
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"THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL."
— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

TRUSTING JESUS

ONE OF MY favorite church hymns is "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." It comforts me and reminds me that we can trust Jesus with our lives. The first verse and refrain go like this: "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word; Just to rest upon His promise; And to know, Thus saith the Lord! Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more.'"

I have sung that song multiple times. A scripture that has guided my life since my teen years is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

I like how *The Message Bible* translates it: "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track."

What does *trust* mean? The Hebrew word behind trust is intense. It means "to lean the whole body on something to rest upon it." We trust every day. When I sit in a chair at my kitchen table, I trust it will hold me up. When I step on my brakes in my car, I trust they will stop the car. When I consume food, I trust it will nourish my body.

When our grandson Cameron was five, he loved jumping off the platform after service and hollering at his Poppy to catch him. My husband always reached out and caught him. One time Cameron didn't holler until he was in midair. Ken quickly turned around and grabbed Cameron even though he only had a short warning. Although Ken was talking to someone, he was still tuned into his grandson's familiar voice. God is always tuned into our cries for help.

We trust in the natural realm every day. How much more should we trust our Heavenly Father? *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Edition* defines *trust* as: "Assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; one in which confidence is placed."

Who better can we trust than our Heavenly Father? I have endeavored to trust God all my life. When He called me into the ministry, I trusted Him to lead me to the right mate to fulfill that calling.

I trusted Him to lead my husband and me to the right places to fulfill our call. The enemy often tempts us to not trust in the Lord. Our minds say, "You must be crazy. You can't accomplish that!"

Oftentimes, we don't know what decision to make. But God always has the answer. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Lean not unto thine own understanding."

The Hebrew word for *understanding* means "wisdom or knowledge." We are not to rely on our faulty human wisdom and limited understanding. Instead, we are to trust in the Lord and lean on His wisdom.

Sometimes we haven't a clue of how God can work out a situation. Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) says: " 'My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,' says the Lord. 'And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.' "

I am reminded of God's plan for the children of Israel to possess Jericho. When He revealed the plan to Joshua, I am quite sure that was not the battle plan Joshua had in mind. He was probably looking at seizing Jericho from a military perspective.

Can you imagine getting directions to march around Jericho's walls with the priests leading the way? Then God instructed the priests to blow their horns and the people to shout loudly on the seventh day. When they did that, the walls would fall!

It must have taken great faith for Joshua to carry out the Lord's orders. Sometimes it takes great faith to trust God's plans. But as you do as He asks, His plans will always bring success to your life.♥

Lynette

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Kids' Page

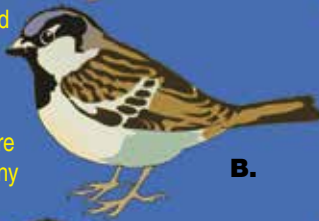
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His Eye Is on the Sparrow!

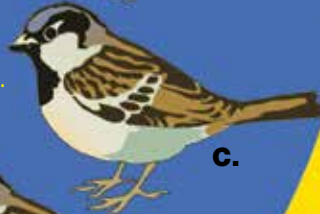
Even though a sparrow seems small and unimportant, Jesus said that not one of them falls without God knowing about it. And then He said that we are of more value than many sparrows! Carefully study the sparrows pictured. Only two are exactly the same. Can you find them?



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B.



C.



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Jesus said that two sparrows are worth one farthing . . . but God still cares about them. Do you know how much a farthing is? It's only **one cent!** Using the money of Jesus' day listed below, figure out the answers to the following questions:
(Remember: *two sparrows are worth one farthing*)

- How many sparrows would 1 shekel buy?
A. 128 B. 32 C. 64
- How many sparrows would 1 denarius buy?
A. 16 B. 32 C. 128
- How many mites would you have to spend to get 2 sparrows?
A. 1 B. 4 C. 8

MONEY USED IN JESUS' DAY

1 farthing = 1 cent • 1 mite = 1/8 of a cent
1 denarius = 16 cents • 1 shekel = 64 cents

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

The **VALUE** of an object (how much it's worth) is determined by how much a person will pay for the object. Read the list of objects in the middle column below and then draw a line from the object to the price that best shows how much it is worth.



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Space in the Wrong Place

Billy typed a verse from the Bible. Then he realized that his spacebar wasn't working right. Try to figure out what he typed below by drawing slashes where the correct spaces should be.

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jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."
—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

"STATE" YOUR ANSWER!

All of the answers to the jokes and riddles below are names of states found in the U.S.A., so "STATE" your answer!

What did the football player get when his uniform tore?

a **NEW JERSEY**

What is Mickey Mouse's girlfriend's favorite drink?

Minnie soda (Minnesota)

What did Noah build and what did he use to build it?

Ark and saw (Arkansas)

What do you get when the letter "E" plays a sport using a racket?

Tennis E (Tennessee)

What is 2,000 pounds and takes a bath?

Washing ton

Who is the wife of Mr. Ippi?

Mrs. Ippi (Mississippi)

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SPACE IN THE WRONG PLACE
therefore glorify God in your body.
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