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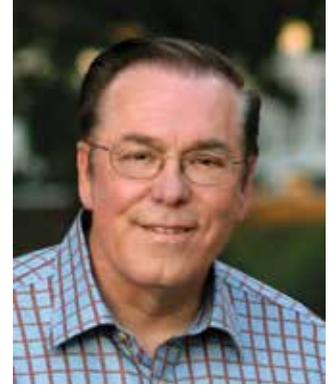
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Matthew 24:35 says, *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my [Jesus’] words shall not pass away.”* That means whatever God said in His Word is still true today.

Believing everything God did in the Old Testament and the miracles Jesus performed in the New Testament is not enough. You have to believe that your Heavenly Father is capable of doing them *today!* You must be certain that He is the same now as He has always been.

The Lord does not change (Mal. 3:6). He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). When you understand that, then you believe that God has the ability and will do today what He did in the past! And what He will do today, He will do tomorrow.

The Word contains a promise for every need—whatever it may be, God has the answer. You name it; He has it! And if God has it, you can have it! He said, *“I am the Lord that healeth thee”* (Exod. 15:26). Scripture says by Jesus’ stripes, you were healed (1 Peter 2:24). It doesn’t matter how rich or poor you are, you must say in your heart and with your mouth, *“I believe God!”* And the Lord’s promise of healing will work for you.

Healing is just *one* of the many promises listed in the Bible. You can have whatever you need from God. But *you* have the responsibility of possessing His promises.

Whose report will you believe? Will you accept what people, doctors, the world, or the devil says? Or will your faith remain steady in God? He has already promised to meet your needs. So if you want to see His promises fulfilled in your life, start by saying, *“I believe God!”*

Kenneth W. Hagin

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WE KNOW FROM scripture that Christians are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19–20). He dwells in *you* and is with you at all times. If you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then you are also filled with joy. Acts 13:52 (NKJV) says, “*And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*” Therefore, not only does the Spirit of God dwell in you, but joy also resides in you. And if the Holy Spirit living in you makes your body His temple, then *joy* dwelling in you means your body is a temple of *joy*!

How to Act in Adversity

When trouble comes, James 1:2 (NKJV) tells us to *count it* all joy. It doesn't say that it *will be* all joy when you fall into various trials. No, it says to count or consider it as joy. How do you do that? You laugh when the temptations and trials come because the Greater One is in you. You know He won't let you down, so there is no way you will go under. God is certainly not going under, and He's *with you*!

God in you cannot fail. So why should you be “down in the dumps” when you encounter adversity? Someone might say, “But you don't know what it's like.” Do you believe the Word of God or not? It's that simple. If you choose to trust God, then it doesn't matter what your circumstances are. Just keep believing and counting it all joy.

“Someone Stole My Car!”

Something unusual happened years ago one Sunday morning at Rhema Bible Church. The platform was set up differently then. We had a choir loft, and the pastoral staff sat on the stage. Everyone was rejoicing

You Can Have

Joy

If you maintain a full joy tank, you can always rejoice!

during the service. Suddenly, a lady in the choir started dancing, shouting, and running.

She ran around the choir loft and then over to the pastoral staff. She said to one of them, “Someone stole my car this morning!” Then she continued praising God. *Someone stole her car that morning.* Yet, she was running around the church shouting, laughing, and having a good time.

Some people may not have gone to church. They would have used a stolen car as an excuse to stay home. If they did go, they would have been busy telling everyone what happened. Then they would have missed what God wanted to do in the service. But this lady *counted it all joy*! She had the attitude that it didn't matter that her car was stolen. She believed God would get her a better one.

God can take what the devil intends for evil and turn it around for good! But if we lose our joy and start complaining, God can't bless us.

Following the Lord caused the Thessalonians to be persecuted. Paul wrote: “*And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received*

the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:6 NKJV). They received the Word with many afflictions and with the joy of the Holy Spirit! It’s time to let the joy in your heart flow into your life—in good times and in bad.

Joy in the Kingdom

Romans 14:17 (NKJV) says, “For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” In other words, joy is part of the Kingdom of God. And as a child of God, you should be taking part in the Kingdom, which means you should be experiencing joy in the Holy Spirit.

God is greater than any situation, trial, or circumstance. That’s why you can have joy! There’s no reason to ever have a long face. Someone might say, “Well, I had a tough day.” It’s time to start having *God* days! When trouble starts your day, turn it over to God.

Many times Christians try to do things their own way and in their own strength. They carry their anxieties

instead of casting them to God (1 Peter 5:7). Jesus cares for you and won’t let you down. When you give your problems to Him, you can live worry-free. The reason your Heavenly Father wants you to be carefree is so that you spend your time rejoicing. When you are always worried, you can’t be joyful. And worry not only affects your physical life, it also affects your prayer life and how much you can receive from God.

Joyful Always

People filled with the Holy Spirit are joyful and excited in spite of what’s going on around them. Problems aren’t fun, but they are opportunities to believe God and show that He is bigger than anything!

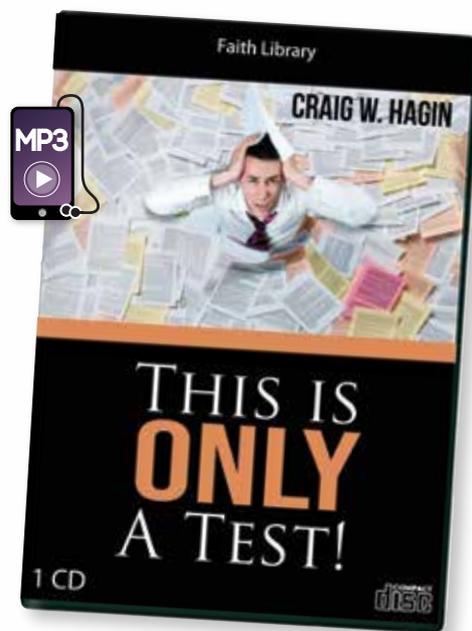
When you are full of the Holy Spirit, you will have days of Heaven on earth regardless of what challenges surround you. You can experience joy at all times—joy when bad news comes, joy when bills come, and joy no matter what the doctor tells you. Let

the joy of the Lord be your strength (Neh. 8:10) and begin to rejoice in Him.

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Faith and Joy Go Together

When you are believing God for something, get happy and joyful about it. Don’t let an obstacle bother you. If it seems as if you won’t receive what you are standing in faith for, then get *more* joyful than you were before the difficulty appeared. Of course, you aren’t joyful about the problem but about the answer to your prayers.

If you put your faith in the power of God, there’s no reason to stop believing, because God cannot and will not fail! So don’t listen to what anyone else says. And don’t lose your joy because God has your answer. Simply trust His ability. You can have joy when your faith is in your Heavenly Father, because when you are confident of victory, *you rejoice!*♥

What I Learned From My Mother

LYNETTE HAGIN



LYNETTE WITH HER MOTHER, MARY TIPTON



WEDDING DAY, DECEMBER 30, 1965 WITH V.E. & MARY TIPTON

HUMOR AND NOT DWELLING ON HER AGE KEPT HER THINKING YOUNG, EVEN IN HER 90s.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1945, Mary Ella Tipton, a faithful pastor's wife, was not in church. It was also Mother's Day. She was in the hospital giving birth to me! I often joked that I was the best Mother's Day present she ever received. But I was the one who received much from her.

Even though she passed away in 2011, I still reflect on my years with my mother and realize her influence. She constantly told me, "Keep your head high, and look people in the eye." Mother knew that two characteristics of low self-esteem were walking with your head down and avoiding direct eye contact. **SHE WANTED HER CHILDREN TO KNOW THAT WITH GOD'S HELP, WE COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND STAND TALL.** When my mother was being photographed, it would amuse me to hear the photographer say, "Lower your head a little." She *always* held her head high.

My mother taught me more by example than instruction. **BY OBSERVING HER, I LEARNED TO BE A CARETAKER AND PROTECTOR.** It seemed like her potato soup was the right antidote for any ailment. It started the healing process to settle any symptom. When a storm came, she would drag me out of bed and take me to our neighbor's storm

cellar. She always took care of our family.

Another example my mother portrayed was that of a homemaker. **SHE LOVED TO COOK AND TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARING MEALS.** She always set a beautiful table. I never saw a paper plate or cooking pot on it! We sat down to china, cloth napkins, and placemats on a tablecloth.

She didn't sit me down and give lessons on cooking and table-setting techniques. I watched her and desired to follow her example. When I asked what I could do to help in the kitchen, then she began to instruct me.

MY MOTHER SHOWED ME THE IMPORTANCE OF DAILY SPENDING TIME WITH THE LORD. Each morning I saw her reading her Bible and praying.

Whatever happened, she assured us that God was the one to turn to.

I watched her write out the family tithe and offering checks, and she always had a lesson on the importance of giving. **THROUGH HER, I LEARNED THAT WHEN YOU OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS, YOU PLACE YOURSELF IN A POSITION TO BE BLESSED.**

One of the greatest gifts my mother left me was her example as a minister's wife. I saw her stand beside my dad, just as committed to the ministry as he was. She never complained of the sacrifices required. **SHE WAS MY FATHER'S GREATEST FRIEND, FAN, AND SUPPORTER.** It helped me fit easily into the role I assumed in my husband's ministry.

My mother never lost her sense of humor, nor did she consider herself old. She often said, "**IF YOU WANT TO STAY YOUNG, HANG AROUND YOUNG PEOPLE.**" She would tell the story of someone asking for her identification to make sure she qualified for the senior citizen discount—she was around 80 years old! Humor and not dwelling on her age kept her thinking young, even in her 90s.

I encourage you to take time to do something special for your mother. Express gratitude for all she has done for you. Don't wait until it's too late for her to hear your kind words. ♡

Mothers Are Miracles

A mother is more than an average person—she is a miracle! She can become anything she needs to be. When a knee is scraped or a fever appears, a mom becomes a nurse. She can be a cook, maid, taxi driver, referee, and timekeeper—all in a matter of minutes! Mothers are menders—clothes, broken toys, bike chains, and other things that come loose in life—but most often, she mends a child's broken heart.

A mom makes you feel like you can do anything. Yet, she reminds you that you are loved without having to do anything at all. She believes in you when everyone else has given up and motivates you to pursue your dreams.

Thank God for the miracle of motherhood!

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WHAT HUSBANDS AND WIVES EXPRESS TOWARD ONE ANOTHER AFFECTS HOW THEY EACH FEEL ABOUT THEMSELVES.



KENNETH W. HAGIN

THE DEVIL WANTS to destroy families. If he can tear apart the home, he has a foothold! It's time that we face real issues and apply the Word, or the devil will defeat us.

I believe that God instituted marriage, family, and the Church—in that order. Although God created Adam and walked and talked with him, He saw it wasn't good for Adam to be alone. So He created Eve (Gen. 2:18–25).

EPHESIANS 5:25–29 (NKJV)

- 25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
- 26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
- 27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.
- 28** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; **he who loves his wife loves himself.**
- 29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

DO YOU LOVE YOURSELF? According to verse 28, anybody who says, "I don't love my wife," doesn't love himself. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. But people have been taught that self-love is selfishness!

Loving yourself is an attitude that you care about yourself. Selfishness wants everything for yourself. A person who loves him or herself is neither conceited nor selfish.

If you are going to love yourself, what must you do? First, you have to love God. You can't love yourself the way you were before Christ—when you were in the world and in sin!

MARK 12:30–31 (NKJV)

- 30** "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment.
- 31** And the second, like it, is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

You could understand it this way: You can't love others if you don't love yourself.

Self-Love vs. Self-Hate

Self-hatred is the opposite of self-love. People who don't care for themselves demonstrate it in many ways. Most suicide notes express that the person thinks they are worthless or sees no way out of the problems they face. Much abuse comes because an individual can't cope and takes it out on others. Alcoholism, drug abuse, child abuse, affairs, even avoiding responsibility—it all has to do with a negative image of one's self.

You can only love when you look at yourself and your situation realistically without rationalizing. No one likes to admit they have faults. But until we do, we can't change anything—and cannot love ourselves. When you love God, you can look realistically and say,

“I am nothing. He is everything.” And then you trade your nothingness for His everything!

Many people live with rage inside because they can’t accept themselves. You must look at who you really are. When you see the reality of yourself, then you can change. But if you rationalize or blame somebody else, you cannot change. And that’s often the problem in most marriages. They are blaming each other.

Accept Yourself

Before you can love your spouse, you must love and accept yourself first. You can only do this by accepting God’s forgiveness for your sins. Your past is under the blood of Jesus—including mistakes after becoming born again.

1 JOHN 1:9 (NKJV)

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

That verse was written to Christians, not to sinners! It doesn’t matter how long you have been saved. If you fall, ask God to forgive you, then get up and go on. It is under the blood.

When you grasp these truths, you may realize that your problem with your spouse (or anyone) is not them—it’s you!

Give Love

Much of a person’s self-image is built on what they think others think about them. What husbands and wives express toward one another affects how they each feel about themselves. If the other person is critical, it is easy for you not to think much of yourself. And when you don’t like yourself, you won’t give any love.

Many people have been whipped with the tongue. Others have been killed with words. They’re alive on the outside but dead on the inside. They cannot respond because love has been killed. Therefore, they don’t love themselves—and now they can’t love their spouse or kids.

I’ve seen horrible situations in Christian homes—fights, splits, abuse, and anger. They’re lashing out at anything and anybody. **BUT IT CAN CHANGE!** Some couples need counseling sessions. In

FAITH IN ACTION

Speak Love

Three simple words should be repeated often: *I love you*. The weight of the world can be on a man’s shoulders when he comes home after work. But nothing lifts him up more than to be greeted with a big *I love you* and a kiss. All of a sudden, he’s a king in his castle.

Let your spouse know you care. Say *I love you* before you part company and when you reunite. Those words can help you get through the mundane activities of another day.

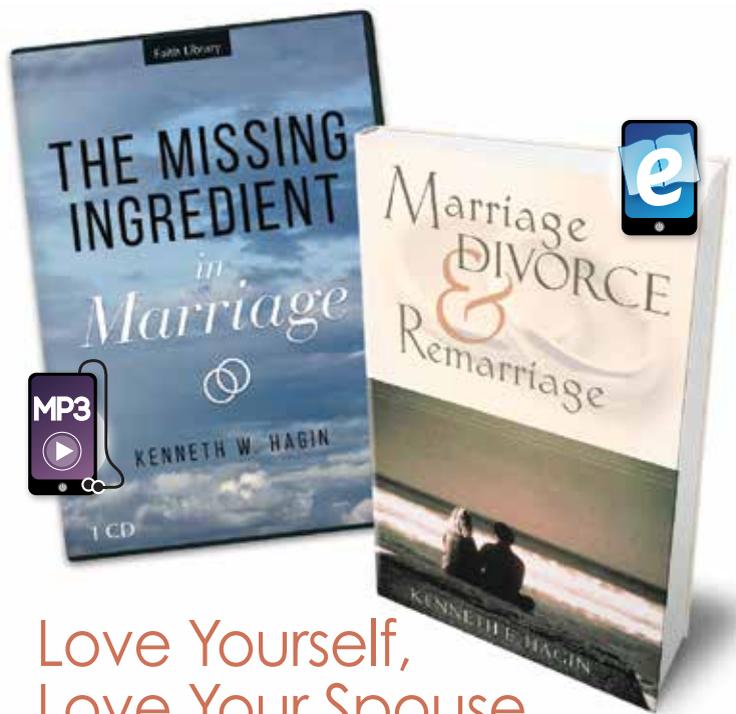
Say *I love you* in moments of sadness and joy. Express love when you sense the other needs support or reassurance. Even when you are exasperated and frustrated, *I love you* is needed. Those three words have a tendency to bring us back to that beautiful spark. Don’t let it die! Continue to romance one another and speak love often.

other situations, studying the Word of God and talking it out with one another is sufficient. Sit down and listen to what each other has to say and then make some adjustments.

When we follow the Word, we will keep our marriages out of problems. It’s straightforward. Love yourself. Once you do, you can make your spouse feel as though they are somebody too. Get a hold of that! Husbands and wives must work together to make the other person feel important. You can change the destiny of your home!♥

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Taking a Look at the Traveling Ministry

MARVIN YODER

TODAY MANY PEOPLE function in various capacities in the traveling ministry. Evangelists, teachers, musicians, missionaries, exhorters, and prophets to name a few. Even some pastors travel to other churches, various conferences, and foreign countries on short-term missions trips.

The traveling ministry is a mystery to many. Most people, Bible school students, and ministers do not understand it. Its call, role, and function are crucial, yet often misunderstood.

What most people see in the traveling ministry can look appealing. However, the visible part of

speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." The vision gives a person:

- A **MANDATE** to go.
- A **DESIRE** to serve churches and people.
- An **ANOINTING** to confirm the call, preach the Word, produce effective ministry, and get the work done.
- A **GRACE** to travel and be away from home.
- A **GUIDING PATH** on which to continue.
- An **ENDURING STRENGTH** to complete the work.

• Contacting ministers and developing relationships with them is a constant necessity. Remember that relationships are essential in the ministry.

• Sometimes you will travel long hours to get where you are scheduled to preach.

• Keeping schedules and deadlines is an absolute must.

• Scheduling meetings with churches will seem like a never-ending task.

• You may spend many lonely hours in hotel rooms.

• Working over 40 hours a week is necessary to be successful. If you are a nine-to-five person, the traveling ministry may not be for you.

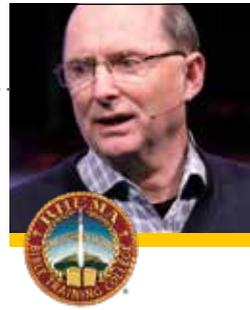
• Trying to meet unrealistic expectations of people is a pressure that probably every traveling minister deals with. You must learn to spend sufficient time with God and His Word to overcome the temptation of trying to do things to please people.

• At times, you may not see any visible evidence that confirms you are in the will of God. During those times, remember that God has sent you forth.

• You must be willing to forfeit the glitter of recognition in exchange for the glory of God, which is found only at the place of obedience.

The truth is, little personal glory is obtained in the traveling ministry compared to the work that needs to be done and the issues that must be dealt with. Take time to pray and make sure you are in ministry for the right reasons. If you are not careful, you will do something based on your thinking instead of on the call of God. Your Heavenly Father will reward your labors when you have the right motive and do everything for the glory of God.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from *The Traveling Minister's Handbook* by Marvin Yoder.]



INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT

YOU MUST BE *willing to forfeit* THE GLITTER OF RECOGNITION IN EXCHANGE FOR THE *glory of God,* WHICH IS FOUND ONLY AT THE *place of obedience.*

ministry is small compared to what you must do behind the scenes to be successful. If you go into the traveling ministry based only on what you see, you won't have the stamina to remain in ministry. It takes doing the behind-the-scenes things that most people don't see and the abilities of God to stay strong emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

God's Vision

Those called to the traveling ministry must have a real spiritual call or vision of God to minister effectively. Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV) says, "*Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will*

• A **LOVE** for the people God sends you to.

Facts to Know

People's experiences will vary as they travel. However, the following list is common to most ministers and is what you most likely will experience.

• It usually takes two to five years to build enough relationships to travel full time.

• If you cannot handle rejection, abuse, or misuse, you probably won't make it.

• Marketing yourself is necessary. Jesus used the advertising methods of the times He lived in to market His ministry (Luke 10:1 NIV).

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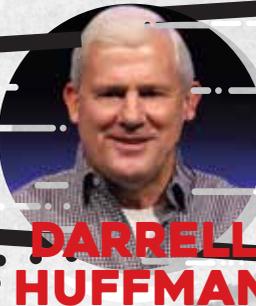


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“I HAVE PRAYED and prayed. I have been in healing meetings across the country and have been prayed for many times. But **I’M STILL NOT HEALED. CAN YOU HELP ME?”**

This appeal has been heard many times by ministers. They pray for the sick, but often the sick leave as they came—not healed.

WHY IS IT THAT SOME ARE INSTANTLY HEALED WHILE OTHERS GO FROM PLACE TO PLACE SEEKING HEALING, ONLY TO BE DISAPPOINTED TIME AFTER TIME? Why is it that Christians who are pillars in the church often suffer for years? But others who are less devout receive a sudden miracle from God?

Is God a respecter of persons? Or have we failed in our approach to healing, lacking a complete understanding of what God’s Word teaches on the subject?

Much emphasis has been placed on the practice of anointing with oil, laying on of hands, and praying for the sick. But there is more to healing than anointing with oil, just as there is more to salvation than prayer.

THE ANOINTING OIL, THE MINISTER’S PRAYER, AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS ARE SIMPLY METHODS, OR POINTS OF CONTACT. IN THEMSELVES, THEY DO NOT HEAL. They are avenues through which we can release our faith in God’s Word.

A lot of emphasis has also been placed on the gifts of healing (1 Cor. 12:28), which are among the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in First Corinthians 12:8–10.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:8–10

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.

The Supernatural vs. Faith

Manifestations of these supernatural gifts happen when people preach on them, teach them, believe in them, and yield to the Spirit of God. But these gifts are not always in operation.

Often, new Christians are healed by these special manifestations. Then the next time they are sick, instead of believing God’s Word, they expect to be healed the same way. And they are disappointed when they are not.

I have found that **SUPERNATURAL MANIFESTATIONS OF HEALING USUALLY ARE SEEN AMONG SINNERS OR DENOMINATIONAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD DIVINE HEALING TAUGHT.** I have seldom, if ever, seen them work for Full Gospel people.

Why? Gifts of healings and supernatural manifestations are given primarily to advertise the Gospel. They get the attention of those outside the church. **BELIEVERS SHOULD BE HEALED BY RELEASING THEIR FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD.**

In one of my meetings, I pointed to a man and said, “Sir, you are unsaved, and the Spirit of God shows me you have a double

hernia. If you come here, I will lay hands on you, and the hernia will disappear instantly.” He did, and it did.

At the altar call that night, he responded to the invitation and was saved. Two nights later, I laid hands on him, and he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

WE NEED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN HEALINGS OBTAINED THROUGH SUPERNATURAL GIFTS AND THOSE RECEIVED BY EXERCISING FAITH IN GOD’S WORD ALONE. We also need to understand that individuals do not *operate* these gifts. They are manifested through them. I can’t make the gifts work any time I want to. I can only stay open for the manifestation of the Spirit of God as He wills.

Jesus’ Healing Ministry

Many of us were taught that the only reason Jesus healed was to prove His deity. If that were true, He never proved who He was in the city of Nazareth. The people there were not healed the way others were elsewhere.

Mark 6:5 tells us, “*And he [Jesus] could there [Nazareth] do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.*” Notice that Mark didn’t say Jesus *wouldn’t* do any mighty work there. It says He *couldn’t*!

Jesus didn’t heal people merely to prove His deity. He did not minister as the Son of God. He ministered as a prophet of God, anointed with the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18, 24).

In Matthew 13:58, we learn why Jesus could not heal on some occasions: “*And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*” The people’s unbelief hindered Him.

Healing Belongs to Us

Healing is part of our salvation. It isn’t a matter of prayer or a spiritual gift in operation. Jesus provided healing for us on the cross. **WE SHOULD STAY OPEN FOR THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR ONE TO BE HEALED.**

I endeavor to help sick people understand this. I want to help them get healed one way or another. That is either by supernatural manifestations of the Spirit of God or by getting God’s Word into them, so faith rises in their hearts.

I held a tent meeting in August 1951 in Oklahoma. The day services were in a church. The night services were in a tent that had been set up in the city park. I laid hands on the sick each night after I preached.

This laying on of hands was a point of contact where the people released their faith in God’s Word. Between their faith and my faith helping them, they received their healing.

Some special manifestations of God’s healing power also occurred. For example, one night a mother brought her four-year-old son for prayer. She told me he had polio when he was eighteen months old and hadn’t walked since then.

As I prayed for the child, God’s supernatural power came down

mightily in our midst. The little boy started running up and down the platform! Years later, I met the boy’s uncle. He told me his nephew was now 17 years old and was on the first string football team in high school.

We are thankful for God’s power. I didn’t heal the child. God did. **MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT ONLY COME AS HE WILLS, NOT AS WE WILL.**

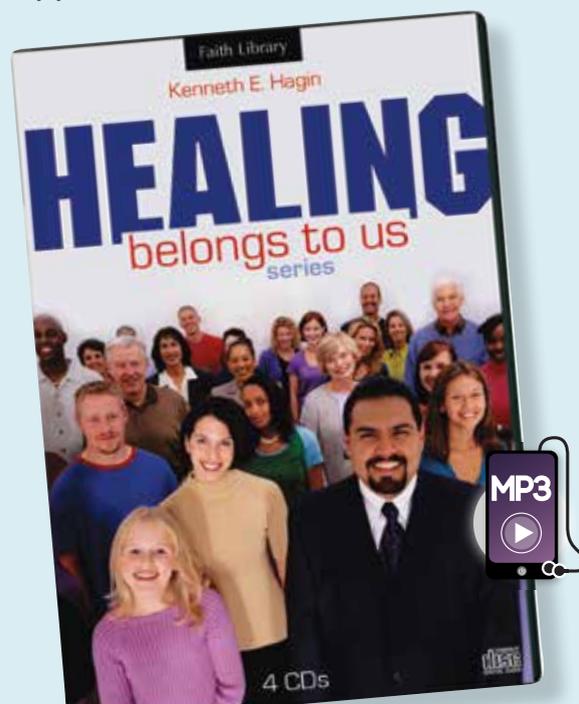
I believe in supernatural manifestations. We should expect them. But in the meantime, we must preach God’s Word. And believers must continue feeding on the Word concerning divine healing to keep their faith strong. Healing belongs to us!♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s slimline book *Healing Belongs to Us*.]

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“We are living in perilous times. It’s vital that we hear with our spiritual ears and discern what the Spirit is saying. Unfortunately, many churches are denying God’s power and have taken a doctrinal stance against the Holy Spirit. Not embracing the truth leaves people vulnerable to deception. Our lives must be based on the bedrock of the Word. We were told to go into the world and win the young and old to Christ. **JESUS GAVE US AUTHORITY TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE, HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, AND BIND UP THE BRUISED!** That’s who we are. It’s up to us to keep the oil and power of the Holy Spirit burning bright. Then, when people who don’t have a foundation look for a place to go, we will be there to say: ‘Hey! Help is here! This is where you can get deliverance!’”

// KENNETH W. HAGIN



Ask for Passion

“We all have a race to run. How are you running yours? Have you been sitting on the sidelines or slowing down? If yes, ask God to give you passion for what He has called you to do! **IT IS EXCITING TO SEE THE MANY WAYS GOD WANTS TO MOVE.** It is time to stir ourselves up and prepare for this season. It’s a different race. That’s why we all have to be led by the Spirit every day. One thing I know about this race—we must have a passion for God!”

// LYNETTE HAGIN



“One of our responsibilities is to **PASS OUR FAITH ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION.** We must become storytellers and pass on our experiences!”

// DOUG JONES



“**MOVEMENTS START WITH INDIVIDUALS** like Gideon who get on fire for God, answer the call, and prepare themselves to see God move.”

// KIRK DUBOIS



“Encouragement will build people into what their maximum potential could be. **BE BOLD. BE COURAGEOUS. BE A FRIEND** who doesn’t let your friends shrink back.”

// JOE DUINICK



“Wisdom is the fruit of a relationship with God. **THE DEGREE OF WISDOM WE WALK IN IS ONLY AS CURRENT AS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**”

// TONY MCKINNON



“**GOD HAS SOMETHING AWESOME HE’S ABOUT TO DO FOR YOU!** But sometimes people fail to see God move because they aren’t in a position to receive.”

// BILL RAY



Jesus Provided the Victory

“Jesus has already won the victory for you. He doesn’t have to come back and do anything more. He did it all on the cross. It doesn’t matter how many times the devil knocks you down, if you’re grounded in the Word, you can get back up. When **CIRCUMSTANCES ARE TOUGH AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE’S NO WAY OUT, JESUS IS THE ANSWER!** And when you have the answer, you don’t have a problem! Jesus already has the solution for any adversity you will encounter! It might not look good right now, but you are victorious!” // **CRAIG W. HAGIN**



Every Season Has a Purpose

“If we don’t find and fulfill our purpose in the season we are in, it will cause us problems down the road. It’s like lifting weights. At first, you can curl five pounds. When you keep doing that, you can go to 10, 20, and up. **IF WE ARE GOING TO FULFILL THE ULTIMATE PLAN GOD HAS FOR OUR LIVES, WE HAVE TO GET STRONGER.** Nobody gets strong by sitting on the couch and eating potato chips! We have to lift weights, and we grow spiritually like that too.” // **DENISE HAGIN BURNS**



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“I thought God would start talking to me when I was at least 11 years old. But He talked to me this week, and I’m only 9!”

—An Excited Youngster

Youth Winter Blitz

Winter Blitz was a great time of worship, ministry, and of course, fun! “He called my name, and I ran out of that grave!” was the topic for the week. Youth learned that no matter where they are or what they have done, God is calling their name. He is calling on them to live a life of purpose and freedom. Their part is to let go of the weights that hold them back. Once they let go of the hurts, struggles, and stress, they can run out of the grave and live a life of freedom in God!



“Mankind’s identity is not found in what we have or have not done. That’s carnal thinking. **OUR IDENTITY MUST BE FOUND IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALMIGHTY GOD.**” // **TAD GREGURICH**



“There are no bad personalities. God put that personality inside you for a reason. **GO TO THE CREATOR TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HE WANTS** you to do with it.” // **DAN TAYLOR**



“How often do we hold in our struggles because we don’t want anyone to know? **SOMETIMES IT TAKES HUMBLING OURSELVES** before man before we can humble ourselves before God.” // **DK HALL**



“**I DON’T THINK WE OUGHT TO GIVE UP** our right as God’s child to hear from Him directly. He designed us to hear His voice.” // **MARVIN YODER**



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YOU DO NOT have to do life alone. Even in your worst moments, Jesus is beside you, talking to you, and helping you through it.

JOHN 8:1–11 (NLT)

1 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, **2** but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. **3** As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. **4** “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. **5** The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” **6** They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. **7** They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” **8** Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. **9** When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. **10** Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”



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11 “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

I don’t want to be graphic. But if this woman was caught in the act, she was in a very compromising situation. She probably had very little clothing on, if any. Scripture doesn’t say they let her pull herself together before bringing her before Jesus. Can you imagine how embarrassing and shameful this was?

Think of how terrified she must have been, knowing the penalty for the sin she had committed was death—specifically to be stoned to death. In other words, people would hurl rocks at her until she eventually died. Horrific! It had to have been the absolute worst, most vulnerable moment in her life.

WHAT DID JESUS DO? HE DIDN’T TURN AWAY. He didn’t point out her sin. He didn’t yell, “What in the world were you thinking!” He paused, stooped down, and started writing in the sand.

JESUS PAUSED. That says a lot right there. Some of the holiest God moments happen in that pause. Jesus didn’t react. He didn’t do anything! He waited . . . patiently. And *then* He responded.

After the woman’s accusers left, Jesus stood up, talked to her, and forgave her. He never left. He was kind and helped her through a humiliating situation.

I COULD USE SOME
“God ideas” AND
perspectives!

We all have embarrassments, but Jesus is beside us too. He is with us in the good, bad, ugly, and in-between.

HEBREWS 13:5-6 (MSG)

5 Since God assured us, “I’ll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,” we can boldly quote,

6 God is there, ready to help; I’m fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?

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What if . . . ?

I began to ponder this: What if I lived my life as though Jesus was with me all the time? I know that in my head, but I don’t always get it with my heart. I say that because sometimes I don’t live as though He is constantly with me.

WHAT IF I BECAME MORE GOD-CONSCIOUS IN MY DAILY LIFE?

What would that look like? If I were aware that God was with me in my car, would I yell and honk my horn at the person in front of me? If I believed He literally stood beside me day and night, would I react differently toward the referees at my kids’ ball games?

I work with children, and some of them have what we call “imaginary friends.” They can’t see this friend, but they are *very* aware of them. They talk to them, share snacks, and include them in everything.

WHAT IF YOU WERE JUST AS CONSCIOUS OF JESUS?

“Save a seat for Jesus! He needs a snack too. Oh, now Jesus wants to share it with me!” It’s funny to imagine. But seriously, if you were *that* conscious of His presence all the time, I believe it would change the way you live.

I began saying, “I’m going to live a God-conscious life. He is my ‘ride or die.’ We’re going together, and we are ‘all in’ on this.” Do you know what happened when I started doing that? **I BEGAN CONSULTING HIM IN ALL THE LITTLE DECISIONS OF MY LIFE.** Every time I came upon a situation, I asked God first, and it changed how I responded and reacted.

The Expert Consultant

I looked up the word *consultant* and found out it is a professional who provides expert advice. We have the greatest consultant! He lives in us and goes with us everywhere. He will never leave us, turn away, or say, “You have blown it too much.” **GOD CAN GIVE US EXPERT ADVICE ON EVERYTHING!**

My husband used to be a consultant. He always said, “I give advice, but that’s not why people pay me. I’m paid for my ideas. I have a different perspective on their business. I see things they don’t because they’re too close to the situation.”

I could use some “God ideas” and perspectives! Sometimes I get so close to a situation I can’t see any other option. I need God’s ideas for my finances, marriage, relationships, parenting, and job success.

CONSULTING GOD ON EVERY DECISION AND BEING LED BY HIS SPIRIT CHANGES THE WAY YOU THINK, ACT, AND RESPOND. It changes *everything* when you live God-conscious every day! 🙏

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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)

RESTING IN GOD'S PROTECTION!

IN THE SITUATIONS and circumstances we face, it is easy to let fear dominate our entire lives. I am so thankful the Word of God assures us that we do not have to fear. Fear and faith cannot reside together. If you are in fear, you are out of faith.

It is important to conquer fear. It paralyzes and enslaves us and causes us constant worry and turmoil. God never intended for fear to shackle us. In fact, when writing to Timothy, Paul said, "*God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind*" (2 Tim. 1:7).

Fear used to dominate my life, so I understand the trauma one goes through when dealing with it. The scriptures I stood on to conquer my fear are in Psalm 91 (NKJV). I make it a practice to claim the promises in this psalm every day.

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust'" (Ps. 91:1–2). What does it mean to dwell in the shelter of the Most High? It means to live in constant communion with God and place Him first in our lives. If we want the benefits of Psalm 91, then we must practice what is written.

So many times, Christians neglect their relationship with God until a tragedy or crisis occurs. Then they run back to the shelter of God. We should not live that way. God never said to visit Him once in a while. No, He said, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High." We have to continually inhabit that secret place in God. It cannot be a temporary dwelling; it must be our permanent residence.

When we have that kind of relationship with our Heavenly Father, we can boldly claim that He is our refuge and fortress. In times of trouble, we can run to God confidently, knowing He will take care of us.

Psalm 91:3–4 says, "*Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.*" I had read these verses often and heard ministers describe the way a mother hen protects her chicks. However, because I was not raised on a farm, I had never seen this.

Over the years, many ducks have made the Rhema park their home. Several years ago, geese were eating the baby ducks. So our maintenance staff placed the mother duck and her babies in a pen until the ducklings were old enough to protect themselves. One afternoon my husband said, "Let's check on the baby ducks." I had not seen them yet, so I was excited.

As we pulled up in the car, I could see the ducklings playing and got out of the car to get a closer look. As I approached the pen, the mother duck sensed what she thought was danger. She frantically gathered the ducklings under her wings. I watched in utter amazement as she covered those ducklings so quickly I could not see any of them. Seeing Psalm 91:4 visibly illustrated made an indelible impression upon me. Now I can imagine that whatever comes my way, my Heavenly Father so covers me with His protective arms that the enemy cannot find me.

Psalm 91:10–11 proclaims, "*No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*" When symptoms try to fasten themselves on any member of my family, I quickly tell the devil, "You cannot put that symptom on us. I have already claimed that no plague can come to our family."

The crowning promises in this psalm are verses 15–16, "*He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.*" I encourage you to take these promises, confess them each day, believe what God has said, and watch them become a reality in your life.♥

Lynette





Kids' Page

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

SERVANT SEARCH

The word SERVANT appears in the puzzle below 14 times! See if you can find all 14! The word can be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, or even backwards.

SNSTSYSSXSPSS
 EEE EEE TETEEET
 RRR JRRNRNYRRNR
 VVV VAVAVUVVDV
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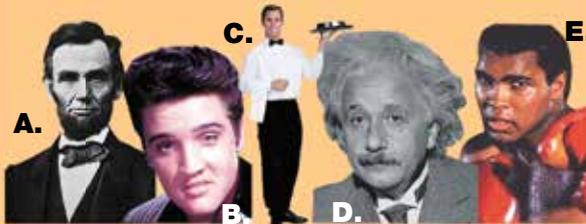
We are looking for a scripture that tells us who the greatest servant of all is. Follow these clues to find the scripture verse in your Bible:

1. The name of the author of the book we are looking for can be found in Acts 1:13. His name does not start with "P" or "J".
2. The chapter number we are looking for can be found in Genesis 31:41. It is the number of years that Jacob served Laban.
3. The verse number we are looking for is found in Second Kings 10:36. It is the number of years Jehu ruled Israel in Samaria.

Write the scripture verse and the answer below.

Who is the Greatest?

Circle the man below that you think God would consider to be "The Greatest." Oh, by the way, there is a right answer!



One day Jesus' disciples got into an argument over which one of them was "the greatest." Jesus overheard their discussion and quickly settled the argument. He told them that the greatest one among them is the one who SERVES! It was so important to Jesus that His disciples understood this that He said it on at least two different occasions. (Matt. 20:26; 23:11). Some people think they have achieved greatness when others serve them, but it's not that way in God's kingdom. Do you want to be great in God's Kingdom? Then start serving God and others today. Here are some areas where you, as a kid, can serve God and others:

- 1). Serve your parents by helping them around the house and yard—set the dinner table, wash dishes, mow the yard, etc.
- 2). Serve in your church by helping your Sunday School teacher with the lesson and cleaning up the classroom.
- 3). Serve the elderly by visiting them in the nursing home.

Ask your parents or pastor other ways that you can serve God ... that is, of course, if you want to **BE GREAT!**

jokes & riddles



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

What is a singing archaeologist's favorite coffee?

Fossil Latte

What did the man do to his saltwater aquarium to make it easier to pick up.

He put a little "mussel" in it!

Why did Charlie put a dictionary five feet above his television set?

He wanted to watch "high definition" TV

What can a baby lift that a strong man with laryngitis can't?

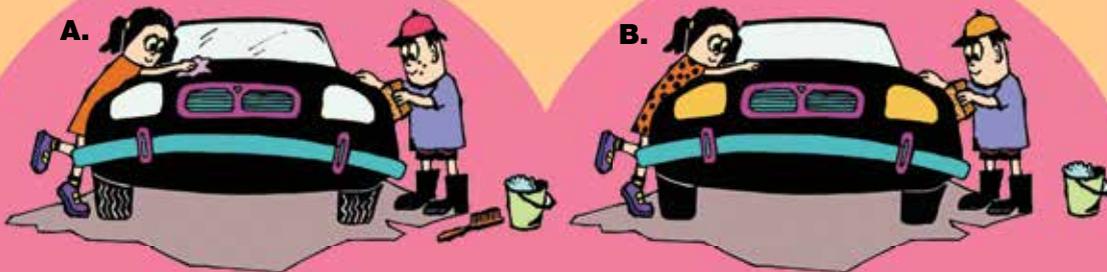
His voice

What has two feet but no arms or legs?

A yardstick

FIND THE DIFFERENCES!

One way that you can serve is by helping your parents wash the car like the boy and girl in the picture below! See if you can find the differences between these two pictures. There are eight differences in all.



NSHTAVRESEO
 EEE EEE TETEEET
 RRR JRRNRNYRRNR
 VVV VAVAVUVVDV
 AQAVAVAAA VATA
 NNRNRNNNNNNHN
 TETEVT TTTTTTJP
 SFSRTNAVRESEO
 EGESERVANTEAMK
 RSRYRURSERVANT

1. HEADLIGHTS ARE DIFFERENT
 2. WINDSHIELD IN B, DOESN'T HAVE GLARE
 3. NO TREAD IN TIRES ON B.
 4. NO BRUSH ON GROUND IN B.
 5. NO FRECKLES ON BOY IN B.
 6. BOY'S HAT IS DIFFERENT COLOR IN B.
 7. GIRL DOESN'T HAVE RAG IN B.
 8. GIRL'S DRESS HAS POLKA DOTS IN B.
- Answers:**
 WHO IS THE GREATEST?
 SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES
 MATTHEW 20:28—JESUS IS THE GREATEST
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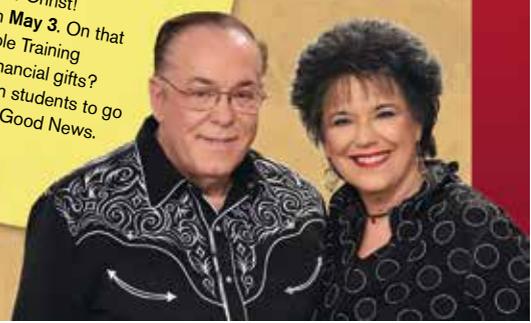
SUNDAY, MAY 3

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VISIT RHEMA.ORG/IRD OR CALL 1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484).

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has done for them. By working together,
we can reach many more lives for Christ!
International Rhema Day is on **May 3**. On that
day, will you support Rhema Bible Training
College with your prayers and financial gifts?
Your gifts make it possible to train students to go
around the world and preach the Good News.
Thank you for your generosity!

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LIFE FAMILY CHURCH
16607 STATE ROUTE 125
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LIFEWAY CHURCH
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DACULA, GA 30019
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