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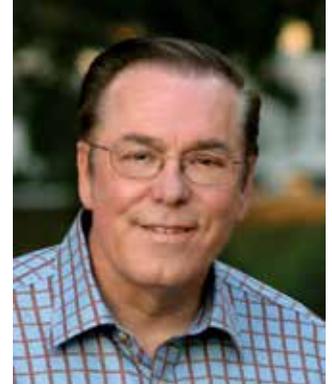
We are living in the midst of a generation that doesn't know the move of the Spirit and the operation of His power. God has sent us to the lost as beacons of the light of the Gospel. He has made us carriers of the Living Bread to those who are hungry. And He has made us vessels to take His power to the sick, the helpless, and the brokenhearted.

It's time for us to stand up. It's time for those of us who call ourselves faith people to demonstrate God's power, not just a knowledge of His Word. I thank God for His Word. It's a necessity. But the Word without the power won't save the lost, heal the sick, or set the captive souls free!

Are we going to be satisfied with having just a little bit of God's power? Or are we willing to step out of our comfort zone and carry the message of faith, deliverance, and salvation to a hurting, suffering world?

This is not the time for the Church to hold back and be complacent. This is not the hour for us to fold our hands or cower down. God wants us to take His power and go out boldly and defeat the power of the enemy. It's time to rise up and touch our generation with the mighty power of God!

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Who's in Charge?

SOME CHRISTIANS DON'T realize they are three-part beings. You *are* a spirit; you *have* a soul; and you *live in* a body. When you are born again, your spirit is recreated.

To grow in Christ, your mind must be renewed with the Word of God (Rom. 12:2).

What, then, are you to do with your body—the house you live in (2 Cor. 5:1)? Remember, your body is not who you really are. Your spirit is the real you.

Most Christians don't live as though they are spirit beings. They seem unaware the Spirit of Almighty God lives in them. Many allow their bodies to control the way they live.

It shouldn't be that way. A Christian who lives according to his physical senses will run into trouble. He won't be able to accurately listen to his heart and follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

Your Spirit and Your Body

The Bible says your spirit plays a part in controlling your body. Notice what Paul said in First Corinthians 9:27: "*I keep my body under control*" (CEV). Another translation says, "*I discipline my body and bring it into submission*" (NKJV).

Who is the "I" Paul is referring to? If he considered his body to be the real Paul, he would have said, "I discipline *myself* and bring *myself* under control."

Paul knew he was a spirit being who lived in a body. He knew his inward man needed to control the behavior of his outward man.

Paul made a strong statement telling believers what to do with their bodies.

ROMANS 12:1 (NLT)

1 I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice.

Paul wasn't talking to sinners here—he was talking to believers. He was telling people who were "new creatures in Christ" that *they* needed to do something about their bodies.

When you become a new person in Christ, old things do pass away and all things become new (2 Cor. 5:17). But that is true only in regard to your *inward* man. Your *spirit being* becomes new. When you were born again, your body didn't change. It will always want to do things it's not supposed to do.

Controlling Your Body

If your body never wanted to do what's wrong, Paul would not have had to say, "I keep my body under control." You don't have to *keep* something under control that doesn't tend to *get out* of control.

For instance, as long as your car is parked, you don't have to control the direction it's going. When you begin driving the car, you have to guide it with the steering wheel. If you don't, you will lose control of the vehicle.

Just as a steering wheel guides a car, your spirit needs to control your body. Otherwise, your body will control you.

What happens if you continually give in to the flesh rather than walking according to the Spirit? The Bible says you will cause decay and death to come into your life (Gal. 6:8 NLT).

That's why it's essential to keep your body under the control of your spirit and learn how to listen to your heart. Your recreated spirit doesn't have a sin problem. Your spirit wants to obey the Word of God and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Your problems will be with your body and your unrenewed mind. Why? Because your body always wants to fulfill the desires of the flesh.

For you to be a victorious Christian, your *inward* man must control your *outward* man (Gal. 5:16–18). How do you keep your body disciplined and under the control of your spirit?

First, you decide to live by your spirit instead of being body-ruled. You can use the same principles of faith you use to believe for other needs in your life. Just apply those principles to this area of taking control of your body. *Say* what you believe (2 Cor. 4:13) and *act* upon what you have spoken (James 2:14, 17).

That's what Paul did. First, he had to *believe* according to God's Word. He believed he could control his body and bring it under the control of his spirit (Phil. 4:13). Next, Paul *spoke* what he believed: "I discipline my body. I keep it under control" (1 Cor. 9:27). Finally, Paul *acted* on his faith. He daily presented his body as a living sacrifice to God. He submitted to his spirit and not his flesh.

Know that when you stop doing something your flesh has enjoyed for a long time, it's not going to feel good. But if you want to walk closely with God and fulfill His plan for your life, it's important to say no to your desires—no matter how much your flesh dislikes it (Gal. 5:24; Rom. 8:13 CEV).

Left to itself, your flesh will lead you into sin. You have to realize that you will have a body to contend with as long as you live on this earth. Once you understand this, you can determine to keep your body under the control of your spirit according to the Word.

Tell Your Body What to Do

The best way to get any part of your body under control is to find out what the Word says on the subject. Once you discover that, be a doer of the Word. Listen to what the Holy Spirit prompts you to do and *make* your body obey His leading.

Your body should not dictate to you what you will do. You should dictate to your body what *it* will do.

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WHAT *it* WILL DO.



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You are the only one who can discipline your body and bring it under the control of your spirit. If you don't, you will decrease your sensitivity to what the Holy Spirit is saying to your heart. Your entire Christian walk will be hindered if your body is not kept under the control of your spirit.

Decide today to become spirit-ruled—not body-ruled. Speak by faith, "I bring my body under the control of my spirit." Then put action to your words by daily presenting your body to God. You *can* lay aside the weights that hinder you because the Bible says you can do all things through Christ Who strengthens you (Phil. 4:13).♥

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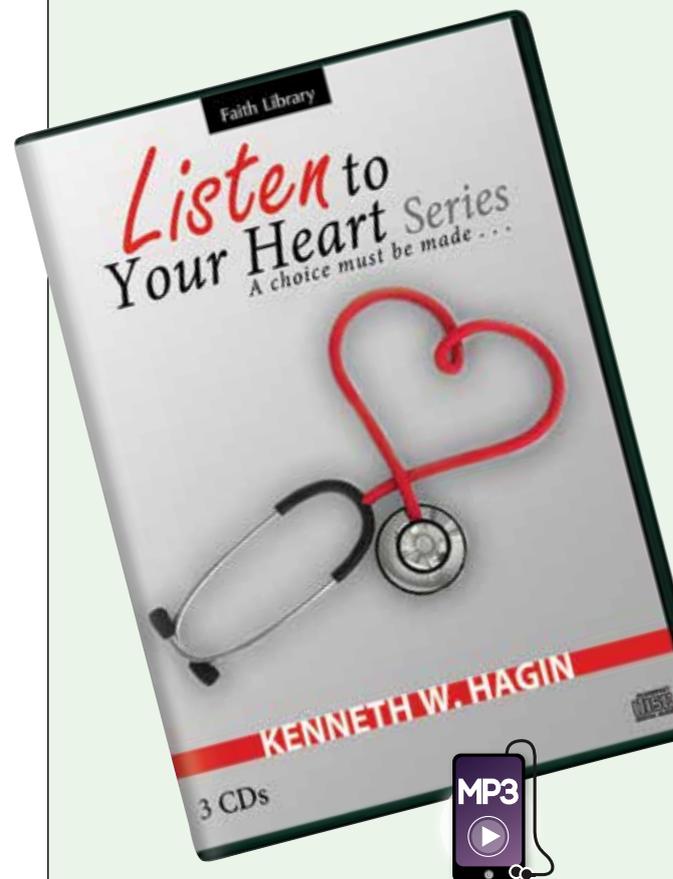
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Stirred Up to **Win Souls**

LYNETTE HAGIN



THE HARVEST OF souls on the earth is ripe. But Jesus said in Matthew chapter 9 that the laborers are few. He told His disciples to pray for laborers to be sent out into the harvest fields of the earth (v. 38).

Why are there so few laborers in the Lord's harvest? I'm sorry to say that sometimes we Christians are so busy enjoying God's blessings that we don't have time to go into the world and be witnesses for Him.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 (NLT), *"You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."*

Do you realize how many people today are lost and going to hell? Do you understand the exciting opportunity this gives us to tell the world about Jesus? Our first responsibility as Christians is to proclaim this wonderful Good News—the Gospel!

Where are we going to be witnesses? Wherever God takes us. Every day we come in contact with someone who doesn't know Christ. How sensitive are we to listen to the voice of God and pray for an opportunity to minister to them? Are we too busy to lend a helping hand to people who are lost, those who are hurting, and bring them in?

You don't know what lies ahead for the person who may sit next to you on your job. You don't know if you'll ever see them again after today. Let me ask you a thought-provoking question. If that person were to die today, would you see them in Heaven?

We have such a revelation of the truth and knowledge of the Word, and yet in so many cases, we're keeping it to ourselves. We're not proclaiming it to the world. God didn't give us this knowledge to keep it to ourselves. We are to share the Good News with others and be His witnesses. He wants us to go into the highways and byways and compel people to come in!

It's Time to Draw In the Net

Are you ready to be a laborer—a witness for the Lord? We are here to carry the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ around the globe.

I encourage you to rededicate your heart to get back to the Great Commission, which is the first calling of every Christian. I want that desire for souls to well up inside you so much that you'll wake up every morning and pray, "Lord, where can I be a witness for You today?"

"Our first responsibility as Christians is to proclaim this wonderful Good News—the Gospel!"



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I believe the fire of God will burn so intensely in your heart that you will go out and be a witness for Him in your world. I encourage you to pray, "God, give me a greater passion for souls." And when you pray that prayer, He will grant the desire of your heart.

That's what will bring the King back—when we, the people of God,

stir ourselves up to win souls and the entire world hears that Jesus Christ is Lord. I believe we've already stepped into the edge of the great, last-day revival, but we must not stop.

We must press in and stir ourselves up to pray. The last great move of God is being birthed by prayer. We need to pray for signs, wonders, and miracles to confirm God's Word. Those are the things that will draw people to the Gospel.

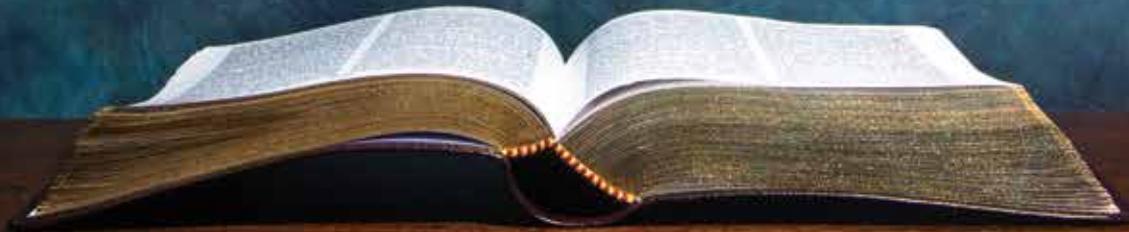
In these dark days and perilous

times, I've never been so excited. Why? Because we're going to go out and be fishers of men. And we won't be able to catch them all with just one line. We will have to draw them in with a net.

Are you ready to do that? Are you willing to join me and be a laborer in reaping a great harvest of souls?♥



HAVE FAITH IN GOD



*Having faith
in God is
not hard.*



CRAIG W. HAGIN

CHRISTIANITY IS BASED on faith. We are saved through faith, healed through faith, and blessed financially through faith. Faith is a simple belief that God will do what He promised in His Word. It doesn't matter what the need is—healing, finances, deliverance, peace, or the salvation of loved ones—faith in God is the answer.

Some Christians, however, are not seeing the manifestation of their faith. Over the years, I have heard people say, "I just don't have enough faith." When I hear this, I am reminded of Mark 11:22 where the Bible instructs us, "*Have faith in God.*"

Although some Christians say and believe the right thing, their faith really isn't in God. They have moved away from simple faith and trust in their Heavenly Father and are trying to convince God to move on their behalf by what they do and say. They make loud confessions and pray long and hard. They stomp and will even do somersaults if they have to. But what these Christians don't realize is, they have left God out of the picture. They can make faith confessions and pray in their own strength all day long. But it is through God's power that their answers will come.

According to *Webster's New World Dictionary*, *faith* means "unquestioning belief." And having faith in God means we don't question His willingness or ability to move on our behalf. We don't have to try to move mountains in our own strength and ability. We simply have to believe that God will move them.

Many of us are facing financial mountains. We can tell if we are truly relying on God by how well we sleep at night. Do we sleep soundly or toss and turn all night long?

In my life, the devil usually bombards my mind with thoughts of doubt and fear in the nighttime. Years ago, when my wife and children were sound asleep, the devil would say things like, "You are not going to make it." "What are you going to do? There's no way out of this problem." "Look at all these bills. How are you ever going to pay them?"

If we can't sleep because we are worried and fearful, we are not fully trusting God. Instead of tossing and turning, we need to get out of bed, open our Bibles, and meditate on the Word.

Some Christians have more faith in the faith of others than in their own faith. Although they say they believe God, they are really believing in their pastor's faith. Or their confidence is in their spouse's faith or in the faith of someone they believe is "more spiritual" than they are.

I have had Christians ask me to pray for them. And I am always happy to pray and join my faith with others. My heart's desire is to see people walk in the fullness of what God has for them. But as I talk with them, I learn that their pastor, all their friends, and every prayer line in the country is praying for them. Everyone is praying except them!

That shows me they don't really believe God will hear and answer their prayers. They don't have any faith in their faith. But having faith in God is not hard.

Jesus said in Matthew 17:20, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." A mustard seed is tiny. Jesus said that's all the faith we need to move a mountain. It's not much at all.

When we face adversity, we can make the mistake of putting man's limitations on God. We can look at the situation and say, "I can't see how this will ever work out." And because we can't figure it out, we think God won't be able to either.

We can limit God in the same way when it comes to healing. It should not be hard for us to believe that our Heavenly Father can heal incurable diseases. How far medical science has advanced doesn't have any bearing on what He can do. God is not bound by mankind's limitations. Remember, whatever is impossible with man *is possible* with God (Luke 18:27).

We need to take ourselves out of the equation and simply have faith in God. *The Worrell New Testament* translates Mark 11:22 as "Have the faith of God." We could also say, "Have the kind of faith that God has." What kind of faith is that?

When God spoke, it happened. When He said, "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3), light immediately came into existence. God didn't wait an hour for it to show up. He didn't have to fast, pray, or cry before light manifested. It appeared immediately after He spoke.

When we try to figure out how God will move or how a situation will work out, we limit Him. Our part of faith is to believe God will move on our behalf. It's up to Him to work out the details. We don't have to know the steps He will take to get us out of our situations. We only have to believe He will work it out.

When we are certain that God is working on the problem, we won't be moved by what we see when things don't look so good. Everything may appear to be falling apart around us, but we can rest in a peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7) when our trust is in God.

God is good. He wants us healed, prosperous, living in freedom, and filled with peace and joy. He can turn any situation around. And because of His great love for us, He is more than willing to work on our behalf. It's not up to us to figure things out. We simply need to have faith in God. ♥

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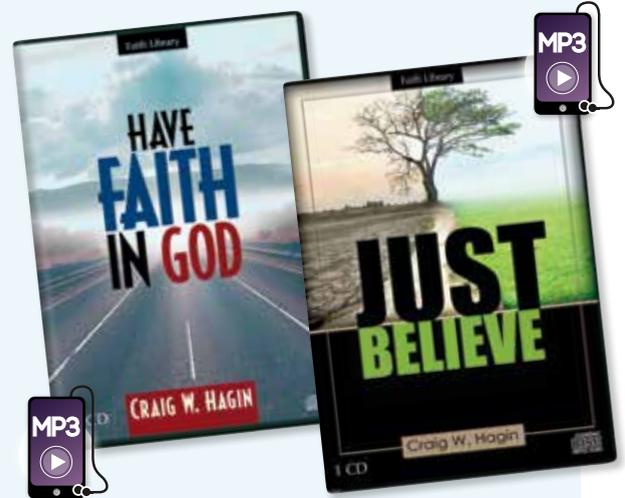
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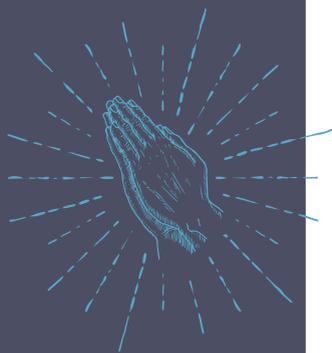
It's good to be thankful for these things. But there's one thing we can be grateful for that has eternal consequences. The Bible says that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8)! That means we don't have to do anything to "earn" our salvation. Jesus did it all. Our only responsibility is to accept Him as our Savior.

Is that something *you* can be thankful for? Have you accepted Jesus as the Lord and Savior of your life? If you answered no to either of these questions, pray the following prayer to receive Jesus as your Savior:

Dear God,

I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I admit that I am not right with You, and I want to be right with You. I ask You to forgive me of my sins. The Bible says, "If I confess with my mouth 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, I will be saved" (Rom. 10:9). I believe with my heart and confess with my mouth that Jesus is the Lord and Savior of my life. Thank You for giving me something to be thankful for!

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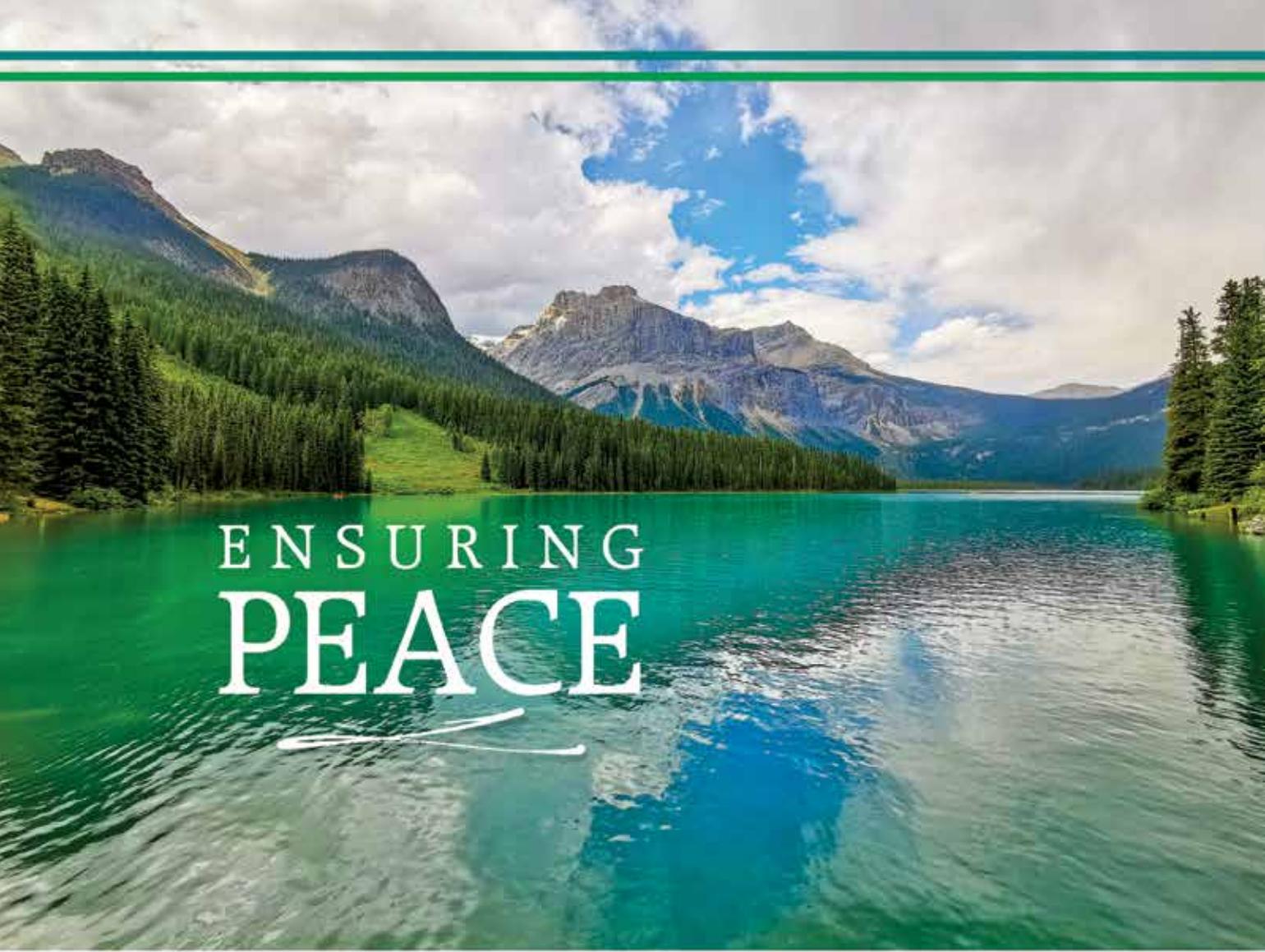
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WE HAVE MORE conveniences and luxuries today than ever before. With all these conveniences, you would think that we would have more time and peace in our lives. But just the opposite is true. Instead of having more time, we have less. And instead of being more peaceful, many people today don't have any peace.

Of course, we cannot experience true peace without knowing Jesus, the Prince of Peace. And to know Him, we must accept Him as our Lord and Savior. For it is only through Jesus that we can be at peace with God (Rom. 5:1).

Many people have accepted Christ as their Savior, but they haven't accepted Him as their Peace Giver. Jesus is not only our Savior—He is also our Peace and our Problem Solver.

What is peace? *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* gives one definition of *peace* as "freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions." The Hebrew word *shalom* is often translated "peace" and carries the idea of wholeness—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

One of the main reasons most of us don't have peace is that we are trying to work things out by ourselves. But we shouldn't try to be our own problem solver. The Bible instructs us to commit our ways to the Lord and trust Him to help us in every situation (Ps. 37:5).

Another reason some of us lack peace is that we don't commit *all* of our ways to the Lord. We commit to Him only *some* of our ways. But God is concerned about *everything* that concerns us. And if we will only ask, He will give us whatever we need in any circumstance. To live in peace, we must guard our minds and control our thoughts. The mind can be a powerful ally or a terrible enemy. Many people today look to antidepressants to control their thoughts. But that's not where the answer is. The answer is found in the Word of God.

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV) says, "*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*" When the Apostle Peter instructed us to cast our cares on the Lord (1 Peter 5:7), he meant *all* of them, not just some of them.

Satan specializes in worry, fear, anxiety, confusion, and doubt. And he will bombard our minds with those things if we allow him to. The devil is not a gentleman. If we leave the door open just a crack, he will kick it wide open.

Our minds are the only entrance Satan has into our lives. That's why it is so important that we not let him dominate our thoughts.



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Whose Directions Are You Following?

If we allow ourselves to think negatively and worry, we will be defeated. We cannot think defeat and expect victory. We cannot think sickness and expect health. We cannot think poverty and expect wealth.

Satan constantly tries to fill our minds with negative thoughts. He tries to confuse us and keep us from the peace we can experience in God. However, we don't have to give in to fear or worry if we keep our minds on the Lord.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

It's up to us to make our minds think on things that will build us up, not tear us down. When Satan tries to bombard our minds with fear and doubt, we must force ourselves to remember the things that God has done for us. We must focus on the positive.

If we're thinking about the good things of God, we won't have time to worry, complain, or get discouraged. Meditating on God's promises will fill us with a good report.

God's report says we are healed (1 Peter 2:24). His report says we are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37). His report says we are rich and not poor (2 Cor. 8:9) and that we can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us (Phil. 4:13). His report says that we have a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7) and that we will always triumph in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14).

We must stop thinking about what we don't have and start thinking about what *we do have* in Christ. Quit thinking about what is wrong and begin thinking about what is right. To see our problem solved, we can't think about how big our problem is. We must dwell on how big our God is. No matter what we face, God is big enough!

When our minds are focused on the Lord, we won't care what happens in the economy. We will have the assurance that our Heavenly Father is constantly watching over us. Don't forget, God still has the recipe for manna and can rain it down from Heaven anytime He needs to!

Whenever difficulties arise, I encourage you to find scriptures to stand on. When we take the "medicine" of God's Word, it will heal our minds, our bodies, and our emotions. And best of all, God's medicine doesn't have any harmful side effects.

So let's trust in the Lord with all our hearts. As we do, we will receive the peace that passes all understanding from our Savior, Jesus, the Prince of Peace. ♥

IN SUMMARY

5 Ways to Ensure Peace

1. Wholeheartedly accept Jesus—the Prince of Peace—as your Lord and Savior.
2. Commit *all* your ways to the Lord (Ps. 37:5).
3. Guard your mind. Refuse to dwell on negative thoughts. Keep your focus on God's goodness and His Word (Phil 4:8).
4. Give your stress, worries, and fears to God once and for all (1 Peter 5:7 AMPC).
5. Always magnify God, not the problem.



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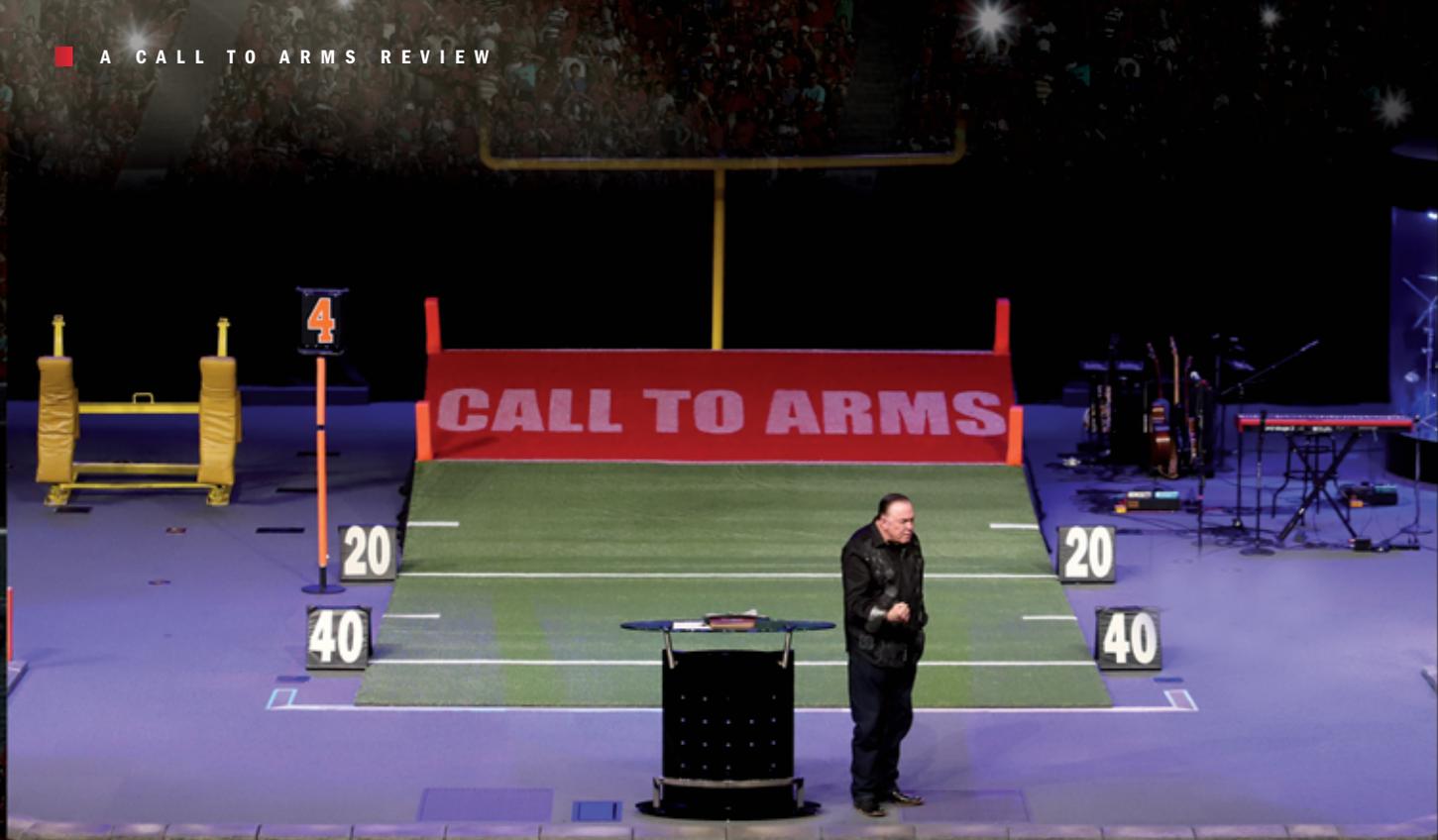
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Make plans to attend *A Call to Arms* November 4–5, 2021! In the meantime, enjoy these highlights.

I WALK THE LINE

KENNETH W. HAGIN

We must judge ourselves in the area of godly character—not talent. Character reveals who we really are. We must learn to know ourselves. Know our weaknesses. Know our strong points. **LET’S SHORE UP OUR SHORTCOMINGS BY READING THE WORD EVERY DAY IN AREAS WHERE WE ARE VULNERABLE.** That will build a bulwark against the enemy because that’s where he will attack.

If you played football, did you ever attack the other team where they were the strongest? No. In studying the field, the coach discovered their weaknesses and attacked there.

God knows where we are and who we are. The devil also knows us and will attack our weak areas. That’s why we need to shore up those parts of our lives. Everybody has a weak point, and we must guard against it.

EVEN WHEN WE’RE STRUGGLING, GOD IS THERE TO HELP US. The Holy Spirit is there to shore us up. But we have to be willing to walk the line no matter what. Make the determination: “I will walk the line with character, integrity, faith, and purpose!” Take a bold stand!

FOURTH QUARTER

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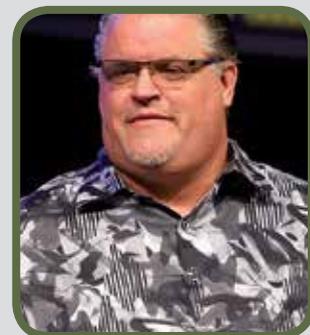
If you played sports, particularly football, the fourth quarter is the time to turn it up and go up another notch. Today, we are living in the fourth quarter—in the last days, and it’s time to finish strong!

Sometimes we don’t give our best because we’re distracted by what’s going on around us. **QUIT BEING DISTRACTED!** If we’re go-

ing to give God our best in the fourth quarter, we have to give Him our attention and clear off the distractions.

We practice football on the field. **WHEN WE PRACTICE CHRISTIANITY, WE PRACTICE ON OUR KNEES—SOMETIMES BY OURSELVES.** That’s when we win the battle.

It’s the fourth quarter. Finish strong. Don’t give up. Let’s give it our best! We will do things we never thought we could do if we don’t let the devil distract us.



"There's value in preparation. You get rewarded when you prepare. **REGARDLESS OF WHAT STAGE OF LIFE YOU'RE IN, ONE PRACTICAL WAY TO GET PREPARED IS TO DREAM BIG.** Too many people are winging it. They wake up every day and do the same thing.

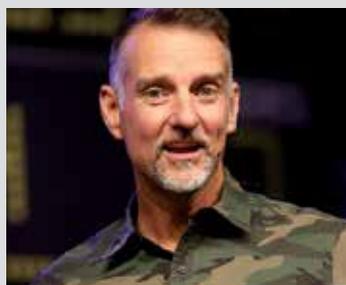


They have no game plan for where they want to go. What will your friendships, your church, or your marriage look like in 10 years? It's better to dream big and start small. **DON'T LET ANOTHER DAY GO BY WHERE YOU'RE NOT BEING PURPOSEFUL, WHERE YOU'RE NOT THINKING HOW CAN TOMORROW BE BETTER THAN TODAY."** // DON BURNS



"THE LORD IS INTERESTED IN US GROWING TO A POINT WHERE OUR FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS. Where our faith is pure and without contaminants. It's not an overnight process. **THE ONLY WAY FAITH CAN BE PROVEN TRUE IS THROUGH TESTING.** I spent years resisting testing, and then I learned the purpose of the tests was to prove my faith. Character only develops through endurance and perseverance that is afforded to us by trouble. **STOP LOOKING AT [TROUBLE] AS THE DEVIL AND SEE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR FAITH TO GROW."** // DARRIN BALDWIN

"GOD DIDN'T CALL US TO HAVE FEAR AT ANY POINT IN OUR LIVES. When I started a study on fear, I noticed different instances where preachers spoke on fear and said, 'It's okay to do life with fear. Just don't let fear drive you. Let it sit in the passenger seat to encourage you!' I thought, 'No!' Show me in the Bible where it's okay to let fear have any place in your life! It's not there! **GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO HAVE ANY INKLING OF FEAR IN YOUR BODY!"** // FABIAN MCCUNE



"How can you be a great leader and not serve? You can't! Many people call themselves great leaders, but they're not submitted to anybody. Here's the problem: **YOU'RE TRYING TO BE A LEADER, WHEN GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A 'LEAD FOLLOWER.'** I want to be the

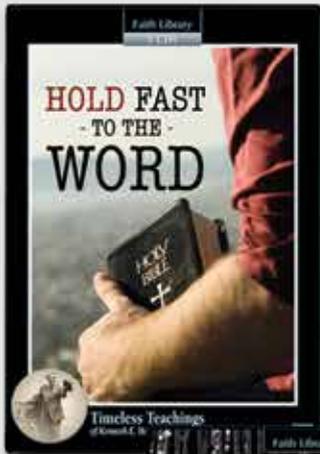
lead in following the vision God gave His church in St. Augustine. I want to be following the Hagin family who are 'lead followers' behind the Holy Spirit for the mandate of Rhema. **A TRUE 'LEAD FOLLOWER' DOESN'T LOOK FOR FOLLOWERS BUT FOLLOWS WHAT GOD SAYS."** // EARL GLISSON



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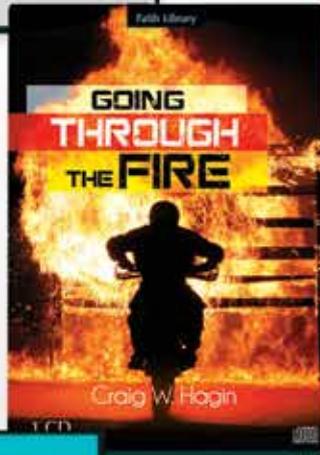


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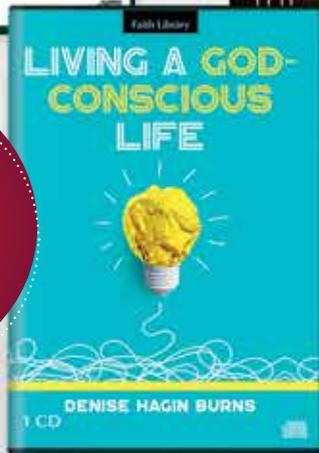
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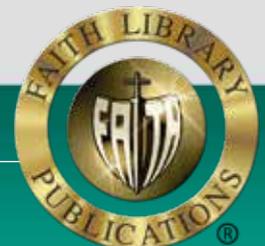
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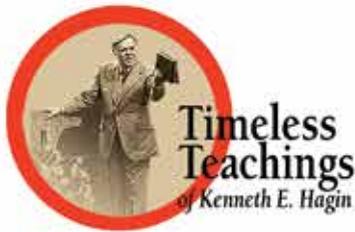
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CHRISTIANS CAN LIMIT their spiritual growth by not doing their part to grow spiritually. For example, when the Holy Spirit prompts them to spend time praying in tongues, they often override that leading and go about their daily lives. They never learn to develop in the scriptural scope of speaking in other tongues as God intends.

What is your part in growing spiritually? The truth is, the Bible tells you to do some things that will impact your life in God. If you obey God and do your part, you will discover the supernatural power praying in tongues affords!

A key to developing ourselves spiritually is found in Isaiah 40:31: *“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”*

Continual renewals of your spirit come by spending time before God. When you wait before Him, praying in the Spirit not only refreshes and renews your inner man, it also affects your mind and physical being.

One benefit of waiting on the Lord is that you will begin to discern the voice of the Spirit. As you wait in God’s presence praying in other tongues, He will speak to your spirit. The Holy Spirit is a guide, and He is in you. He will speak a sure word for you to follow.

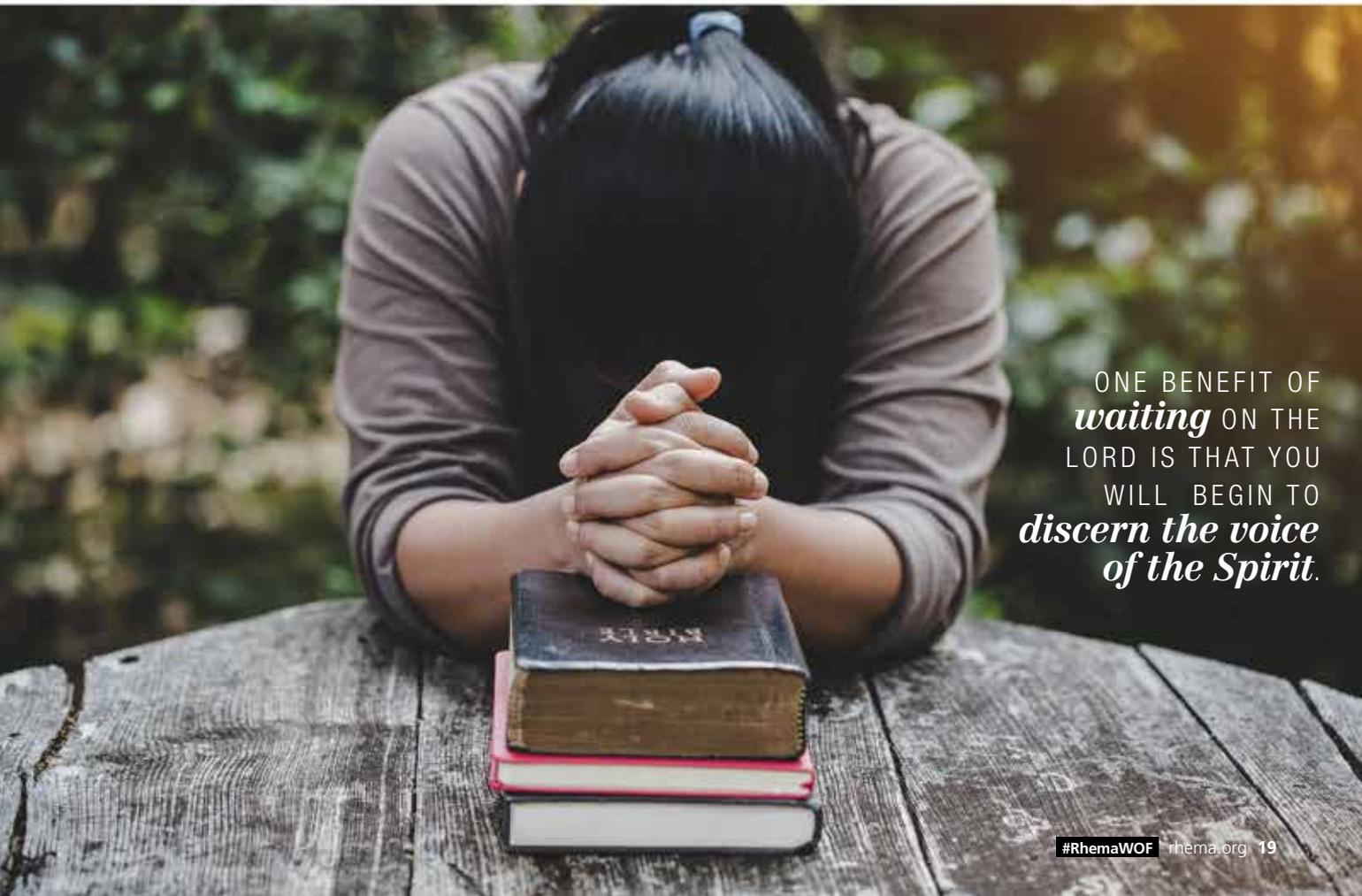
ISAIAH 30:21

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

People often say to me, “Tell me how I can know the voice of the Holy Spirit.”

This is my answer: “I can’t do that. You have to learn the voice of the Holy Spirit for yourself—which you *can* do because He dwells in you.”

“How can I tell if it’s really the Holy Spirit talking to me?”



ONE BENEFIT OF *waiting* ON THE LORD IS THAT YOU WILL BEGIN TO *discern the voice of the Spirit.*

No Shortcuts

There are simply no shortcuts to waiting before God in prayer. Receiving an answer may require waiting all night. It may mean missing a few meals. It may require turning off the television and other distractions!

Get alone with God, and pray in the Spirit for your personal edification. Get some things straightened out on the inside of you. Find out what your priorities are and what God wants you to do. You will receive the answers you need and enjoy times of refreshing in His presence!

That's why many people never receive revelation about God's plan for their lives. They don't spend enough time praying in tongues. They never get into the Spirit to obtain their answers from God. As a result, their reasoning and planning is in the mental realm; and in the end, their man-made plan fails.

Your part is to set aside time to wait before the Lord. Get into His presence and pray in the Spirit, and you will receive the answers you need. As you wait on the Lord, divine guidance will come.

Cultivate your spiritual life by feeding on God's Word. Spend time fellowshiping with the Father, praying much in other tongues. Learn to follow what your spirit is saying to you. Every day the Holy Spirit will use your spirit to enlighten you to God's will. God will direct you through your own spirit, for the Bible says, "*The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord*" (Prov. 20:27).

Learn to walk in this new realm of Holy Spirit power. Everything starts by determining to get before the Lord every day—allowing Him to lead you, teach you, and continually renew your spiritual strength. ♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from the book *Tongues: Beyond the Upper Room* by Kenneth E. Hagin.]

When a person asks that question, it tells me they haven't become acquainted with the One Who lives in them. They don't know His voice. That person needs to spend time waiting before God. If they will stay in God's presence long enough, they won't have to ask anyone to tell them how to discern the Holy Spirit's voice!

If an individual doesn't spend time in God's presence each day, telling them what I know wouldn't help. That person would still miss what the Holy Spirit is trying to tell them!

As for me, I'm *not* going to miss what the Holy Spirit is saying to me, because I listen to Him. He knows what's out in front of me, and He's faithful to show me things to come (John 16:13).

Sometimes our staff gets aggravated when they're waiting for an answer from me. I don't move until I get the answer from God in my spirit. I live by Psalm 127:1: "*Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.*" We may build the house, but it's in vain if the Lord isn't building it.

You can do a lot of good things that aren't what God wants you to do and get into trouble. Even if what you did was good, it may not have been what God wanted *you* to do. You have to find out what His plan is for you. Then follow what He tells you to do!

You might ask, "*How* am I going to discover God's plan for me?" The Holy Spirit will lead you as you wait before God, praying in other tongues. As Jesus promised us, "*He [the Holy Spirit] will shew you things to come*" (John 16:13). Besides, God promised that "*as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*" (Rom. 8:14). That means you can be led!

I've always been very studious, but almost everything I know about God's Word didn't come from studying books. The primary way I learned the Bible was on my knees, praying in other tongues. That's how the revelation of God's Word came to me. I would get revelation from the Counselor that would cause me to start moving in a certain direction. In fact, every new direction I have ever taken in ministry, I received divine guidance while praying in tongues.

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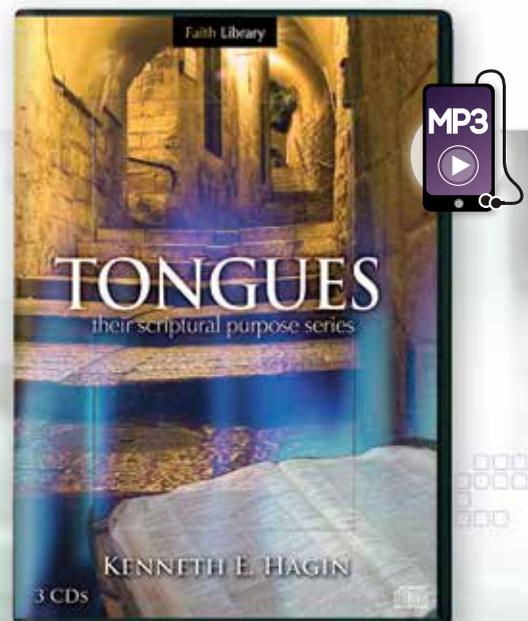
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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

MAKING TO-DO LISTS

YOU WOULD THINK with all the technology that was invented over the last decade, life would get easier, and we would have more time to relax and enjoy ourselves. And yet, as I take inventory of my schedule, it seems I have less time than I did years ago. I find myself saying, "There is too much to do and not enough time to do it. There is just not enough hours in the day."

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

Every time-management book instructs readers to make a daily to-do list. I definitely agree we should do that. I do it consistently. However, I also believe we should ask God to instruct us and guide us in our daily life. I find that many times God wants to add some things to my to-do list I might not have included on my own.

For example, God may instruct me to speak a word of kindness to the server who took my order at a restaurant. Or He may quicken me to call a friend and encourage them or pray for the need of a fellow employee.

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

I was so blessed recently when I received a note from a well-known person I admired for many years. In the note, she expressed how much she enjoyed my column and what a blessing I had been to her. The day I received her note, I needed a word of encouragement in the worst kind of way. That note gave me a lift and helped me tackle the hard tasks and decisions I had to make that day.

How vitally important that word was for me on that particular day. And how thankful I was that she had listened to God's to-do list. We must always keep God's list in mind. However, it is equally important to keep our own to-do list. I find that writing down on paper any future tasks I must accomplish allows my mind to focus my full attention on whatever I am presently doing. Writing future tasks down also helps me to organize them according to their priority.

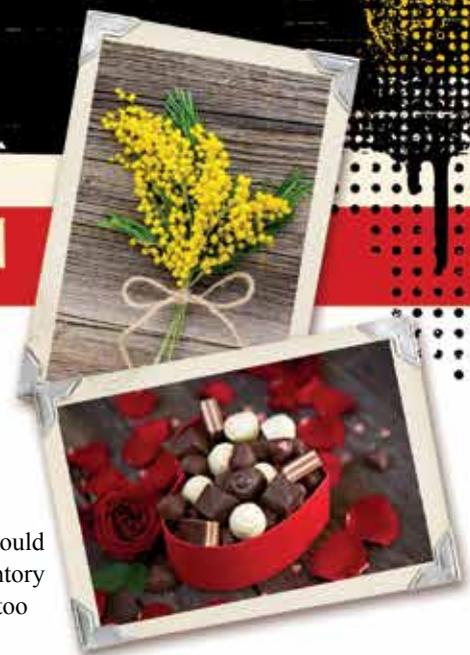
I know many people make lists on their electronic devices rather than paper. I found it is easy for me to ignore my electronic device. But with a written piece of paper, I am staring at it constantly. You may call me old fashioned but that works best for me. You should adapt to the method that is most effective for you. The most important thing is to get the tasks accomplished in the least stressful method.

I always write tomorrow's to-do list at the end of each day. I am not a morning person, so I tend to function better in the afternoon. In making a list, you may find you have more on it than you can accomplish in one day. Don't let that frustrate you. Simply move any "not done" items to tomorrow's list of things to do. When I find I am consistently getting behind on my list, I ask myself, "Can I delegate any of these items to someone else?"

This kind of delegation eliminates stress. For instance, many working mothers stay frustrated because they are trying to work, keep the house clean, cook for the family, and spend time with their husbands and children. Spending time with God seems to take a back burner and that is the person we should spend more time with.

So what should you do? Look for tasks you can assign to someone else. I encourage you to organize your life. It will not only relieve stress but also give you a sense of accomplishment.♥

Lynette





Kids' Page

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

Fruit Search

See if you can find these eight fruits that are concealed in the picture below:
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You've got to abide in the vine to bear fruit! Trace the path of the vine beneath each of the letters below to the correct bunch of colored grapes.

A. B. C. D. E.



Do You Have Fruit Filling?



An apple tree is full of apples and a pear tree is full of pears. Did you know that Christians are supposed to be **FULL** of fruit too? Galatians 5:22-23 tells us the kind of fruit that a Christian should be FULL of. They're called the **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT!**

Now, the best thing about natural fruit is the taste. So, you have the fruit of the Spirit in you so that other people can **"TASTE and see that the Lord is good"** (Psalm 34:8 NIV).

These fruit are called the fruit of the **Spirit** because they come from the Holy **Spirit** of God. You can't grow these fruit on your own. You can only grow them when you are attached to the vine. Jesus said, **"I am the vine; you are the branches.** [The branch is where the fruit grows.] . . . **Apart from me you can do nothing"** (John 15:5 NIV). And remember this, when you have the fruit of the Spirit, Jesus said that two things happen: 1) Your Father in Heaven is glorified, and 2) you prove that you are Jesus' disciple (John 15:8).

So, if you haven't already done it, get your **FRUIT FILLING** today! Ask the Lord to fill you with the fruit of the Spirit.

Fruit Turnover!

The names of all nine Fruit of the Spirit can be found in the turned over letters below along with five natural fruits. See if you can find all 14!

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

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If a person had a job where all he did all day was inspect fruit, what would you say that he had?

A FRUITY DUTY

If a green lemon-like fruit broke the law, what would you have?

A LIME CRIME

If a strawberry wore an ugly mask, what would you have?

A SCARY BERRY

If your grape was torn in two, how would you put it back together?

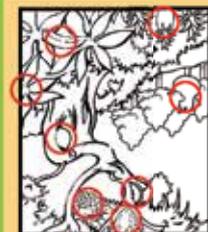
WITH GRAPE TAPE

Where does a peach go to catch some waves?

PEACH BEACH

What do you call a watermelon that screams at the top of its lungs?

A YELLIN' MELON



FRUIT TURNOVER!
GRAPE, PEACH, ORANGE, GENTLENESS,
KINDNESS, JOY, SELF CONTROL, LEMON,
PATIENCE, MANGO, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS,
TANGALO, LOVE
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