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Thank God, for He Is Our Helper

Thanksgiving is a time for counting our blessings and giving thanks to God for what He's done for us. The atmosphere around us is pretty negative right now. We live in a critical society that blame-shifts, makes excuses, and complains. There's always an abundance of negatives! But Thanksgiving is a positive event in a negative world.

The Thanksgiving holiday is about more than turkeys and food or remembering the Pilgrims. It's a time to say, "Lord, thank You for what You've done. I realize my blessings come from You because of the grace and mercy that You've extended toward me. Thank You, Lord, for being my Helper."

In the midst of abundance and blessing, let's never forget that none of us would be where we are today if it weren't for God's help. He's given us His Son, His Word, and His Spirit. He has given us angels, the Name of Jesus, power and authority, favor, and grace. Our Heavenly Father has given us His love and a place in His family.

Many times the Lord helps us when we're not aware of it. I'm sure we have all faced situations that justified tears and sorrow. But God—the Turn-Around Master—turned them around! Believe it or not, many people walk away from those situations without ever thanking Him.

Thanking God for being our Helper makes a way for Him to turn difficult circumstances around for our good. Instead of wringing our hands in despair, we can lift them and say, "Thank you, Lord. You're my Helper. You're going to turn this situation around. You've done it before, and You'll do it again." The Word says our prayers of thanksgiving ascend to God like incense (Ps. 141:2).

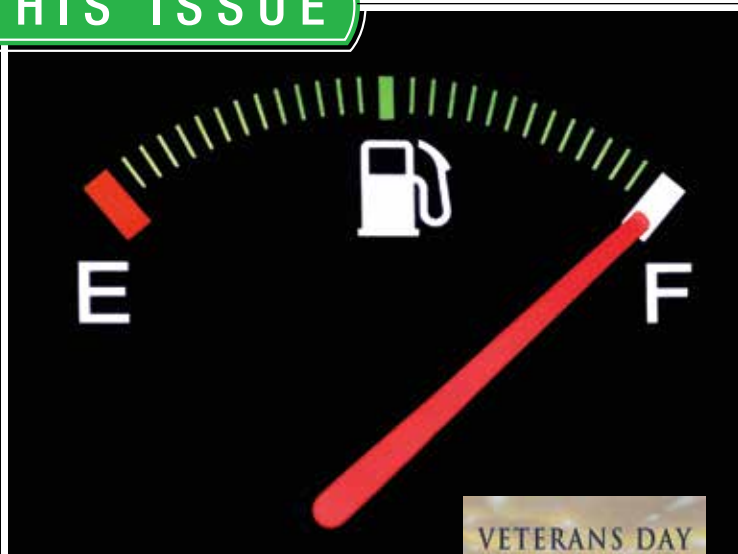
This Thanksgiving, take time to thank God for what He has done. Let's concentrate on thanking the Lord for what we have. Let's make a habit of giving heartfelt praise and thanks to Him every day of the year—for He is our Helper.

From the Kenneth Hagin Ministries family to yours, have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Kenneth W. Hagin

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El Shaddai



“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation”

— PSALM 91:14–16

EL SHADDAI IS one of the seven covenant names through which God revealed Himself to Israel. In Hebrew, it means “the All-Sufficient One” or “the God Who is more than enough.” The translators of the *King James Version* rendered El Shaddai as Almighty God. If He is the All-Sufficient One, then He is Almighty: the One Who is more than enough.

Psalm 91 lists seven things that El Shaddai will do for the person who sets his love upon Him.



“I WILL DELIVER HIM.”

Our Heavenly Father is a delivering God. He raised up Moses and Aaron to lead Israel out of bondage. El Shaddai brought them out with a strong hand. And He is the same delivering God today.



“I WILL SET HIM ON HIGH, BECAUSE HE HATH KNOWN MY NAME.”

God honors the person who honors Him. Psalm 24:3–4 says, “Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”

No one can cleanse their own hands or purify their own heart spiritually. But “there is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.”* You stand in the holy place because Christ cleansed you with His blood and robed you in His righteousness.

3 “HE SHALL CALL UPON ME, AND I WILL ANSWER HIM.”

God has always been a prayer-answering God. Jeremiah 33:3 says, “*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*”

Acts chapter 16 records a time when Paul and Silas were in prison. Scripture says that at midnight, they prayed and sang praises to God. The God Who answers prayer heard and delivered them. (See Acts 16:25–26.)

It was literally midnight when Paul and Silas prayed. But “midnight” is also symbolic. When you’re at the midnight of your life—in your darkest hour—the Bible tells you what to do. Pray and sing praises to God.

4 “I WILL BE WITH HIM IN TROUBLE; I WILL DELIVER HIM.”

God never said you wouldn’t have troubles. There’s no need in thinking that you will float through life on flowery beds of ease. You won’t. In fact, God infers that you will have trouble.

Psalm 34:19 says, “*Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.*” The Almighty God—the One Who is *more* than enough—said He would not only be with you; He would deliver you!

Some people seem to be content to stay in trouble. They say, “The Lord is with me.” But He’s not just with you; He’s there to deliver you and bring you out of your troubles.

5 “I WILL HONOUR HIM.”

God’s honor is much better than the greatest honor the world can bestow. The world honors politicians, statesmen, generals, educators, and scientists. If they honor a preacher, it’s a modernistic person who doesn’t believe in the Virgin Birth or the authenticity of God’s Word.

The world will never honor a Bible-believing, tongue-talking, divine healing-practicing preacher any more than they honored Jesus. To receive the world’s honor, you must compromise or back off a little and lay down God’s power. I would rather have God’s honor.

6 “WITH LONG LIFE WILL I SATISFY HIM.”

Psalm 91:16 is not talking about your spiritual life in eternity. It’s talking about a long life here on earth. The promise of long life is not just an Old Testament blessing. It belongs to you today.

Peter was quoting Psalm 34:12 when he said, “*For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile*” (1 Peter 3:10). Paul also said that honoring your father and mother comes with a promise: “*Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth*” (Eph. 6:2–3).

7 “I WILL SHOW HIM MY SALVATION.”

Your redemption in Christ is twofold. Jesus died on the cross of Calvary not only for your sins but also to free you from sickness and disease. In Hebrew, Isaiah 53:4 reads, “*Surely he hath borne our sicknesses, and carried our pains.*”

Jesus bore your sins so you could be free from spiritual death and eternal separation from God. And He bore sickness and disease in His body so you could be free from infirmities. If you believe God laid your iniquities on Jesus for your salvation, then you should also be able to believe God laid sickness and disease on Him so you could be healed.♥

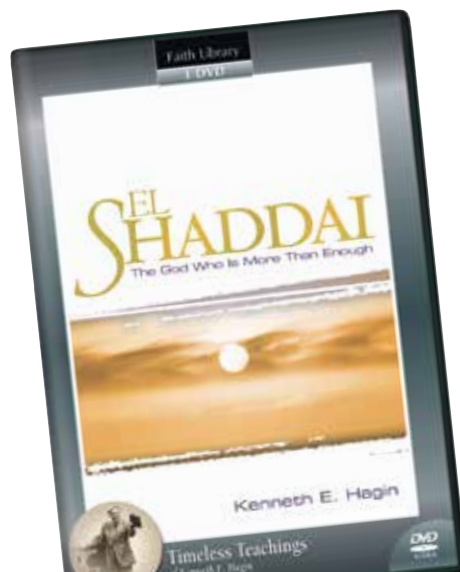
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Doing the Works of Jesus

TAD GREGURICH

IF I ONCE HEARD a minister say that he had not seen anyone healed in his church in the last five or 10 years. That shouldn't be! A powerless Gospel is not in a Christian's DNA. Miracles, signs, and wonders—that's our DNA!

The Apostle Paul said it was *"through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God"* that he *"fully preached the gospel of Christ"* (Rom. 15:19). This means we have not fully preached the Gospel if we don't see signs and wonders.

Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He commissioned His disciples—and in essence, the Church—to continue what He started. John 14:12 tells us what He expects: *"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do."*

Are miracles normal in your life and ministry? They should be. We are supernatural beings. The supernatural should be natural for us.

The Father and I Are One

What causes miracles to manifest? We see answers in Jesus' life.

JOHN 10:37–38

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

Jesus knew that He was in the Father, and the Father was in Him. The works in His ministry proved that.

When Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, He answered:

JOHN 14:9–11

9 Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Jesus wanted people to know that the works He did were of the Father. The works proved that He and the Father were one. Jesus told people that often. It was a theme in His ministry.

JOHN 5:19–20

19 Then answered Jesus . . . The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

A Father/Son Relationship

Jesus spent a lot of time with the Father—sometimes praying all night. While Jesus communed with God, the Father showed Him what He should do.

If we are to do the works of Jesus, we must have the same relationship with God that Jesus had. We have to

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believe that the Father is in us, and we are in the Father. If we want to hear from God, we have to spend time with Him. And as He did with Jesus, the Father will show us what we are to do.

Jesus knew God had sent Him. He knew where He came from. John records Jesus saying He came from or was sent by the Father over 40 times in his Gospel. Something mentioned that often is important.



INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT



Jesus' Prayer for Us Today

Before the crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples what was about to happen. Then in John chapter 17, He prayed not only for them but for all believers who have lived since then.

JOHN 17:20–21

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

If we are to do the works of Jesus, we must have the same relationship with God that Jesus had.

Jesus prayed that all believers would experience the same relationship of oneness with the Father. He went on to pray,

JOHN 17:22–23

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

If you're in Jesus and Jesus is in you, guess what? The Father is in you too. You can now better understand First John 4:4, "*Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*"

God in Us

God Almighty is in us! How can miracles *not* be happening? We are walking, living, breathing containers of God on this

earth. We are His ambassadors, here to do His will!

Think about it. Jesus said, "I am in them." What does that mean?

Colossians 2:9 says, "*For in [Jesus] dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*" The fullness of God is in Christ, and Christ is in us. That's why Paul could write, "*And ye are complete in him*" (v. 10). Paul said this was the mystery hidden from the foundation of the world: "*Christ in you, the hope of glory*" (Col. 1:27).

Scriptures that talk about who you are in Christ fill the New Testament. In Paul's letter to Philemon, he said, "I pray that your faith would become effectual by the acknowledgment of every good thing that is in you" (Philem. 1:6).

Peter knew that Christ was in him. Was there anything special about Peter's shadow? No. Yet people lined the streets so it would fall on them. And when it did, they were healed.

We don't have any record of Jesus' shadow healing anyone. But Peter's did. Why? Because God was in Peter, and Peter knew he was in God.

The devil opposed Jesus at every turn. Just because God is in us doesn't mean we don't have an adversary. But when we know that God is in us and we're in God, no devil in hell can stop us.

After Jesus was raised from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). That commission includes you and me.

The world is filled with hurting people who are looking for answers. It's time to know what's in you and help the lost. It's time to go out and do the works of Jesus. ♥

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A NEW BEGINNING

PEOPLE often move from one city to another looking for a fresh start. They think a new location will help them forget their past failures.

We don't have to move to start over. When we are born again, we have a new beginning in Christ. We become new creations. The Bible says, *"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!"* (2 Cor. 5:17 TLB).

If you would like a new beginning in life and haven't made Jesus your Savior and Lord, pray the following prayer from your heart:

Dear God,

I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I ask You to forgive me of all my sins. The Bible says if I confess with my mouth that "Jesus is Lord" and believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead, I will be saved (Romans 10:9). I believe in my heart and confess out loud that Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

Thank You for a new start in life!

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OVERCOMING THE ENEMY'S ATTACKS

KENNETH W. HAGIN

Satan is in an uproar because he knows we are reaching the end. He is throwing everything he can at God's people to discourage us, get us off track, and get us away from the Word. Here are four strategies to overcome his attacks:

1. Know that Jesus defeated Satan on the cross. Our victory has already been won. So act like it, talk like it, and live like it.
2. Remember the testimonies of God's people. Read stories in the Old and New Testaments of how God delivered His people. And listen to the testimonies of our brothers and sisters in the Lord.
3. Know what God said in His Word. We have been given authority to stop the enemy by speaking God's Word.
4. Trust God alone. Reasonings and opinions don't matter—only what is written in scripture. God said it. I believe it. And that settles it.

GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOU

CRAIG W. HAGIN

God anointed us with the same Holy Spirit and the same power that He anointed Jesus of Nazareth with over 2,000 years ago. Romans 8:11 says, "The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you." Why would you not get excited

when the living Spirit of God—the dead raising Spirit—lives in you?

Why do you deal with depression when God's Spirit lives in you? The reason you "deal" with it is you're listening to the devil! He's trying to steal from you! He's trying to kill you! And he's trying to destroy you! But if you will get in touch with the Holy Spirit that dwells in you, things will begin to change. It's not about what you have or who you are. It's about Who is in you.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOPE AND FAITH

DENISE HAGIN BURNS

To get through trials and have our prayers answered, we need to be in faith and not just hope. Hope is to think or wish something could happen. Faith means you are fully convinced.

In Mark chapter 10, blind Bartimaeus started out in the hope that Jesus could heal him. He then put a voice to his faith and called out to Jesus. Finally, Bartimaeus became determined and threw off his coat. His hope turned to faith.

God is waiting for you to use your faith and take action. Put a voice to your faith and be determined. Some of you have been hoping that God will heal you, give you peace by taking away your anxiety, or bless you financially. Make the switch from hope to faith and only believe that God will answer you. ♥



"I was online watching the livestream with Rev. Craig and received healing during the ministry time at the end of the service. During the last four months after having a dental procedure, I experienced muscle spasms. I have not experienced any spasms since last night!" // ALBERTO



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A HOLIDAY OR AN ATTITUDE?

FOR SOME PEOPLE, Thanksgiving is just a holiday when we eat lots of turkey and watch football. But Thanksgiving is more than *just* a holiday. As Christians, we should give thanks to God *every day* for what He has done and continues to do in our lives.

I've seen people have a pity party because of what they haven't accomplished instead of praising God for their successes. They focus on what they don't have or what they haven't done. Some are waiting for life to improve before they change their attitude.

We don't have to be completely satisfied with everything in our lives to be thankful. Every one of us is a work in progress. Even if we're not where we want to be, we can thank God that because of His saving power, we're not where we were!

God has done so much for us. But sometimes it seems like we're ungrateful. Some of us say, "Well, You've done that, Lord. Now give me this." But instead, we should say, "Thank You, God, for what You're doing for me now. And thank You for the greater things that lie ahead." No matter where we may or may not be



CRAIG W. HAGIN

spiritually, financially, physically, or emotionally, it's never OK to have an ungrateful attitude.

Perhaps you're at a point where everything in your life seems to be going wrong. You're struggling to find something to be thankful for. Are you alive? Do you have a well body? Even if your body isn't well, Jesus healed you over 2,000 years ago. That's something to praise God about!

Colossians chapter 1 gives believers many reasons to be thankful.

COLOSSIANS 1:12–14 (NKJV)

12 Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

We can always thank God for saving us and forgiving our sins. We can be thankful for the unfair advantage we have as a result of the Greater One who lives in us and leads and guides us. It doesn't matter how bad a situation looks—we are never alone.

Too many times, however, we don't thank God for what we have. We're too busy telling Him what we don't have. We have so many good things. We need to thank Him for those. What parent wants to give their children more stuff if they haven't shown gratitude for what they already possess?

We see something about this in the Book of Philippians.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Notice that verse 6 says whenever we ask God for something, we're supposed to do it with thanksgiving. We can say, "Lord, thank You for what You've already given me. I need these things too. But thank You for what You've already done." We can be thankful and happy. Then after we've asked with thanksgiving, the peace of God will overtake us.

One of my favorite examples of the power of maintaining an attitude of thanksgiving is found in Acts chapter 16.

ACTS 16:25-26

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Paul and Silas had been badly beaten and thrown in jail for preaching the Gospel. They didn't know if they would live to see another day. But in spite of their situation, they began to pray and sing praises to God. They knew that their God was great, and He was more than able to deliver them out of any circumstance.

It would have been easy for Paul and Silas to pout at that moment. We've all pouted when things don't go our way. But faith doesn't pout. It only makes the situation and everyone around you more miserable.

Faith shouts! In the midst of their battle, chained to a wall with their backs still bleeding, Paul and Silas chose to shout praises to God. They chose to maintain an attitude of thanksgiving. It didn't

FAITH NUGGET

Make Thanksgiving a Habit

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Many bad habits can be physically, emotionally, and spiritually harmful to us. Giving thanks to God, on the other hand, is a good habit! In fact, expressing thanks should be such a habit that we do it automatically. As believers, we shouldn't need to be reminded to thank a God Who has blessed us beyond measure. Thanksgiving should naturally flow out of us. We should be so full of appreciation for everything He has done for us that we just can't keep silent. And the best reason to thank our Heavenly Father is simply because we love Him.

matter what the situation looked like because faith knows it has the answer when it prays. That same night, God delivered Paul and Silas from their captivity (v. 26).

Paul wrote a lot in the New Testament about being thankful. He faced many trials—stoning, shipwrecks, imprisonment, rejection, and constant persecution—but through it all, he remained thankful.

Think of what we could do if we had Paul's attitude. Imagine how much we could accomplish if we began to thank God for everything He has done in our lives. It's easy to thank the Lord when everything is going great. But can we praise and thank Him when things aren't easy? It's when we face trials and tribulations that we find out what we're really made of.

Let's decide to have an attitude of thanksgiving every day. Begin to thank your Father God for what you have and for the people He has placed in your life. Thank the Lord daily that your sins are forgiven, you have the Greater One dwelling in you, and you are on the road to Heaven. Remember, no matter what you're going through, you have already made it because God said we are overcomers in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:37). So give Him thanks! ♥

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Navigating Life's Valleys

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FOR GOD TO do something big *through* us, He first must do something deep *in* us. God works in us when we are going through a valley. That's a place of stretching. It's a time of growth and preparation. And it can feel like warfare.

Many Christians—especially those with Pentecostal backgrounds—will start speaking in tongues, casting out demons, and pleading the blood of Jesus when in a valley. They feel as though the devil is after them and everything is against them.

But what we may think is the devil just might be the Lord. Matthew 4:1 (NIV) says, “*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*” His time in the wilderness prepared Him for His three and a half years of ministry. **IF JESUS HAD WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES, SO WILL WE.**

Some Christians don't know how to navigate valleys. And they wonder why they never seem to get to the mountaintop, or grow in God, or go deeper with Him. It might be that they are not handling the valley the way God intended. Although He may lead us into a valley, the devil wants to keep us there.

Here are five ways we can better navigate through life's valleys.

1 Know that God is with you.

We are not perfect, and sometimes we make stupid choices. Ezekiel 37:1 in *The Message* translation says, “*God grabbed me.*” I love that. When we make dumb decisions, God grabs us and holds us in the palm of His hand.

When all hell is coming against us, let's remember that **GOD NO LONGER DWELLS IN A TABERNACLE. HIS HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN US.** We are the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Matthew 16:18 says that “the gates of hell will not prevail against the church.”

2 Look for possibilities.

Sometimes we can feel like we are surrounded by negativity. But we can choose to look for possibilities in every situation. **WE LIVE BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT. OUR FOCUS MUST REMAIN ON JESUS.** He shines so much brighter than our circumstances.

Twelve spies went into the Promised Land and saw giants there. Ten said they couldn't conquer them. Two said, “We're well able.” Same situation, same circumstances, same promise. Just a different perspective. Two saw through the lens of possibility.

3 Take a step into the unknown.

Give God your not enough. He can take what you have and make it enough. **GOD IS A MASTER AT DOING A LOT WITH A LITTLE.**

It can seem like we don't have much to offer. But guess what? God will take our little faith and turn it into great faith.

It's okay to say, “I don't know what I'm doing.” We don't have to know the process. We only need to know the God Who is walking us through it.

I've learned to love that feeling in the pit of my stomach when I don't know what will happen next. It keeps me on my knees. If we're always ready for everything God sends our way, our pride is too high or our vision is too small.

4 Prophecy to your situation.

We are never told to talk *about* the mountain. Jesus told us to speak *to* it (Mark 11:23). Talking about something can lead to complaining. And complaining is what kept the Israelites in the wilderness.

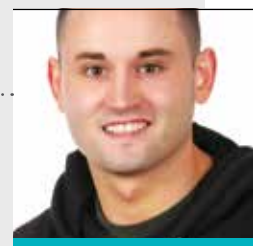
We have to learn to speak. **SPEAK UNTIL WE BELIEVE, AND KEEP SPEAKING UNTIL WE SEE.**

5 Invite the Holy Spirit.

We shouldn't do life without the Holy Spirit. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. We need Him in our lives. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HERE TO GUIDE, COMFORT, AND WALK WITH US.**

So let's invite Him into our circumstances—into our valleys. He will bring us through them. 🖐️

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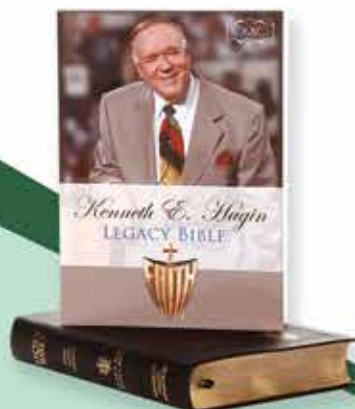
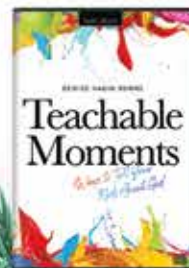
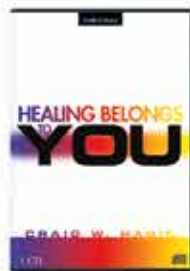
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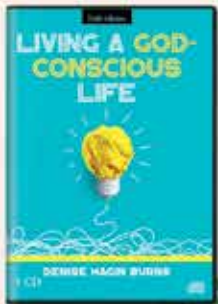
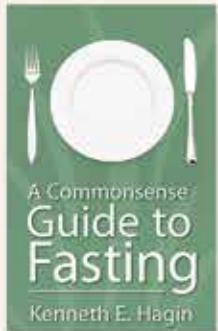
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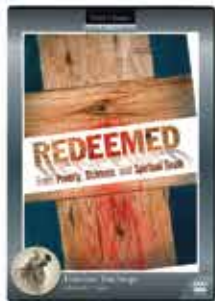
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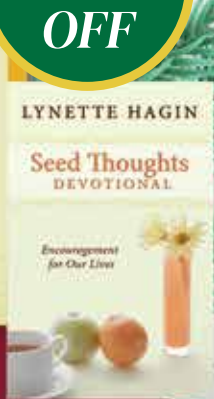
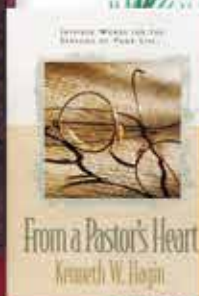
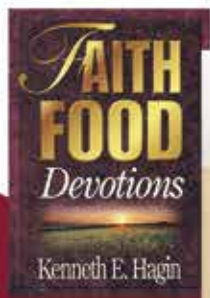
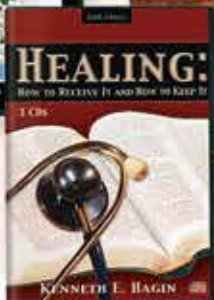
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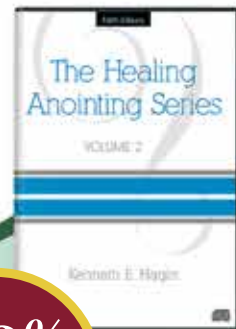
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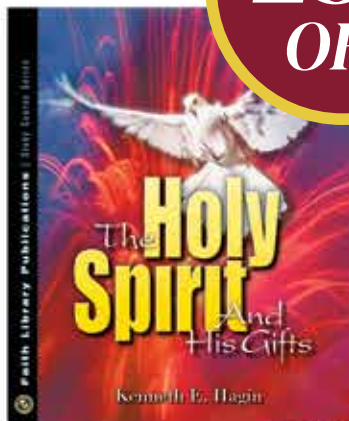
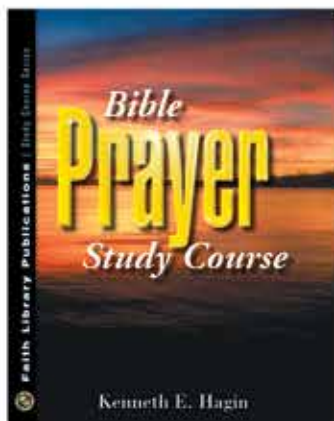
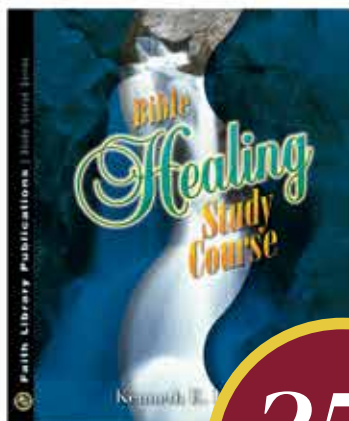
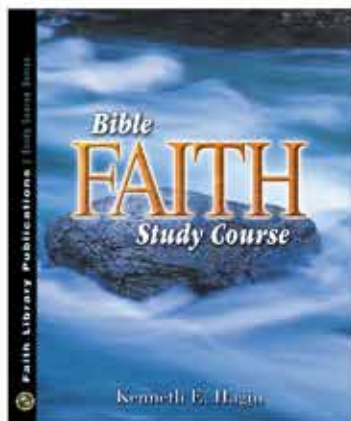
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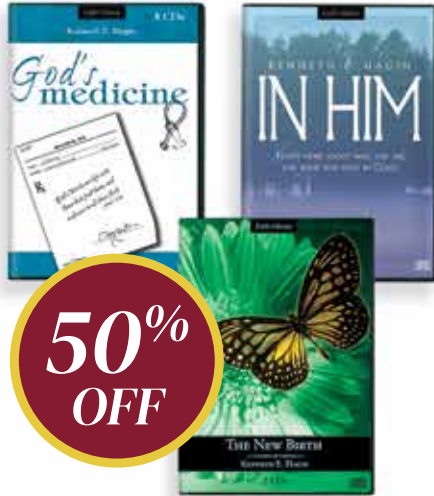
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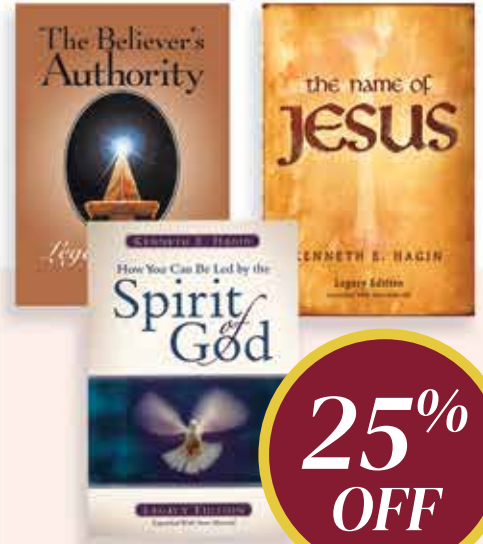
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Has anyone ever dared you to do something? When I was a young boy in school, I was known for trying anything once. It caused some scars and broken bones, but I did it anyway. I had a lot of confidence in myself.

Having confidence in God and His Word is the key to victory and success. Hebrews 10:35 (NLT) says, “*So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!*”

One definition of *confidence* is “the quality or state of being certain.” Another definition is “faith or belief that one will act in a right, proper, or effective way.” Based on those definitions, we can be certain that God will act effectively according to what He said in His Word.

The Secret to Experiencing Miracles

The Bible contains many examples of people who faced obstacles, difficulties, and persecution. Each one rose up in victory because they confidently trusted in God.

One of the greatest stories of that kind of confidence is of Moses and the Israelites at the Red Sea. With the sea in front of them and the Egyptian army behind them, it looked as if there was no escape. The people cried out in fear and complained to Moses. But he didn’t tell the men to get their weapons ready or form a battle plan. He simply said, “*Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord*” (Exod. 14:13 NKJV).

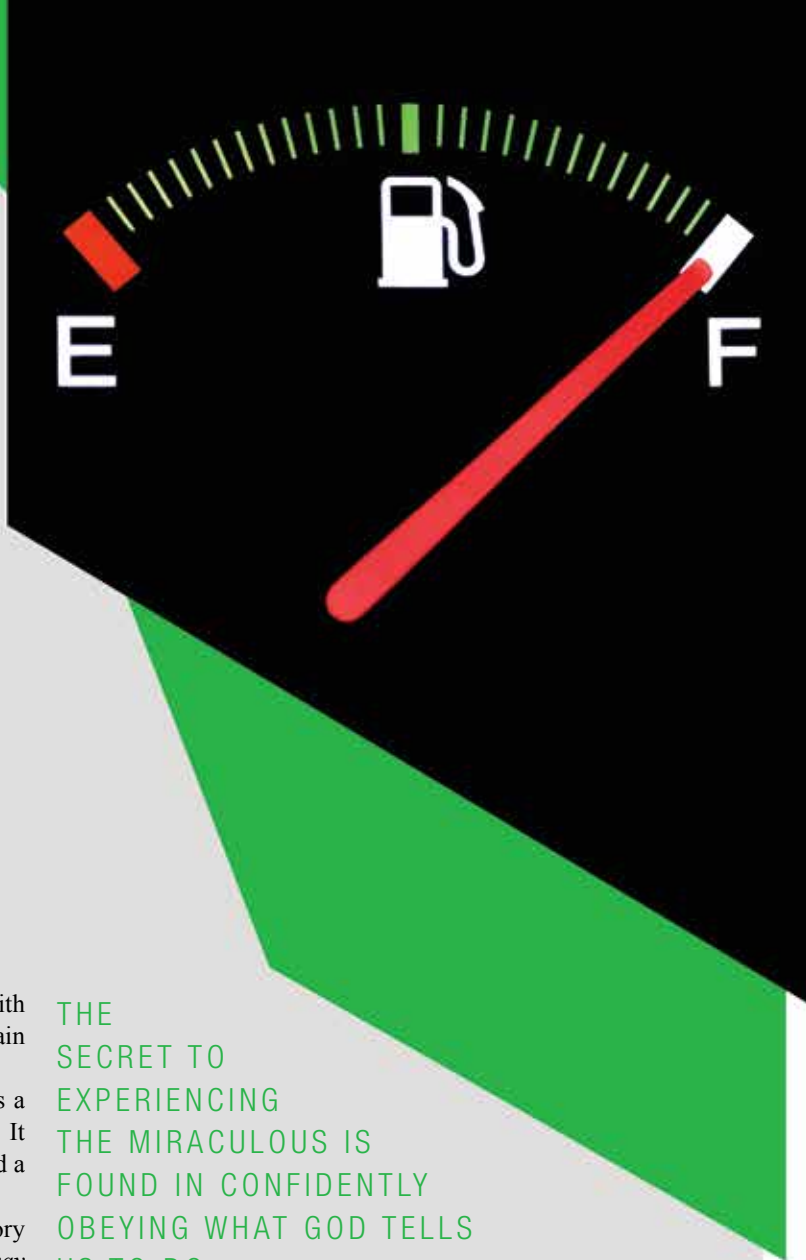
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I’m sure it took a great deal of confidence to tell over 1 million people to stand still and do nothing in the face of danger. But the people listened to Moses. The sea parted, and they crossed on dry ground. God delivered the Israelites and completely destroyed the Egyptian Army.

For the children of Israel, the difference between victory and defeat was their confidence in what God said through Moses. For us, the secret to experiencing the miraculous is found in confidently obeying what God tells us to do.

King David is another example of someone who had steadfast confidence in God. David was constantly attacked by his enemies. The only help he could rely on was His confidence in God. He said, “*Yet I am confident I will see the Lord’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living*” (Ps. 27:13 NLT).

David’s confidence in the Lord began as a teenager when he killed a bear and a lion while tending his father’s sheep. It



manifested again when he defeated Goliath. When Saul tried to kill David, the young man trusted in God's ability to protect him. He repeatedly defeated Israel's archenemies, the Philistines. And David believed God would be with him as he ruled over Israel. The end result of David's confidence was victory and success. No enemy ruled over him!

Confidence Brings Reward

Believers today need that same kind of confidence in God. We must quit allowing our enemy—the devil—to rule over our lives.

People exhibit confidence all the time, whether they realize it or not. For example, when they sit down on a chair, they believe it will hold them up. Christians should exercise the same confidence, if not more, when it comes to the Word of God. We need to confidently say what my dad, Kenneth E. Hagin, always said: "God said it, I believe it, and that settles it!"

In Hebrews 10:35, we saw that confident trust in the Lord brings a great reward. And Jeremiah 17:7 (NLT) says, "*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.*" To be rewarded and blessed, however, we must do what God says.

Some people begin to lose confidence in God's Word because something didn't happen the way they thought it should. The Bible says when we ask for anything that pleases the Lord, we can be confident that He will answer our prayer.

1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NLT)

14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

We should never doubt God or say, "Well, what if it doesn't work?" The Word says God hears us when we pray, and He has promised to answer. Therefore, we can confidently believe!

Confidence in God Makes All Things Possible

My dad was a man who believed God. I remember one time when I was about five years old, Dad had been preaching in West Texas. After the meetings were over, we loaded up the car and headed for my grandmother's house over 300 miles away in McKinney, Texas.

We stopped at a gas station, and Dad put his last \$5 in the tank. It didn't even bring the gauge to half full. Dad got back in the car and confidently said, "God, they didn't give me any money at the church where I just got through preaching. This is all the money I've got. I put the gas in the car. I thank You now, and I expect this car to run 'til we get to Momma's house."

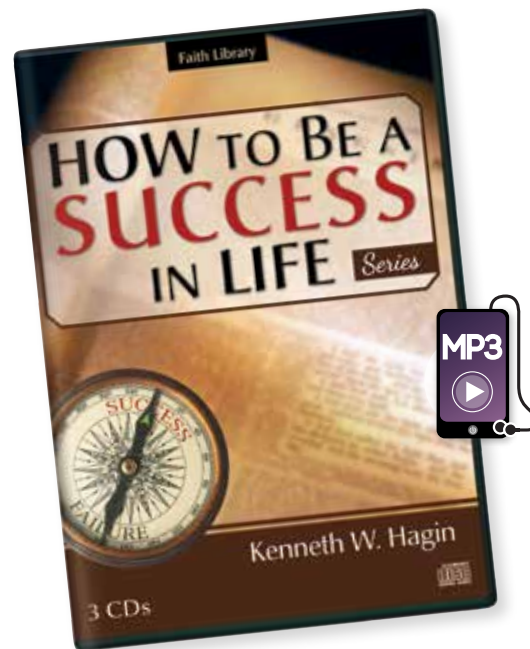
I watched the gas gauge go down to empty. But I never saw my dad squirm, sweat, or become fearful, because he confidently expected to have what he said. That car ran on empty for many miles! We arrived at my grandmother's house in the middle of the night.

The next day, I went down to a little store to get gas and carried it back to the house. When we took the cap off the tank,

we couldn't even *smell* gas! Dad put the gas in the tank, but the car still wouldn't start. We had to take the breather off the carburetor and pour gasoline into it to get it started. The only reason we made it to Grandmother's house in a car running on empty was, Dad dared to believe God.

Having confidence means you believe whether you can see it, feel it, touch it, or taste it. When you put your trust in God based on His Word, an assurance will rise in your heart. Your thinking will switch from believing something *might* happen to knowing it *will* happen simply because God said it!♥

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ARE YOU **STRESSED?**

EVERYBODY HAS STRESS—even Christians. It’s a natural part of life. We can’t always eliminate the cause, but we *can* learn to deal with it so it doesn’t overwhelm us.

“People tend to think that if they were more spiritual, everything would be great,” says Dr. Mitchell W. Duininck, a Family Medicine physician practicing in Tulsa, Oklahoma. “But that’s not true. The Bible tells us that in this world we’re going to have tribulation (John 16:33). Even Jesus had stress, but He dealt with it in a healthy way.”

Causes of Stress

According to Dr. Duininck, any transition in a person’s life causes stress. Changes in job status, financial security, or health, along with births, deaths, and other family issues—whether good or bad—all result in pressure and strain that affect our well-being.

“These outer stresses are often compounded by a person’s internal stresses—like the fear of man, chronic disappointment, and the need to control,” says Dr. Duininck.

Pressure from people, job demands, financial trouble, and even the holidays can all cause stress. One of the biggest stress inducers is a perfectionist mentality.

“Instead of reaching for excellence, many Christians expect perfection from themselves and other people,” says Dr. Duininck. “Sometimes we have such high expectations for ourselves and the people we live with that those expectations are unattainable. So we go through life stressed and disappointed, because life is always less than we expect.”

Pros and Cons of Stress

A certain amount of stress can actually be helpful. Stress causes a state of hyperalertness—the brain goes into high gear, and the senses become clear and focused. Dr. Duininck says that stress in situations like public speaking and sports competition “can actually improve your performance.”

Chronic stress, however, can lead to a host of problems, both emotional and physical. Depression, withdrawal from people, general lethargy, paranoia, heart palpitations, restlessness, insomnia, change in appetite, weight gain, muscle and joint pain, stomach aches, rashes, and lack of sexual drive are just some of the effects.



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“Chronic stress is like turning up the idle screw on a car,” he says, “so the car is always running at high rpm’s. You can go fast and get a lot done, but eventually it becomes hard on the car. When we live at that heightened level of stress, it’s just not healthy for our bodies.”

Dr. Duininck says it’s imperative that Christians find healthy ways to handle stress. “God has made provision to deal with those challenges of life. The prescription is there, but we have to take advantage of it.”

Tips for Minimizing Stress

RELAX. Take periodic times away. “When people don’t give themselves a break physically, emotionally, and spiritually, they burn out,” says Dr. Duininck. “If all of life is push, push, push, you’re going to get into trouble. He advises building regular times of relaxation, enjoyment, and getting away into your schedule.

KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS REALISTIC. Dr. Duininck advises that we examine our goals and ask ourselves, “Is this what God wants, or are there other motives involved that cause me to push myself too hard?”

HAVE PATIENCE. “The Bible says that the trying of our faith produces patience,” says Dr. Duininck, “but as Christians, we hate that! If we’d just realize, in midst of trials, that God is still in charge, we could let that patience have its perfect work in our lives (James 1:4). We need to be patient and take time to wait on God, and He will renew our strength (Isa. 40:31).”

EXERCISE! Stress releases adrenaline and other chemicals into the body. Daily activity reduces those chemical levels. “Even a brisk, 20-minute walk four times a week will help your body burn off those chemicals,” says Dr. Duininck. “Even though you may not think you have enough time, you have to make time, just as you do for eating or devotions. God made your body to move, and when you do, you’ll think more clearly, be more relaxed, and sleep better.”

WORK ON RELATIONSHIPS. So many people don’t have close personal relationships with other Christians. It’s just them and God. “God didn’t intend for it to be that way for the majority of people,” Duininck says. “People need to have close friends they can open up to and talk to about the problems they’re dealing with. You don’t open up to just anybody, but to close friends who can help by praying and ministering to you.”

CUT BACK. Minimize your caffeine and sugar intake, says Dr. Duininck. “Because they are stimulants, they add to anxiety levels and the physical problems caused by stress.”

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FAITH IN ACTION

Casting Your Cares: The Ultimate Stress Antidote

Lynette Hagin

To experience a stress-free life full of God’s peace, you have to give all your anxieties, worries, and concerns to the Lord (1 Peter 5:7 AMP). God loves you so much! He desires for you to live a life of peace. He wants you to release the weight of your burdens to Him.

If you’ve been anxious about everything, pick one small thing that’s been stressing you out and cast it on the Lord. After you practice casting the little things, you can move on to the bigger things. The more you give your cares to God, the more you will experience His peace in your heart!

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20 PRACTICAL WAYS TO DE-STRESS YOUR LIFE

1. Pray.
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time to start your day unrushed.
4. Learn to delegate to capable people.
5. Simplify, organize, and unclutter your life.
6. Don’t procrastinate.
7. Allow extra time to get to places.
8. Live within your budget.
9. Do something you love every day.
10. Breathe. (Take more deep breaths, especially when under pressure.)
11. Get enough exercise and eat right. (Yes, you can!)
12. Schedule daily “down time” to relax.
13. Laugh more.
14. Keep the switch of faith turned on.
15. Forgive (if you have *anything* against *anyone*—Mark 11:25 AMP).
16. At the end of each day, write three things in a thankfulness journal.
17. Talk less; listen more.
18. Say no to some things. Keep first things first. (God, family, health)
19. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
20. Be a praiser.

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Thoughts

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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)

MAKE 'GIVING THANKS' YOUR LIFESTYLE

ONE OF THE most important qualities we can develop is thankfulness. Many times we dwell so much on the adverse circumstances in our lives that we fail to be thankful for the good things. Several years ago, I fractured my shoulder. For the fracture to heal, I had to immobilize my right arm and put it in a sling for several weeks. I am left-handed so that helped some. However, I did not realize how many tasks take two arms and hands.

I could not button my clothes or tie my shoes. It was almost impossible to comb my hair. I could not hold a mirror to look at the back of my hair and comb it at the same time. At that time, I thought of people who only had one arm and realized how grateful I should be for two. I have made a point to thank God continually for the things I had taken for granted.

We often concentrate on the negative traits of our spouse or children. I encourage you to concentrate on the positives. Tell your family how much you appreciate them. Make saying thanks a regular part of your daily routine. Thankfulness is normally associated with getting something and showing your appreciation for it. Certainly, we should say thank you. However, thankfulness should become a lifestyle.

Every morning when I awaken, my first thought is "This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24 NLT). My first words are thanking the Lord for the day and thanking Him for wisdom to accomplish my tasks for that day. Often we ask God for something. He accommodates us, but we neglect to thank Him for answering our requests. When we encounter difficult circumstances, we complain instead of thanking God for delivering us from the situation. I'm reminded of the story of Daniel.

Daniel 6:1-5: *"It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God."*

The men were jealous of Daniel and coerced the king into signing a decree that anyone who prayed to another God or man except the king for 30 days would be cast into a lions' den.

Daniel 6:10 says, *"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."*

Although Daniel knew of the decree, he continued praying and giving thanks to his God. Of course, we know the end of that story. God shut the mouths of the lions, and Daniel was saved from destruction.

David continually prayed a prayer of thanksgiving. Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV) says, *"I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."*

The Apostle Paul always praised God in the midst of difficult circumstances. He was in prison when he wrote to the Philippian church: *"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* (Phil. 4:4-7).

I encourage you to always thank and praise God for bringing you through every circumstance and situation that comes your way. And confess as the Apostle Paul stated in Second Corinthians 2:14, *"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."* ♥

Lynette





Kids' Page

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

SCRAMBLED NAMES

Unscramble the letters below to discover some names for Jesus that are found in the Bible. If you need help, the first letter of each name has a circle behind it.

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STIRCH

MELUNAME

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There's POWER in HIS NAME

Some people say the Name of Jesus Christ and don't think twice about it. They may use His Name in a joke or yell it out when they stub their toe or mash their finger. But there are others who use caution when they say His Name. The reason? Because they know there is GREAT POWER in the Name of JESUS! Here are just a few things that the Bible says can be done by calling on, or saying, His Name:

1. Miracles can be done by saying His Name. (Mark 9:39)
2. Demons can be cast out by saying His Name. (Acts 16:18)
3. You can ask God for things using His Name. (John 14:14)
4. People can be healed through His Name. (Acts 3:6)
5. People can get saved by calling His Name. (Romans 10:13)

So, the next time you say the Name "Jesus Christ," remember . . . **There's power in His Name!**

Match Them up!

Each picture of Jesus performing a miracle appears three times except for one. Can you find the picture that only appears twice?



Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks below to complete these other names of Jesus. Transfer the letters, in order, to the blank sentence below to discover something that is going to happen one day when the Name of Jesus will be spoken by God Himself. Need help? Read these scriptures for the answers: John 15:1; John 10:11; John 14:6; Revelation 19:16; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1 and John 1:36.

1. TRU__ _INE
2. GOOD SH__PHE__D
3. THE WA__ _ORDS
4. __ING OF KI__GS
5. PRINC__ OF P__ACE
6. THE __ORD
7. MESS__AH
8. __ORD OF
9. LAM__ OF G__D
10. __ONDERFUL

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jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."

—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Here's a fun look at baseball from a biblical perspective.

How do we know that God likes baseball?

He started everything in the "Big Inning"

Noah wanted to bat in the big game but he couldn't. Why?

Because he was always up "on deck."

Why would Jeremiah only slide into home plate on his stomach?

Because he was against "back" sliders!

If Goliath played baseball, which team would he play for?

Some might think he would play for the San Francisco "Giants" but others think he would play for the Philadelphia Phillies team (Philistine).

Answers:
SCRAMBLED NAMES
CHRIST
EMMANUEL
PRINCE OF PEACE
BREAD OF LIFE
GOOD SHEPHERD
1. TRUE VINE 2. GOOD SHEPHERD
3. THE WAY 4. KING OF KINGS
5. PRINCE OF PEACE 6. THE WORD
7. MESSIAH 8. LORD OF LORDS
9. LAMB OF GOD 10. WONDERFUL
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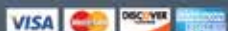
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