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Unwrap the Gifts God Gave You

Have you noticed how crowded the shopping malls are with people buying gifts for family and friends? Hopefully, your shopping is done. God has gifts He's already given. Have you unwrapped yours?

The reason we give gifts as we celebrate Christmas is to remember when God gave His greatest Gift to mankind. Over 2,000 years ago, God gave the world Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. But that's not all He gave.

God gave us many gifts, but to fully receive everything He has given us, we must first receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.

According to John 14:16, we have been given the Gift of the *Holy Spirit*, and we've been given *all spiritual blessings* (Eph. 1:3). Just as salvation is a free gift in that we did nothing to deserve it, these additional spiritual blessings are free for the taking.

Healing is another gift God has given. We were healed by the stripes Jesus bore for us (1 Peter 2:24). God also gave us the gift of peace. John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." After these gifts were given, experiencing them is simply a matter of believing and receiving.

Another gift is God's gift of *love*—His love. Nothing can separate us from God's love (Rom. 8:35–39). We have also been given the gift of *eternal life*. After the physical body passes away, those who have made Jesus their Lord will live with Him forevermore.

Too often, we leave God's gifts unopened. Unless we unwrap them, or put them into practice and experience them for ourselves, they will not be of any benefit to us.

Christmastime is the season for opening gifts. If we're not already doing so, let's begin "unwrapping" the gifts God gave us and start enjoying them!



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Maintain Your Spiritual Health



**Timeless
Teachings**
of Kenneth E. Hagin

SPIRITUAL HEALTH is just as obvious as physical health. You know when people aren't feeling well physically because it shows in the way they look and act. Spiritual health is the same way; it's recognizable. When someone is filled with the Spirit, they radiate the glow of the Holy Spirit. Romans 12:11 tells us to be "fervent in spirit." I like James Moffatt's translation of that passage. It reads, "Maintain the spiritual glow." The Bible also tells us to "be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). If good spiritual health were not recognizable, you wouldn't know whether a person was filled with the Spirit or not.

When a person's spiritual health is poor, they won't have that glow or fervency of spirit the Bible talks about. One thing that causes a Christian to lose fervency is unforgiveness. A Christian can't maintain the spiritual glow if they are holding a grudge against another person.

Jeremiah 2:13 says, *"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."* God tells us to forgive others (Mark 11:25–26; Luke 6:37).

Are You an Empty Cistern or a Full Reservoir?

When we don't forgive, we forsake God's plans and His ways for us. And as believers, when we forsake God's way and follow another way, our plans won't prosper. Unforgiveness and holding grudges will cause the vessel to break and leak!

You become a broken cistern when you hold something in your heart against another person. Eventually you will become an *empty* cistern, because when your heart isn't right with God, there is no way to maintain the glow or be fervent in spirit.

SPIRITUAL HEALTH IS DISCERNABLE, AND BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT IS RECOGNIZABLE. When you are filled with the Spirit, your cup is full and running over.

Psalms 23 gives us a picture of God's people being anointed with fresh oil. He anoints our head with oil. Our cup runneth over (Ps. 23:5). Is your cup half full? If it is, get a fresh anointing so your cup will run over!

The disciples had boldness in their lives because they were so filled with the Spirit that their "cups were running over." In Acts chapter 4, the disciples were taken in for questioning by the religious authorities because the lame man at the Gate Beautiful had been healed (vv. 1-13).

The disciples demonstrated boldness because they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Word of God tells us that Peter and John were ignorant and unlearned men. What was recognizable among the people was *not* how much theology and psychology the disciples knew, but that the disciples had knowledge of *Jesus*. They knew the Word of God made flesh (John 1:14)! They had the Holy Spirit! And that makes all the difference in the world.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is what gave them their bold, overflowing testimony. They maintained the spiritual glow of the Holy Spirit by being so filled up with the Spirit that a bold testimony was a lifestyle with them. If you stay filled with the Spirit, you will have a bold testimony too!

A Fresh Anointing Is Recognizable

We need to stay in God's presence and stay in His Word until we receive a fresh anointing—until we are refilled with the Spirit. There is one *initial* filling in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but there are many *refillings* of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life.

Do we want to be empty cisterns or full reservoirs? Which one are you? You can receive a fresh anointing and be a full reservoir!

Being filled with the Spirit is recognizable. The people recognized the disciples had been with Jesus and were full of the Holy Spirit because they spoke the Word with boldness. (See Acts 4:13.) If you've lost your boldness, you need a fresh anointing.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, there will be manifestations of the supernatural power of God in your life. Because the disciples were filled with the Spirit, God's supernatural power operated through them as the Spirit willed.

If you want the supernatural power of God to manifest through your life as the Spirit wills, you will have to stay filled with the Holy Spirit too. Of course, you will have to live a life of obedience to God. And you can't just sit around and wait for God to *make* you do something—to make you get filled with the Spirit or filled up with His Word. He's not going to *make* you do anything. But

if you want the supernatural power of God operating in your life, stay filled up!

There have been some basic problems or extremes in the Church when it comes to the supernatural move of God and the manifestations of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Some people don't believe at all in supernatural manifestations of God's power. Some have seen such excesses and fanaticism that they don't want the move of God's Spirit.

Then, other people have desperately wanted God to use them, and were full of zeal, but they lacked wisdom. They *wanted* God to use them, but they weren't full of God's Word and wisdom, and they got into error by trying to perform in the flesh.

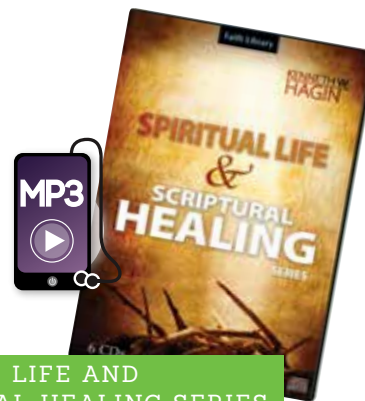
Let's simply do what the Bible says to do! Let's maintain our spiritual health and stay full of the Word of God! Let's be sure the Word dwells in us richly in *all wisdom*. And let's be full of the Spirit of God. And in everything we do, whether it is in *word* or in *deed*, let it glorify the Lord.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from the article "Maintain Your Spiritual Health," which previously appeared in the November 2002 issue of *The Word of Faith*.]

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Lynette Hagin's Women's Conference

KINDLE THE FLAME

Pink was the color of the 23rd *Kindle the Flame Women's Conference*. The Holy Spirit masterfully orchestrated the weekend, with each of the speaker's messages building upon the last. During the Candlelight, Prayer & Praise service, Lynette Hagin led the women in a time of prayer. They prayed for various things, with a special focus on interceding for children.

Make plans to attend *Kindle the Flame 2024*, September 26–28. In the meantime, enjoy these highlights.



What Kind of Attitude Do You Possess?

Lynette Hagin

Paul's writings are encouraging to me. But what inspires me about Paul is his attitude. Regardless of what he went through, he always had a positive attitude. In Romans chapter 8, he listed many things he encountered, but he then said, "*In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us*" (v. 37).

What kind of attitude do you possess? Your attitude will determine whether you fly, whether you walk, whether you crawl, or whether you sink in life. Attitudes begin in your thought life, and I have said, "Some people need a mind flush."

Here are three facts about attitudes.

- 1) Your attitude reveals the real you. It represents your disposition, your outlook on life, and your character.
- 2) Your attitude determines the success or failure of every relationship in your life.
- 3) Your attitude is always a choice. Every situation has positive and negative in it. You choose what you focus on.

Someone said, "A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go very far until you change it." These steps will guide you toward a better attitude. 1) Start speaking positive words. 2) Look for good in every situation. 3) Take charge of your thought life. 4) Never surrender to negative thoughts.

Things happen to all of us. When we have the right attitude, we can say as Paul did, "*None of these things move me*" (Acts 20:24).



Pink on Purpose

Denise Hagin Burns

When a baby is born, people ask, "Is it blue or pink?" We're all pink in this room. We are pink on purpose. When God formed us, He wanted us to be pink. He wanted us to be women, and He has a specific purpose for women to fulfill. Genesis 2:18 says God made woman to be a helper for man. Society has diminished the word "helper" to mean domestic roles. But that could not be further from how God meant it.

Helper in that verse is the Hebrew word *ezer*, which means "to provide support for someone who needs help." It implies great strength and helping in dire life-threatening circumstances. It's a powerful aspect of

God's character that He gave to women. *Ezer* was used 21 times in the Old Testament to reference God when He helped people out of dire situations. God created women as an *ezer* kind of helper.

Unless you are walking in your purpose of being a helper, you will never be fulfilled in life because that is how God designed you. Until you submit to the way He designed you, you can pursue achievements, but you will always be searching for something more. That's because you will never be fulfilled as a woman until you help people. Who did God call you to help? Married women, it's not *only* your husband and children. As women—married or single—we should always be helping people because that is the purpose of being pink.



“You are who God says you are, and you must believe it and say it. What words are you speaking over your life? I don’t know what you’re saying to yourself right now, but this one thing I know: Women can be the worst critics of themselves. Ladies, we have to stop that. The enemy loves it when you tear yourself down. Words are going forth all the time. You must pay attention to the conversations you have with yourself. Words are powerful, even the internal conversations you have. You’re the person you spend the most time with, right? You talk to yourself the most. What are you saying to yourself? Would you talk that way to your best friend? Then why are you talking that way to you? Know that it grieves God when you put yourself down with your words.” // **MISTI COYNE**



“Something happens when we praise God. When our eyes are focused on Him, a transfer of strength takes place. But when our attention is on ourselves, we lose focus on who God is. We become like Sarah, who forced the will of God by her own hand and received an Ishmael. Sarah took God’s promise and instead of drawing from His goodness to perform it, she relied on her own strength, agenda, and strategy to reach the end of what God promised. Abraham, however, grew strong and was empowered by his faith as he gave praise to God. He was strengthened to stand, strengthened to wait, and strengthened to receive. Abraham’s praise came out of his relationship with the Father, and through his relationship, Abraham became fully convinced that what was impossible would become possible.” // **REJEANNA JOLLIFF**



“Every step we take should be purposeful. Every step with purpose means not taking a day off from God. It also means not taking steps in the wrong direction. God has much to say about how He leads us and how we follow Him. We need God’s help to direct our steps. He has paths for us to walk on. Paths we walk on refer to how we live and what we do with our limited time on earth. Our part is to trust and acknowledge God and do the walking. It’s not for us to direct our own steps. When you do what you want instead of what God wants, you’re putting yourself before Him, and you’re messing up your life. This life is not a rehearsal, and there is no return. So make every moment, every decision, and every action count for Jesus.” // **HALEY SCHURZ**



“What are you radiating? Are you radiating Jesus—His love, His peace, His joy? We’re radiating something all the time. What’s on the inside will show up on the outside. We need to make sure that what’s inside us is of Him. People should know that we’ve been with Jesus. Psalm 34:5 (HCSB) says, *‘Those who look to Him are radiant with joy; their faces will never be ashamed.’* Have you been looking to Him? Our world is in a hopeless situation. Too many sad, depressed people are in the world and in the Church. We need to drink in God’s presence until we are filled with perfect peace and until we are radiating the hope of God, the life of God, and the joy of the Lord!” // **BRENDA THOMAS**





Healing Belongs to Us

SOMETIMES WHEN THE weather gets colder, people say, “It’s flu season. Looks like sickness is going around.” I’m here to tell you that healing is going around—now, and at all other times of the year.

The devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). One way he does that is through sickness and disease. But when Jesus died on the cross, He made a way for us to resist sickness.



CRAIG W. HAGIN

ISAIAH 53:4–5 (NKJV)

4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

More than 2,000 years ago, Jesus was beaten, battered, and bruised. He took on the sickness and disease of mankind when He was crucified on Calvary’s cross. He has already done everything that needs to be done for us to live free from sickness and disease.

Some of us, however, are waiting to be healed, even though healing was provided for us 2,000 years ago. But Jesus is not going to heal us, because He has already healed us. Some of us are standing in faith to get healed when we just need to receive what Jesus already did for us.

Do You Believe?

It’s through *your* faith that you get healed. *You* have to believe—not your mom, not your dad, not your husband, not your wife, and not your friend.

My grandfather, Kenneth E. Hagin, told the story of a mom who brought her daughter to one of his services. The daughter was scheduled to have surgery the next week, and the mom wanted Brother Hagin to pray for her daughter. But when my

grandfather asked the girl if she believed in divine healing, she said no. She only came to the service because her mother insisted she come and be prayed for.

Brother Hagin opened his Bible and explained Matthew 8:17 and Isaiah 53:4–5 to the daughter. When she understood that healing belonged to her, Brother Hagin laid his hands on her and prayed for her. She was healed and never had the surgery.

The daughter would have never been healed if Brother Hagin had only prayed for her and sent her on her way. Her faith was involved, and she had to believe.

A lot of times people want somebody else to stand in faith for them. They will use James 5:14, which talks about being anointed with oil by the elders of the church. They want their pastor to have faith that they will be healed. But it's really not about the pastor's or anyone else's faith. They have to believe.

Don't Be Talked Out of Healing —

The *Webster's New World Dictionary* says that faith is "unquestioning belief." That means no one can talk you out of something.

If you bought and paid for an automobile and someone tried to convince you that your automobile doesn't belong to you, you'd tell them they were crazy! You have the keys and you drive the car every day. No one could convince you that it doesn't belong to you.

Yet the devil does this with healing. God's Word says we're healed. But the devil tries to talk us out of it by saying things like, "Aren't you still in pain? Then you must not be healed." "Do you feel any better? No? I guess you didn't get healed."

The Webster's New World Dictionary says that faith is "unquestioning belief."

THAT MEANS NO ONE CAN TALK YOU OUT OF SOMETHING.

It doesn't matter how we feel. First Peter 2:24 (NKJV) says, "*Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*"

Were is past tense. You *were* healed before you came out of your mother's womb. You were healed before you were even a thought. You were healed before your grandparents, great-grandparents, and great-great-grandparents were born. You were healed when Jesus died on the cross.

Just Believe

Jesus said, "*If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes*" (Mark 9:23 NKJV). What if you don't believe? Then you won't get healed. It's that simple. I don't care how many healing lines you get in. You won't get healed if you don't

believe. I don't care how much time you spend praying that you'll get healed one of these days. You won't get healed until your mind shifts from "one of these days" to "I am healed right now."

Nowadays, we put everything on a scale. We have the Richter scale that measures the strength of earthquakes. The EF scale rates the strength of tornadoes—something we're familiar with here in Oklahoma.

People tend to rate sickness and disease the same way. They'd say cancer is like an EF5 tornado or an 8.0 earthquake on the Richter scale. In their mind, how big they think a disease is determines how high up the scale they place it and how afraid they are of it.

But the faith you use for a cold is the same faith you use for cancer. It's also the same faith you used when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. That was easy. Anyone can use their faith to get saved. And the same is true with healing.

Anyone can be healed . . . if you believe.♥

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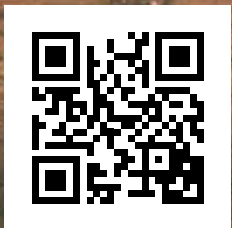
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Honor

BILL RAY

IN MANY WAYS, honor is all but lost in our Western culture. And if we're not careful, the world's culture will creep into the church. The verses below describe a culture that has lost sight of honor.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1–4 (NLT)

1 . . . In the last days there will be very difficult times.

2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.

4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

People today challenge everything. And with all our questioning, we've thrown honor right out the window. The most important thing Christians can do is to show honor.

Romans 14:8 (NLT) says, *"If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord."* Paul also said in Philippians 1:20 (NLT), *"I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, . . . And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die."*

Let's keep the main thing the main thing—let's honor God in every aspect of our lives. Everything we do or say should reflect honor to God.

HONOR ONE ANOTHER

Often people honor God but treat fellow Christians like dirt. **HOW WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER REFLECTS HOW WE HONOR GOD.** The Bible tells us how to honor others.

ROMANS 12:9–10 (NLT)

9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Honor doesn't mean agreeing with everything people do or decide. We can still honor someone even though we disagree with them.

HONOR THOSE IN MINISTRY

When Jesus returned to His hometown, He was met with dishonor. People did not receive Him when He taught in the synagogue. To them, Jesus was just a carpenter.

MARK 6:2–5 (NLT)

2 . . . Many who heard [Jesus] were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?"

3 Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

4 Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own

hometown and among his relatives and his own family."

5 And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

The people in Jesus' hometown made the mistake of failing to honor Him and became offended. As a result, Jesus *couldn't* do miracles there. Scripture doesn't say He *wouldn't*—it says He *couldn't*.

Their dishonor led to disbelief, and their disbelief hindered Jesus' ministry. If disbelief hindered His ministry, it can hinder any ministry today.

In our culture, people get offended at everything and everybody. Whatever others say to us, we ought to be filled with love. When we don't walk in love, we respond adversely and get offended. And when we get offended, we move ourselves out of a position to receive.

We never want to be like those in Mark chapter 6. Jesus wanted to do so much more, but He couldn't.

I believe some Christians' prayers go unanswered due to a lack of honor. They have faith and make strong confessions, but they don't honor others. They dishonor their spouse, fellow believers, and those in authority. But we must remember, failure to honor leads to failing to receive.♥

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IMMANUEL: GOD WITH US



KENNETH W. HAGIN

I REMEMBER AS a kid growing up that I always looked forward to December. Dad was gone most of the time in traveling ministry. But he would be home at least one or two weeks during Christmas time. And I looked forward to being with him.

You know, some people can have others around them but still feel alone.

That's because they're living life spiritually without God. They've never received Jesus as their personal Savior.

GOD NEVER INTENDED FOR US TO BE ALONE. He designed us to have fellowship with Him. When Adam disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, all humanity became separated from Him. But God saw down through the channels of time and said, *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel"* (Isa. 7:14 NKJV).

In Hebrew, Immanuel means "God with us." Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in the New Testament.

LUKE 2:1-7 (NKJV)

1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Christmas season is really about God and mankind being reunited through Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem. Christ was born a child in Bethlehem, but He became the Redeemer of the world as He hung on a cross and shed His blood on Golgotha's hill. Jesus made it possible for humanity and God to reconnect.

We miss our family members when we're separated from them because of work, military deployment, or some other reason. And when we get together again, what a time of rejoicing!

When I was growing up, we missed my dad terribly while he was away. Sometimes he drove all night just so he could be with us for a few hours. What great times we had with him then! But you know, God doesn't come and go. He's with us 24/7/365.

During the Christmas season, let's rejoice because of what God has done for us. And let's tell others that He made a way to be with us always.

God was with His Old Testament people. He told Moses He would be with him.

EXODUS 3:11-12 (NKJV)

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Jehovah God was with Moses throughout his life. He was with Moses when he confronted Pharaoh, when he crossed the Red Sea, and when the Israelites defeated the enemies who came against them.

After Moses died, Joshua became the leader of the Israelites. God told Joshua, *"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you"* (Joshua 1:5 NKJV).

The Christmas season is really about God and mankind being reunited through Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Joshua could have had an inferiority complex because Moses was such a great leader. Besides that, the Israelites weren't the easiest people to lead. But God's words to Joshua helped him be the leader he was.

The good news for us is that we have a better covenant than Moses or Joshua. It's established on better promises (Heb. 8:6). If God was with Moses and Joshua, He will certainly be with us too.

In the New Testament, **GOD MAKES HIS PERMANENT DWELLING PLACE IN THOSE OF US WHO RECEIVE JESUS AS OUR SAVIOR.** God doesn't come for a visit. He is with us all the time. We are never alone!

Jesus told us in Matthew 28:20 (NKJV), *"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* In Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) God said, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."* We can take these verses to heart. He may not like what we're doing, and we may grieve Him. But He has promised us that He will not leave us.

God is with us in every situation—good, bad, ugly, and indifferent. Anytime we feel as though we are losing a battle, we need to remember that we are living under a New Covenant, with better promises than Moses and Joshua had. God is living in us! And we can know that He will take care of us and see us through, no matter what.

God was with Moses, Gideon, and David, as well as many others in the Old Testament. He was with them in times of trouble and times of rejoicing. God was with David when he killed Goliath and when David was running for his life. God was with David when he danced before Him with all his might.

And God is with us! What for? To help us! To deliver us! To take care of us and keep us! He's standing with us to defend us. All we have to do is believe Him!

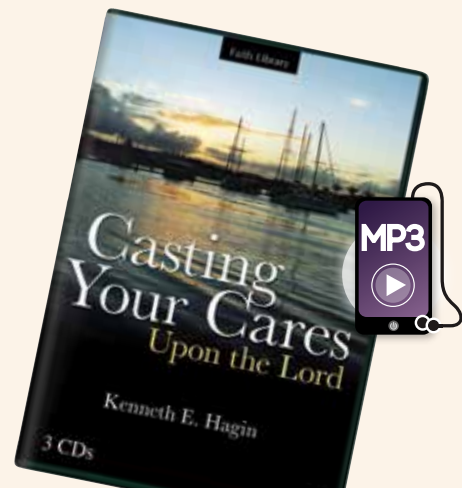
In our darkest hour, we are never alone. God in all His power and might is right there with us to cause us to triumph in every situation.

This Christmas, let us celebrate the coming of Immanuel, God with us. But let us also remember that He has not left us. He's still telling us, *"I will always be with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you!"*♥

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Love Sent His Son To Save

... For that which is conceived in her
is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his name Jesus:

*for he shall save his people
from their sins.*

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him

*should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*

For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;

*but that the world through
him might be saved.*

—Matthew 1:20–21; John 3:16–17

Merry Christmas!

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RHEMA'S IMPACT IN 2023



Take a look back at some Kenneth Hagin Ministries highlights from this year and see what we achieved together.



Taking the Mandate to the World

RBTC USA Graduates 49th Class

Thanks to our Word Partners, 262 more graduates were sent out to carry the message of faith to every part of the world.

RBTC Missions—Brazil, Thailand, and Zambia

Spring break for 39 Rhema students and alumni meant missions trips and an opportunity to reach more people with the Good News. God showed Himself faithful and worked through each team to make a lasting impact in the lives of countless people.

Fever Instantly Healed in Brazil

While the RBTC team ministered at a hospital, a boy was admitted who had a fever for four days. He was instantly healed when the team laid hands on him. After seeing

God heal him, he gave his life to Jesus.

It had such an impact on the boy's mother that she immediately rededicated her life to Christ.



Visions of Jesus in Thailand

Multiple people had visions of Jesus as the RBTC team ministered to them. One man said he saw "a man" come out of the river filled with love in his eyes, touch his head, and call him by name. After the vision, the man gave his life to Jesus and helped the team evangelize in his village.

The Lame Walk in Zambia

A student prayed for a lady who couldn't walk. She was healed and began dancing. After seeing his wife healed, the lady's husband, who walked with a cane, wanted prayer, and he, too, was healed.



RBTC International At-a-Glance...

RBTC FAST FACTS

22,388 STUDENTS ENROLLED WORLDWIDE

TOTAL ENROLLMENT INCREASED **30%** BETWEEN 2022 AND 2023.

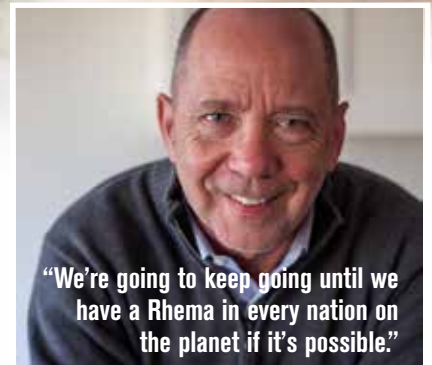
116,878 GRADUATES WORLDWIDE

293 CAMPUSES IN **56** NATIONS

3,470 RHEMA CHURCHES PASTORED BY RHEMA GRADS (U.S. & INTERNATIONAL)

7,500 IS THE NUMBER OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS IT TOOK TO HELP FULFILL THE MANDATE "GO TEACH MY PEOPLE FAITH" AROUND THE WORLD IN 2023.

3 NEW CAMPUSES OPENED IN 2023 • Pago Pago, American Samoa • Beirut, Lebanon • Lagos Island, Nigeria



"We're going to keep going until we have a Rhema in every nation on the planet if it's possible."

—John Grunewald, Int'l. Director of Rhema Europe, Middle East, and Africa

ANGOLA

Students were taught "Life of Prosperity." Many witnessed financial miracles as a result.

EGYPT

"The message is so valuable. I would travel weeks to hear it," said a student at the Alexandria campus who travels 20 hours round-trip for classes.

ITALY

Rhema Italy held an outreach in the cities of Verona, Rome, and Comiso. Many came and gave their hearts to Jesus.



In May, Craig W. Hagin traveled to Mexico City, Mexico, to give the keynote address at Rhema Mexico's commencement ceremony:

“God is saying today, I’m raising you up to be my tabernacle of witnesses, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to be filled with power, to be filled with the Word of God, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And wherever you go, the glory can be seen. The power of God can be felt. You are to be that group that this generation says of you, ‘They have turned the world upside down.’”

To apply to RBTC or to register for an upcoming *College Weekend*, visit rbtc.org.

Faith Came by...

Hearing, Reading & Watching

Through print, broadcast, and online media, Rhema continued to affect the world with the message of faith using every available avenue.

Faith Library Publications

- Over 500,000 books sold.
- The Believer's Authority (Thấm quyền của tín đồ) was published in Vietnamese.
- This year, many FLP titles were translated and published in Farsi. The books are reaching some of the most unreached regions of the world.
- Rhema France's 36 French FLP audiobooks had 2.7 million listeners and 22,000 subscribers.

The Word of Faith Magazine

- Over 1.8 million copies were mailed to homes and prisons in 2023.

Rhema Praise Broadcast

- Reached potentially millions of households weekly through traditional broadcasting and more through online streaming.

Online Streaming

- KHM conferences and Rhema church services began livestreaming on Rumble, an online video-sharing platform.
- Thousands tuned in live and on-demand to *Winter Bible Seminar*, *Campmeeting*, and Rhema Bible Church services across all social media platforms.

Word Partners

Our utmost thanks go to our Word Partners. You make all of this happen! You have a great part in what Kenneth Hagin Ministries and Rhema students and graduates do all around the world. Anyone, anywhere ministered to through a member of the Rhema family is because of you!

Events

The sound of revival rang loud at *Winter Bible Seminar* as attendees were refreshed in their souls. There was an urgency to pass the torch of revival, faith, and the power of God to the next generation.

The power and presence of God was palpable at *Campmeeting*. The Spirit of joy took over the atmosphere, and the Holy Spirit moved mightily. Many were healed and refilled with the Spirit.

Kindle the Flame Women's Conference and *A Call to Arms Men's Conference* provided a powerful opportunity for women and men to pause and hear from God.



“On Sunday night, my husband had discomfort in his lower back. By Tuesday, the pain was so severe he could barely move. Pain meds and even a shot for pain did not take the pain away. We prayed and believed for healing. My husband tuned in to Tuesday night's Campmeeting service while I was at the grocery store. Pastor Craig was praying for the sick and told the people to believe for their healing. My husband took that word and started to do what he physically couldn't do. When I returned home, I found him bending, moving his legs, worshipping, and praying in the Spirit. He was healed! Thank you for ministering the word of faith!” // **Myriam**



“This week at *Winter Bible Seminar*, I was very blessed! So many holes in my spiritual life were filled in with truth.” // Patricia, WBS 2023

LIVING FAITH CONFERENCES

Many were healed, saved, and set free during the 13 *Living Faith Conferences* held in 2023. In every city, people came ready to draw near to God and receive from Him.

To find a 2024 *Living Faith Conference* near you, go to rhema.org/lfc.

▼ LFC PRAISE REPORTS

“My back started hurting in 2020. The doctor said my L5 was out of place. The Lord told me that like the woman with the issue of blood, when I was touched with the anointing, I would be healed. Pastor Hagin laid his hands on me, and I was healed.” // **Kathy**



“I had fallen at school and sprained my wrist. I was praying in tongues with Mrs. Lynette, and I felt someone touch my arm. I looked around and my daddy was sitting too far away to touch me. I kept praying, and I realized Jesus had just healed my wrist.” // **Layla, age 8**

For 2024 event dates and details, visit events.rhema.org.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT . . .

Giving

THE BIBLE CLEARLY calls Christians to be generous givers. God Himself is our example. He sacrificially gave us the ultimate gift—Jesus Christ.

The following scriptures teach us how to give in a way that both honors God and helps others. As you read, meditate on, and practice these verses, let His generosity fill your heart to overflowing.

GIVE TO HONOR GOD

PROVERBS 3:9

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

GIVE SECRETLY

MATTHEW 6:3-4

3 "When you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

4 Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."

GIVE WILLINGLY, CHEERFULLY & SACRIFICIALLY

LUKE 3:11

11 John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

HEBREWS 13:16

16 Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

GIVE WITH A HEART OF COMPASSION & LOVE

PROVERBS 3:27

27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:3

3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

1 JOHN 3:17

17 If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

GIVE TO THOSE WHO ASK

LUKE 6:30

30 "Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back."

GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED

ACTS 3:6

Peter said, ". . . I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

JAMES 2:15-16

15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

GIVE TO THE POOR

PROVERBS 19:17

17 If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—and he will repay you!

PROVERBS 28:27

27 Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to poverty will be cursed.

GIVE TO YOUR ENEMIES

PROVERBS 25:21

21 If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink.

BIBLICAL BENEFITS OF GIVING

DEUTERONOMY 15:10

10 Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do.

PROVERBS 11:24-25

24 Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.

25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

LUKE 6:38

38 "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.



A PRAYER FOR A GENEROUS HEART

Heavenly Father, thank You for showing me what a heart of generosity looks like. I confess I have not always been the best steward of the finances, gifts, and resources You have given me. I ask You to forgive me, and I surrender to Your will. Grow in me a generous heart as I renew my mind with Your Word. Show me how to use what I have to serve others. With Your help, I commit to live a life that blesses others just as You have richly blessed me. In Jesus' Name, amen. ♥

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Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

"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)

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

I AM SURE most of you are thinking about the holidays. I know I have been mentally preparing myself for this busy season. As I began to reflect on the busyness of the schedule, my mind wanted to panic and begin thinking about being tired and worn out even before the events occurred.

This is a time when you can let your thoughts put you into a state of panic and distress. So many allow panic to dominate them, and they live in constant turmoil. Our world is fast-paced, whether it is the holidays or not. One might call me simple, but I have found that God's Word always ministers peace to me in every stressful situation.

I have found when I ask, the Lord always brings the right scripture to mind or sends someone across my path to give me the words I need to help me in the present crisis. At such times, I like to read Psalm 94:19 (NIV 1984): *"When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul."* The Message Bible says, *"When I was upset and beside myself, you calmed me down and cheered me up."*

David encountered stressful situations throughout his life. However, he knew Who to go to in the difficult times. First Samuel 30:6 (NLT) says, *"David was now in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the Lord his God."*

So many people wring their hands in the midst of crisis and stressful situations. But the Lord is always right there to lead, guide, direct, and help us. Often we only think of the Lord's help in spiritual matters. However, I ask for His help constantly in natural situations. We live in a natural world and we most definitely need help in living life. Jeremiah 33:3 in The Message says, *"Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own."*

I remember one Christmas, our daughter, Denise, wanted two Cabbage Patch dolls. She had gotten one for her birthday and wanted more. That year the dolls became exceedingly popular and were scarce. I searched, but there were none to be found in Tulsa.

Of course, her dad and I did not want to disappoint our little girl. So I began to pray earnestly that the Lord would direct me to a place that would have the dolls. I went to Dallas the first of December that year to visit my parents and do some Christmas shopping. As I passed a toy store, the Holy Spirit said, "Stop here." I went in, only to find a line of women.

I asked the ladies why they were in line. They replied, "A shipment of Cabbage Patch dolls is about to be delivered." So I stood in line, still praying, because I knew there were probably more people than there were dolls. I said, "Lord, You know the desires of my daughter's heart. Now I thank You those desires will be met, and I will receive the boy and girl dolls Denise desires."

Suddenly the dolls appeared. I reached into the bin and came out with two girls. However, I was not moved by the circumstances. I knew God would grant my request. I went to the counter to pay. In front of me was a woman with several dolls, both boys and girls. The Holy Spirit prompted me to ask if her dolls were for a child.

She said, "No, I just collect them." I told her I had a daughter who would be disappointed if she did not receive a boy and a girl doll. I asked her if she would switch dolls with me. "Let me see your dolls," she said. While she was looking, I was praying. She said, "I like the redheaded doll you have, so I'll switch." I was so delighted I wanted to jump up and down right there praising God! But I waited until I got into my car. My mother and I rejoiced that God took care of the situation and granted my request and my daughter's desires.

What do you need? Whatever it is, God is right there to assist you. John 16:24 says, *"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."* God is willing to grant your request. You simply have to ask for His help.♥

Lynette





Kids' Page

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

Bible Mysteries

The greatest gift of all
Had no ribbons or bows!
The greatest gift of all
Was wrapped in _____.

What are the missing words?
Answer found in Luke 2:7 (KJV)
Fill in the blanks by substituting the symbol below the blank with the letter that it matches in the box below.

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O=□	R=*	S=▲	T=▼	W=▷

Get Your Story Straight!

Johnny wrote his version of the Christmas story for his Sunday School teacher. He did pretty good but he got a few facts wrong . . . eight to be exact. See if you can find his errors as you read his story below.

Mary and her husband Jacob rode to Jerusalem on a donkey to pay their rent. They couldn't spend the night at the inn because they forgot to make reservations. They had to spend the night in a fable and that is where Jesus was born. Wise men came from the feast and brought them gifts of gold from Frankenstein and Merv. An angel announced Jesus' birth to some nearby farmers. That was the first Christmas!

HOLIDAY search & find

See if you can find the following items that are hidden in this picture.

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| ice cream cone | baseball bat |
| diamond ring | acorn |
| dollar bill | pizza slice |
| safety pin | comb |
| needle | |

Whose BIRTHDAY Is It Anyway?



If you've ever been to a birthday party then you know that the person who is supposed to get the gifts is the one who is having the birthday. Right? So, why is it that on Christmas day, JESUS' BIRTHDAY, we're the ones who open the gifts and nothing is given to Him? **WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT ANYWAY?** This year let's be sure to bring gifts to Jesus since it is His birthday that we're celebrating. There are quite a few gifts that the Bible tells us we can bring to the Lord that will please Him. Change the numbers below into letters to discover three gifts that we can give to Jesus this Christmas.

INSTRUCTIONS: There are 26 letters in the alphabet. If the letter "A"=1, "B"=2, "C"=3, and so on, then what will the numbers grouped below spell out?

- 7 12 15 18 25 (found in Psalm 29:2)
- 20 8 1 14 11 19 (found in Psalm 136:1)
- 16 18 1 9 19 5 (found in Psalm 57:7)



jokes & riddles



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

Where did Frosty the Snowman take his wife dancing?

To the Snow Ball

Who danced the best at the Reindeer Christmas Party?

Dancer . . . of course!

What's worse than having athlete's foot at Christmas time?

Having mistle toe!

How do we know that the farm animals in Jesus' day were smarter than in ours?

Because in the song "The Little Drummer Boy" it says that "the ox and lamb kept time."

Why were Rudolph's parents shocked when they saw his report card?



Because he went down in History!

Answers:
 Whose Birthday Is It Anyway? Glory, Thank, Praise
 Bible Mysteries Swaddling clothes
 Get Your Story Straight! 1. Mary's husband was Joseph, not Jacob. 2. They went to Bethlehem, not Jerusalem. 3. They went to pay taxes, not their rent. 4. They couldn't spend the night at the inn because there was no room for them, not because they didn't make reservations. 5. Jesus was born in a stable, not a fable. 6. Wise men came from the east, not a feast. 7. They brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh, not gold from Frankenstein and Merv. 8. Angels announced Jesus' birth to shepherds, not to farmers.



The Meaning of the Candy Cane

THIS TIME OF year, we often see candy canes. Have you noticed that if you hold a candy cane upside down, it's shaped like a *J*? The *J* can stand for Jesus. He came to earth as a baby, and we celebrate that at Christmas. As a man, He died to save us from our sins. The red stripe on the candy cane stands for His blood, which He shed so we could be forgiven. The white part reminds us that when we receive Jesus as our Savior, we are cleansed from all sin. In God's eyes, we've been made whiter than snow.

The Bible says, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16 NKJV).

Through Jesus, God offers all of us the free gift of eternal life.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THAT GIFT?

If so, pray this prayer from your heart.

God, I come to You in Jesus' Name. I admit I am a sinner in need of a Savior. The Bible says, *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9 NLT). I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead. And I confess Jesus as my Lord and Savior. According to Your Word, I am saved. I receive Your gift to me of eternal life. Thank you! In Jesus' Name, amen.♥

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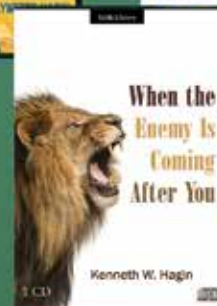
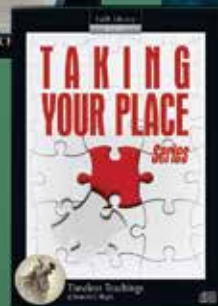
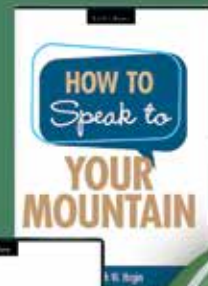
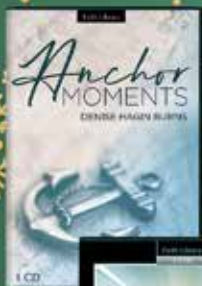
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