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# Thankful Thinking

Someone has correctly observed that the *thinking* process precedes the *thanksgiving* process. We can't be thankful for something until we have thought about it.

Before we can begin to thank God from our heart, we have to think about Who He is, and also Who He is to us personally. We must realize that our relationship with Him is what has brought us to where we are.

We can't think about God without thinking about what Christ did for us in His death, burial, and resurrection. Through Jesus, God has redeemed us and reconciled us to Himself. God raised us up together with Christ and made us sit with Him in heavenly places (Eph. 2:6). Through Jesus, we can enter God's Presence. In Jesus, all of God's promises are "yes and amen" (2 Cor. 1:20). That's something to think about!

It pleases an earthly father when his children are grateful for the things he does for them. In the same way, God—our Heavenly Father—wants His children to be thankful. What does expressing thanks to Him do? It helps us keep our priorities straight. It helps us trust God so we can allow Him to be God in our lives. It enables us to live above the cares and concerns of life. And being thankful helps us remain conscious of God and of spiritual things—things that exist beyond where we are right now.

When we thank and praise God, He inhabits those praises (Ps. 22:3), and we enter into deeper fellowship with Him. We both communicate on a deeper level. Our praise cultivates an atmosphere in which He can move on our behalf.

During this Thanksgiving season, we should spend time thinking about Who God is and how good He has been to us. Then we should thank Him for what He has done and praise Him for what He will do in our lives.



*Kenneth W. Hagin*

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# LET GO AND LET GOD



CRAIG W. HAGIN

It's time to **LET GO** of our worries and **MOVE ON.**

**THERE'S NO DOUBT** about it—we live in a stressful world. Many people are going through challenging situations. One thing I've noticed about Christians is they say they gave their problems to God, but they still worry. However, if we truly gave our cares to the Lord, we wouldn't worry.

At some point we have to let go of whatever is bothering us. Or as I like to say, let go and let God. If God is taking care of our situation, why are we worried? We shouldn't be stressed.

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He said:

#### **MATTHEW 6:25–26 (NLT)**

**25** “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?”

**26** “Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?”

If God can take care of birds, He can take care of us. He cares more about us than about birds.

I get it. The economy isn't good right now. But that doesn't matter. Our God is good, so we have nothing to worry about.

Matthew 6:27 (NLT) says, “*Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?*” We know the answer to that question is no.

Worry doesn't add moments to our lives; it takes them away. And worry leads to unproductive days. We don't get much done when we're worried.

Now, we can be so busy during the day that we don't have time to worry. At night when it's quiet, though, our minds can race, trying to figure out how to handle a situation.

But it's not about what we can do. It's about letting go and letting God work it out. He has the ability, and He can provide whatever we need. Why, then, are we stressed out? It seems the more we're stressed, the worse it gets. That's because the more we're stressed, the less we're in faith.

#### **HAVE FAITH IN GOD**

*Faith* according to *Webster's New World College Dictionary* means “unquestioning belief that does not require proof or evidence.”

If our faith in God is unwavering, we won't ask why what we're standing in faith for hasn't happened. And we won't wonder when it *will* happen. We'll know that God is providing for us, so there's no need to worry.

It's time to let go of our worries and move on.

### MATTHEW 6:31–33 (NLT)

**31** Don't worry about these things, saying, "What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?"

**32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

**33** Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

God knows what our needs are before we do. And He moves on our behalf before we have the need. When we're not worried about our needs, we can focus on seeking God's Kingdom. Instead of worrying, let's go out and do something for His Kingdom. Let's win the lost. Let's be a testimony.

### GOD'S GOT IT

A number of years ago, I was preaching in Healing School at Rhema Bible Training College when God gave me the acronym TRG—Total Reliance on God. We have to rely totally on His ability and not on our own. If we rely on our ability, God can't do what He wants to do. And many times, we actually get in His way.

If God can't work on our behalf, I don't know who can. He wants to take care of our needs, but we have to let Him. He never said, "Cast your care on Me, but I'll need your help to work this out."

Know that God has your miracle. The Bible is filled with stories of people who faced impossible situations. When they didn't know what to do, they looked to God.

Some of us just need to let go of our situation and give it to God. We may not know how He will turn it around, but He can work it out far better than we can.

I don't know how God does a lot of things. I don't know how He moves mountains, but I know He does. I don't know how Jesus was born of a virgin. I don't know how God split the Red Sea. I don't know how Jesus changed water into wine. I don't know how David defeated Goliath with one stone.

I don't know how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace and came out unharmed. I know God was with them, and I know He is with us. The Greater One lives in us (1 John 4:4). I don't know how to solve your problem, but I know the One Who can. I know that when we cast our cares on the Lord (1 Peter 5:7), He will work on our behalf.

### WE'RE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER

So when we pray, let's pray from a place of victory, not from a place of defeat. It's not that we're *going* to win. We have *already* won.



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Here's an example of what that looks like. Let's say we're watching a football game. It's the fourth quarter and our team is winning 48 to nothing. Five minutes are left on the clock, and the other team scores a touchdown—the extra point is good. The score is now 48 to 7, with four minutes left in the game.

Are we going to stress out, thinking our team might lose? No. At this point, there's no way the other team can win.

In our Christian walk, sometimes the devil scores a touchdown on us. But that doesn't mean we've lost the game. We still have the victory. We're still going to make it.

In the game of life, we don't see the scoreboard. We don't see that we've already won. That's why we have to focus on Jesus. He's the champion Who won the game for us.

When we think on Him, it's hard to be stressed out about whatever the devil tries to do or whatever situation comes against us.

No matter what happens, it's going to be okay. We're going to make it. We just need to let go and let God work in our lives.♥

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# LEADING AT HOME

BOB KEICH

**GOD'S MANDATE FOR** mankind has never changed. We were created to subdue and have dominion on the earth. We see this in both the Old and New Testaments.

## GENESIS 1:28

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue** it: and have **dominion**.

## LUKE 10:19

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The words *subdue* and *dominion* are terms of strong leadership. We are called to rule and be conquerors. We don't have less dominion, power, or authority than what Christ provided. The problem is, we gave it all away to the enemy by not transforming our minds with the Word of God. We relinquished our leadership capacity to the devil when we stopped obeying God and doing what He instructed us to do.

We men were never supposed to relinquish leadership in our homes, our careers, our lives, or anywhere else. We were to make them subject to us. We were supposed to bring things into bondage, not be the ones in bondage.

If our life is in bondage, then we will lead our homes from that bondage, and our homes will suffer. We'll live in a lower state than God intended. God's original intent was for man to live in freedom and lead with authority and dominion. Many of our struggles result from either not knowing what God said or

giving up dominion in key areas or territories.

## A FOUR-LETTER WORD

God didn't tell Adam just to subdue and have dominion. If subduing and dominion were the only elements of leadership, it would mean we'd get to do what we want to do, when we want to do it. But there is a functional element of leadership found in Genesis chapter 2.

## GENESIS 2:15 (NLT)

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

Men are called to work and serve and keep and protect. God placed Adam in the garden to watch over it—to guard and protect it. When you've been given a family, your job is to watch over it—to be a watchman who's paying attention. Are you paying attention when the devil attacks your home or comes at your kids? Is there a disconnect between mom, dad, and the kids? If so, that disconnect is there because you've stopped paying attention to what your kids are interested in.

If someone parks their boat in your yard, you're going to have a conversation with them. But why is it that when the enemy comes against your kids, you let him park? If we're not careful, we'll give up territory and let the devil advance into areas where he ought to have no permission to go.

I've heard Kenneth W. Hagin often say ministry is spelled W-O-R-K. It is supposed to be the same with our homes, marriages, and relationship with our kids. This will take more than a trip to the prayer closet. We must be actively involved and work and tend what God has given us

## POWER WITH A PURPOSE

Jesus gave us power. But He gave it to us for a purpose—to tread on the enemy wherever he comes against us. Whether it's in our marriage, our health, our finances, or our kids, we are responsible to tread on the enemy where he tries to steal from us.

What areas of your life and home have you given the enemy access to? You can't defeat a 24/7 devil by being a part-time believer. You have to stand up and declare, "This is *my* house. You will not come in here, devil. I know who you are—but I know who *I* am!" I encourage you to take back the authority you've given the devil, find your place of dominion, and lead with confidence and purpose.♥

[Editor's Note: Bob Keich is the lead pastor of Lighthouse Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. This article was adapted from his message at *A Call to Arms* 2023.]



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// Daniel



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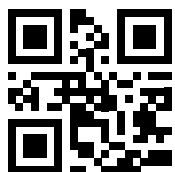
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Many left *Campmeeting* with a renewed sense of freedom and spiritual strength ready to carry the momentum gained into their daily lives, churches, and communities.

## WE ARE THOSE WHO WALK BY FAITH

KENNETH W. HAGIN

We are those who walk by faith, believing God no matter what. God said it, I believe it, and that settles it. I don't care what it looks like. I don't care what you see or feel. That doesn't have anything to do with it. **WE LIVE AND WALK BY FAITH. IT'S A LIFESTYLE.** It's not something we reach over and get ahold of when we're in trouble. It's our life. In the good, bad, ugly, and in all the in-between times, faith is still faith. Many people give up in the messy times because they don't see anything happening. We don't live by what we see, we live by faith!



## ONLY BELIEVE

CRAIG W. HAGIN

We often try to figure out how to solve our problems. But when we give them to God, they become His problems. If we cast our care on the Lord, we should no longer "care" about it. When our issues are in God's hands, that's for Him to care about it. **IT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP GOD. WE'RE TOLD TO "ONLY BELIEVE."** It doesn't matter what anybody says. What the economists say, what the newscasters say, or what we read on social media. It doesn't matter how bad it is or what you're going through. It's going to be okay. You're going to make it. It's just that simple.

## THE JOY OF THE LORD

LYNETTE HAGIN

People sometimes think joy and happiness are the same but they're not. Happiness depends on external things. **JOY IS NOT AN EMOTION BUT AN ATTITUDE. IT'S SOMETHING WE CHOOSE TO EXPRESS.** Our joy shouldn't come and go. We often base our joy thermometer on what is happening in our life. If we have a bad day, we lose our joy. But that shows the Holy Spirit is not working in us. Joy isn't connected to circumstances. It's connected to the Holy Spirit in us Who produces and maintains a joy that exuberates from us.



## 'EVEN IF' FAITH DENISE HAGIN BURNS



Do you have 'even if' faith? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had this kind of faith. They said, 'We know our God is able to save us, but **even if** for some reason He doesn't, we know He's still God' (Dan. 3:17-18). 'Even if' faith isn't immature or conditional. Sometimes our faith is based on what God can do for us. But we should have the 'even if' faith to say, 'God, I know you can do all this stuff, but that's not where my faith is. My faith isn't in what You're able to do; **MY FAITH IS IN YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE GOD.'**

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"To run our race effectively, we must keep our affections set on things above and not on loving the things of this world. We can't allow ourselves to become preoccupied exclusively with the natural that we forsake the pursuit of things that are eternal."

// MARTY BLACKWELDER



"Don't ever be afraid of following God's plan. If you follow His plan, you're going to be amazed. Provision is right there. Step out. It pays to follow God. Just take the time to make sure it's the plan of God, and then go after it."

// DAVID CRAMMER



"God didn't send you here for a seminar. He sent you here for the fire of the anointing to breakout in your life. Carry the fire. Carry the fire to Nigeria. Carry the fire to South America. Carry the fire everywhere you go."

// MARK HANKINS



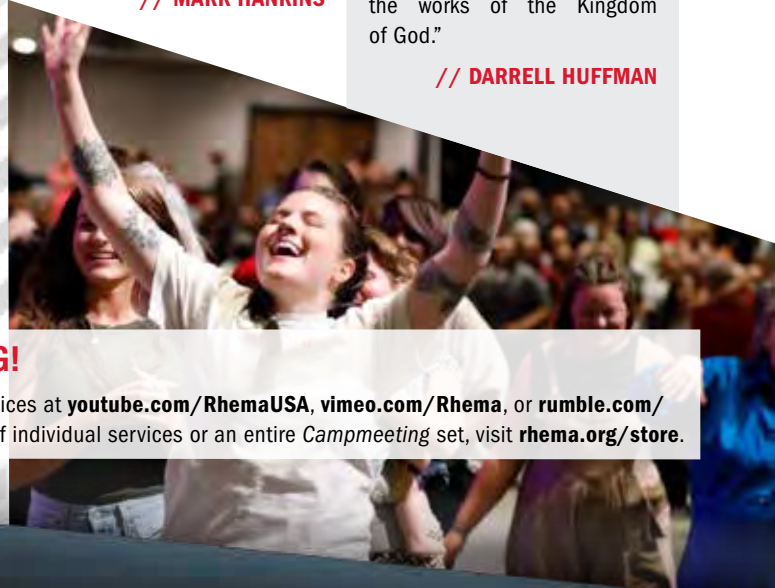
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"New moves require a new mind and a new mouth and not just imitating what you heard someone else say. It's saying what you know God has said that's deep down in your heart and soul that has passion and life attached to it."

**// JOSH PENNINGTON**

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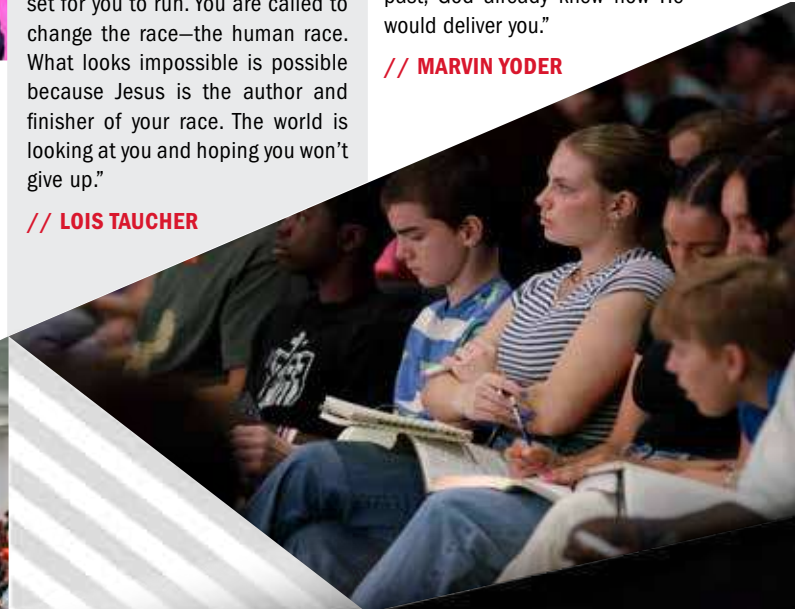
**// RODDY SHAFFER**

"You're in a race that Jesus Himself set for you to run. You are called to change the race—the human race. What looks impossible is possible because Jesus is the author and finisher of your race. The world is looking at you and hoping you won't give up."

**// LOIS TAUCHER**

"Too many times we get so wrapped up in our problems. We're overwhelmed and surrounded by giants and mountains of impossibilities. But there's a God in Heaven Who listens to the cry of His people. And from eternity past, God already knew how He would deliver you."

**// MARVIN YODER**



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### Healed From Insomnia

“I had sleeping problems for most of my teenage years and adulthood. I couldn’t sleep even if I was tired. If I was able to sleep, I would wake up in the middle of the night—ruining my sleeping schedule for work and school. I would take naps or sleep and feel an evil spirit over me always trying to scare me. “Two years ago my wife and I attended *Winter Bible Seminar*. One of the speakers was talking about how healing was in the air while worshipping, and you don’t need someone to touch you to receive. So I put my hands up and took my healing. It felt like someone poured warm honey all over my head. I felt a spirit leave my head, and I knew I received my healing. That night I had the best sleep of my life, even falling asleep before my wife! All glory to God.” // **Anthony**

### Faith Comes by Hearing

“I enjoy your broadcasts and *The Word of Faith* magazine immensely! You are enlightening me as a relatively new born-again Christian. I am 64 years old. I was raised in the Catholic church. We did *not* read the Bible. I am filled with gratitude to be finally learning about God!” // **Louise**

### The Power of Agreement

“I want to say thank you! I went to the doctor and ER for heart and kidney issues. I walked away 100 percent healed of heart and kidney issues. Thank you for agreeing in prayer.” // **Ralph**



### He Sent His Word and Healed Them

“Last year you released a sermon by Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin called *Redeemed from Poverty, Sickness, and Spiritual Death*. Prior to watching/listening to this sermon, I could not close my hands to make fists due to rheumatoid arthritis. After watching/listening, I was able to close them very tightly without any pain whatsoever! And I’m happy to proclaim that I am still

able to close them all the way without any pain! Thank you so much for releasing this sermon. Praise be to God my Father!” // **Sharon**

### Stage 4 Cancer Vanquished

“I was healed from stage 4 pancreatic cancer. I give glory to God, and I’m very thankful for Kenneth Hagin’s books that helped me on my journey. I was given a week to a month to live. I had already paid for my funeral and called my friends and family to let them know who could have all my belongings. Instead of having a funeral, I had a wedding! No chemo, no radiation, and no surgery. Mark 11:24, “*and you shall have them,*” came to pass! This miracle was verified by my primary doctor. He told me that this was the only miracle healing he has witnessed in his medical career. To God and Jesus Christ be all the glory!” // **Garry**

### Marriage Restored

“I wrote to your ministry for prayer about my marriage not going so well since my husband retired two years ago. Since requesting prayer, we have seen repentance and a change in attitude and behavior. He is almost pleasant to be around again instead of spoiling for a fight. Thank you for being faithful to pray.” // **C.G.**



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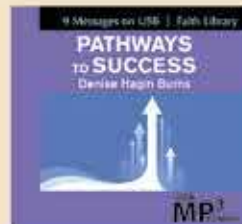
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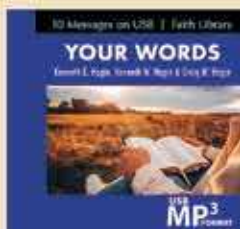
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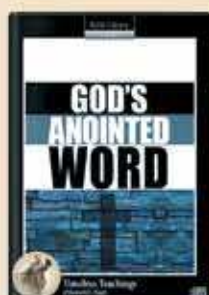
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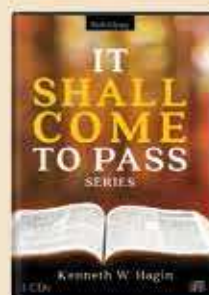
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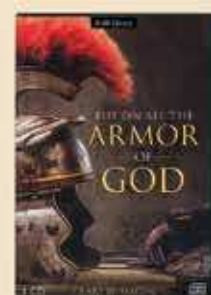
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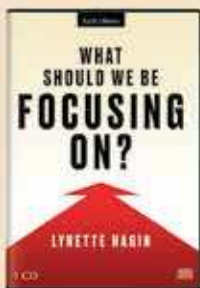
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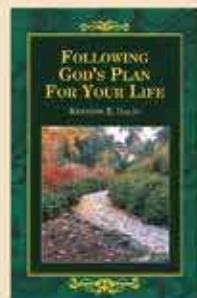
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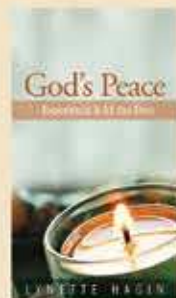
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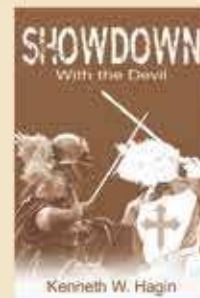
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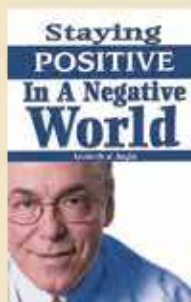
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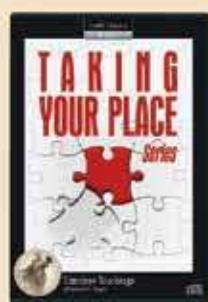
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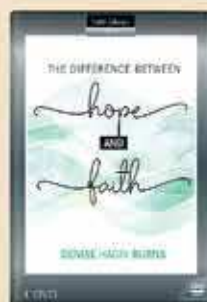
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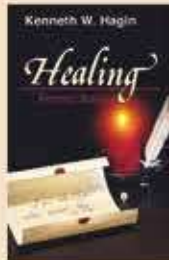
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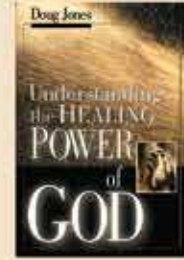
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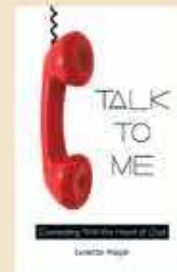
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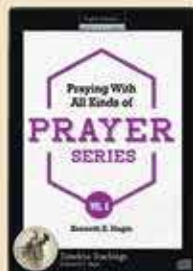
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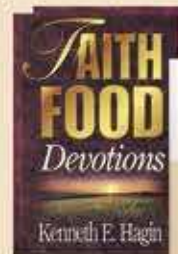


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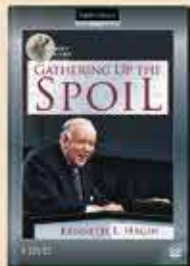
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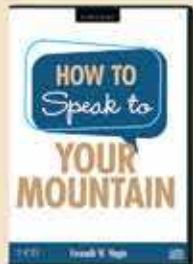
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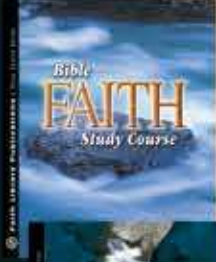


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# PRAYING IN THE LAST DAYS

**I FIRMLY BELIEVE** we are living in the last days. The world as we know it is coming to an end. And we're seeing prophecy being fulfilled nearly every day.

Things are winding down for the devil but winding up for the Christian. The Body of Christ has a great work to do before the Lord returns. It's not time for us to sit in our church pews and say, "Glory hallelujah! I'm on my way to Heaven."

No. It's time to gear up! We must be about our Father's business because our time is short. To take our place, we must prepare ourselves. We are God's hands and feet and His voice. He can't do anything on the earth except through us.

Our mission is to bring in the great end-time harvest. How are we going to do that? We find the answer in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5 (NIV)**

**4** My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,

**5** so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.



**LYNETTE HAGIN**

I grew up in the Pentecostal movement and I saw everything—the good, the bad, the real, and the unreal. I saw the Spirit, and I saw the flesh. I saw a lot of fire, but I also saw a lot of wildfire that was not Spirit driven. I believe we have to come to a place in time where everything we do is Spirit driven, not flesh driven. And I believe we'll come to that place through worshipping our Heavenly Father.

We are in an era that will take more than shouting, praising, and being joyful. We are in a spiritual war. We are on a mission for God to win souls, and that mission will take some intensity. It will take intensity in prayer and intensity in reaching the heart of God through worship.

Our worship and praise are reaching new, mature levels. They are reaching levels where we say, “God, we trust in You. Our hope is in You. Our confidence and faith are in You. We believe that You will be with us and help us with the mission You have for us in these last days.”

## THE UNIVERSAL ASSIGNMENT TO PRAY

God has a mission for each of us. Some of our missions are different. But one mission we all have is to pray. First Thessalonians 5:17 says, “*Pray without ceasing.*” The *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* says, “*Be unceasing in prayer* [praying perseveringly].”

It’s time that we stop getting on our knees and praying, “God, bless my family. I thank you for this, and I thank you for that.” Praying that way is like saying, “Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are.” Prayers like that are about as powerful as . . . nothing!

There’s no dynamite in that kind of prayer because we have not been praying perseveringly. We’ve only been doing our duty.

It’s like telling your child to clean their room. Instead of cleaning, they hide stuff underneath the bed or push things into the closet. They don’t vacuum or dust. Yet they come out and say, “My room is clean!”

Their room isn’t clean. They may have made an attempt at cleaning. But there’s a big difference between half-cleaning something and thoroughly cleaning it. We may clean our house every week. But once a year we give it a spring cleaning. That’s when we get the cobwebs out and clean rooms from top to bottom.

I think many of us have been praying like that. We’ve been just half-praying. We’ve prayed only enough to fulfill what we think is our obligation to God. Then we wonder why our lives are the way they are. But it shouldn’t surprise us that our lives

don’t go the way we believe they should. We’ve been praying only halfway.

When we start praying perseveringly, some things in our lives will have to change. They may not be sins, but we really don’t have time for them. We have only 24 hours in each day, and we have to prioritize. We have to ask, “What is important for me to do today?”

## PRAYING ALWAYS

Many years ago, I decided that the most important thing I would do every day was to worship and commune with my Heavenly Father. I committed to devote my entire day, every day, to that.

You may think that’s impossible, but it’s not. We can pray every hour we’re awake and do other things while we’re praying.

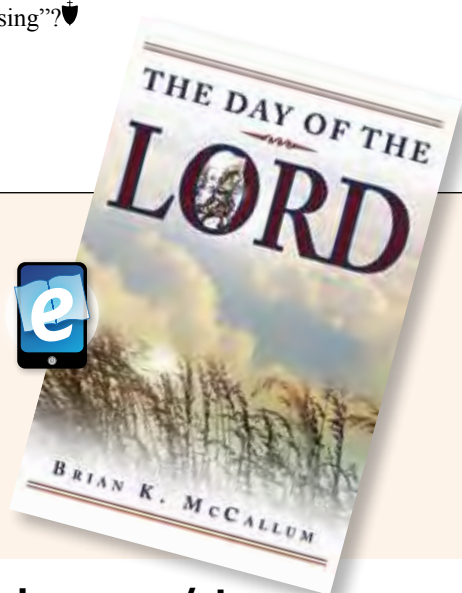
To accomplish that, we must first create an atmosphere that is conducive to prayer—an atmosphere in which God can speak to us. I do that by constantly surrounding myself with praise and worship music. Christian music is always playing in my house, my car, and my office.

I go from getting up in the morning praying to getting showered and dressed praying. I go out the door praying and pray while I’m driving to work. I’m building myself up on my most holy faith (Jude 1:20), yet I’m doing natural things as well.

Romans 12:12 talks about us “*continuing instant in prayer.*” Whatever we do consistently will eventually become easy and automatic to us.

My mandate in life is not necessarily to teach Christians different methods of prayer. It’s to teach believers to pray. I want to get them so excited about praying that they will *want* to pray continually.

As I said, I believe we are living in the last days. And what better time than this will there be to develop the habit of “praying without ceasing”?♥



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# The Issue of Sameness

DOUG JONES

**THERE ARE NO** instructions in God’s Word that put us in a place where we will not be mistreated by others. In fact, being mistreated should never catch Christians by surprise.

Now, I want to be clear. I am not talking about physical or sexual abuse, which is never acceptable and should not be tolerated. I’m talking about being underappreciated or not respected. I’m talking about people treating you wrongly because of their selfishness. The Word gives us much instruction and wisdom on how to function when being mistreated like this.

## DELIVERER OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Moses was misunderstood and mistreated. He was called to be the Israelites’ deliverer, but he endeavored to expedite that role by making some decisions on his own. He killed an Egyptian and then took off running to the desert.

Moses was sitting near a well when the daughters of Jethro, the priest of Midian, came to water their father’s flock. Shepherds came and pushed them aside. But Moses stood up and delivered them from the shepherds.

Since Moses had fled Egypt, you would think he would be depressed and worried about his future. You would think he would be in no shape to help someone else. But Moses was a deliverer in Egypt, and he remained a deliverer, on a much smaller scale, to Jethro’s daughters.

When the young women told their father what happened, he told them to get Moses and bring him home. Eventually, Jethro gave him his daughter Zipporah in marriage. And in time, Jethro put him in charge of his entire flock. (See Exodus 2:11–3:1.)

As I evaluated this story, I realized you don’t give your daughter in marriage or the oversight of your flocks to someone who is depressed. But Moses never stopped being Moses.

## DON’T STOP BEING YOU

If you’re not careful, you’ll drop who you are when you are mistreated. But you must always stay you. I believe Moses would not have had the burning bush experience if he had not remained reliable and teachable.

When you are mistreated, you can choose to spend the rest of your life on the back side of the desert, depressed and discouraged. But if you stay that way, you will be in no condition to move to another place. Even if you do move, you won’t be healthy enough to make much of a difference.

No matter what you’re going through, never stop being you. Hold your head up high and stay you.

The Apostle Peter wrote about two types of suffering believers will

encounter: *“For what credit is it if, WHEN YOU ARE BEATEN FOR YOUR FAULTS, you take it patiently? But WHEN YOU DO GOOD AND SUFFER, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God”* (1 Peter 2:20 NKJV).

If you’ve crossed a line and been insubordinate or unruly, then own your actions and make it right. But if you suffer for doing what is right, hold your head up high and keep being the same kind, gentle you.

### FIRST PETER 2:21–23 (NKJV)

**21** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

**22** Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth;

**23** who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.

When Jesus suffered, He never lost control of his mouth. When you suffer, if you’re not careful, you can say things you shouldn’t. In the midst of His suffering, Jesus remained Jesus. As He hung on the cross, He said, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do”* (Luke 23:34 NKJV). He told John to take care of his mother (John 19:26–27).

Learn how to manage yourself when being mistreated. Stay the course and don’t change who you are. Hold your head up high. You have nothing to be ashamed of or depressed about.♥

[Editor’s Note: Doug Jones is an instructor at Rhema USA.]



**INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT**

No matter what you’re going through, never stop being you.





# I Thank God For You

**THANKSGIVING IS** A time to reflect on 2024 and count our blessings. Whether this year has been good or difficult, we can still be thankful. We're still here and moving forward. The holiday season is also a time to remember the people who have impacted our lives and thank God for them. In many cases, we can also express thanks to them personally in some way.

As we read through the New Testament, we see that the Apostle Paul acknowledged his dependence on God. But he also acknowledged his dependence on others. In Philippians 1:3-5 (NLT) Paul said, *"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now."*

The Church at Philippi supported Paul in his missionary work, and in his letter to them he expressed his thanks to them for that.

Paul knew he was not accomplishing everything he was doing by himself.



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Paul held in high regard his relationships with his spiritual brothers and sisters. He often expressed his appreciation to other believers in his letters. Paul had an attitude of gratitude toward everyone who helped him. He knew he was successful because of the help he had received.

After Paul's conversion, he immediately began preaching in the synagogues that Jesus was the Son of God. But he infuriated the Jewish leaders to the point that some plotted to kill him. However, Paul escaped safely from Damascus

thanks to other believers who lowered him in a basket through an opening in the city wall. (See Acts 9:17-25 NLT.) He lived to preach another day because somebody believed in him and helped him.

***"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God."***



## We Are Who We Are Because of Others

Sometimes I think we are remiss in not thanking others who have helped us. We forget that we're where we are because of other people. No matter how tall I stand today, I do it because I stood on the shoulders of two great men—my father, Kenneth E. Hagin, and my father-in-law, V.E. Tipton. I would not be where I am today without their help and support. They often said, "You can make it, kid. You can do it."

Relationships are important—especially our spiritual relationships in the church. Without other people, we cannot become who we need to be.

## A Word in Due Season

Everything in life works better when we have relationships with people of like faith. We all need the support of others. I don't care how spiritual we are or how much faith we have. We all reach a point where we need help or encouragement.

When we get discouraged, we need someone who believes in us. We need to hear someone say, "You can make it." Their encouraging words can keep us from quitting and push us forward until we reach our goal.

Many years ago, I worked for my father-in-law as an associate pastor. One of my duties was to visit members of the congregation when they were in the hospital. My father-in-law told me that when I talked to church members, I didn't need to give them a lot of scripture. Most of them knew what the Word said. What they really needed was a word of encouragement—something to lift them up.

Sometimes we are so spiritual that we forget about the natural. Yes, the spiritual is the most important. We all know that. But we also need to think about how we can help people in the natural.

### FAITH IN ACTION

## Who Are You Thankful For?

*"I have never stopped thanking God for you."*  
—Ephesians 1:16 (TLB)

God commands us to be thankful—both for our good and His glory. There are practical ways we can cultivate gratitude. It can be as simple as writing a thank-you note expressing our appreciation to someone who helped us. Or we can set aside time every week to pray for the people who have supported us.

In whatever way you choose to express your gratitude, begin today!

### My Gratitude List

Today, I'm thankful for \_\_\_\_\_.

Today, I show my gratitude by \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you, God, for bringing them into my life!

I'm sure we can all say that during a time when we were down, somebody said something that helped us get over the hump. They didn't preach to us or pray for us. They just encouraged us.

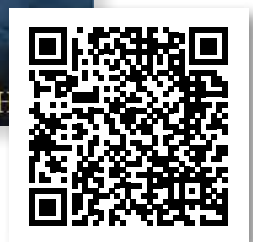
## Don't Forget to Say Thanks

We need to take every opportunity we can to say thank you to people who have helped us. Let's reach out to them during the Thanksgiving holiday season. And while Thanksgiving provides a perfect occasion to say thank you, let's make it a habit to show gratitude throughout the year. It's a small gesture that can make a big impact on both the giver and the receiver. 🙏

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people are,  
agreeing in  
prayer, **Jesus**  
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see that what  
they agree  
on happens.



**THE BIBLE GIVES** us a number of ways we can receive healing. Because everybody's faith isn't on the same level, God has provided various methods by which physical healing can be obtained through His Word. He does not leave us stranded. If we cannot rise to meet Him on His level, He will come down to meet us on ours.

## Use the Name of Jesus

Throughout the Book of Acts, the apostles didn't pray for the sick; they demanded that they get up and walk. When Peter and John ministered to the lame man at the Gate Beautiful (Acts chapter 3), they "demanded" in the Name of Jesus (it says in the Greek) that he rise and walk.

You have a right to "demand" in Jesus' Name that people be healed. You are not demanding it of God; He didn't make them sick in the first place. You are demanding in the Name of Jesus that the devil turn them loose.

Jesus said, "***In my name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover***" (Mark 16:17-18). There is power in the Name.

Jesus' Name belongs to us, but it will not work unless we use it. The Name of Jesus is the key that unlocks the door to the impossible and the supernatural.

Do you remember what Peter said to the crowd that gathered after the lame man was healed at the Gate Beautiful? He said, "*Why marvel ye at this . . . , as though by our own power*

*or holiness we had made this man to walk? . . . [Jesus'] name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all"* (Acts 3:12, 16).

## Pray for Healing in the Name of Jesus

Praying to the Father in Jesus' Name belongs to us **now**—in this day.

### JOHN 16:23-24

**23** And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

**24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Notice that Jesus said, "*Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*" Of course, this includes all prayer, but it includes prayer for healing as well. How could your joy be full if your loved ones were home sick? That would be impossible, wouldn't it?

If we were getting more answers to prayer, we would have more joy. And if more of our joy were showing, we would get more people saved.

We have a right to ask for healing in the Name of Jesus. God does hear and answer prayer.

## Agree With Another Believer in Prayer

Jesus said, “If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 18:19).

Jesus did not say it might be done. He did not say it is a possibility. He said, “**It shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**” And “any thing” could include healing, couldn’t it?

**WHEREVER TWO PEOPLE ARE, AGREEING IN PRAYER, JESUS IS THERE TO SEE THAT WHAT THEY AGREE ON HAPPENS.** Where two people are united and are demanding in Jesus’ Name the healing of loved ones, their prayers are bound to be answered because God watches over His Word to make it good.

## Anoint With Oil

The Book of James provides another method through which healing can be obtained.

### JAMES 5:14–15

**14** Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

**15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

There really should not be any sick among us—but James asked, “*Is any sick among you?*” James is clearly talking to the church here, because he said, “*Let him call for the elders of the church.*” Thank God, even if people have missed it and sinned, there is help for them. They can get forgiveness for their sins and be healed.

## Laying On of Hands

When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He said, “*They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover*” (Mark 16:18).

All believers can lay hands on people. Jesus didn’t say we were to *heal* the sick. We are to *lay hands* on them and *believe* God. Every Christian can practice this.

Parents should lay hands on their children if they are sick. A mother has a right to lay hands on her children if she is a believer. She shouldn’t have to send for someone else.

Some people are not yet at a level where they can receive healing on their own. If you find yourself in this category, don’t give up. Just come on a lower level of faith. Be one on whom hands are laid, and receive your healing this way. God wants to help you.

## Know That Healing Belongs to You

The best method by which you can be healed is to know for yourself from the scriptures (Isa. 53:4–5; Matt. 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24) that healing is in God’s redemptive plan; it belongs to you; and by His stripes *we are healed*.

We refuse to allow disease or sickness in our bodies, because *we are healed*. We know that the pain, sickness, or disease that seems to be in our bodies was laid on Jesus. He bore it. Therefore, we don’t need to bear it. All we need to do is agree with God and His Word and accept the fact that “*himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses*” (Matt. 8:17) and “*with his stripes we are healed*” (Isa. 53:5).

We simply know it, so we thank God. We don’t have to have anybody lay hands on us. We simply thank the Father for our perfect deliverance.

All believers should thoroughly understand that their healing was consummated in Christ. When they come to know that in their hearts—just as they know it in their heads—that will be the end of sickness and disease in their bodies. 🕊️

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s book *Seven Things You Should Know About Divine Healing*.]

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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)

### THE POWER OF DECISIONS

**IT HAS BEEN** estimated that a person makes 35,000 decisions every day. Life is made up of decisions—both large and small. There are automatic decisions we daily make, such as what time to awaken, brushing our teeth, going to work, and what to eat. These are decisions we rarely realize we're making. However, there are also major decisions that we make on a daily basis that can have a favorable or adverse effect on our life.

There's a story told in management seminars about a young manager who was to replace a retiring executive. The young man asked, "Sir, I know of the success you've had in life and in this company. Could you share your secret?" The older man pondered and responded, "Three words: Make good decisions!"

"That's good advice," the young man replied as he wrote it down. "And what's the key to making good decisions?" "One word," the veteran executive replied, "Experience." "And how do I get experience?" the eager young man asked as he scribbled "experience" on his paper. "Two words," the retiring man answered, "Wrong decisions."

I'm sure you can identify with this story. All of us have gained experience by making wrong decisions. Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) says, "*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*" Wrong decisions can lead us down the wrong path. Decisions determine your direction in life, and direction determines your destiny. It is important to make right decisions.

My dad always cautioned me with these words, "Lynette, before you make a decision, consider all of the ramifications and make sure you are willing to live with the consequences." By applying that formula, I often realized that a decision I was contemplating would reap wrong consequences, leading me to choose differently.

Many people have made irreversible decisions that have set them on a wrong path for the rest of their life. God doesn't make your choices for you. However, He will lead you down the right path to make the right choices through His Word and the voice of the Holy Spirit. But we must take the time to listen to His voice and direction.

Never make a decision based on today's difficulties, without considering the effect it will have on your future. Don't make decisions based on your human reasoning. Often, decisions are made under adverse circumstances. Don't be hasty. Proverbs 19:2 (AMPC) says, "*Desire without knowledge is not good, and to be overhasty is to sin and miss the mark.*"

Many times my father-in-law would give me projects to carry out. I would need decisions from him to carry out the assignment. When I first began working with him, I became very frustrated when deadlines loomed, and he seemed to procrastinate in giving me his decision. He'd say, "I'm still seeking the Lord on the right direction for this." Sometimes I thought, "I sure wish God would hurry because I'm on a deadline."

As I had to sit and patiently wait on the answer, I learned a valuable lesson that I presently use in managing my staff. I learned the value of waiting on God for the perfect answer and instruction. Wrong decisions are often made because we're not patient enough to wait and hear God's instructions.

Psalms 25:4-5 (NLT) says, "*Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.*" You don't always get God's direction when you want it. How do you hear from God? I talk to Him continually: when I'm getting ready in the morning, when I'm driving to work. I'm constantly reminding God that I need the answer to what I am asking.

It always seems that at an unexpected time, when I'm just thanking and praising God for Who He is and what He means to me, suddenly He gives me the answer and direction for that which I have asked.

I advise you to include God in every major decision you face, and He will always lead you down the right path. He knows your future, and He will set you up for a successful life.♥

Lynette



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| 1. RICHES  | 8.  | 15. |
| 2. JUSTICE | 9.  | 16. |
| 3. REST    | 10. | 17. |
| 4.         | 11. | 18. |
| 5.         | 12. | 19. |
| 6.         | 13. | 20. |
| 7.         | 14. |     |



# The Missing Piece

Have you ever felt as though something was missing in your life? Many people feel like this and try to fill the void in different ways. Some look for satisfaction in a relationship or by using drugs or alcohol. Others join a church or are baptized. But the only path to true, lasting peace and joy is through a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

When you accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord, God forgives everything you've done that didn't please Him and gives you a new start. He fills the emptiness in your heart with His never-ending love. You become part of His family. And Jesus becomes to you a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Does this sound too good to be true? It's not. God offers you this kind of relationship with Him through Jesus. You simply need to ask Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of your life. Just pray this prayer:

God, I come to You in Jesus' Name. I'm tired of having this emptiness in my heart. Nothing I've done has filled it. I admit that I am a sinner—that I haven't lived right in Your sight—and I need help. I need a Savior.

The Bible says that everyone has sinned. We all fall short of Your glorious standard (Romans 3:23 *New Living Translation*). The Bible also 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 *English Standard Version*). I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead. And I confess Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Therefore, according to Your Word, I am saved. Thank You for forgiving everything I've done that didn't please You. Thank You for filling my heart with Your love! Thank You for giving me a new start with Jesus! 🙏

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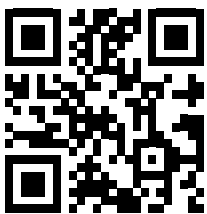
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