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*with rev. kenneth hagin jr.*

## LOVING OUR HEROES

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

*Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.*

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

— Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

My dictionary defines the word “hero” as *a man admired for his courage, fortitude, prowess, nobility, etc.* There may be many heroes and heroines in your life who are worthy of your admiration and love. I want to name just a few.

The first person we ought to honor and love as a hero is our mother. Our life began with our mother being willing to carry a child to term and endure the pangs of childbirth. Not one of us would be here without the courage of our mother.

Others who are heroes today are our law enforcement officers. They regularly risk their lives to protect us, yet sometimes we look upon them as an inconvenience. But I urge you not to do so. When they enforce the laws of the land, they are really working to protect every one of us.

Along with honoring the police, we should honor our firefighters and emergency rescue teams. Many of these courageous men and women have died in the line of duty while trying to save another person’s life.

Let’s also show love and gratitude for those who have served or are serving in our military. Throughout our country’s history, many of our military have died so you and I could live and worship God as free people. These brave men and women deserve our honor and respect.

But there is one Hero who towers above all the rest. Today, let’s recognize the Hero of heroes — the One who gave His life that we might have life abundant and eternal. Let’s give all our love, gratitude, honor, and respect to Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Those who fight in our armed forces know upon deployment that they may not come home. They realize that they might die in battle, but death is not their intention. They hope to fight, gain victory, and return home safely. But Jesus came to this earth knowing He would give His life on Calvary. He left His throne in Heaven intending to die, knowing He was destined to hang upon the Cross.

Most soldiers are willing to die so their family, friends, and countrymen can live in freedom. But they never die for the sake of their enemies. Yet our Hero, Jesus Christ, died for His enemies. It’s one thing to give your life to spare the life of a loved one, but it’s another thing to give your life to save your enemies. While we were still sinners, living life apart from God, Christ died for the ungodly! That is a true hero! That is real love.



I thank God that we live in a free country because of the heroes who were willing to give their life. But I thank God even more that we can live in spiritual freedom because Jesus Christ was willing to shed His blood on Calvary.

There are many plots of land around this world that have run red with the blood of heroes. But Calvary was stained red by the Hero of heroes. Jesus’ blood ran from the thorns on His head, from the wounds in His hands and feet, from the stripes laid upon His back, and from His pierced side.

Too often, when heroes are mentioned for honor, Jesus’ Name does not come up. Yet His Name should be at the top of the list! He died for the whole world, for those who did not deserve Him, for the sins of all mankind! He bore the punishment that was due humanity. He was bruised so that every person could experience health and well-being. He knew suffering and agony so that we could enjoy victory and peace.

I thank God for all of our natural heroes. But I thank God more for Jesus Christ. And any time I list heroes, I always put Jesus Christ at the top! There is no one who can compare with Him.

While there will never be another hero like Jesus Christ, the One who gave His life so mankind could live free from sin and death, we can be thankful for the everyday heroes in our life. During this month when we celebrate love and give “valentines,” take a few moments to tell your heroes how much you love and appreciate them. And don’t forget to tell the most important Hero of all.

Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.

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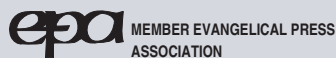
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# OBEDIENCE

Isn't Just for Children

There is a subject in today's world that is not very popular among many children, teenagers, and adults alike. Sadly, it is also not a popular subject in many Christian circles, even among Charismatics. And it is spelled "O-B-E-D-I-E-N-C-E." *Obedience*. It's something parents want from their children. But it's something God wants from all of us.

It seems you can talk about anything you want in our society as long as it doesn't involve adhering to a set of laws, rules, or regulations. Maybe one reason Christians don't like to talk about obedience is that, in the past, "obedience" sometimes carried a negative connotation with it. Relationship with Jesus was reduced to a set of rules: "Don't do this," and "Don't do that." And in that context, obedience was used more often than not to indicate an adherence to a set of rules and regulations that were not necessarily in line with the Word of God. They were really the "dos and don'ts" of tradition. But when you actually begin to study the subject, *obedience is the underlying theme of the entire Word of God*. How pertinent this subject is to the Church today!



*Kenneth Hagin Jr.*

You cannot even receive salvation without obedience. That's true! You have to obey God and come in line with His Word in order to accept Christ as your Savior.

In Genesis, we see obedience and disobedience through God's perspective as Adam's sons went to worship God. Abel conformed to God's laws and brought the proper animal sacrifice as he was supposed to according to God's instructions. But Cain wanted to do things his own way. He wanted to be recognized and approved

by God by bringing the sacrifice *his way* — not God's way — and yet *still receive* the blessings of God!

So Cain, being a farmer, brought the work of his own hands — the fruits of the ground — and offered them on the altar. But God refused his sacrifice. Why? Because God told man from the beginning how to please Him and, thereby, receive from Him. So Cain's own disobedience made receiving from God absolutely impossible.

You will notice in the Old Testament that no one ever got into trouble with God unless he disobeyed the Word of God. The same is true in the New Testament. Today, we don't get into trouble unless we disobey the Word of God. Of course, you realize that God's Word is His law. Therefore, simply stated, the underlying theme of the Word of God is obedience, with no negotiation.

Many people have trouble with this fact. They say, for example, that they cannot keep the Ten Commandments. But really, you don't have to worry about the Ten Commandments if you'll just remember one commandment: "Obey what God says!"

God is the Creator of all things. He is the only One who can set into motion the laws of His Word, and we have no right or authority to negotiate with Him when it comes to those laws. God is the final authority.

Usually, people who are having difficulty lining up with God's Word are those who didn't really want to obey God in the first place. They wanted to find a compromise — a loophole — in the Word of God. But God is not a God of compromise with respect to His own Word. With God, it's "yea" or "nay." With some Christians, it's "maybe-so" — but God is unchanging.

You see, God has been specific in His Word so that we would have a clear-cut path or highway to follow, one in which there would be no confusion. The road signs in God's Word are not confusing, but straightforward. Furthermore, they will always lead us to victory and, eventually, to Heaven. Simply put, those road signs state, "Obey God and His Word!"

Many people in our society don't think they are required to be obedient to anyone or anything. They want to do what they want to do, when and how they want to do it! But obeying natural authority — parents, teachers, codes of law, and law enforcement officers — is part of walking in line with God's Word. Obedience — lining up with God and His Word — is not a popular subject in this day and age, but it is a vital one to the Body of Christ; therefore, it is something we need to look at more carefully.

There are a lot of people in the Church world today who are involved in disobedience and may not realize it. For example, they may be making faith confessions, trying to say all the "right things," when, actually, God cannot bless them because they have failed to obey His voice in other areas. What God really wants from them is their complete obedience.

We can't live life our own way, then offer a sacrifice (of prayer, praise, and so forth) unto God, asking Him to bless us. God delights in sacrifices, but He

much he confesses the Word, or how much he prays, or how much he fasts — the full promise of God cannot come to him. He may receive a little return from all his confessing and believing. But until he starts to obey God's Word, *the full blessing of God* cannot be his.

You can pray and quote the Word all you want to, but if God has told you to do something, and you're refusing to do it, there is no way God can bless and honor you. *Your own disobedience has made receiving from God impossible!*

Obedience to God's Word is what will give you peace on the inside in the midst of the storm. When you obey God to the fullest, He will take care of you. Whether it's in the spiritual realm or the natural realm, obedience to God is the thing that will see you through. Obedience will *always* bring you victory. Obedience to God will allow you to lay down and sleep at night without any worry. When I've fully obeyed God, why should I fret? Why should I worry? Why should I lose sleep? Because when I know I've obeyed, then

## What God really delights in, above all else, is obedience to His Word

does not delight in them when we haven't obeyed. The Bible tells us, "To obey is better than sacrifice (1 Sam. 15:22). What God really delights in, above all else, is obedience to His Word.

Let's bring this even closer to home. There are a lot of Christians putting their faith out to believe God for their finances. But, on the other hand, they are actually robbing God, and are, therefore, in no position to receive God's blessing at all! How are they robbing God? By not paying their tithes!

If someone is in disobedience to God's Word — it doesn't matter how

I know God has got it all under control for me!

That may be why some people are still wringing their hands *after* they've prayed, have trouble sleeping at night, and are always crying, "What are we going to do now?" It may be that they know there is an area where they have not completely yielded to God and obeyed Him. And because they have not completely obeyed, God's promises cannot fully be theirs. So they have a reason to worry. They have a reason to be upset. *The only condition to being in the blessings of God is to be in obedience to God!*



You see, there are people who are in the so-called "faith walk" who are making faith confessions which are never going to be answered. They are talking the "right" talk. They are quoting the "right" scriptures. And the people

refused to do. And yet to all outward appearances, they are walking in the "perfect will of God." But realize that a person cannot be walking in the perfect will of God if he's not walking in obedience!

where in their lives nullifies the rest of their efforts. Disobedience cannot bring blessings from God; but disobedience will eventually bring judgment from God.

The only condition to remaining in the blessings of God is to remain in obedience to God!

God is saying some specific things to each member of the Body of Christ. And yet many are telling the Lord what they are going to do for Him and how they are going to do it. That's why we need to understand what obedience really is. It is crucial to the Body of Christ for the day and hour in which we live.

around them are probably wondering why God is not meeting their faith. Yet in their hearts, these same Christians may know exactly why they are not receiving from God.

There are a lot of Christians today who are going to church every time the door is open, reading their Bibles and praying, and yet it all seems to little avail — because they themselves are short-circuiting the power of God in their lives. The disobedience some-

Are you ready to obey the full counsel of God's Word? Are you ready and willing to do things *His* way and not your own? Choose to make this year one of walking according to God's perfect will for your life. The blessings that follow obedience will make you glad you did! 🇵🇷

It may be that God has told them to do something, which they have utterly



# The Life of Obedience

- Do you want to achieve all that God means for you to achieve?
- Do you want to reach your full potential in Christ?
- Do you want to obtain the blessings of God?
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# MANY MEN, ONE PURPOSE



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM KENNETH HAGIN JR.'S "A CALL TO ARMS" MEN'S CONFERENCE

**T**opeka, Toronto, Montgomery, Detroit, Miami, San Jose, Mexico City . . . they came from all across the continent.

Plumbers, accountants, retailers, construction workers, ministers, students, businessmen, brokers . . . they were men from every walk of life. They came together for one purpose: to learn to "march to the heartbeat of God." This truly was *A Call to Arms*.

As nearly 1000 men gathered on that cool first weekend of November on the RHEMA USA Campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr. welcomed them all to his 2003 *A Call to Arms* Men's Conference. "Marching to the Heartbeat of God" was the theme, and the atmosphere was charged with expectation. With brochures in hand that read, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17 NIV), the men would not be disappointed.

Thursday night, November 6, worship leader Eugene Gregory and the music team of RHEMA Bible Church hit

the ground running with exciting praise and worship. After welcoming the 930 registered attendees, Rev. Hagin Jr. launched into his message that would set the powerful tone for the rest of the conference.

Examining the leadership of Gideon in Judges 6, Rev. Hagin Jr. laid out five keys to "Marching to the Heartbeat of God."

1. *Gideon saw himself as God saw him.* In verse 12, the Angel of the Lord referred to Gideon as a "mighty warrior," even while Gideon was hiding, not engaging in the battle at all. But as Gideon began to see himself as that "mighty warrior," he began to see the possibility and the potential of victory for the nation of Israel. God sees us and calls us as we can be before we become that man or woman of God.

2. *Gideon sought to understand God and His ways.* As God was instructing him, Gideon asked why God was doing certain things (v. 13). Not really answering the questions, the Lord told Gideon, "Go in the strength you have and save

Israel" (v. 14). We must learn to set aside our own heartbeat, our own questions, and just march on. March to the heartbeat of God!

3. *Gideon set his eyes on supernatural possibilities.* In verse 16, Gideon said he was concerned about his ability to carry out God's command. However, God encouraged him saying, "I will be with you." As long as the enemy can keep us down by looking at our past, we will never be successful. When we understand that He is with us, the picture changes! When we see the picture of Him inside of us, we see the possibilities.





We see victory. We see what *can be*, not what *has been!*

4. *Gideon sacrificed what he had so he could obtain what God had promised.* In verse 19, we see Gideon is preparing a sacrificial offering. We must be willing to give God what we have in order to receive what He has for us. It is not a problem to have things, but when we put more emphasis on those things than on the things of God, it becomes a problem. Then we are marching to our *own* heartbeat rather than to the heartbeat of God.

5. *Gideon seized the reality that God was with him.* We read in Judges 6:20-24 that the offering Gideon brought was supernaturally consumed. When that happened, Gideon proclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face!" Sometimes it takes a supernatural event to make us realize that the Lord is with us. We need to know that God is always with us and that He is always there to help us do what we need to do.

Rev. Hagin Jr. continued his "address to troops" by reading from Psalm 37:23,24:

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."*

Rev. Hagin Jr. said that regardless of mistakes we make, God is with us to help us fulfill our destiny. "Just because you have messed up, God has not thrown you out! But He is there to uphold you, to lift you," Rev. Hagin Jr. continued. "God will meet you to accomplish a special task that He may bring your way. He won't ask you to do it by yourself. He will bring revelation so that you will know what to do. He will bring power so that you can change your circumstances."

As these men of different races and backgrounds listened intently to Rev. Hagin Jr., they received their challenge: Wake up! Realize that you have been marching to your own heartbeat. Set those things aside and march to the heartbeat of God!

With this charge, the men were ready to equip themselves to carry out their new marching orders. The rest of the conference was filled with power-packed services, informative and inspirational workshops, and godly fellowship surrounding energetic praise and worship and some great food.



Rev. Jerry Weinzierl

Three seasoned ministers joined Rev. Hagin Jr. as guest speakers. Friday morning, Jerry Weinzierl inspired the men to be transformed by the Word of God rather than be conformed by the pressures of this world. Friday night, Bishop Keith A. Butler taught them the benefits of being a "good man" as defined in the Word. Finally, on Saturday morning, Reggie Scarborough assisted Rev. Hagin Jr. in a Communion service and led the men in a time of prayer.



Bishop Keith Butler

Throughout the conference, several ministers and laymen from across the nation led 12 separate workshops on critical issues facing men today. Workshop topics ranged from keeping romance in your marriage and finding your purpose in life to positioning yourself for promotion and overcoming lust and bondage to pornography.

There was a unique spirit of fellowship among the men. Whether in between sessions and workshops or around the tables at the luncheons, men who hardly knew one another began to form friendships. As the conference progressed, the men could not help but talk about the inspiration and revelation they had just received, things that can only come from the uncompromised preaching of the Word of God.



Rev. Reggie Scarborough

During Saturday's morning service, the men joined Reggie Scarborough in a time of prayer for Rev. Hagin Jr., his family, and the ministry as a whole. With his son, Craig, and his son-in-law, Don Burns, at his side, Rev. Hagin Jr. expressed his immense gratitude for the support shown by the men during what has been a very trying time.

"This has been a great time," Rev. Hagin Jr. began. "It thrilled my heart to see real men on their face before God, with their hands in the air, worshiping the true God." He encouraged the men in

the changes they were making. He told them that as they changed, they were changing the lives of everyone around them: their families, their relatives, those they work with, even those they attend church with.

As the men departed for what would be the closing luncheon, there was a tangible air of excitement. The instruction, revelation, and inspiration had changed their lives. And they were ready to impart those things to their families and churches back home. 📖

### In Their Own Words ...

**"Here at this conference, God set and marked the course of my life so that I would fulfill His purpose and His destiny."**

– B. H., Mexico City, Mexico

**"... An extreme life-changing experience ..."**

– P. R., Larned, Kansas

**"We learned how to be transformed by the Word of God, not just conformed."**

– T. P., Palmerdale, California

**"I was impressed with the stability and the solidity of the teaching. It's the kind of conference you can entrust your men to."**

– G. V. (pastor), Topeka, Kansas

**"The things I learned I can take home and teach to my children."**

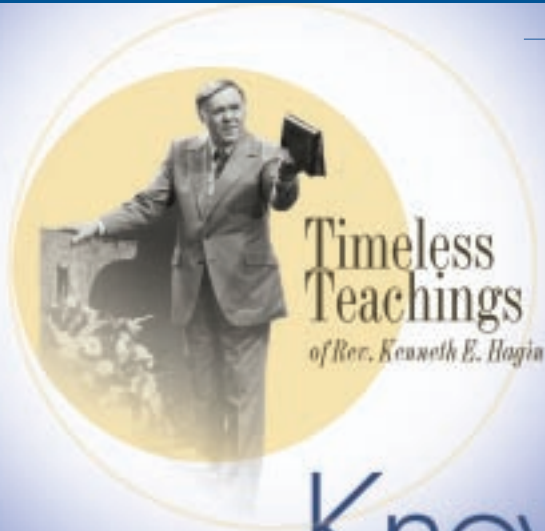
– L. W., Fort Worth, Texas

**"In the workshops ... every man got something specific. I know I got what I needed."**

– A. E., Topeka, Kansas







Timeless  
Teachings  
of Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin

# Knowing What Belongs To Us



*(Editor's Note: The following article is an excerpt from a message Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin preached during his 1988 Spring Satellite Seminar. This timeless teaching is just as vital to believers today as when it was preached on April 18, 1988.)*

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:*

*Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*

— Ephesians 1:1-3

**T**hank God this letter to the Ephesians applies to the saints all over the world and wherever you live. Notice verse 3 does not say, “Blessed be the God who *is going to bless us*,” but it says, “Blessed be the God who *hath [has] blessed us*.” It’s past tense! What has God blessed us with? Verse 3 tells us: *with all spiritual blessings*. Notice “all.” God has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings there are. There aren’t any more that He hasn’t already blessed us with.

Many Christians don’t know what belongs to them, so they keep trying to obtain what is already theirs. Our wonderful Heavenly Father in His great grace has given enough to the Church to make us rich and strong. We’ve been given every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ. (“In Christ” refers to all that God did in Christ’s redemptive work.)

Let’s learn from Scripture what some of these blessings are — these blessings that are ours *in Christ*.

One blessing that is ours is the blessing of reconciliation. Second Corinthians 5:19 tells us that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.

#### **2 CORINTHIANS 5:19**

**19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**

The word “impute” means *to charge, ascribe, or attribute, especially something discreditable*. The *Amplified Bible* says that God is not counting up and holding against mankind their trespasses, but canceling them.

Notice that God didn’t cancel just *our* sin. He canceled the whole world’s sins — every single person’s sins. Some may say, “Well, if that’s true, then won’t everyone be saved and go to Heaven?” No, because unless people accept Jesus as Savior, they’re still sinners. They need to be born again and become believers.

But that is what will be so terrible — if they go to hell and find out they didn’t have to go there, and then discover that God had canceled all their sins and wasn’t holding them against them. Second Corinthians 5:18 tells us that God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, we are His ambassadors, charged with the mission of telling others that God has canceled their sins and reconciled them to Himself through Christ. Therefore, be reconciled.

In God's great redemptive work (from the time that He made Christ to be sin until the time Jesus ascended on High and sat down at the right hand of God), everything that God did in Christ belongs to the Body of Christ. Jesus didn't do anything for Himself. *He did it for us.* We have been blessed in Christ!

John 3:16 says, "*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.*" Jesus was our Father God's gift to a lost world. He's not God's gift to the Church alone. He's God's gift to the whole world.

God has never taken the gift of Jesus back. Jesus still belongs to the whole world. Whether people acknowledge Him or not, in one sense, Jesus still belongs to them because God gave Him to the world and hasn't taken Him back.

The sinner does not need to beg God to save him. The work's already been accomplished. All he needs to do is accept it and thank God for it — then it becomes his.

Romans 6:23 says, "... *The GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" What do you have to do to receive any gift? You just have to receive it! If I had a birthday gift for you in my hands, would you have to get on your knees and beg, *and cry, fast, and pray* before you could have the birthday gift? No! You wouldn't have to do any of that. You just have to acknowledge the gift is yours, believe it's yours, reach your hands out, and take it!

The gift of Jesus and all He purchased for us belong to everyone! I've been preaching this truth for more than 60 years. I've had pastors say to me, "Brother Hagin, you make it too easy for people to get saved." I tell them, "No. It wasn't me who made it easy. It was God." Thank God, in His great mercy, He made salvation possible — *and made it easy.*

Ephesians 2: 8 and 9 says, "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.*" Salvation is a gift. We receive that gift by acting on the Word of God. We act on the Word and receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. We confess Him

as our Lord, and we receive eternal life that very moment.

Now, let's go just a step further. Thank God, salvation and the remission of sins belongs to us. But do you know that *healing* also belongs to us?

**ISAIAH 53:4,5**

**4 Surely he hath borne our griefs** [sickness and disease], **and carried our sorrows** [pains]: **yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

**5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

This passage is a prophecy Isaiah spoke *before Jesus' death* on Calvary ever took place. It gives us a preview of the coming Messiah and of what He would purchase for us through His death and resurrection.

have been healed — almost instantly, they were well. I've seen people who were crippled and couldn't walk a step. The doctors had told them they would never walk again. They had been praying, begging, crying for God to heal them. But when I got them to see the truth that healing already belonged to them because of what God wrought in Christ — they walked again!

Very often in our early state of spiritual development, God will meet us where we are because we don't know any better. We are spiritual babies, so to speak. I remember when I used to pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." Did you ever pray that? But do you pray that way now? No. You've outgrown that kind of prayer.

**Many Christians don't know what belongs to them, so they keep trying to obtain what is already theirs.**

Then in *looking back* at the Cross, Peter says, "*Who his own self bare our sins in his body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye WERE HEALED.*" Isaiah prophesied, looking to the future at what would eventually come to pass. Peter is not prophesying. He's stating the truth of a fact that has already taken place.

I've met people who had been seeking healing for years. Many wonderful, Spirit-filled people have said to me, "I don't know why God won't heal me." And just to get their attention, I've told them, "He's not *going* to heal you."

They ask, "He's not?"

"No," I tell them. "He's not *going* to heal you. Healing has already been bought and paid for. It's yours."

We think we believe what the Bible says. But many times we don't really believe it at all. The Word says, "... *by whose stripes YE WERE HEALED.*" Well, if *we* were, I was. And if I *was*, I *am*!

Every single time that I have been able to move people to the place of simply believing what the Bible says, they

The same thing is true spiritually speaking. When we are first born again, we are in the babyhood stage of development. And God meets us on that level because we don't know any better. And, thank God, He does meet us where we are. But there comes a time when we have to grow up and walk in the light of the Word.

The believer doesn't need to ask God to heal him because Jesus has already borne our sickness. All the believer needs to do is to know that healing belongs to him. You really don't need to pray for something that already belongs to you.

We're talking about what belongs to us. We've seen that salvation and healing belong to us. Now let's look at Psalm 27:1.

**PSALM 27:1**

**1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Who is the strength of our life? The Lord is. Isn't He our present-tense Lord? Then this belongs to us now: He is our strength, light, and salvation.



The Hebrew word translated “salvation” in this verse means *deliverance*. God is my light and my deliverance. He’s the strength of my life. Light, salvation, deliverance, redemption — these belong to us *now*. That’s the reason I can say, “Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?”

I’m talking about things that belong to us *now*, not things that will be ours in the “Sweet by-and-by.”

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:30**

**30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.**

That’s enough to get you started shouting into the middle of next week! This is a list of what God has made Jesus to become unto us — wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption! These all belong to us *now*. They aren’t ours only if we’ll promise to be better and do better. They aren’t ours if we fast every other day. They belong to us *now*.

Notice that through Jesus, we have been made righteous. We believers (we who have been born again) don’t have to try to become righteous — because we *are* righteous.

I remember when I was holding a meeting in one of the northern states, and there was a gentleman who attended every morning service. The pastor had told me about him — about what a great Christian he was, the finest member in the church. During one service, I somehow started teaching on the subject of righteousness, that we are the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

After the service, this particular gentleman said to me, “Brother Hagin, I know I’ve been born again and filled with the Holy Ghost. All my family are saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and are in this church in regular attendance. I’m *trying* to be righteous, but I just don’t understand what you’re saying.”

I said, “I want to ask you a question. Are you a man or a woman?”

He answered, “Why, of course, I’m a man.”

I said, “Could you ever become a woman just by trying to be one? How did you get to be a man, anyway?”

“Well,” he said, “I was born that way.”

I told him, “That’s the way you get to be righteous. You’re born that way.”

He saw it. I thought he was going to go through the ceiling; he was so excited! He’d been working for years trying to be righteous, but when he saw the truth, I thought he was going up to Glory right then!

Very often, we’re praying for things that are already ours. Sometimes I wonder if God isn’t saying, “Why don’t you wake up, find out what belongs to you, and walk in the light of it?” It is time for us to believe God’s Word and walk in the light of what belongs to us!

Make this your daily confession: *I am redeemed. I am delivered from the authority of darkness. Satan has no authority over me. Sin cannot dominate me. Jesus is my Lord. He has delivered me and given me authority. He is my Strength. He is my Light and Salvation. Through Him, I am righteous. I walk in the light of God’s Word. I walk in the fullness of everything that belongs to me through Jesus Christ.* 🕯️

There comes a time when we have to grow up and walk in the light of the Word.

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*Editor's Note: The following article is adapted from Rev. Doug Jones' new book, Mastering the Silence.*

**T**his battle within our mind becomes evident early in life. If we think back for a moment, memories will begin to surface from the archives of our mind. We might remember sitting in third grade taking a test. Suddenly, the thought races through our little mind, *You didn't study for this exam, did you?* Without a moment's hesitation, we know the answer: *No, I didn't study.* And in a flash, a companion thought comes: *But Straight-A-Mary's paper is well within view. Just copy off hers. Now keep your eyes down. If you try hard enough, you'll be able to read off her paper . . .* As our reminiscing carries us into our teenage years, memories once again remind us that we have been fighting this battle within our mind for a very long time.

As in any battle, there are consequences for losing. For a five-year-old, the consequences for losing the battle within the mind and taking one too many cookies may only be getting a hand slapped and the extra cookie taken away.

As a third grader who succumbed to the thought of cheating, I discovered that consequences increased in severity with age. When I was caught, not only was I embarrassed before the entire class, but my paper was also taken away and I earned myself a failing grade. Then I was invited to spend a little time in the principal's office, and before I knew it, I had a note pinned to my coat for my mother to read. Once she read the note, I learned that when my father got home I would know the full price for failing to properly maintain my thought life!

Hidden among our memories is a truth we must consider. As we mature in life, the price for failing to properly maintain our thought life increases in severity. The sufferings of a five-year-old are insignificant compared with the negative consequences that adults experience when they fail to properly maintain their thought life.

With this fact in mind, I encourage you to stop for a moment and consider the lives of those around you. You will soon become conscious of torn and tattered lives — lives that have been ill-affected by humanity's failure to bridle what they allowed themselves to think on.

You will observe some who have been torn by hatred — hatred of civil authorities, employers, fellow employees, or friends. For others, hatred dominates their relationship with their parents, their spouse, and even their own children. It becomes evident that hatred allowed in our life is a destructive thing. No good can come from it. Hatred destroys relationships and will eventually separate us from others.

We must understand that such hatred begins silently within the mind and is incubated over time. As we mentally rehearse what was said or

# THE BATTLE AND OUR ARMOUR

The battle within the mind is unavoidable. No one is immune from experiencing this conflict. It's a battle that has been and will continue to be fought by every person until Jesus returns.



done that hurt us, we allow the offense to grow to such proportions that it soon begins to affect our attitude toward the other individual. And before we know it, that hatred moves into the realm of influencing our actions and words. And those increasingly noticeable actions and words slowly but steadily deteriorate the relationship. All of this is the sad result of our failure to properly maintain our thought life.

As we consider the lives of those around us, we can observe marriages weakened by jealousy and anger. The joy and companionship of the marriage relationship have eroded over time because husbands and wives have chosen not to properly maintain their thought life. For whether we admit it or not, the deterioration of a marriage begins with our failure to scrutinize the thoughts we allow ourselves to embrace.

Divorce has become a way of life in today's society, with adultery being one of the primary causes. It is obvious that the sufferings of divorce when adultery is present could have been avoided if the person who committed the adulterous act would simply have properly maintained his or her thought life. There is no physical act of adultery without first having had some sort of unfaithful thoughts. *Thought always precedes action.*

When any divorce occurs, it reveals that one or both partners within that marriage allowed and embraced thoughts that should have been rejected. Thoughts — little thoughts — will eventually produce destructive conduct if given enough time and nurtured properly.

The failure to properly maintain our thought life has opened the door for our

that in and of ourselves, we lack sufficient abilities and means to adequately bridle our thought life. Therefore, our Heavenly Father has made available equipment (or "armour," as He calls it) that we may use to win this battle within the mind.

Our only hope is to know the truth about this battle within our mind and about the armour with which we are to clothe ourselves. Without this knowledge, the casualties of humanity will continue to increase and quality of life will continue to diminish.

This armour is described clearly by Paul in his letter to the Ephesians.

#### EPHESIANS 6:10-17

**10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

**11 Put on THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

**13 Wherefore take unto you THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

**14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;**

**15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;**

**16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.**

**17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

The intensity of Paul's admonition, along with his chosen symbolism of a Roman soldier's armour, suggests



strongly that if we choose not to comply — if we choose not to put on the whole armour — defeat is inevitable.

However, before Paul's description of each piece of armour, we find an instruction that he gives twice. Notice closely his words in verses 11 and 13: "*Put on the whole armour of God . . .*" and

*"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God . . ."*

The word "whole" is the key, for it reveals that no one piece of this suit of armour alone can ensure Christian success. Apparently, every piece must be present and working properly for us to remain victorious in the midst of this conflict. Therefore, we must not allow ourselves to focus entirely on our favorite piece of armour. For example, many have focused only on faith, thinking that it alone will ensure success. Others have convinced themselves that putting on righteousness is all they need in order to be victorious. This mindset will ultimately have devastating consequences. No single piece of armour can produce complete victory in our lives. We must put on the *whole* armour of God.

Because Paul did not remain loyal to his Roman soldier symbolism throughout his writings, downplaying the importance of the symbolism may allow us to turn our attention to the more important heart of his admonition. Through a simple procedure of removing most of the "soldier" words and phrases from within the Ephesians passage, the real essence of Paul's message and some much-needed clarification, are brought to light.

For clarity, let's remove words and phrases such as "your loins girt," "breastplate," "feet shod," "shield," "helmet," and "the sword," and see what is left.

#### EPHESIANS 6:13-17

**13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

**14 Stand therefore, having . . . truth, and having . . . righteousness;**

**15 And . . . with . . . the gospel of peace;**

**16 Above all, taking . . . faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.**

**17 And take . . . salvation, and . . . the word of God.**

Once most of the soldier symbols are removed, it suddenly becomes apparent that the armour we are to put on is the armour of *truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God.*

This epistle was written to people who are already saved. Why would Paul admonish Christians to put on salvation? Paul also encourages us to put on righteousness. Yet righteousness by faith was the gospel that Paul preached

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lives to be controlled by rebellion, worry, depression, envy, fornication, lying, unforgiveness, fear, and so forth. Ultimately, the price for failing to maintain our thoughts is a quality of life that sinks far below what our loving Heavenly Father intends for us.

But I have good news for you. God understands our plight. He understands

throughout his three missionary journeys.

Paul is not instructing saints to put on salvation every day, nor is he encouraging us to put on righteousness every day. If he were, and if you forgot to put them on, then you could go around all day not being

saved or not being righteous. And we know that this is not possible for Christians to do.

So then, if we are not to put on our salvation every day, what does Paul mean in this Ephesians passage when he tells us to put on salvation? He is simply instructing us to put on daily *what we know about our salvation*. He admonishes us to put on *what we know about our righteousness*. We are to put on what we know about the truth, what we know about the gospel of peace, about our faith, and about the Word of God.

Paul is informing us that if we desire to win in life, we must put on what we know about our salvation. Then we are to use what we know about our salvation against the enemy as he endeavors to destroy us.

In the same way, we are to put on what we know about truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, and faith. We are to put on what we know about our salvation and the Word of God. When we have put on what we know about these pieces of armour and when we

properly use our knowledge of these things, we will not be defeated by the wiles of the devil. His fiery darts will no longer carry out their destructive work in our lives.

If we are to avoid becoming another casualty of this war of the mind, we must put on and properly

use what we know. Doing so will enable us to win each conflict that we encounter throughout our day. On the other hand, Paul strongly implies that if we *fail* to put on and use what we know, we will experience defeat, and we will suffer the consequences of losing.

Therefore, it seems clear: The quality of our life will be determined by how much we know and how well we use what we know. How well we use what we know about our salvation, faith, righteousness, the truth, the gospel of peace, and the Word of God determines whether we win or lose in life.

With all of this in mind, why did Paul use the Roman soldier symbolism

in his Ephesians passage? I believe it was to emphasize the severity of this battle, the seriousness of this conflict. Paul wanted us to see that if we choose not to put on the “whole armour of God,” we will experience defeat as quickly as a soldier without armour will experience defeat during a battle.

Paul used the image of a soldier to impress upon us that we Christians are not playing some childhood game. The consequences of not putting on the whole armour of God are real, and the quality of our life will diminish significantly should we lose this battle.

The battle within our mind is a serious one, with life or death consequences. We must learn how to fight this battle — and most importantly — *how to win*. 🏆

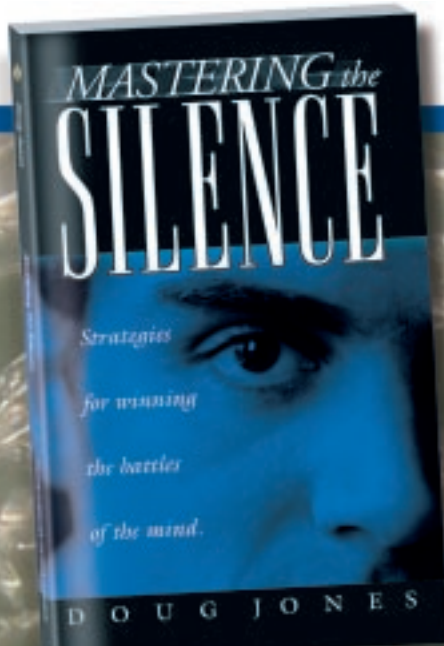
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## MASTERING THE SILENCE

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- Are you overwhelmed by thoughts of being trapped because you're a stay-at-home mom and all of your friends are pursuing careers?
- Are you slowly drifting away from the

belief that God really cares about you?

Can you control your thoughts? Do you know *why* you must bridle your thought life — *and* how to do it?

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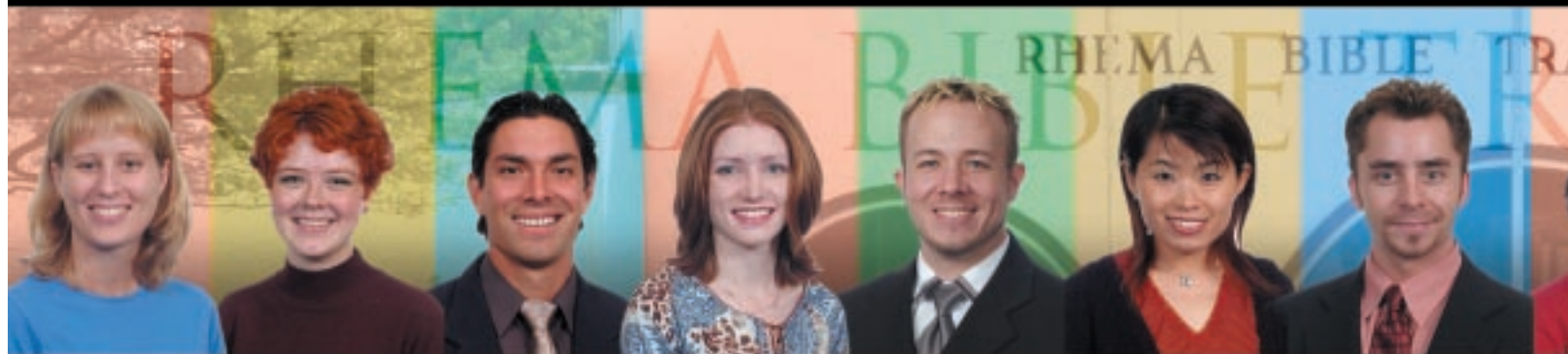
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## Rejoicing Brought the Victory

Two weeks ago, I submitted a prayer request for a job and a car. One week went by and nothing changed. When I went to Exaltation [a weekly gathering of students and instructors for a time of prayer and praise], I heard the praise reports of others, and I started rejoicing in the Lord, thanking Him for meeting my needs as well. Within one more week, I was offered two jobs and found a car that was not only affordable, but was also what I needed and wanted. Praise God! He is faithful to supply!

Janet Alderman

## Blessings Upon Blessings

I was recently blessed to be able to move into an apartment at RHEMA's student housing. By the end of that same day, I had received a bed and a brand-new comforter, sheets, and dishes. My deposit was paid on the apartment, and my school tuition was paid for a month! Glory to God!

Deborah Talliere

## Students Know How to Pray!

Two weeks ago, I was in a car accident, and my back was in pain. Last Tuesday, a fellow student laid hands on me and prayed. I was completely healed! Thank God!

Gloria Lunvall

## My Debt Was Canceled!

When I came to school, I had to borrow \$885.00 dollars from a woman at my home church in order to pay my

bills. Recently, I have been believing God to be out of debt. That particular woman called me this past Monday and said that God had been speaking to her heart, and she was calling me to cancel the debt I owed her. She is sowing it into my life as a gift! Glory to God!

Melissa Crowell

## No Distance in Prayer

Two weeks ago, during the Sunday evening RHEMA Bible Church service, Mrs. Hagin led us to pray in the Spirit. After we went home, my husband told me to call my grandmother in Japan. She is eighty-six years old and had heart surgery last month. We have been praying about her recovery and salvation. I knew my husband had received something from the Lord, and I had a confidence to do whatever God would lead us to do since we were "prayed up." I called my grandmother and told her about Jesus and led her to the Lord. We praise God — in Him there is no distance and no time zone difference!

Naomi Inagaki

## Heartbeat Is Fine

A few weeks ago, I went to a hospital emergency room and was diagnosed as having an irregular heartbeat. I went in for further testing to see what the problem was. They thought I had a small opening in my heart, but did an echocardiogram to find out for sure. If it was indeed an opening, they were going to have to go into the heart and burn out the hole. I went in again on Thursday to get my test results, and they could not find one thing wrong with my heart. Praise the Lord for healing me!

Amy Sweeney

## Little Things Matter to God

There are four of us male students living together, and the need to be clean is a must. We got into agreement and released our faith that God would send us a vacuum cleaner. Four days after we prayed, a maintenance crew doing work on our building gave us a vacuum cleaner. God is faithful and in the cleaning business!

Diego Bedoya

## It Pays to be Led by the Holy Spirit!

I was working for \$6.70 per hour. I began to apply the teaching from Rev. Marty Blackwelder's class about the "petition of faith." I began to believe God for a raise at my current job. However, I have learned that I also need to be open to the Holy Ghost. Two days after I began to believe for a raise, the Holy Ghost led me to a totally different job. Even though I had no experience, they hired me on the spot. My average pay has been \$18.00 an hour. God is too much! His ways far exceed anything we can do in ourselves.

Loretta Smail

## Tuition Paid

My name was recently on the list of students who needed to go to the Admissions Office. I thought I needed to pick up my books. When I arrived, I learned that two months of my tuition had been paid!

Angela Thomas

## God Strengthens the Feeble Knees

I run for RHEMA Bible Training Center's cross-country team, and about three weeks into our training, my knees



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began to hurt. The pain got so bad I could barely walk from class to class, and I could not run on the team. I was very upset that I couldn't run for the team, so I decided to take a week off from running all together. Yet after taking a week off, my knees still hurt and I was still unable to run. Then one morning I went to work out at the Ninowski Recreation Center on campus. One of the employees asked me about my knees. I told him how they were, and he asked if I would like him to pray for me. I got in faith and believed that I was healed, and he laid hands on me in prayer. At that moment I jumped and ran around with no pain! And I was able to go back to running with no pain at all! I'm holding on to my healing by continuing to believe God's Word. Praise the Lord!

Bethany Farmer

### No more flu!

I woke up one Sunday morning with flu-like symptoms in my body. I immediately stood on the Word and received my healing by faith. By the end of the day, all of the symptoms were gone! One week later, my daughter was coming down with the flu. I laid hands on her and prayed the prayer of faith, and she was instantly healed and went back to school the next morning. A few days later, my wife had flu symptoms, and I prayed with her over the phone while she was at work. The symptoms were gone by the time she came home that evening. God is so faithful! We don't have to be sick! Glory to God!

Cullen Swanson

### Working as Unto the Lord Brings a Blessing

Back when I first started RHEMA Bible Training Center, I began looking for a job. For about a month I searched for a job, but just couldn't get hired. So I prayed and told God that I would go anywhere and do my best no matter what the pay. Soon after I prayed, I got a job where I didn't really like the pay, but I worked as hard as I could. Yesterday, I was offered an assistant manager position, which pays a lot more. God is good. Everything I do, I do for Him!

Josh Thomforde

### Home for the Holidays

A few months ago, I had decided the amount of time I wanted to spend at home for Christmas break. I made my request known to God and thanked Him that He would supply whatever I needed in order to go home. Shortly afterward, I received a phone call from a friend I hadn't heard from in a while. She asked if I was going home for Christmas, and I told her that I was and that I was believing for God to make the way. She told me to find out how much a plane ticket would cost and to let her know so she could pay for it. Glory to God!

Jessica Samonds

### Divine Appointments

I was at work when a gentleman came to fix one of the machines. After he finished, we began to talk. He really opened up, and I was able to relate what he was going through to what I had also experienced. I was also able to tell him how Christ had changed my life

when I was at the end of my rope. Before he was done writing the work order, his name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life! Praise God for divine appointments.

Jeff Undiene

### Favor at Work

Before I began attending RHEMA Bible Training Center, I had been praying for the upcoming school year. I planted seeds and obeyed God. As soon as I got to Tulsa, I found a great place to live, but I didn't find a job. After standing in faith and believing for a job for a month, I was blessed with a job in a Christian environment. I have so much favor, I can make my own schedule, and my boss blessed me with a computer!

Krystle Sanders

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# From the Archives

A nostalgic look at the beginnings of Kenneth Hagin Ministries



## The Glory Cloud Appears Again

Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin recalls his second preaching experience with the glory cloud and explains the difference between the anointing to *preach* and the anointing to *teach*. Editor's Note: This *From the Archives* is taken from Rev. Hagin's book *Understanding the Anointing*.

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Although I was anointed to preach, that strong anointing with the glory didn't happen again in my ministry for three more years (see November 2003 issue for details on the first glory cloud experience). During those three years, I had been baptized in the Holy Spirit, had come over among the Full Gospel people, and was pastoring a little church in northcentral Texas.

One Sunday night, I was preaching away on prophecy — it was the second Sunday night of September 1939 — and the anointing came upon me. After that anointing came, I don't know what I said, and I couldn't see anything or anyone. It was as if a cloud or dense fog filled the church.

When I came to myself, I was standing down in front, off the platform. That was the first time I'd ever done that. In fact, my wife had once said to me, "I believe you could preach standing in a wash pan," because I never moved from behind the pulpit when I preached. I had been trained that way.

But that night, the glory came down, and I didn't know one word I had said for fifteen minutes. I had been in the glory cloud. When I found myself walking around the altar, I got so embar-

assed that my face turned red. I ran back on the platform, got behind the pulpit, and said, "Amen. Let's pray," and gave the invitation.

Every sinner in the church came and got saved. We had revival that night! Twenty people were baptized in the Holy Spirit that night. That may not sound big now, but back in 1939, if we had half a dozen saved and three baptized in the Holy Spirit, we thought we had a landslide!

In that service, everyone who didn't have the baptism was baptized, and everyone who was lost or backslidden got right with God. It wasn't my preaching that did it; it was the anointing.

The glory cloud still appears quite frequently in our healing meetings and other services. People have seen it. It comes in and fills the room.

Sometimes when I am preaching or teaching, it comes in and absolutely blocks everyone from view. Most of the time, it just hangs over the heads of the people. It is at times like these that people receive healing without anyone ministering to them, because the anointing is present in such a powerful way.

Sometimes the anointing comes into visible manifestation. Do you think it wasn't *visible* when the house started shaking where the early Christians were praying? And when that jail at Philippi started shaking and every door flew open, it came into manifestation again as a result of Paul and Silas' praying.

I have the anointing of the Holy Spirit in me all the time, as any

believer has, but I'm speaking here of an anointing to preach.

I don't preach much any more — I mostly teach — but I like the preaching anointing. I *love* it.

It's different from the anointing to teach. It feels different. It's more exuberant. *It's the same Spirit, but a different anointing.* Thank God for the anointing to preach! If I had any control over it, I'd bring on that anointing to preach often, because I like it.

The difference between preaching and teaching is that to preach means to *proclaim*, but to teach means to *explain*.

Once in a while, that anointing to preach still will come on me. If you've never heard me preach, get my videotape "El Shaddai." On that tape, I'm preaching, not teaching.

I preached "El Shaddai" years ago at a Full Gospel Business Men's meeting near Washington, D.C. The special singer was singing the last song, and I was sitting there on that platform minding my own business, ready to give my testimony about going to hell, when something like a cloak came on me. It fit over me like an overcoat. It was this anointing to preach. You talk about a fellow feeling "preachy"!

Remember, Elijah threw his cloak over Elisha, signifying that the Holy Spirit was coming on him in that way — just like a mantle was on him, and that's the way it was with me. After all, these old Testament types and shadows were fulfilled in the New Testament.

When they turned the service over to me, I didn't have my sermon notes on "El Shaddai," but the anointing was there to preach, so I just read my text and took off, so to speak. We had a service!

*To be continued . . .*

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# Seed Thoughts

by Lynette

Whenever I think of February, I think of love. Valentine's Day is a day when many people celebrate the love of their life. It is wonderful that many honor their spouse on February 14, but it is more important that we learn to practice love in our life on a daily basis.

Many people refer to First Corinthians chapter 13 as "the love chapter." Too often, we want to skip over reading that part of the Bible. I will readily admit that there have been times in my life when I wanted to ignore that chapter. But during those times, the Lord continued to lead me to read it. First Corinthians 13:4-7 in the Amplified says, "Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmanly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]."

When my husband and I perform a marriage ceremony, I always read this portion of Scripture to the bride and groom. If we would all practice this passage on a daily basis, we would live peaceful and productive lives. However, our flesh often gets in the way. Instead of ignoring injustices that are done to us, we want to get even. Instead of walking in love, we want to repay evil for evil.

One of the things I witnessed in my father-in-law's life was that he truly lived the love walk. He never considered getting even. At times, my husband and I got exasperated when we heard others

criticize and say hurtful things about our family. Sometimes we expressed our feelings to my father-in-law. He would say to us, "Don't ever stoop to their level; always walk the high road." I still hear those words ringing in my ears when I'm tempted to walk the low road and return evil for evil.

The test of walking in love is not something you pass one time and never have to experience again. No, your love walk will be tested continually. I've often said to the Lord, "I must really need a lesson on love, because I seem to be tested on a daily basis!"

I'm reminded of the story about a woman who was complaining to her husband that he never told her he loved her. The husband replied, "I told



you I loved you when I asked you to marry me, and if I ever change my mind, I'll let you know." We should not be like that husband. Instead, we should say the words "I love you" freely.

My husband and I tell each other that we love one another many times a day. And I often tell my children and grandchildren that I love them. I believe those are important words to say. We all need to be reassured of the love others have for us, and we need to reassure others of our love for them.

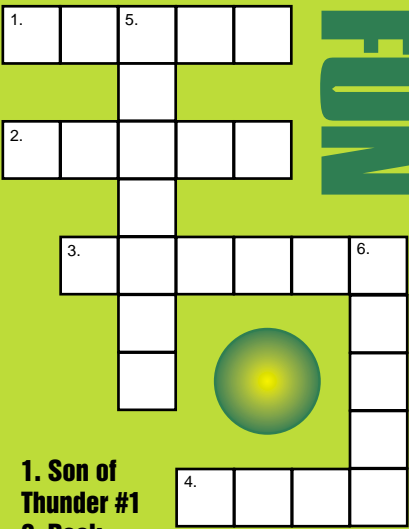
Some of you may not have heard those words very often in your childhood, and some of you may find it awkward to say, "I love you." But I encourage you that if you'll start saying, "I love you," those words will become easier to say and more natural to you each time you repeat them.

I encourage you to not take your friends and family for granted, but to express your love and appreciation for them on a continual basis. Don't live with regret after the death of a loved one, wishing you had expressed words of love to them more often. Begin this year with the determination that you will walk in love and that you will express words of love to your family and friends.

Lynette

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

Write the names of Jesus' disciples in the blanks by following the clues below.



- 1. Son of Thunder #1
- 2. Rock
- 3. I doubt it!
- 4. Son of Thunder #2
- 5. Tax man
- 6. The zealot

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## Is Your Name In the Will?

Most people usually have a will written before they die. In a person's will they describe how they want their possessions (the inheritance) to be divided among their heirs.

Heirs are the people in the will who receive a portion of the inheritance. According to Romans 8:17, if you've been born again, **you are an heir of God!** That means that He has possessions that He wants you to receive. Of course, before an heir can receive anything, somebody has to die first. When Jesus died on the cross, He made it possible for all people to become sons and daughters of God and to become **Heirs of God**. Below is a list of things that you inherited when you became a child of God...but the words have been scrambled. Unscramble the words to find out some of the things you've inherited from God!

**DONGKIM**  
Matthew 25:34

**BUSTCANES**  
Proverbs 8:21

**SIBLENGS**  
1 Peter 3:9

**RATHE**  
Matthew 5:6

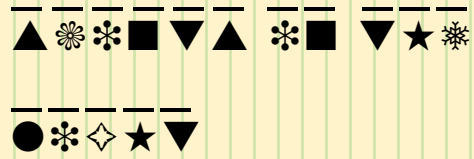
**ROLGY**  
Proverbs 3:35

**SMORPIES**  
Hebrews 6:12

## Bible Mysteries

You have an inheritance, Hear God's Word declare it. But these are the people With whom you will share it! Who are they?

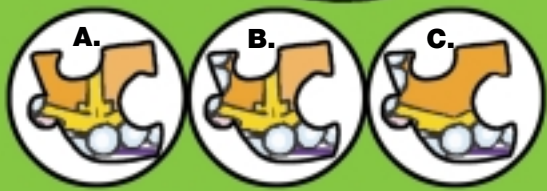
Fill in the blanks by substituting the symbol below the blank with the letter that it matches in the box below.



- A=☼ - D=⊗ - E=☼ - G=◇ - H=★
- I=☼ - L=● - M=○ - N=■ - O=□
- R=☆ - S=▲ - T=▼ - U=☼ - W=▶

## The Missing Piece

Only one of the puzzle pieces below will fit in the empty space. Can you figure out which one it is?



## jokes & riddles

A merry heart does good like medicine - Proverbs 17:22



Why did the lawyer get wet when he signed his paperwork?  
*He was using a FOUNTAIN pen*

What does a snowman eat for breakfast?  
*FROSTED snow FLAKES*

What is something that you can hold but you cannot see?  
*Your breath.*

What do a river and an umbrella have in common?  
*They both rise when it rains.*

What is the biggest pain that can be experienced in the animal kingdom.  
*When a giraffe has a "pain in the neck."*

What did one computer mouse say to the other?  
*Do you want to come over to my pad sometime?*

IS YOUR NAME IN THE WILL? - ANSWERS:  
KINGDOM, SUBSTANCE, BLESSING, EARTH, GLORY, PROMISES  
BIBLE MYSTERIES - ANSWER:  
SAINTS IN THE LIGHT - COLOSSIANS 1:12  
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