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'I DON'T THINK I'M BIPOLAR ANYMORE'

My son decided I needed to come to Campmeeting and paid my way down from Washington state. He said it would change my life. My life was pretty good as it was. I'm a committed Christian and happily married.



On July 26, after Rev. Craig W. Hagin preached on being in Christ, I got in the line for healing. As I stood there waiting for prayer, I felt the Lord so strongly. When Rev. Craig got to me, he simply touched my forehead and said "receive." I fell backward, and while I was on the floor, the inside of my head got very hot for quite awhile. Then it got cold. When I was able to get up, my son was there to help and said, "How you doing, Mom?" I said, "I don't think I'm bipolar anymore!"

I am 60 years old, had chronic arthritis in my back and hands, was bipolar, and was quite debilitated. Before the service, I told the Lord that I was willing to get off disability if I was able.

Today, I just got back from a bike ride. I haven't been able to ride my bike pain free in seven years. Yesterday, I met with my psychiatrist and am being weaned off my meds. I am the first bipolar patient she has ever had recover. God is being so good to me! I am trying to live the way Rev. Craig preached—staying in Christ—because in Him I am healed.

My son was right. Campmeeting 2013 was life-changing for me.

—Christine

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Living by the Spoken Word

We sometimes forget that Jesus lived as a man. He had emotions; He had desires. The Word of God says that He endured everything—every temptation—that man would ever endure. And He overcame!

How did Jesus overcome? By quoting the Word of God. He told the devil, “It is written . . .” (Matt. 4:4).

Has the enemy been attacking you? Perhaps you’ve been going through some things. You need to understand that your answer lies in the spoken Word of God.

There is not a situation, problem, trial, or difficulty that can come along that the Word of God spoken out of your mouth will not take care of. Hebrews 4:12 says, “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword” (NKJV). Weymouth’s translation says, “For God’s Message is full of life and power.”

So many times when we face difficulties and problems, we immediately speak what we see in the natural rather than speaking what the Word says. We need to be so full of the Word of God that when trouble pokes us or life puts the squeeze on us, we immediately say, “No weapon formed against me will prosper. I’m healed; I’m whole. All of my needs are met!”

You see, the Word of God *in* you and spoken out of your mouth will set the power of God loose around you. It will bring you healing and deliverance. It will bring you a full supply and protect you in time of danger. It will revitalize, empower, and strengthen you!

I don’t care what you’re facing in this new year, or what dilemma you’re in. If you’ll learn to live by the spoken Word of God and keep speaking it, *things will change!*

We’ve put together a wonderful magazine for you this month to help you get the new year started off right. My article on page 16 will help you see yourself as the giant you really are. And dad’s article on page 9 will show you how to always make right decisions. I believe this year can be your very best! Keep speaking God’s Word.

Kenneth W. Hagin

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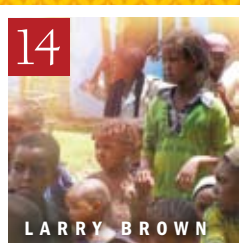
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A GOOD LESSON I learned when my husband and I first started working at Kenneth Hagin Ministries was how to wait on God. It was a hard lesson, and at first it gave me a lot of grey hair.

You see, I'm a "happener"! If something needs to be done, I will make it happen. It was my responsibility to carry out the decisions of my father-in-law, the late Kenneth E. Hagin. But before I could do anything, I had to wait until he decided what to do. And he was *never* in a hurry when it came to making decisions.

Through the years, I've learned it's better to wait on the Lord until He shows me what to do. Many times we rush the decision-making process and make wrong choices. Some of our decisions can affect us for the rest of our lives.



LYNETTE HAGIN

AS YOU'RE TRUSTING GOD,
DON'T GET IN A HURRY. *Stand still* AND
wait UNTIL HE SPEAKS TO YOU.

It's so important that we are prayerful about the decisions we make. They need to be God decisions, not our decisions. Our plans and desires have to be taken out of the equation.

Before I understood the importance of waiting on the Lord, I tried to help God out! For example, when I was a teenager, I knew I was going to marry a minister. And being the planner that I am, I started planning for that early. At that time, if you were going to be a minister's wife, you needed to know how to sing or play the piano. So I began taking piano lessons.

I always wanted
God's plan five
years ahead of

time. Ten years would have been even better! But I found out that God gives us instructions for the first step. He doesn't give us the entire plan.

People have asked my husband and me about our five-year plan. The truth is, we often don't have a six-month plan. Those are man's methods, not God's. If you want to follow man's methods, that's all right. But I'm going to play

by God's rules. He said, "Take no thought about tomorrow for tomorrow will take care of itself" (Matt. 6:34).

God has led, guided, and directed my husband and me every day. We've trusted Him for what we've needed each day. That's the way we've lived our lives, and that's the way we've operated our ministry.

When we're faced with a decision, I'll pray, "God, show us what to do in this." When we do what He tells us, that opens the door to another step, and then another step. We keep taking those steps until the finality of what we've been praying about comes to pass.

As you're trusting God, don't get in a hurry. Stand still and wait until He speaks to you. I've watched Brother Hagin do this time and time again. And in the end everything has always come out right.

There were times when I thought God was taking too long. When we finally knew what the plan was, it looked like we wouldn't have enough time to get everything done. But when God says, "Now's the time," He puts all the pieces together.



WAIT!
**ONE STEP
AT A TIME**

You see, we don't know what's going on behind the scenes. While we're standing in faith, God is over here working on these people and then over there working on those people. He has to work out both of those situations before His plan can come together. We just have to rest in peace and confidence, and in communing with Him.

One time the Lord said to me, "Faith people have gotten hold of confessing the Word, claiming the Word, and knowing their rights and authority in Christ. But they're way behind in their

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN *stay sensitive* TO BEING LED BY OUR SPIRIT IS TO COMMUNE WITH GOD'S SPIRIT.

communing with Me and letting Me guide every step of their lives. And that's why they're failing."

We need to confess the Word, but we also have to listen to our spirit. And the only way we can stay sensitive to being led by our spirit is to commune with God's Spirit.

I'm reminded of the time when God told Samuel to go to the household of Jesse and anoint a new king in Israel (see 1 Sam. 16:1-13). Seven of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel, and each time the Lord said, "No, he's not the one." Samuel didn't know beforehand who the next king would be. It was through a process of elimination that he found out David was the next king. If Samuel hadn't had a listening ear, he wouldn't have known which of Jesse's sons to anoint.

In our own lives, to follow the Lord each step of the way, we, like Samuel, must have a sensitive ear. The only way we can have that is to stay in constant communication with our Heavenly Father. We can't wait until a crisis comes and we need an answer to learn how to hear from Him.

As we rest in the Lord and stay sensitive to His voice, He will open the next door and show us the next step we are to take. And as we learn to follow God in each step, we *will* make the right decisions and be where He wants us to be and do what He wants us to do. ♥

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To learn more about being led by the Holy Spirit, go to khm.com/p3st and watch Kirk DuBois' message from *Winter Bible Seminar 2013*.



Staying on Course

As you follow after God, here are some tips to help you stay on course.

- **DON'T LET YOURSELF BECOME DISTRACTED.** // We can have so many irons in the fire that we can't adequately do the one thing God wants us to do.
- **WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIME.** // When we get out of God's timing, we open the door to failure. We fail, not because He doesn't want us to do something, but because it's the wrong time to do it.
- **BE INFLUENCED ONLY BY HIS VOICE.** // It can be easy to be moved and swayed by others. But we must do only what *God* has called us to do.

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Choose to Please God

According to Proverbs 29:25, *“The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, and puts his confidence in the Lord is safe and set on high”* (Amplified). **WHEN WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE INTIMIDATED BY OTHER PEOPLE, WE’LL GO ONLY SO FAR BEFORE WE’RE JERKED BACK BY THAT SNARE.** If you study the

YOU MUST SEE THAT INTIMIDATING FEAR FOR WHAT IT IS—A MANIPULATIVE LIE OF THE ENEMY. Then confront it, and by faith allow the Holy Spirit to walk you through it. You will experience victory as you commit to spending time in the Word, searching out scriptures that edify and encourage you, and speaking boldly what God’s Word says about you. Start seeing yourself changed!♥

[Editor’s Note: Kate McVeigh is a Rhema graduate and traveling minister.]

ALMOST ALL OF US have experienced some measure of intimidating fear in our life—and it’s not a good feeling. It is tormenting and uncomfortable. And if we don’t purpose in our hearts to conquer it, we will never accomplish much for God.

Satan loves it when we’re intimidated. When we view ourselves as unqualified and insignificant, lacking confidence and feeling insecure, we play right into his hands.

Why do we let the enemy influence us? John 8:44 says he isn’t capable of speaking the truth. When he says, “You can’t do that!” “Who do you think you are?”—he’s lying!

I remind myself often that Christ dwells in me. I am a new creature in Him who can do all things! You see, **THE ONLY POWER THAT CAN MEET AND CONQUER INTIMIDATING FEAR IS FAITH!** We must renew our minds with the Word. We must see ourselves the way God sees us. Whatever is intimidating us to the point of immobility; we must face it and decide to do it anyway.

Just Do It!

After I went to Bible school, I received invitations to minister. Speaking in front of people was a strong area of intimidation for me as a schoolgirl. Well, I started to preach, and I shook, quivered, and trembled, but I remained determined to overcome the intimidation of people.

I began to confess Second Timothy 1:7-8 from the *Amplified Bible*: *“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control. Do not blush or be ashamed then, to testify to and for our Lord. . . .”* I love these scriptures! I realized the cringing timidity I was experiencing while speaking in front of people didn’t come from God, so I shouldn’t be blushing with fear! I needed to get up and be bold about what God had called me to do.

word *snare*, it refers to putting a snare, chain, or leash on a dog. That dog can only venture so far before it is jerked back by the tether around its neck. The progress of mobility is completely hindered.

It’s the same with us. **WE CAN’T WORRY ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE GOING TO THINK.** We must strive to do our best to please and be a blessing to people, but we cannot allow ourselves to become people-pleasers rather than God-pleasers. That is a dangerous trap. We must always give God first place.

Fear of man, fear of what people think about you, and fear of not being accepted *will* hinder God’s plan for your life. The devil knows that and works hard to keep you in bondage to that fear.

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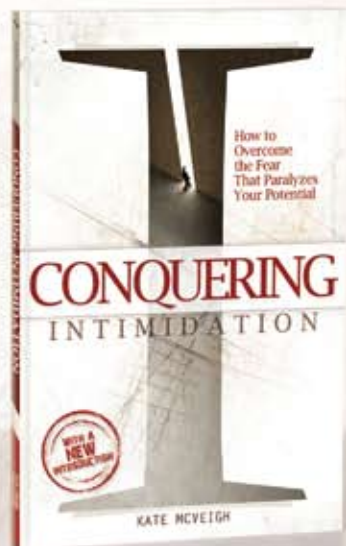
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TOO OFTEN, we seek guidance every other way except the way God said it was to come. We judge by our physical senses, or we look at things from a mental standpoint. Meanwhile, our spirit is kept locked away in prison, so to speak, and is not permitted to function.

But our Heavenly Father said, “*The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord*” (Prov. 20:27). That means He will enlighten and guide us through our spirits.

You see, our spirit—the inward man—has a “voice” which we call the conscience, intuition, inner guidance, or the inward witness. If we would train and develop our spirits, this voice would become clearer. We would know inside with a yes or a no just what to do in every area of life—even in minor things.

THE INWARD WITNESS

To define this inward witness in simple terms: As you are praying along a certain line and contemplating what to do, if there is a check in your spirit—a “something on the inside” that tells you not to do a certain thing—that is the inward witness.

Let me explain further. In February 1959 in El Paso, Texas, I had an open vision of Jesus. My eyes were wide open. I saw Him. He walked around the foot of my bed, took hold of a straight-backed chair, and pushed it up close to my bed. Then He sat down on it, folded His hands, and began His conversation with me.

One of the things He called to my attention was something that had been happening to me for the previous three days. I’d been trying to write a letter to a pastor confirming a date to hold

a meeting for him. The first day I got about half a page written. Then I tore it up and threw it into the wastebasket. The same thing happened the second and third days.

Jesus said, “You see Me sitting here talking to you. . . . I am telling you not to go to that church. But I am never going to lead you this way again. From now on, I’m going to lead you by the inward witness. You had the inward witness all the time. You had a *check* in your spirit. That’s the reason you tore up the letter three times. You had *something* on the inside, a red light, a stop signal.

It wasn’t even a voice that said, ‘Don’t go.’ It was just an *inward intuition*.”

Then Jesus reminded me of another invitation. I had preached a convention for one of the Full Gospel denominations the previous year.

Nearly every pastor there asked me if I would come and hold a meeting.

One fellow came up to me and said, “Brother Hagin, do you ever go to small churches?”

I said, “I go anywhere the Lord says to go.”

“Well, if God ever speaks to you, we want you to come.”

I dismissed that conversation along with many others. However, several months later that conversation came back to me while I was praying. Then every day it continued to come back to me. Finally, after about 30 or 40 days I said, “Lord, do You want me to go to that little church for a meeting?”

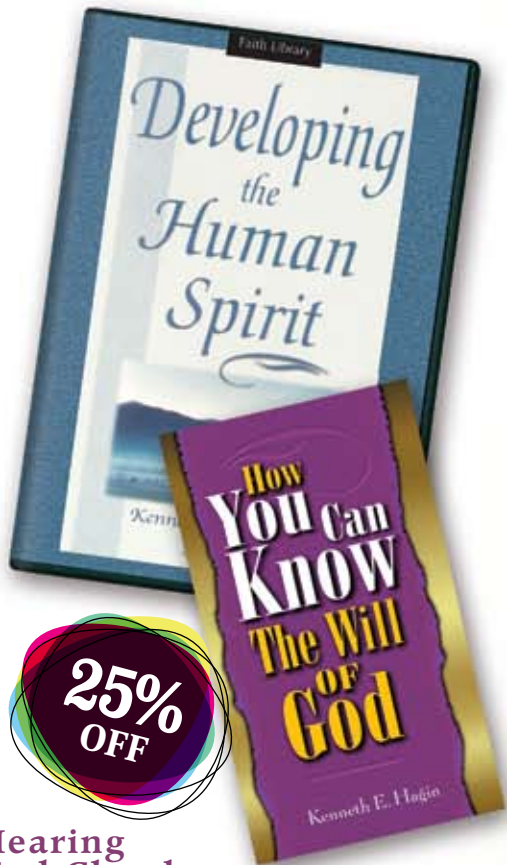
The more I would pray about it and think about it, the better I would feel about it on the inside. It wasn’t a physical feeling; it was a feeling in my spirit.

Sitting by my bedside, Jesus referred to this. “You had a *velvety-like* feeling in your spirit. That’s the *green light*. That’s the



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go-ahead signal. That's the *witness of the Spirit* to go. If you will learn to follow that inward witness, I will guide you in all the affairs of life, financial as well as spiritual."

I have followed that inward witness, and the Lord has done just what He said He would do. And what He did for me, He will do for you.

'I PERCEIVE'

Let's look at a Bible illustration of this inward witness. We read in Acts chapter 27 the story of Paul on board a ship bound for Rome.

ACTS 27:9-10

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Paul didn't say, "The Lord told me." It doesn't say that the Spirit of God said that to him. Paul said, "I *perceive*." Who is the real "I"? It is the spirit-man, the man on the inside. Paul didn't perceive it mentally. He didn't perceive it physically. But in his spirit he had a witness. And if they had listened to him, they could have avoided a shipwreck.

"IF YOU WILL LEARN TO FOLLOW THAT INWARD WITNESS, *I will guide you* IN ALL THE AFFAIRS OF LIFE, FINANCIAL AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL."

A number of years ago, a family went out to eat. They'd not been at the restaurant very long when the father suddenly said, "Let's go home." He just had an urge, a perception, that they should go.

Arriving home, they found a fire had started. If they had waited, everything would have burned. But the inward witness warned them in time.

Many times we ignore this inward witness. We seek the sensational and miss the supernatural that is right there all the time.

Let's learn that God leads all of His children *primarily* by the inward witness. As we learn to develop our spirit and follow that leading, He will guide us in every area of our lives.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's books *How You Can Know the Will of God* and *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*.]

FAITH IN ACTION

Spirit-Building 101

Your spirit can be educated just as your mind can be educated. Your spirit can be built up in strength and trained just as your body can be built and trained. So how do you develop your spirit?

- 1 MEDITATE IN THE WORD OF GOD.
- 2 PRACTICE THE WORD OF GOD.
- 3 GIVE THE WORD OF GOD FIRST PLACE.
- 4 OBEY THE VOICE OF YOUR SPIRIT.

Healing Faith

KENNETH E. HAGIN

MARK 11:24 SAYS, “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” This verse is talking about the things you desire.

For now, we’ll just consider one desire—healing for the body—and insert it into this verse. Now it reads, “When you pray, believe that you receive healing.”

“But there’s no physical change yet,” some will argue.

I know it. Jesus said, “And then you’ll have it.” **First, you must believe you receive healing!**

“But I’m not healed!”

People who say this have already missed it. They’re going by their *heads* instead of their *hearts*. When you pray, you have to *believe* that you receive healing, and *then* you will *have* healing. When are you going to have healing? *After* you believe you receive it. When do you believe you receive healing? *Before* you have it!

“But that’s not even common sense,” someone will complain.

I know. It’s way above common sense. Did you ever read in Isaiah chapter 55 where God said, “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (v. 9)? This kind of thinking is as high above common sense as the heavens are above the earth!

When you pray, believe that you receive healing and you will have healing. That’s the revelation I received years ago as I lay bedfast and almost totally paralyzed on the bed of sickness. But I discovered that **Mark 11:24 belongs to me!** I wrote in red ink beside that verse, “This means me!” And it means you as well!

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CALLED TO SERVE

GOD HAS PLACED many gifts in the Body of Christ. But not everyone is called to be in the forefront. For every person God calls to pioneer a ministry—whether in the United States or abroad—He calls many others to walk alongside them and help. Larry Brown, a 1989 graduate of Rhema Bible Training College USA, is one of those called to help.

“The Bible says we should have the same attitude that Christ had when He humbled Himself and became a servant,” says Larry. “I’ve never lost sight of that. Jesus came to serve, and that’s my heart as well. Everything I do is driven by that.”

Larry’s heart to serve has taken him to 20 nations. But one has stood out from the others: Ethiopia.

Larry first went to this east African country at the invitation of Dr. Mikal Baissa. A former international broadcaster for the Voice of America, Mikal left a distinguished broadcasting career to attend Rhema USA and graduated in 1993. She had a burning desire to take the message of faith back to her own country—but she needed help. That’s where Larry entered the picture.



▶ **MINISTERING THE GOSPEL IN A RURAL VILLAGE FOUR HOURS FROM ETHIOPIA’S CAPITAL CITY OF ADDIS ABABA.**

LARRY BROWN ▶



DEMONSTRATING CHRIST’S LOVE

One Bible school graduate went back to her Muslim village to start a school for children. Jesus appeared to this young woman when she was 12, and she accepted Him as her personal Savior. Because she converted to Christ, her village put her out and she was homeless for 12 years.

Eventually she attended the Bible school in Addis Ababa. Shortly before she enrolled, the Lord directed her back to her village. He restored her relationship with her father, who gave her some land as her inheritance. She sold her few possessions, combined the money with the little she had saved, and by faith built a small school and hired a teacher. Early on, God connected Larry with her outreach. His ministry began supplying funds and helped her expand her school. Since then, she has added buildings and hired more teachers. Today she is educating 163 children.

Not only was this young woman able to share Christ’s love with the people who rejected her so many years before, but she also gave the village children hope for a better future. Many rural villages are far from schools and few, if any, families can transport their children to and from school. In Ethiopia as in many developing nations, education means a job, money, and a better standard of living.

TO LEARN MORE

about Larry, go to larrybrownministries.org.

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nation. School leaders realize that if the Ethiopian church doesn’t wake up, in 20 years Ethiopia could be a Muslim nation.

Although it’s a small dent in the goal, 16 churches have already been established in Ethiopia, along with a church in Egypt and Lebanon. And between 80 and 90 percent of the graduates immediately enter full-time ministry.

He first traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September 2006 to help Dr. Baissa start a Bible school. “It was real pioneering work,” says Larry. But as a former U.S. naval officer with four years of active duty, Larry was used to roughing it. “You just do what you have to do.” That month, the school started with 21 students. Today, it has expanded to five campuses and has over 480 graduates. A four-year degree program in practical theology is also now offered.

The school’s vision is to establish 5,000 churches throughout Ethiopia. It is evident that Islam is aggressively trying to take over the

▶ **LARRY REGULARLY MINISTERS THROUGHOUT ETHIOPIA IN BOTH LARGE AND SMALL CHURCHES.**





After Larry began supporting the school financially, he was asked to minister in the village on several occasions. Since 2008, over 300 people there have given their lives to Christ.

REACHING THE CHILDREN OF ETHIOPIA WITH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS ONE OF LARRY'S TOP PRIORITIES.

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Larry also partnered with another Bible school graduate who ministers to widows and fatherless children. At first, he helped provide uniforms and school supplies for the children and food for the families. Before long Larry realized they needed to teach the widows how to care for themselves. He believed God for the finances, and on a recent trip to Ethiopia he was able to help 40 widows start their own small businesses. Today they sell bread, tea, fruit, vegetables, medicinal alcohol, and other merchandise in their villages. He also gave shoe shine kits to 10 very motivated young boys. They've already earned enough money to buy their own school uniforms.

REACHING THE YOUTH

Most Ethiopian churches don't have a children's or youth program. With both Islam and witchcraft trying to capture the hearts of young people, the Lord dealt strongly with Larry to wake up churches and pastors to the importance of reaching the youth. This past year, Larry brought together 15 to 20 churches for a youth conference. Pastors, church workers and leaders, parents, and young people attended the conference. The adults had three hours of training in the morning, and youth attended a large rally in the afternoon. Many young people gave their hearts to the Lord, rededicated their lives to Christ, or received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

God has given Larry supernatural favor among the Ethiopians. He's had many opportunities to share Christ with men and women who had no idea that God loved them and cared for them. He's ministered in small churches with just a handful of members and in congregations of 3,000 where embassy workers and ambassadors regularly attend. Larry has had as many as 200 people at a time come forward during altar calls to give their lives to the Lord.

Larry's aim is to serve. And whether he is in Ethiopia or anywhere else in the world, he purposes to use his gifts to help in any way he can.

LAYING HANDS ON A WOMAN IN ADDIS ABABA.



LARRY POSES WITH CHILDREN FROM ONE OF THE MANY ORPHAN OUTREACHES HE HELPS.



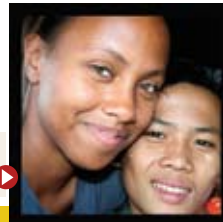
Larissa that she would continue working with Life Impact. Two months after graduating from Rhema in 2009, Larissa was back in Thailand.

At Life Impact, Larissa wears several hats. She oversees the training of national staff to be house parents and helps them deal with issues the children face from being abused and rejected. She has developed curriculum about Jesus and trains workers on how to teach children on different age levels.

Larissa has also developed a day care program for the rescued babies. The program helps house moms have time for themselves and to do chores in the home. It also addresses developmental problems the children may have from being abused, neglected, and malnourished.

Larissa was only 19 years old when she left the U.S. for Thailand. But once there, she found her place in bringing life and hope to exploited children.

LARISSA BROWN



HELPING EXPLOITED CHILDREN

FROM AN EARLY AGE, Larissa Brown, Larry's daughter, dreamed of becoming an elementary school teacher. But before graduating from high school, the Lord told Larissa to use her passion for children in ministry. He then told her to go to Rhema Bible Training College.

In between Larissa's first and second year at Rhema, she spent her two-month summer break in Thailand at Life Impact International. Life Impact's mission is to rescue children in Thailand and Burma who are being sold into sex trafficking or slave labor.

It wasn't long after returning to the U.S. that the Lord showed

DELIVERING BASIC HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES TO FAMILIES AFFECTED BY A DEVASTATING FLOOD IN BURMA.





KENNETH W. HAGIN

JOHN 10:10 in the Amplified Bible reads, “I [Jesus] *came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).*”

That life in abundance—to the full, till it overflows—speaks of God’s highest and best, doesn’t it? This is what God intends for every one of His children. Yet so many aren’t enjoying this kind of overflowing life.

What keeps people from enjoying God’s best? Why do some never reach the level of life that God has promised in His Word? I believe one reason is how they think about life’s obstacles—the situations and circumstances that confront them. In other words, they believe God’s Word until a circumstance arises that contradicts it.

Our beliefs—what we believe in our heart—should determine our attitude or mentality. One of the greatest privileges we have as believers is that we can take the Word of God and develop the mentality that God wants us to have. He wants us to think in a way that positions us to receive and walk in His abundance and overflow!

I want to show you some truths in this area based on the example of the Old Testament people of Israel. Let’s look at how God’s people responded to His promise of abundance and to the opportunity He provided for them to live in the overflow.

After the children of Israel left Egypt, a land of slavery, God intended to bring them into their Promised Land, a land of plenty—a land of overflow! Moses sent 12 spies into that land to look it over and report back. Let’s read the report of 10 of those men.

NUMBERS 13:27-29, 31-33 (NKJV)

27 “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

..... **FAITH IN ACTION**

Develop a Conqueror's Mentality

Joshua and Caleb had a conqueror’s mentality. They did things we can also do to possess what God has provided for us through Christ Jesus.

- They were not intimidated by their enemies.
- They were not moved by their circumstances.
- They focused on the greatness of God.
- They focused on what they would enjoy once they entered the Promised Land.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan. . . .

31 We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.”

32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.

33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

These 10 spies agreed that the land overflowed with good things, just as God had said. But after they talked about that, they said, “Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there” (v. 28 NKJV). These men then explained why they couldn’t enter the land. They said, “We were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight” (v. 33 NKJV).

Have you ever heard the phrase “a grasshopper mentality”? This is the attitude 10 of the 12 spies had toward God’s promises. People with a grasshopper mentality think, “I’m so much smaller than the opposition. I’m not able to overcome. I am a nobody, a loser.” And because they think that way, they eventually believe it, and all their words and actions reflect that way of thinking.

As believers we can choose not to have a grasshopper mentality. Instead, we can focus on the Word of God and on what God said we can do. As we do that, we will enjoy the manifestation of God’s promises through Christ Jesus.

A CONQUEROR’S MENTALITY

Of the 12 spies Moses sent into the Promised Land, two came back with the right mindset. Caleb and Joshua didn’t have a grasshopper mentality; they had a conqueror’s mentality. They had the attitude that if God said it, they were well able to do it. They believed that if God gave it, they were well able to possess it!

Joshua and Caleb said to the children of Israel, “Don’t be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!” (Num. 14:9 NLT). Joshua and Caleb’s mentality was based on God and His promise, not on what they could do. God had promised them the land, and they trusted Him. And because of their faith in Him, Joshua and Caleb possessed what He had promised.

In the same way, our attitude today must be based on God and what He has said, not on what we can see. Second

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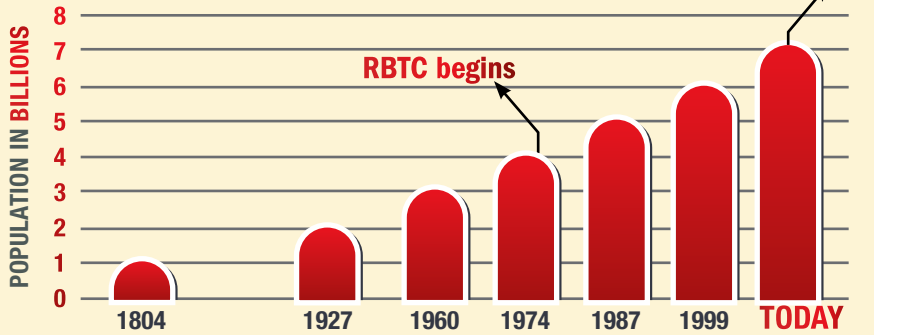
Corinthians 4:18 says, “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (NIV 1984). The Apostle Paul was saying here that the things that we can see now are subject to change. But the unseen things, or the things God has promised us that we must accept by faith, are not subject to change!

The Promised Land for us today consists of those things God has provided for us in redemption through Jesus Christ. In God’s great plan of redemption, He has made available to us salvation, healing, and prosperity. But we have to possess by faith what He has provided. To live in our Promised Land of abundance and overflow, we must do what Joshua and Caleb did. We must trust and obey God.

We can hold on to a grasshopper mentality and quit, or we can develop a conqueror’s mentality. We can refuse to let circumstances keep us from possessing everything that belongs to us in Christ. The choice is ours.♥

JOSHUA AND CALEB’S MENTALITY WAS **based on God** AND HIS **promise**, NOT ON WHAT THEY COULD DO.

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"Then He [Jesus] said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"

—MATTHEW 9:37-38 (NKJV)

FAITH ON THE MOVE

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Kenneth W. Hagin started Rhema with only a pad and pencil, his Bible, and his college handbook. He was amazed when 73 people showed up for school.

» 1973

Kenneth E. Hagin received the answer to his prayers at Rhema's first Camp-meeting. Speaking under the unction of the Holy Spirit, he said, "Bless God, we're going to start a Bible school."

"The sun never sets on a Rhema campus where somebody is studying to take the Word of God to somebody else! We're continuing to march around the globe."

—KENNETH W. HAGIN

» 1950

The Lord appeared to Kenneth E. Hagin and told him, "Go teach My people faith." With the message of faith burning in his heart, he began holding seminars across the United States. But he knew he couldn't get the message out alone. He often cried out to God, "The world must hear this. . . . How can we get it out?"

"We're just excited about what God's doing all over the world. And we're taking Rhema's vision and running with it."

—CRAIG W. HAGIN

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—GIVEN BY KENNETH W. HAGIN UNDER THE UNCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WINTER BIBLE SEMINAR 2013

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“My God shall supply **all your need** according to his riches in glory **by Christ Jesus.**”

— PHIL. 4:19

KENNETH E. HAGIN

THERE IS A LAW of sowing and reaping in both the natural and the spiritual realms. And it's a law that works! Yet from my experience, more people fail when it comes to faith for finances than for anything else. The reason is that they're trying to exercise faith for finances, but they haven't planted any seed! They want God to bless their finances even though they haven't sown anything.

The Bible plainly states, “*GIVE, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete [measure] withal it shall be measured to you again*” (Luke 6:38).

The Bible also plainly says, “*He which SOWETH sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully*” (2 Cor. 9:6). If you want a bountiful crop, you've got to sow bountifully.

You can't reap a crop without sowing seed. You can't go out into your backyard and say, “I'm going to pick some tomatoes,” if the ground hasn't been prepared and the seed sown.

The first step, then, toward getting your financial needs met is to obey the Bible.

MALACHI 3:10

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith

the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

God said we are to bring our tithes—10 percent of our income—into the storehouse, and in return He will open up the windows of Heaven. “Prove me now herewith,” He said.

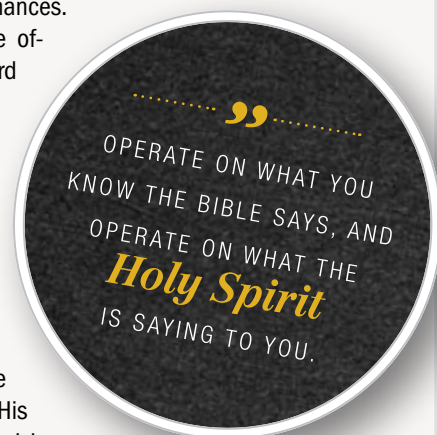
So just go ahead and obey the Bible in the area of finances. Pay your tithes and give offerings. Act on God's Word in faith, and God will bless you because He's faithful and true to His Word.

Then beyond cooperating with God's laws concerning tithing and giving offerings, be open to receive further light from His Word concerning giving to others. Also, be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, Who will very often direct you specifically to give.

Now don't do something just because somebody else did. Don't operate on someone else's experience. Operate on what you know the Bible says, and operate on what the Holy Spirit is saying to you.

You don't have to have any “leading” to pay tithes and give offerings. You don't need to be led to give and sow. The Bible tells you to do those things, so just do them. But when you get out beyond *that*, it's when you obey the Spirit of God that things happen.

Start where you are. Be faithful to obey the Word by paying your tithes and giving offerings. And



be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct you specifically to give. You can't out-give God. If you sow seeds bountifully in faith and obedience, you will reap an abundant harvest of blessings!♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's minibook *Obedience in Finances*.)



Feeling Buried?

CRAIG W. HAGIN

LET
GOD
DIG
YOU
OUT

I RECENTLY CAME across the story of a father who ran to check on his young son after a powerful earthquake hit the area they lived in. When this father reached the school where his son had been, he found nothing but a pile of rubble and debris.

As other parents stood by crying, this father began to dig. Though many people told him it was useless and tried to pull him away, he kept at it. Stone by stone, beam by beam, he dug through the night and into the next day.

Finally, he heard a voice cry, "Papa!" As he furiously continued to dig, he eventually saw the face of his young son. "I told the other kids not to worry," his son said, "because you told me you'd always be there for me."

This father was faithful to his promise.

HOW MUCH MORE?

If an earthly father would do this for his son, how much more will our Heavenly Father do for us?

God is faithful. He's 100 percent reliable, 100 percent of the time. He does not fail, forget, change, or disappoint. He says what He means, means what He says, and does everything He says He will do.

No matter what kind of storm you're in today—no matter what kind of debris you're buried beneath—you are never cut off from God's faithfulness. He is always there to dig you out. He never quits reaching down to try to help you when you're in need.

Will you let Him help you today? If you don't know Jesus as your personal Savior, then that's the place to start. Just say the following prayer aloud, from your heart:

God,

I come to You in Jesus' Name. I admit that I need your help. Please dig me out of the mess I'm in. The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9 NLT). I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus, Your Son, from the dead. And I confess Jesus as my Lord. Therefore, according to Your Word, I am saved. I trust You to take care of me now. You are faithful, so I know You are helping me.

Thank You!

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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 1984)

DO YOU HAVE certain scriptures that you review continually? One that I read all the time is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (NLT). I read this verse continually for two reasons: First, to remind myself to fulfill God's plans for my life; and second, to realize that, however challenging they may seem, God's plans will always turn out for good and not be disastrous.

As you begin 2014, I want you to realize that God *does* have a plan and a purpose for your life. He has put within you a desire to make a difference in this world. It's up to you whether you will be sensitive to listen to and follow His plans.

Two tragedies can happen in people's lives. First, some people never discover why God made them. They say all the time, "I'd just like to get through another day." They've never asked God what He wants their life to look like. They have never prayed that He would use their lives for a deeper purpose. They have always lived by what I call a pinball theory.

Have you ever played a pinball machine? You pull the trigger and you have no control over where the ball goes. You don't know where it's going to land. Many live this way. They are simply bounced around by the events and influences surrounding them. Many have never asked God to show them His plans for their lives. They have no vision.

The second tragedy is that some people live out their own plans instead of God's plans. This is worse than living a visionless life. Some take the attitude, "I want to fulfill *my* desires. It's not about what *God* wants for me but what *I* want for me." You can be doing good things, godly things, and still not be in God's

plan. Some people are so passionate about their own plans that they mistake them for God's plans.

Someone once said, "Life is like a coin. We get to spend it any way we like—but we only get to spend it once." Our goal should be that when we get to the end

of our lives, we are able to say, "I spent my coin right! God, I served my purpose. I lived out what You made me to do. I have finished the race. I served Your purpose in my generation."

Some people never discover their purpose. Others discover it but get distracted by circumstances and fail to complete God's plan.

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man was looking for a job as a Morse code operator. He answered a newspaper ad and went to the address listed. When he arrived, he found a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background.

A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office. The young man filled out his form and sat down with seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on.

They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet. They assumed that the young man who went into the office had made a mistake and would be disqualified. In a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled."

The other applicants began grumbling, and one finally spoke up. "Wait a minute," he said. "I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but all the time you have been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse code: IF YOU UNDERSTAND THIS MESSAGE, THEN COME RIGHT IN. THE JOB IS YOURS. None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his."

Are your ears tuned in to the voice of God? Can you hear His instructions—His plans for your life? As you begin this year, decide that you will not allow outside forces to distract you from hearing and following God's plans for you.♥

Lynette



Kids' Page

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

Are You Following God's Directions?

Some people use a compass to figure out what direction they should go. But if you read Numbers 9:15–23 you will find that the children of Israel had something far better than a compass to guide them! *God Himself led the children of Israel where He wanted them to go.* God caused a cloud to hang above the tabernacle of Israel by day and it became a fire by night. Whenever the cloud moved, the children of Israel moved along with it. Sometimes the cloud stayed in the same place for days, weeks, or months, but whenever it moved in any direction, the people moved in that same direction.

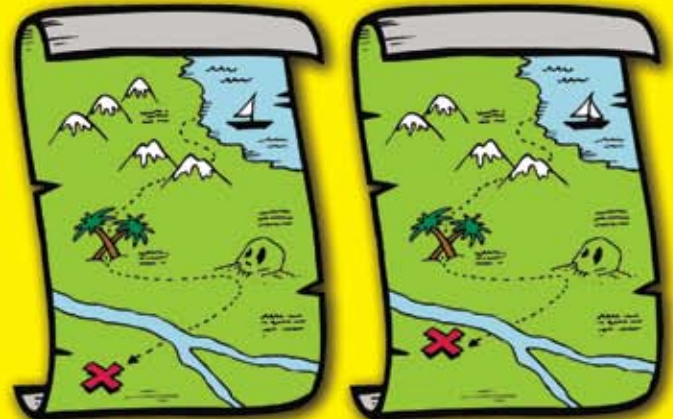
Today, God still wants to lead His people. The Bible tells us two ways that God gives us His directions:



1. By the Holy Spirit—"As many as are **led** by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).
2. By His Word (the Bible)—"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my **path**" (Ps. 119:105). God wants to lead you down His path for your life. The question is: **ARE YOU FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTIONS?**

FIND THE DIFFERENCES

Find at least 5 differences between the two treasure maps below.



GOD'S ROAD SIGNS



Match these road signs to the people or verse below that best fits the situation.

1. "I am the way, and the truth and the life; No one comes to the Father but through me."
2. "The way is narrow that leads to life."
3. Some of the children of Israel wanted to return to Egypt.
4. "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."
5. The Holy Spirit forbade Paul to go to Asia and preach the Gospel.

jokes & riddles



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

What is a baby's motto?
If at first you don't succeed, cry, cry again!

I am found in the sea and on land, but I do not walk or swim. I travel by foot but I'm toothless, and I'm never far from home. What am I?
A snail

What did one fish say to the other fish?
"If you keep your mouth shut, you won't get caught!"

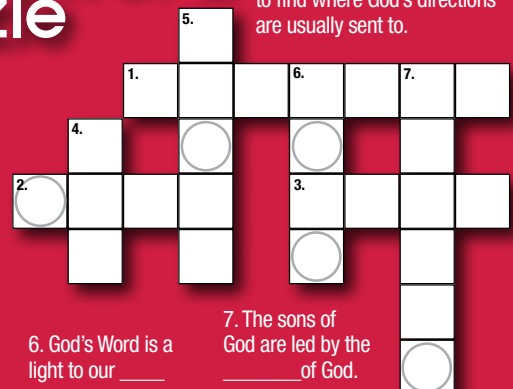
What do you get when you cross a dog and an elephant?
A very nervous mailman

What sound do porcupines make when they kiss?
"Ouch!"

Answers:
FIND THE DIFFERENCES: mountain missing, sail on boat missing, cut on left side of map, skull missing nose, "X" moved on second map.
GOD'S ROAD SIGNS: 1. C 2. D 3. A 4. E 5. B
CROSSWORD PUZZLE: 1. COMPASS 2. EAST 3. TRIP 4. MAP 5. NORTH 6. PATH 7. SPIRIT.
UNSCRAMBLED CIRCLED LETTERS = HEART

CROSSWORD puzzle

Finish the puzzle, then unscramble the circled letters to find where God's directions are usually sent to.



1. A round magnetic device used in finding directions.
2. The opposite of west.
3. A long ride taken in a car.
4. A piece of paper used to find cities and roads.
5. The direction a compass needle always points.

6. God's Word is a light to our _____

7. The sons of God are led by the _____ of God.



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