

# PLANE FAITH



## *How To Waste Time In Prayer*

There is a time that it will do you no good to pray to God about your situation, your circumstance or your problem. If you don't understand that, you will never get your prayer answered. There are a lot of people that pray for years, some pray all their life and never get an answer. They're not praying in line with God's word or it's not scriptural for them to pray about their situation and ask God to change it for them. The reason why is because God has already done everything He is ever going to do about that particular problem, circumstance or situation in your life.

Do you believe that prayer can change things? I've seen a statement on billboard signs and on tractor-trailer trucks "Prayer changes things". That statement is not true, if you don't complete it with other words, because if prayer changed things, then nobody in the world would have a problem that could not be changed. Many

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people pray. I know heathens that pray. Many times what we call "prayer" has nothing to do with prayer. We think it's prayer, but what really changes things, is believing prayer.

A believer must understand, from the Bible, what God has already done for them. We accept those facts by faith. We claim it is ours, by faith, before we see it or feel it. It does no good for me or you or anyone else to pray to God to do something about it for you. Why? Because He's already done all He's ever going to do. The bible is filled with the promises of God. You must know that these promises are already fulfilled and they already belong to you.

I want to quote some things from Kenneth E Hagin's mini-book "How To Write Your Own Ticket With God". This book is about Jesus Christ appearing to Dad Hagin and giving him revelation on the subject of faith and prayer. The principles in it have been a blessing to me in my life. I have learned to put these principles into practice to overcome circumstances and situations that I have faced

Jesus spoke to Dad Hagin and said, "If anybody anywhere will take these four steps or put these four principles into operation, he will always receive whatever he wants from me or from God the Father." The four steps are, say it, do it, receive it and tell it



*Randall Grier, Patti, Randall Jr.*

Dad Hagin goes on to explain this statement that Jesus said. He said, "I need to explain that these four steps He gave me can be put into operation immediately. You can receive anything in the present tense, such as salvation, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, healing for your body, spiritual victory, or finances. Anything that the Bible promises you now, you can receive now by taking these four steps. However, some things, such as some financial needs and the manifestation of some healings, etc., may take time to develop. Then the four steps become principles that you must put into practice over a period of time. A farmer cannot go out tomorrow and start picking cotton or thrashing wheat until it has had time to grow. But, thank God, whether they are steps to be taken immediately, or principles to be practiced over time, you can have what you say."

Jesus told Rev. Kenneth E Hagin that it would be a waste of time for the believer to pray to Jesus to give them the victory over the world, the flesh or the devil. Why? Because He's already done everything He's ever going to do about those things. The devil has been defeated, the flesh has been conquered and the world has been overcome. What we have to do is, find these truths in the Bible, read and meditate on them until we believe them and say with our mouth the words the Bible says are ours. It will waste our time for us to pray to God to do something about the world, flesh or the devil for us.

If you have been wondering why your prayers are not being answered, I encourage you to examine your prayer life in relation to this article. If you will begin to practice what Jesus said you will begin to live in victory in every area of your life. (end)



## *Preaching Without Prayer Is Performance*

I was praying prior to speaking in a morning service, not long ago, when the Lord said to me, “preaching without prayer is just performance”. He went on to say, “An actor learns a script and goes on stage and recites it. You can be trained to do that or learn it yourself.” He told me, “Don’t build your ministry on anything but prayer!”

I thought about what the Lord Jesus had said to me. The move is on, in the sight and sound generation, to be relevant in messages ministers speak. It is true we are in a sight and sound era because of technology. Ministers are trained and encouraged to have props, video and power point inserts in their messages. I am for having relevant material and visual aids. The Lord said to me, “Many ministers are so busy getting together all the visual material that they have no time left to pray. They get so caught up in the mental realm that the message they present appeals highly to the mind, will and emotions of the hearer. It does nothing or very little to change the spirit of the listener. The listener leaves the service all propped up mentally and emotionally but fails to have the Spiritual ability to live a Christian life.” Jesus said, “For without me you can do nothing”.

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The truth about how to live the Christian life is found in the Bible. For we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7). Dad Hagin, used to say that anything you use in the natural world to help prop you up, will hinder you spiritually. He taught that we were to live from within, by the Holy Spirit. He told us that we were to be led by the Holy Spirit and not the natural world. Dad Hagin said using an alarm clock to wake you in the morning would hinder your faith. He said, I always tell the Holy Spirit what time I want to wake up and he always woke up at that time. Of course, some considered Dad Hagin to have been washed up and out of touch with reality. Jesus never did! He appeared to him more times than anyone else I know of on planet earth. Kenneth E. Hagin told me personally that there were many things that he knew that he could not share with the church because they were not ready for them.

I encourage you to be relevant and have good powerful illustrations but not at the expense of having no time to pray and seek the Lord. In fact, I believe you should never prepare a message before asking the Lord what He wants to say and how He wants you to say it.

I personally go before the Lord in prayer and wait in His presence until He tells me what to speak. I will pray and

meditate on the Word of God and fast some during this time. Many times I don’t hear anything and just keep on worshipping Him. The closer it gets to the service time the more concerned my flesh seems to get if I haven’t heard anything. I have learned over the years to just keep on waiting and crucify the flesh. The flesh and mind don’t like that. Many times I get the message while I am praying to begin my message! No time to get props, illustrations or anything! My preaching is always filled with power and results when I yield to the Lord. If you have no prayer life there will be no power in your life to help you or others. I always ask the Lord for revelation and illustration of His word so that I can communicate it clearly to others. He never fails me nor will He fail you, if you will ask Him. (end)

## *The Church In The Sight And Sound Generation*

This generation has been called the sight and sound generation. The increased technologies of television, computers, game consoles, digital cameras, camcorders and visual media have brought us into this era. I was born April 5, 1954 and I am presently fifty three years old. We did not have all the electronic gadgets when I was growing up that my son, Randall, who is fourteen now, is growing up with. This technology has brought the world many conveniences but it is also becoming our own demise.

Technology, used improperly can rapidly increase evil in the world. Satan uses this tool to promote his evil instantly around the earth. Demons follow this sight and sound around the world. Demon possessed human predators use the internet and other movie media to prey on unsuspecting children, women and men. Many children are abducted daily from what they believe is an innocent chat on the internet. The predator tells them they are friends and they would like to meet them and when the young person arrives it is not a friend but a demon possessed person that wants to abuse and kill them. I have seen young boys and girls be allowed to place explicit video about themselves on the internet where these human predators hang out and look for someone to abuse. We do

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not allow our son to place anything on the internet like that and we monitor all his E-mail and website activity daily. I was in prison with a lot of these demon possessed human predators and know what they are capable of. I encourage you to know what your children do. Young





children and teenagers, even though they are in a good family and are taught correctly, are easily impressed and influenced at those ages. I know, because it happened to me! This society presses children to grow up too fast and become part of the popular "in crowd".

The church also benefits from this equipment to instantly-spread the gospel around the world in seconds and record church services. We must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves as we move forward in this arena. I foresee problems coming on the church in this area. The sight and sound generation is being taught to be spectators instead of participants. I predict, at the present rate of technology used by the church that people will not leave their home to go to church in the next twenty years; unless there is a major move of God in the earth that will bring the saints together.

Young people are being raised in a "throw it away" society. If you don't want it, throw it away. That is why millions of babies have been murdered in the United States under the banner of "legal abortion". The next thing to be thrown away is a belief in our Creator God and our Lord Jesus Christ. (end)

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Less than a month away, and Fall Vision 2007 is almost here. If you have questions you need answers to or problems you need solutions to, this is the perfect place to be to find those answers and find those solutions. There's just something about a corporate anointing and getting into the presence of God with other believers seeking after the same thing you are.

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*"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"*

*Ephesians 5:18-20*



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