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That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Heb. 6:12)

This verse tells us not to be lazy or slothful. It also tells us to obtain or inherit the promises of God through faith and patience. I believe most Christians desire the promises of God to happen in their lives. The hindrance many face is a lack of motivation to do what is necessary to receive them. There are steps to take to obtain them.

I was meditating on the Word of God recently. Suddenly, the Spirit of God said to me, *"Most Christians don't need a new revelation about My Word. They need to practice what they already know. Many are going to die in the circumstances they are in because they are waiting on me to do something for them. I have already done all I am going to do. It is up to the believer to act on my Word and receive what I have done."*

I had a man greatly anointed of God call me one time. He said, "The Bible is not working for me like it does for Brother Hagin and others I hear preach! I am going to put my head down and run at God until I hit Him or die one!" He diligently sought God, and miracles began happening in his life and ministry.



My Mother-In-Law

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (1 Timothy 6:12)

Mrs. Mary Thornton, my mother-in-law, needed a miracle from God. She was a good Christian lady, and a pastor's wife. She was diagnosed with cancer that had spread to different areas of her body. She had surgery and started medical treatments.

More importantly, she began to study the Bible and seek God with all her being. Every day she confessed the healing power of God was flowing into her body and that she would live and not die. She took authority over the devil daily. She stood strong and fought the good fight of faith.

We would encourage her to keep standing, and she did. It was her only hope of survival. This went on for almost two years. She got weary, but never gave up. One day she went to the doctor for her normal blood work, and they did not find any cancer in her body! She had received her miracle and was praising the Lord and thanking God! I watched her as she walked by faith when she did not feel like it. She determined that she would receive her healing, and she did.

Everything was great in her life for five years after this. Then she started having issues in another part of her body. She went to the doctor and received bad news. There was another type of cancer in her body, in a different area. We went to see her, and when I walked through the door, I knew she would not make it. Why? There was no determination and fight in her like the first time. She was not reading her Bible or confessing that she was healed. I tried to encourage her, and she would smile and confess the Bible. I knew it was only to please those around her. She would sit and blankly watch TV from a chair in her living room. She lived for a while, but eventually passed away from the cancer, and we were saddened.

I am not finding fault with her, but to let you know that you have to truly desire, with all your heart, what you are praying for. You have to be willing to spend your days and waking nights confessing the Word of God. You have to diligently study the Bible and pray until the miracle is manifested. The devil will do his best to try and get you to give up, but you must resist him steadfastly. If you are not willing to pay the price and fight the good fight of faith, you will not receive a miracle. Jesus will not make you exercise your faith. It's up to you.

If you are facing a life-or-death situation, you must not waste time watching TV, movies, or playing games on social media. If you do, you will not be able to get into faith and stay in faith.

Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin's Sister

Dad Hagin said, "Years ago, I learned that my sister had cancer. I went to the Lord in prayer on her behalf. I battled with the devil for her life. The Lord told me she would live and not die. The cancer was curtailed, and she had no more symptoms. Five years passed, and then she developed an entirely different form of cancer in another part of her body. There was no relation to the first cancer; it was of a different type.

My sister got down to 79 pounds. The Lord kept telling me that she was going to die. I kept asking the Lord why I couldn't change the outcome. *He told me she had had five years in which she could have studied the Word and built up her faith (she was saved), but she hadn't done it. He told me she was going to die, and she did. This is a sad example, but it's so true.*"

What happened to Dad Hagin's sister is just like what happened to my mother-in-law that you just read about in this newsletter. Both of these wonderful Christians went to Heaven, prematurely, for the same reason. They did not build their faith or exercise their faith like they should have. I am not condemning them; I am just using them as an example for all of us.

Notice that Jesus required each of them to exercise their faith to be healed. They didn't, and they died. He did not make exceptions for them, and He will not make exceptions for you or me. We must diligently study His Word and act on it by faith.

Faith With Works

*But wilt thou know, O vain man,
that faith without works is dead?*
(James 2:20)

It seems today that people are not motivated to go after God like they should. Diligently seeking God and mediating on His Word has been downgraded, or considered unnecessary, by this generation. The popular message is "Jesus has done it all, and you don't have to do anything but believe." There is great truth in the statement that Jesus has done it all for us. The problem is that many are taught *all you have to do* is believe, with no action or works on your part. Faith is expressed in action or works. Faith without works is dead being alone.

Finances

About 22 years ago, we experienced great financial decline in our ministry and our personal lives. It was when the trade towers fell in New York. Great fear came upon our nation and we lost 60 percent of our income to the ministry in one month. We got down where we barely had money to pay normal bills, living expenses, or payroll.

We sowed what we could and claimed the promises of God. Things did not improve; in fact, they got worse. I told my wife I was going to privately fast and pray until I heard from God. I knew He would help me if I diligently sought Him in prayer.

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I did this for about two weeks, and it seemed like the Lord was a million miles away. I set my faith and thanked God that all our needs were met. I prayed with my understanding, and I prayed a lot in other tongues. One day I decided to stay at home and pray while my wife went to the office. I started walking around and around our living room seeking Him.

Suddenly, I hit on the idea that maybe the Lord had answered me, but I had failed to pick up on it. I said, "Lord, if I have been unable to hear you because I have been weighed down with all this financial pressure, will you have someone call me and tell me what to do?" He answered me immediately and said, "I will have someone call you shortly." It was like 500 pounds lifted off of me, and I sensed the victory for the first time in many weeks! I was filled with peace and joy!

In about 30 minutes, my wife called me and told me a pastor called the office and wanted me to call him right away. I knew he was close to Dad Hagin, and I had shaken his hand before, but I really didn't know him. I called him right away, and he told me that the Lord had told him to call me. He told me exactly what to do and how to do it! It was a Word from the Lord, Himself, through this pastor, to me. At the end of our conversation, he asked for my physical address because he was going to overnight a substantial offering to our ministry. I thanked him and hung up the phone. I called my wife, and we thanked and praised God together!

I related this story to you so you could see there was action and works on my part before the problem was solved. God gave me the ability, but I had to exercise my faith, pray and fast before things changed. The Lord did not do it for me. He expected me to do it with the ability He gave to me. To God be all the glory! You or anyone else will need to exercise your faith and seek God to receive the miracle that you need. He will help you and give you strength and ability.

Steps To Obtain Any Bible Promise

First, find scripture that promises you what you desire. Romans 10:17 tells us that Bible faith comes from hearing God's Word. It is the only source of faith on the planet. It is also your guarantee that you will receive your desire. Two or three scriptures are good to stand on.

Second, and this is where many fail: read the scriptures out loud to yourself over and over and over. Faith comes by hearing what the Bible states. Many Christians just take off claiming the scriptures without having a solid faith foundation, and they fail to receive. You must speak the scriptures as you meditate on them. *The purpose of the confession of the Word of God is to get you in faith and to keep you in faith.* Once you get into faith, you maintain your faith by continuing to speak the Word of God and meditating upon it.

I learned this second truth around 1982. I had been born-again and filled with the Holy Ghost. I saw that Jesus was my savior and He also baptized me in the Spirit. I then learned that He was a healer.

I began to tell others in the prison that Jesus would heal them because He said he would in the Bible. About a week later, I was attacked with the flu or something. In fact, I was so sick that I was concerned I would not die! I had no strength or energy, I could not eat, and I was running a high fever. The guys I had been telling that Jesus would heal them began to question whether I was lying or not. They assumed God was punishing me for saying that Jesus was a healer.

I got several healing scriptures from the Bible and began to say them out loud to myself, over and over. After a while, faith came into me, and I was convinced I was healed, even though I looked and felt like I was dying! I declared the scriptures and confessed that I believed I was healed. The guys made fun of me and said I was not healed. It made me more determined to believe what the Lord Jesus Christ said!

I laid in bed and was so weak that I could barely whisper, but I still declared I was healed. I would not allow doubt to linger in my mind. The sheets would be soaking wet with sweat from my high fever. My friend Don would change the sheets and covers each day when I would go to pray in the chapel. I would walk part of the way, and sit down to rest, then continue on as I could. I would get to the chapel and collapse on my knees, on the concrete floor, by one of the old wooden pews, and pray.

I would eventually make it back to my bed. I went on this way for over a month. All the guys quit going to prayer with me except my friend Ted. One day, after prayer, Ted told me that healing must not be true because I looked like I was dying. I got mad and told him that I was healed and don't talk to me like that anymore! I stomped out of the chapel and made it to my bed without stopping!

I fell on my knees and cried out to the Lord. I told Him that I believed His Word when all my friends said it was not true. I told Him they were laughing at me and saying that His Word was not true. Suddenly! Jesus Christ spoke to me and said, "Get up and take your healing, for I have given it unto you!" I got up, sat on my bed, and fought off the symptoms, declaring I was healing.

Then, it seemed Heaven opened over me, and His power flowed from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet! I felt His healing power giving me strength, and I praised and thanked Him! My friends saw what had happened, and they began to say they truly believed that Jesus Christ was the healer. I was overjoyed and filled with faith!

I confessed the Word of God to get into faith and to stay in faith until the manifestation of my healing. You have to believe that you have received healing before you have the manifestation. That is what faith is. You have to stand your ground and not let the devil talk you out of it.

Third, stand your ground when your faith is tried. The biggest enemy to your faith is doubt and unbelief. The devil will make sure you have thoughts of doubt as you exercise your faith by confessing and acting upon God's Word.

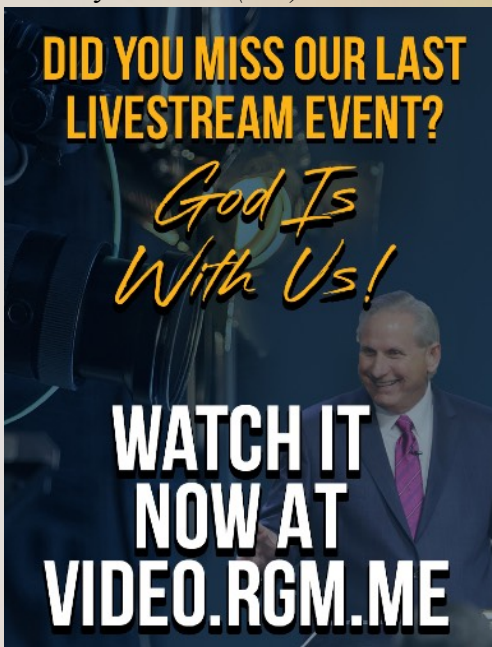
For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. (Mark 11:23)

The above verse tells you not to doubt in your heart. Just because you have thoughts of doubt in your head does not mean you are doubting in your heart. You can have a thought of doubt in your head, but have a heart filled with faith. Never speak thoughts of doubt; keep saying what the Bible says, and you will have it. Never give up - stand your ground!

Fourth, believe that it is already done and see yourself with it. Faith is not in the future; it is now!

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mk. 11:24)

In clearer language, believe that ye receive them, means "believe that you have already received them and you shall have them." It is already yours because the Bible is true. Thank and praise God that it is already yours, because it is! It is already finished. (end)



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