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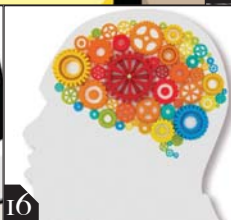
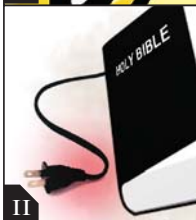
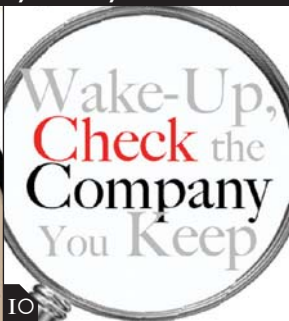
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“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

—Colossians 3:2

Walking with God does not exempt us from having to battle. Most often when people first become Believers, they may be surprised to find out that the main battle takes place in our minds. It's imperative that we know how to fight this battle so we can continually walk in victory.

Ignorance and victory are impossible roommates. Part of winning the battle for our minds is the practice of allowing our minds to dwell on things that are upright, righteous and wholesome. There are also things that will bring us down in our thought life such as works of the flesh which are outlined in Galatians 5:19

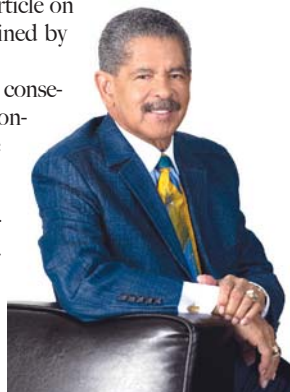
If we lose the battle of the mind, it's because we have given in to suggestions made by the devil. But God has provided a way for us to fight our enemy. The full armor of God is available to us so we won't be defeated by the devil.

Each and every thought has life or death attached to it. It is up to us to direct our thoughts to things above. The life span of a thought is determined by how much attention we give to it. In this issue, the feature story focuses on winning the battle of the mind.

In this issue, Pastor Robert Bolden also discusses the role that our mind and thoughts take in our overall health. Be sure to check out the article on Checking Your Company. Our success in life is often determined by who we surround ourselves with.

Remember, failure to maintain our thought life produces consequences. No one wants to live a life characterized by enduring consequences, especially when we have at our disposal all that we need to win the battle or our mind. As children of God, we must learn how to govern our thought life. Knowledge and its proper use win battles. God wants us to war the whole armor of God, not just selected pieces. Our armor is the Word of God.

Apostle Price



invitation to salvation

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that You raised Him from the dead for my benefit. HEAVENLY FATHER, I thank you for the gift of salvation and for accepting me now as Your child.

In JESUS' name, Amen.

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[Rev. C. Dennis Williams,
D.Min. and Lady Yvette
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Williams]
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Dr. Betty R. Price

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(314.867.1894)
[Dr. Anthony Herrin]
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(480.964.4463)
[Dr. C. Thomas Anderson]
7:00 p.m.
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Our Battle, Our Enemy, Our

Armor



Everyone has to deal with the battle of the mind. What's the battle of the mind? How we think. What we think. The way we think. This battle is unavoidable. You cannot get around it. It knows no age limits, no barriers of any kind, no gender, no ethnicity.

Why is it important to consider that battle for the mind? Failure to maintain our thought life produces consequences. It's been my observation that the older one gets, the more severe the consequences become because the person hasn't taken the time to learn how to govern their thought life. To begin with, the good

By Apostle Frederick K.C. Price

news is that God understands. Our Heavenly Father realizes the challenges that we face and He has made available equipment that we can use in order to win this battle. The Bible calls this equipment armor.

In Hosea 4:6, we are told: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being a priest for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

It is clear that in this passage God is talking to Israel specifically about the priests in their culture, but I believe we can extract principles from a verse like this one that transcends time. People are destroyed from lack of knowledge. This concept can certainly cover a wide range of topics, but one that is obvious is that people suffer consequences when they don't know how to govern their thought life. Their thoughts grow out of control and as a result, problems occur that they wish they had never

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seen or experienced.

Knowledge really is the key to this whole process. One of the most important principles that will help you in winning the battle of your mind is understanding that knowledge and its proper use win battles.

To properly grasp what this principle means, we must start with a basic understanding of God's protection for us. The prime passage of Scriptures that addresses the armor of God is found in Ephesians 6:10-17. I know this is a very well-known passage to many Christians, so I am encouraging you to read these words with fresh eyes. Look at the verses as if you have never seen them before: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of

His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, 16 above all, taking

"My people are destroyed by lack of knowledge." — Hosea 4:6



the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 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 the chosen symbolism of a Roman soldier's armor strongly suggest to me that if we choose not to obey what God has said here, then it is inevitable that we will be defeated in the battle of the mind.

Paul instructs readers twice to put on, or take unto us the whole armor of God. Armor is for protection. In this case, it protects us from being defeated by the thoughts that lead to destruction. Success does not depend on one piece of armor alone. Victory is achieved by putting on the whole armor of God.

To further emphasize the premise that it's more important to consider the armor as a whole as opposed to individual parts, consider Paul's words in I Thessalonians 5:8: "But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation." If you compare the Thessalonian passage with the Ephesians passage, it would appear that some of the references to the armor are confusing. In Ephesians, he refers to the shield of faith. In Thessalonians it's the breastplate of faith. Which piece of armor symbolizes faith?

"Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

"The whole armor we are to put on is the armor of Bible knowledge."

The best thing to do is consider the concept of symbolism. The best way to understand these scriptures is to focus on what the armor represents. Doing so would look something like this:

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand, stand therefore, having truth, having righteousness and with the gospel of peace. Above all, taking faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take salvation and the Word of God."

Paul is urging Believers to put on daily what we know about our salvation. He's telling us to put on daily what we know about our righteousness. If you don't know what's involved in your salvation, you don't know enough to win the battle for your mind.

The whole armor we are to put on is the armor of Bible knowledge. That's the armor we are to use in our battle against the enemy. When we put on what we know about these issues, and when we use our knowledge of these things properly, 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 the next casualty of the war, we must put on and properly use the true armor of God, which is simply the knowledge of His Word.

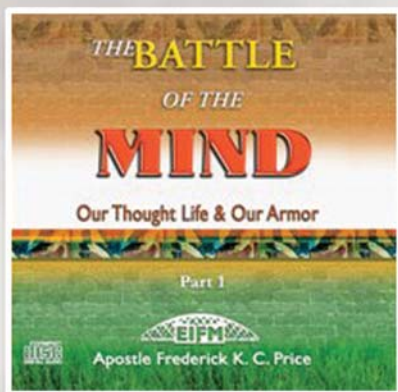
It is not just the knowledge of the Scripture, but it is knowledge and its proper use. Knowing it is just the beginning. Victory in battle requires putting armor to its proper use. You don't use a shield as a sword and you don't use a helmet on your feet. It's knowledge and its proper use. — EIF

Battle of the **MIND**



*Everyone has to fight
the battle that goes on
in the mind. Our
thought life determines
where we are in the
things of God.*

When people meditate on what is wrong or the negative side of a situation, they become blinded by the problem and never see the escape available to them. Our Heavenly Father has given us a way to bring forth light, and that is through diligent study and meditation of the Word of God. The foundational scripture for this entire series is Ephesians 6:10-17.



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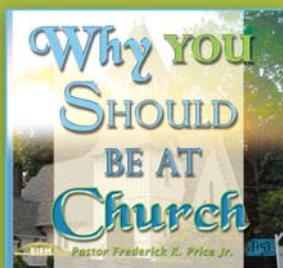
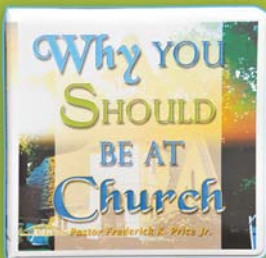
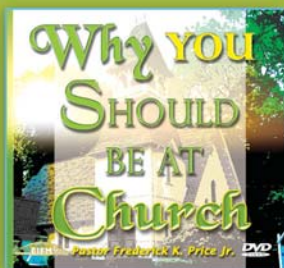
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How often do you see this? A young man or woman nestled up in a foreign location with their cell phone plugged into the wall. Now the plug (and electricity) might not even be theirs, but they noticed that they were approaching a danger zone. Their cell phone has just notified them that they have only 5% life left on their battery, and instead of letting the process just take its course, they took matters into their own hands because who can live without their cell phone right?

Isn't it funny that we will give more attention to the life of a cell phone battery than we do our own spirit? You know our spirit is also in desperate need of recharging everyday. What do we do when we notice that we haven't eaten in hours? Do we just ignore the rumbling in our

stomach? Do we say to ourselves "well, I ate a big meal Sunday so I don't have to eat again until next week? I will just snack once a day and that should hold me over until then." No! Just like that battery (or our belly) we are notified when we reach our lows. When we feel depressed or start stressing over things that we normally wouldn't, when temptation (that normally doesn't faze us) starts to look desirable, those are signs telling us that we need a recharge. We are always battling this flesh because our earthly suit is so corrupt. Paul states it in Roman 7:18: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find."

Although the scripture states it plainly, we ignore the signs and try to function as if we are always charged up. We must reach a point where we recognize before desperation (like the battery meter with the cell phone) and do what it takes to recharge. Just like we plug that phone into the wall, we must plug into our Heavenly Father. And how do we do that? Through studying His Word, fasting and praying in the Spirit. 2 Timothy 2:15 says "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Everyday the devil will create circumstances that can take our focus away. When I was young, I can remember turning on the TV and saying that there was nothing on. At that time, there were seven main channels to choose from. Now there are hundreds of channels to choose from (although nothing is still on) and so many subjects to get lost in. We are constantly bombarded with things fighting for our attention. In all that

the world presents, we can't be scattered in our thinking, but we must seek Him like never before (as often as needed) to be at our very best. God shares with us through His Word that if we put Him first He will take care of us.

Matthew 6:33: "But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."



By Pastor DeAndre Burns

God wants to add to us, but we have to stay connected and charged up to experience His best. But, how can we seek first His Kingdom if we don't know Him? How can we truly serve Him if we don't really know his characteristics? It's sad when I see people proclaim to be Christian, but make no effort at knowing the God they serve. The very word Christian means follower of Christ. How then can we walk in the footsteps of someone that we have no clue as to where they are going? We must make an effort to seek Him with all our heart like David stated in Psalm 119:1-11: "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! Thou hast commanded thy precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping thy statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all thy commandments. I will praise thee with an upright heart, when I learn thy righteous ordinances. I will observe thy statutes; O forsake me not utterly! How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. With my whole heart I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments! I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."—EIF

By Steven A. Perrilloux II

As far back as I can remember, having friends has always been an important aspect in my life. Friends are usually the most important people in our lives, besides our immediate families. Sometimes our friends become even closer to us than our own family. The term friend is used so loosely now-a-days though. If anything, a lot of us



Wake-Up, Check the Company You Keep

have more associates than friends. The definition of a friend is one attached to another by affection or esteem, acquaintance, one that is not hostile, one that is of the same nation party or group, or one that favors or promotes something (as a charity). A good acronym for a friend is a person who is Fully Reliable In Every New Difficulty. As you can see from the definition, having a friend is a very good thing. People often equate having a good friend with some sort of family member, like having a brother, sister, or cousin. Growing up we've all had our share of "play cousins."

A popular statement heard around the world is: "a good friend is hard to find." Having the wrong company or inappropriate friends can be a detriment to one's success. Proverbs 27:17 says, "iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Our parents told us as kids growing up to watch the company we keep. It could be years from now, but you will still remember that voice telling you watch out for this one or

that one. It's a wise parent or grandparent who could spot a bad friend a mile away. We have to remember that friends are like waves, they're either taking us in or they're taking us out.

It is so vital for us to watch our surroundings and the people we keep amongst us. We all love to be around good company and keep our friends close, but sometimes God can't speak to us when we're always amongst friends. We have to spend that much needed alone time and hear from God. It seems like we're willing to have our "friends" around just because, even if they aren't adding anything to our lives. Friends are either adding something to our lives or subtracting something. Some people would just rather be around any type of "friend" than to be by themselves. It has been said that one finds himself when he's by himself. Having a lot of friends isn't a bad thing; it's just the type of friends. Coach Tony Dungy put it this way, *"When having friends who don't share the same values, you should still be friendly to them, but you shouldn't be friends with them, we should look for people of character whose company we enjoy."* The older we get the fewer friends we tend to have. Personally I think it's because we finally realize that having all those friends just isn't necessary. With age, usually comes wisdom and hopefully growth and maturity. We should ask ourselves what benefit is that person bringing into the friendship? If the answer is nothing, then we should learn to love that person from a distance, but still be friendly to them.

The company you keep can determine how far you actually go in life. It has been proven that your personal income tends to equal the average of your five closest friends. How many stories have we heard about where high-profile people gets caught up with the wrong company and lose all they had because of having the wrong "friends." It takes one split second to be at the wrong place at the wrong time for your life to change. We have to check ourselves and check our company. The old folks used to say it best, "I can tell who you are by the company you keep." I love spending time with older people. They're usually right "on time" with their words of wisdom, and they speak on real life subjects that you can only get from personal experiences. We have to examine ourselves and make the necessary adjustments when it comes to friends and our environments. If we truly think about it, having a

lot of friends says something about us, it tells us that people must think highly of us to want to be around us. On the other hand, some people are like leeches, they will hold on to you as long as they can. They will suck you dry for everything you own. They will make your home their home, your car their car, your clothes their clothes and so on. These are all habits that people never break unless the person they're leeching off of corrects them and puts them in their place. This is called tough love, yes it hurts, but just know that its love inspired. Love conquers all.

When we think of a true friend, the word accountability should come to mind. *Your true friends will hold you accountable. We all need that friend who checks us and tells us to do right, even when it feels better doing wrong. Friends should put your interest before their own.* Think about how many famous people or celebrities would love to have a good genuine accountable friend, someone who will finally tell them "no" for a change, because they're so used to hearing "yes" due of who they are. Doing the right thing has nothing to do with who you are or what you do for a living. I've rubbed shoulders with some very respectable people whom I personally admire. I think the reason why to this day I still have that relationship with them is because of my integrity and honesty. I wasn't a "yes man" or whatever they were used to. I enjoyed their work or whatever they did for a living and I treated them with honor and respect, but I wasn't a fan. It's a big difference between being a friend and a fan. *A friend tells you what's best for you regardless of the situation. A fan on the other hand will be biased in some cases and tell you exactly what you want to hear.* Some people like the fan treatment, but that will eventually get them into a lot of trouble with their egos. Once they hear no for a change they freak out and start acting like a baby because they couldn't get their way. It's sad but we have grown adults walking around still acting like babies.

We live in an age where having a lot of friends is cool, especially with social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook, where it's all about the number of friends or followers you have. The more friends/followers you have, the more popular you seem to be. Being an entertainer, athlete, or having any other prestigious calling

is very understandable to have all those "friends" but these are more like fans who love what you do for a living, big difference. Sometimes these sites can put us in a place where we think having a lot of friends justifies who we are. It's almost like we're "unimportant" if we don't have hundreds or thousands of friends. This mindset isn't just like this here in LA, but all over the world. The rapper/business mogul Jay-Z says it this way, "men lie, women lie, numbers don't." That saying definitely hits home on a business scale, but people shouldn't be trained to think like that when it comes to friendships. Having too much of anything can hurt you and sometimes even kill you. In the book of Matthew, Jesus told us to be wise as a serpent and harmless as doves. We have to begin to choose our friends wisely if we're going to have a significant impact on this Earth.

Growing up we knew if we wanted to be a professional athlete, we got involved in sports. If we knew we wanted to be a famous musician, we joined the band. If we knew we wanted to be a lawyer, we joined the debate team. I'm sure you understand where I'm going; I'm saying that whatever we wanted to be in life, we surrounded ourselves with people who could help us in our journey. This is the same principle when it comes to watching your company, even as an adult. We can't be amongst liars, cheaters, fornicators, alcoholics, drug users etc and think that that lifestyle won't impact our lifestyle. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says *"do not be deceived, evil company corrupts good habits."* That scripture clearly states how ungodly habits can corrupt your good habits. No matter how much you love them and how cool they are, you will be compromising your values and your beliefs and giving the devil place if you continue to associate yourself with them.

We have to always remember that casual relationships deserve casual time, not quality time. In Hill Harper's book "Letters to a Young Brother" he says that "we should pick friends that you wish were your family." It's been said that the most important statements of friendships are spoken in five words or less. I believe "Wake-Up, Check your Company" is a statement that every person should adhere to in order to experience the true definition of a friend. Let's make the necessary changes in the company we keep to make sure we're experiencing genuine Godly friendship.—EIF

By Linda Davis


September 11th 2011 was a beautiful day! Just one month to the day I married Creighton Davis. Every morning since our wedding day Creighton and I prayed for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before I went to work each day. This particular day I overslept so I was rushing to get out the house. Meanwhile Creighton was still asleep. Just as I was gathering my things to walk out the door he jumped out of bed and said he had to pray for me. I knew it wasn't going to be short so I told him I will call him from work so we can pray then. Creighton insisted he had to pray for me before I left, so I agreed.

Most of his prayer was for my protection and wisdom for the day, I thought it a little strange, but went along with it. 30 minutes later I ran for the bus knowing I was definitely late for work. The bus came on time, and I made it to the 6 train at Pelham Bay in New York which ran express train Parkchester and then again to 125th Street. Everything was going well until we reached 42nd Street station, then the train stalled and we sat there for about 20minutes. I kept praying that I would not be late. (You can get fired for being late more than job performance at the phone company). Once the train got going we were traveling slower and slower all the way to the Brooklyn Bridge stop, where I transferred to the express train 1 stop so I didn't have to walk so far (being late and all). When I got off the train and walked to my usual exit, it was locked. So I had to go back in the opposite direction, as I came up the subway steps I noticed a large crowd of people standing outside. I thought there was a movie or television show being filmed. (Prior to September 11th there were a great many TV shows filmed in and around the World Trade Center). When I reached the top of the subway steps I saw everyone looking up, so I looked up and saw paper flying

everywhere. I also over-heard several people talking about a plane going into the North Tower. (Which at that moment I thought was stupid.) Why would someone fly a plane into the Trade Center, couldn't they see it?

As I continued down Fulton Street on my way to West Side Highway where my job was I kept seeing what I thought was paper flying, as the objects got closer I realized it wasn't all paper it was people falling from the upper floors! At that moment I heard the voice of God directing my path. He told me not to look up any longer and just keep walking. The police weren't allowing anyone to walk down Vesey Street because of all the falling debris and people. So I walked around the post office on Church Street, as I was walking I was praying that I would see someone from my office so they would know I was alright. As I walked down Barclay Street I heard banging sounds and again the voice of God saying don't look. I later learned that sound was the people hitting the pavement. As I came around the corner of Barclay and Westside Highway I saw my





co-workers in front of what is now the Verizon building.

To back track just a little this was the day our 3rd Level boss from Texas was coming to greet us for the first time. We had two offices: one in the Trade Center and the other in the Verizon building. I was supposed to go over to the Trade Center at 9am to man the phones while he met with them. I also had a routine of getting my breakfast and shopping before work in the many stores and shops in the Trade Center, but since I was late I didn't make it. As we were discussing the morning's events and deciding what to do next, we saw the second plane coming at us. From our location on the sidewalk of the Westside Highway it looked like the plane was trying to land. The plane was so low we could see the faces of the passengers! Then at the last minute the plane's engines accelerate and the plane flew into the South Tower. At that moment I told my co-workers we need to move away from this area. I told them something else was going to happen, (not knowing what) and there are too many people standing around and we may get hurt. So some of them followed my lead and we crossed the Westside Highway. As we were standing on the other side I told everyone to go home. We figured we could contact the company after we were all safe in our homes. A few people fought the idea, but eventually everyone who was with me said yes and started going home.

One of my co-workers Natalie (who was supposed to go with me to man the phones in the Trade Center) froze, so I became her guardian. I told her, we need to get to her fiancé's precinct so he wouldn't worry about her. His precinct was in Lower Manhattan so we walked up the Westside Highway looking for him in all the police cars going toward the Trade Center. As we were walking her phone rang and it was her fiancé. I

saw a portion of the wall in North Tower just melt away and all these people went falling out. What sticks is a well-dressed man and woman holding hands as they fell out. (She was holding on to her pocketbook and he had his briefcase in his hand). We finally made it to her fiancé's precinct house and he wasn't there. We found out from the captain that he was in Queens because it was also primary day.

That was my cue to leave and find my way home. I had no idea how I was going to get home but God directed me from the Westside to the eastside of Manhattan and across 14th Street why there were many other people gathered in the street not knowing what to do. I turned down a side street. I heard the crowds screaming again; later I learned that was when the 2nd tower was falling. I praised God all the way to 23rd Street where I saw the only payphone that didn't have anyone near it. Then I looked up again and I saw my express bus to Co-op City. I had to make a decision; call Creighton or get on the bus. I bypassed the phone and got on the bus. A few minutes later as the bus turned the corner I heard the dispatcher tell all the express bus drivers "no matter where you are lock up and come home." If I would have made that phone call I would have missed that bus and would have had to walk from 23rd Street AND Madison Avenue to Co-op City in the Bronx.

A 50-minute bus ride took 4 hours; thankfully my sister Vanetta, who by the way works for MTA, was waiting for me at the bus stop and drove me home. She and a few of my other friends and family were with Creighton, he didn't know whether or not he even had a wife. I am so grateful to God for waking Creighton up and for his obedience. I am thankful I yielded myself to the Spirit of God. I thank God that He cares for us, in the big things and in the small. —EIF

Renewing Your Mind with Right Thinking

By **Pastor Robert E. Bolden**

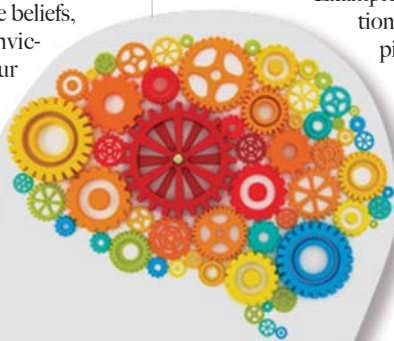
We are totally responsible for the way we think about others as well as ourselves. When our thoughts are God's thoughts, God's power is within our thoughts. We can train our thoughts to go in a certain direction just as we can steer our car to go in a certain direction. The condition, circumstances, events and experiences we go through are no accidents. They accurately reflect our habitual thinking. Meditating on God's Word will cause you to think correctly (Phil 4:8).

The mind has been programmed with natural established attitudes; these are beliefs, thoughts, ideas, opinions, convictions, prejudices acquired from our environment. The combination of our established attitudes develops into a "mind set." This needs to be renewed with a Godly attitude. Behavior starts with a thought and thoughts stimulate emotions which result in attitude and finally produce behavior. Therefore bad thoughts produce negative emotions, which produce negative atti-

tudes and bad behavior.

Every thought has a corresponding electro-chemical reaction in your brain, at one moment our brain has the ability to creatively performing about 400 billion actions, of which we are only conscious of around 2,000. Research shows that around 87% of illnesses can be attributed to our thought life, and approximately 13% to diet, genetics and environment. Every emotion results in an attitude and an attitude is a state of mind that produces a reaction in the body and a resultant behavior.

Examples of faith-based emotions are: love, peace, happiness, kindness, gentleness, self-control, forgiveness and patience. These produce good attitudes. Fear automatically puts the body into a potential stress mode and reaction. Examples of the fear emotions are hate, worry, anxiety, anger, hostility, rage, ill-will, resentment, frustration. These will produce an unhealthy attitude and bad



behavior. Faith and fear are not just emotions, but spiritual forces with chemical and electrical representation in the body. Negative emotions evolve out of fear. Positive emotions evolve out of faith.

We know from God's Word that the mind is the battleground with ongoing conflict between negative thoughts and positive thoughts—our Godly and un-Godly thoughts. Positively confessing God's Word is the beginning of changing your thought processes to victory over your thoughts. By using God's Word, we start unseen forces to work on our behalf, whatever you speak about you begin to attract.

Hosea 4:6 says we are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge. If you don't know these things, it would be difficult to do something about them. Consciously controlling your thoughts is not the first step in maintaining a positive thought life but, it's the main step. We must make commitment to walk in love and that is the international choice to love others no mat-

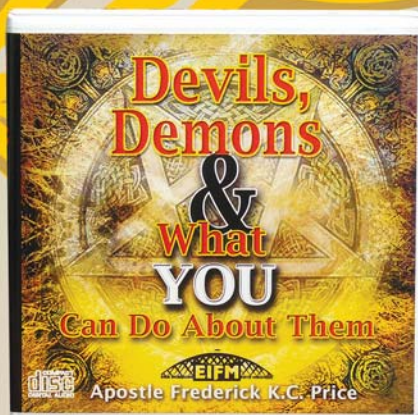
ter what.

Begin to laugh more and enjoy life because it releases an instant flood of feel-good medicine. In fact, according to research, laughing 100 to 200 times a day is equal to 10 minutes of rowing or jogging (Proverbs 6:2, 17:22, 18:21, Romans 12:2). We must learn how to meditate in God's more and direct our thoughts and words in a positive direction. Even Edison learned the principle of harnessing and directing as with electricity, he had faith in the laws of electricity and knew what it could do when harnessed and directed. Now this power lights the world, change your words and thoughts and you will change your world.—EIF

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DEVILS, DEMONS & WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THEM



The world portrays Satan as a fictitious character with two horns and a forked tail, but nothing could be further from the truth. Satan wants you to believe that he is a myth, a joke, a childhood fairytale, so he can continue to deceive you.

The truth is, he is very real and we war against him and his demons daily. We are in spiritual warfare and to win this war we must know who our enemy is and what weapons we need to be successful in this war.

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Fatherless Children

I haven't seen my father since I was five. Why did he just stop coming around? [child's name withheld]

Fatherlessness has become a common reality for many children. Growing up without dad means living without what God originally ordained when He established the covenant relationship of husband and wife. What strategies can teachers employ to teach fatherless children, and what can the Church do to help strengthen the family?

Understanding Fatherlessness

Causes of fatherlessness are death, divorce, separation, or non-marital childbearing. Today, only 55 percent of U.S. adults are married and living together, which is the lowest figure in history. For too many, the covenant relationship of marriage is replaced with the transitory commitment of "shacking up." Unfortunately, some unmarried women who hear their biological clocks ticking away simply decide to become single parents—even in the Church.

The result is that more than one-third of the nation's 71 million children don't live with their biological fathers. And research indicates that 40 percent of children haven't seen their fathers in a year.

How possible is it for fatherless children to truly believe in and relate to God as Father while coping with emotional issues such as abandonment and rejection by their earthly fathers? If it's true that having a relationship with an earthly father, who is a real daddy, helps us understand the value and importance of having a relationship with our Heavenly Father, then how difficult is it for fatherless children to grasp the compassionate, caring nature of a God who is available and ever present?

As a Christian nation, we are raising children many of whom have no idea what it is to have a relationship with their biological dad. These children sit in our Children's Church, Sunday Schools and youth groups where teachers are faced with the challenge of assuring them that their Heavenly Father will never leave them nor forsake them (Hebrews 13:5).

Effects of Fatherlessness

While single parenting is commonly accepted among adults, it is difficult for children to cope with the effects of fatherlessness. More than half—59.4% of families with a single mother live near poverty; 48.9% live in poverty; 27.9% live in extreme poverty (Payne, R. K., Revised 2003, A framework for understanding poverty. Highlands, TX: aha! Process, Inc.).

Economic disparity is not always, but often,

- 5** times more likely to commit suicide
- 32** times more likely to run away
- 20** times more likely to have behavioral disorders
- 14** times more likely to commit rape
- 9** times more likely to drop out of high school
- 10** times more likely to abuse chemical substances
- 9** times more likely to end up in a state-operated institution
- 20** times more likely to end up in prison

(Source: *childrensjustice.org*)

the breeding ground for drug abuse, gang warfare, and at its worst extreme, homelessness. Children from fatherless homes are:

Obviously, absent fathers can't appropriately discipline their children. When they don't do their jobs, correction is left in the hands of authority figures in blue uniforms.

Absent fathers gives boys a model of parenting that says it's okay for dad not to be around the home. Without fathers, boys and girls are more likely to be sexually promiscuous. Homosexual orientation may also have its roots in fatherlessness. And, since children learn that they are loveable by experiencing the love of their earthly fathers, the fatherless suffer from poor self-esteem. They may reason that they must be undesirable or else their fathers would want to see them.

The Father God Concept

The scars from being raised without dad leave an indelible mark on the soul. Fathers are crucial to the spiritual development of their children. The concept of God is formed by watching mothers and fathers acknowledge, pray to and rely upon our Heavenly Father. Here, parents in the



By **La Verne Tolbert, Ph.D.**

covenant relationship serve as role models, and role models help shape behavior. Unfortunately, there are millions of fatherless children who have never seen or heard their fathers pray.

Restoring the Faith

Restoring the faith so that children believe in and perceive of God as Father must begin with educating men about the vital role they play as role models. What happens to a child who doesn't have a father's faith to embrace? Fatherless, a child's imagination may lead him to picture God the Father as detached from his life, like an amputated arm. The fatherless child may come to the conclusion that since survival thus far hasn't included an earthly father, survival in the future does not necessitate God the Father.

It's reasonable to see why some adults who were raised in fatherless homes struggle in their relationship with God as Father. They may have difficulty developing an intimate relationship because their real-life experience with their own dad was one of disappointment, abandonment, and rejection.

God designed the family as a training ground. He intended that children be taught about life and relationships—including their covenant relationship with God and the covenant relationship between husband and wife—within the context of the family.

What the Church Can Do

When fathers are not in the home, the Church must assume the responsibility of doing as Christ commands. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." (James 1:27).

The Church is the principal institution capable of reaching those who have abandoned by their fathers. These children, tweens, and teens are on our campuses, in our classrooms, and often show up in our counseling sessions.

What opportunities for teachable moments! Modeling family, teaching about faithfulness and responsibility, and drawing real examples from Scripture will build a new foundation of rock to replace the crumbling fatherless foundations.

The Church might also focus on developing meaningful ministries to fathers. Bible study and fellowship groups could be utilized to teach men who are not actively involved with their children or who are struggling with the demands of fatherhood.

For wives and mothers, female-only ministry settings such as Dr. Betty Price's "Women Who

Care," may be beneficial in addressing the day-to-day concerns and frustrations that some women face. Here is a safe place to discuss with divorced women the necessity that children spend time with their dads. Ministry to single parents is key as well, especially if addressed within the context of parenting seminars that teach women how to live holy.

We're All Family

The good news is that God did not plan for children to live in isolation, apart from the community of the Church. We're all family! Here is a reservoir of mature adult men to serve as mentors to fatherless boys! A Rites of Passage program, for example, tailored after the African model, will assist young men in manhood development. As the mentor works with the youth, he in turn helps re-form the view of father.

In youth ministries, teenagers need to see husbands and wives ministering together, modeling what it means to be family. Lessons about dating and abstinence and loving God with all our heart will break the generational curse of fatherlessness. A ministry for girls that teaches them how to respect themselves, how to dress appropriately, and how to conduct themselves in different social situations gives females confidence and builds self-esteem.

At Crenshaw Christian Center in Los Angeles where Dr. Frederick K. C. Price is the Founder-Pastor, we have a special place specifically designed for teenagers in the community. On Friday nights, kids are welcome to play basketball and "hang out" in the Billy Blanks Youth Activity Center—a \$5 million, 28,000 square-foot state-of-the-art gymnasium fashioned after the downtown Staples Center.

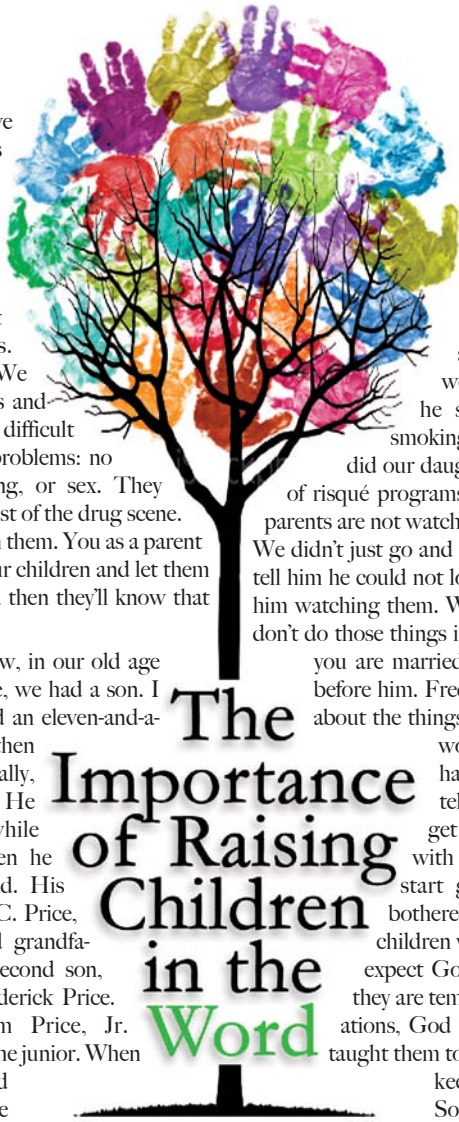
In such surroundings, teenagers learn what it means to belong in a family. They watch mentors who are living out the example of true fatherhood and find in these role models someone who is giving them guidance, love, and correction. In this way, the spiritual family truly becomes the extended family that is so desperately needed for children living in fatherless homes.

Christian educators have such limited access to reshaping the minds of impressionable children—approximately two hours a week on Sunday plus two hours of Bible study during the week. This is simply not enough time.

It takes the family—both mom and dad—plus the community of believers together. It takes mom...and dad.—ÉIF

When you have children, it is important to have the Word of God as your guide. We raised our children in the fear of God, so we really didn't have a lot of problems. God's Word works. We used it on our daughters and they came through those difficult teen years without any problems: no drugs, drinking, smoking, or sex. They came up godly in the midst of the drug scene. We put the fear of God in them. You as a parent must live right before your children and let them see God in your life, and then they'll know that God is real.

As many of you know, in our old age and quite to our surprise, we had a son. I had two grown girls and an eleven-and-a-half-year-old girl, and then we had this boy. Actually, our first child was a boy. He was killed by a car while crossing the street when he was only eight years old. His name was Frederick K. C. Price, III, after his father and grandfather. Frederick is our second son, and we named him Frederick Price. Many people call him Price, Jr. although he is not really the junior. When Freddie came along, Fred and I thought we were through having children, but God had other plans for us. Before he was born, we received a prophecy that the child I was carrying would be a boy and he would help my husband in the ministry, just as our first son would have done, had Satan not stolen his life. The prophecy came to pass, and Frederick, an assistant pastor at Crenshaw Christian Center, is proving to be a wonderful



The Importance of Raising Children in the Word

By Dr. Betty R. Price

blessing to his father and me, the ministry, and most of all to the Lord.

We raised him the same way we raised our daughters, because based on the Word of God we believe boys should be sexually pure as well as girls. We made sure he stayed free from drugs, smoking, and alcohol, just as we did our daughters. There are all kinds of risqué programs on television, and if the parents are not watchful, kids will look at them. We didn't just go and turn the television off and tell him he could not look at television if we saw him watching them. We would say to him, "We don't do those things in this house. No sex until you are married." We kept that message before him. Fred and I would talk to him about the things he had to face out in the world and the pitfalls Satan has for young men. I would tell him all the time, "Don't get yourself off in a corner with some girl by yourself and start getting your feelings all bothered." You have to tell your children what is out there and then expect God to back you up. When they are tempted to get in certain situations, God will bring what you have taught them to their remembrance if you keep it before them. Sometimes it brings stress.

It costs something to raise godly children because they want to do all the things that they see other kids do. Some parents are afraid to chastise their kids, thinking they are going to run away. Give those kids to God and go on and do what is right. They will appreciate it later.

First Peter 5:7 tells us:

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares

for you.

A lot of Christians think those are just beautiful words to read and they don't apply them personally, but you can apply the Word of God personally in your life. That is what we did in raising our children.

Power of Prayer

Prayer is so very important. You might think your job and the other things you are involved in are what are sustaining you. But you have to know that it is God who is totally behind any blessings you get. It is up to you to do your part, and God will do His. I'm a living witness. I came from real poverty to where I am now, and it was rough. But God brought us out of every situation. Third John 2 says:

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

That is God's desire for all of His children, and He will provide you with whatever you need. But you have to take it a step at a time. He knows whether you are "shucking and jiving." He knows whether you are just serving Him for the blessings or whether you are serving Him because you love Him and you want the very best of God in your life. I want my life to glorify and honor God. That is all I care about. I tell my kids the same thing: "This family is set aside to serve God." Like Joshua said, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve....But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

I pray for my children daily that they will give God their best and they will have His best. I pray for my grandchildren that they will have sensitive spirits and alert minds, and they will live for God all the days of their lives. The Christian life is a wonderful life. I can't express to you the peace that will be in your life when you walk in the will and blessings of God. And no matter what attacks you, God will see you through every situation you are faced with. Unfortunately, most Christians don't have the patience it takes to wait on God. You have to have patience with the things of God

that is why Hebrews 10:23 tells us to:

Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

If you really believe that, you'll hold fast until you receive the promised blessing.

We found out in raising our children that you want to have a pleasant environment for your children to come home to. You don't want to try and force your children to do something just because you like doing it, or try to make them come around to your point of view. Let them be who they are.

Like one family I'm thinking about now. The mother was just so hard on her kids. She would tell her children, "We're Christians now. You're not going to look at anything on television except Christian channels." They could not listen to music on the radio or play tapes. She made the children miserable. Where are the kids now? In the street—they don't believe God or anything. And mom is not making it either. You can go overboard living the "Christian life," more like a religious life. God doesn't call you to do that. He calls us to use wisdom. Listening to music is just a stage children go through. They'll eventually grow out of it. You have to make the environment nice for your children and don't put them in bondage, but let them see you doing right. Then they will know what to do at a given time.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 12:1-2:

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

You must decide for yourself that you will do anything you have to do to get in tune with Him. We are to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us." Jesus has provided everything we need to be winners in life. —EIF

This was an excerpt from Dr. Betty's newly released book, "Wisdom From Above: How to Live the Prosperous Life and Have Good Success."



Q&A with Drs. Fred and Betty Price



Even though I understand the importance of tithing, there is no way I can give ten percent of my income this time? How exactly can I honor God when I don't even have enough for my bills?

When we first learned about tithing, Apostle Price and I were barely able to make it on what was coming into the household as it was, and giving ten percent to the church was just impossible. But we were determined to get into a position to be able to tithe. We did not want to be God robbers. We decided that we would pay off one bill that would be equal to our tithe. Once the bill was paid off, we tithed that amount monthly. Then we did not spend money on anything that was not absolutely necessary. For two Christmases in a row we didn't buy anything, not even a Christmas tree. We knew that it was very hard on the kids, but this was what we had determined to do in order to be obedient to the Word.

Then little by little, God began to bring us out of our poverty situation into a place where we had

no need.

It was when our son, Frederick, was about seven years of age that he and I discovered a most powerful scripture to claim and confess for prosperity, Psalm 112:1-3: Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord. Who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house. And his righteousness endures forever.

In Malachi 3:10, God promises the windows of heaven blessing. In Psalm 112, He promises that if we reverence Him and delight greatly in His commandments, prosperity will be in our houses. Now, you have to decide if you are going to believe the Word or not. You are the deciding factor.

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Scattered, Covered or Smothered?

By Minister Mark Peay

As an adult, I spent a good portion of my life down South in Atlanta, Georgia. The South was, among other things, known for good, down-home eating. One such place is The Waffle House. This Southern staple is known for its hospitality, cooked-to-order breakfasts, homemade waffles and of course the famous hash brown potatoes. The unique thing about the Waffle House's hash browns was the fact that they were cooked to order. The most popular serving was: "scattered, covered and smothered. This meant that the hash browns were scattered on the grill, covered with cheese and "smothered" with onions. And it's these three words that we will use to explore our worship lifestyle in this edition.

The enemy seeks to daily distract us and bombard us with the cares of life and of this world. The battle of the mind is one that we are constantly re-enlisted in. We are called to conquer in this area and it takes our faith and the renewing of the mind to defeat this formidable foe. Romans 12:2 tells us "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

I love the use of the word "prove." To me, this denotes the purpose of any battle: To PROVE who is the best. Any one can talk a good game, but it's the one who can prove it on the battle field who is considered the true victor. And so it is with us. Because of our elder brother Jesus, we have all that we need to wage war and win in the battle-field of the mind. (Romans 12:2).

ARE YOU SCATTERED?...

We live in the reality TV and consumption age and our attention is constantly being competed for. This causes us to be scattered and watered down in our effectiveness for the Kingdom. But this "divide and conquer" tactic of the enemy has no effect on those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High and those who abide under the Almighty's Shadow. (Psalm 91:1). As we rest in

His presence, we resist the temptation to be scattered in our minds, thoughts and purpose. The enemy seeks to have us meander in the mundane rather than strive for the mastery in our lives. It was noted author and motivator Zig Ziglar who said, "You cannot make it as a wandering generality. You must be a meaningful specific." When we are scattered and unfocused, we become prime targets for the enemy to disarm us from thinking on things that are true, lovely and virtuous. Philippians 4:8 encourages us: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Most things of this world that seek to scatter us and render us helpless in the arena of the mind are not true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous or lend themselves to praise toward God.

ARE YOU SMOTHERED?...

According to Galatians 5:1, we are to "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." The cares of this life have a way of attempting to entangle and smother our faith. It's up to us to remember that although we are enlisted, we are free! Free to walk in faith without being snuffed out by the enemy's wiles. My mother had an amazing green thumb. She could bring a dying plant to life and cause a thriving plant to bloom like never before. She told me that the secret to healthy greenery is to keep the soil fertile and fresh. I remember asking her "how can dirt be fresh?" That seemed like an oxymoron. She explained that fresh dirt is dirt that produces healthy air to the roots of the plant. It's the health of the roots that determine the life of the plant. In other words, without a sufficient diet of carbon dioxide, it's possible to cause it to die. This is the same with believers. The world desires to choke out the Word of God through cares, concerns and chaos. If we fail to stay immersed in the Word or

refreshed in the secret place through worship, we too can be snuffed out. I thank God that I can take the yoke of Jesus and walk in the light burden of the Lord. This is not always an easy task, but it's doable.

"ARE YOU COVERED?..."

When I watch military-themed movies or shows, I often hear the term, "run for cover." This command means to seek a place of refuge. This gives the connotation that one is weak and/or giving up in surrender. However, this is further from the truth. When caught in a rain or hail storm and we are adorned in the proper apparel or are carrying the necessary protection apparatus, i.e. an umbrella, it is not only wisdom, but its considered common sense to seek shelter. Well, so it is when we need to be lovingly covered by our Heavenly Father. In Psalm 63, King David was in the wilderness of Judah.

The whole passage is replete with encouragement for those in God's army and a refreshing reminder that when we stand on the battlefield. Let's zone in to verse 7: "Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I

will rejoice." David knew the value and the wisdom of being "covered". This is why you would always find in one of two places; on the battlefield or in the secret place. Church, when the cares of life, the secular humanistic tendencies of the world and the bombardment of the enemy's attack attempt to render us scattered and smothered, we have a place we can go! I liken it to the safety of an American embassy. No matter where overseas an American citizen is, he or she is always guaranteed safety and asylum in a U.S. embassy. Even on foreign soil, the citizen is covered and guarded. But first, the citizen must enter in the gates of the embassy, past the outer courts and into the interior of the embassy. Sound familiar? It should because Psalm 91 says, "He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty". The citizen that seeks safety and diplomatic immunity must "abide inside" in order to be effectively covered. It is here that we can consistently win the battle of the mind and pull down every strong hold and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5) —EIF

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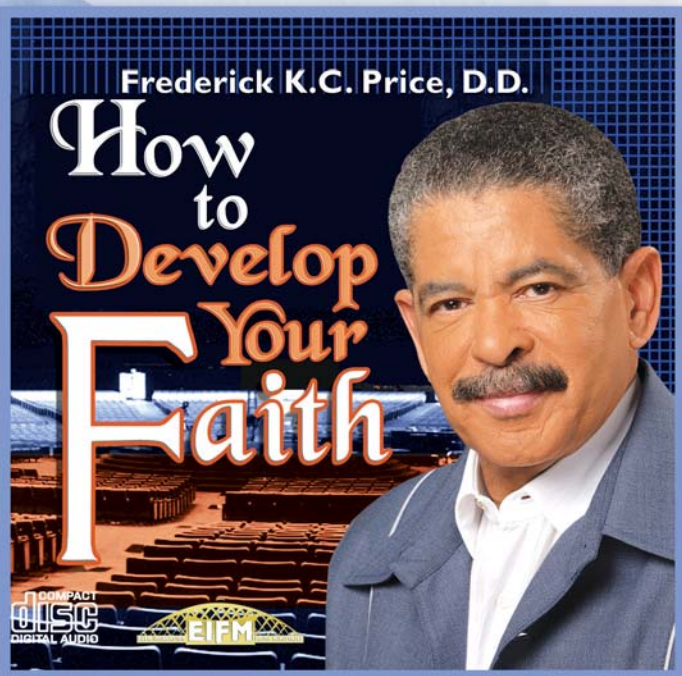
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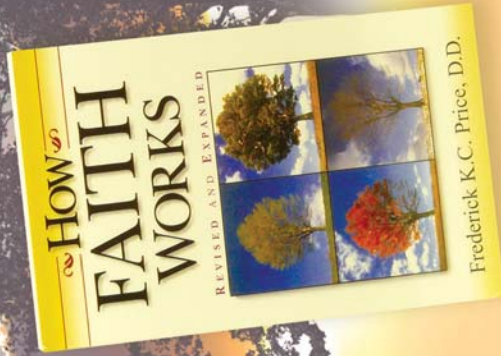
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