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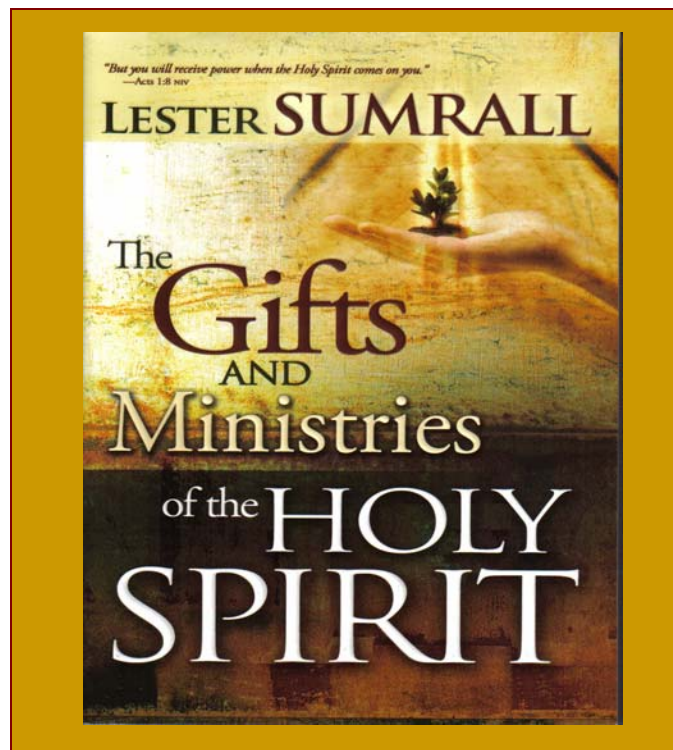
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**MONTH OF JUNE**

**HOME BIBLE WORKSHOP**

## **THE GIFTS AND MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**Included in our Bible Workshop will be a study of Lester Sumrall's book, "The Gifts & Ministries of the Holy Spirit."**

**The power of God is invincible, and the gifts of the Spirit have been given to the church as the weapons of our warfare. However, the church today is going into battle without a true knowledge of those weapons. Any time you go to battle without**

**your weapons properly functioning, you cannot expect to win the fight.**

**It is my true desire that through this study of the gifts of the Spirit, you will recognize the true greatness of these spiritual gifts and allow them to become a vital part of your life.**

**When our Lord Jesus came to this earth to conquer it and redeem it, He functioned only within the framework of the gifts of the Spirit. His total ministry on earth was not as God, but as a man, functioning in the gifts of the Spirit. All the "miracles" Jesus performed were the result of a gift of the Spirit functioning at that time.**

### **THE SECRET LIFE OF THE BRAIN**

**At the age of 95, Stanley Kunitz was named poet laureate of the United States. Still writing new poems, still reading to live audiences, he stands as an inspiring example of the brain's ability to stay vital in the final years of our lives.**

**The latest discoveries in neuroscience present a new view of how the brain ages. Overturning decades of dogma, scientists recently discovered that even into our seventies, our brains continue producing new neurons. Scientists no longer hold the longstanding belief that we lose vast numbers of brain cells as we grow older. The normal aging process leaves most mental functions intact, and may even provide the brain with unique advantages that form the basis for wisdom. The aging brain is also far more resilient than was previously believed.**

### **MINI-MESSAGES**

### **ARE WE TALKING RUTS AGAIN?**

**So often in every day living, many of us get in our ruts and never realize we've fallen into them. These comfortable patterns in our lives become so ingrained that we fail to even recognize they are there. Every-once-in-a-while, our Father finds a way to help us see our ruts and nudge us to get out of them.**

**Each day, we need to ask the Lord to open our eyes to see the opportunities, people, situations, and alternatives around us. We do this by beginning the day focused on the Lord and His will for our lives. We ask Him to lead us to the place, people, and circumstances He wants to use to shape our lives. While we may not see something that immediately captures our attention, simply changing our familiar surroundings is often enough for us to see a new direction to pursue that leads us to other areas of service for the King and His Kingdom.**

### **NOT MORE CHANGE!**

**For us as Christians, there is more to it than that. Change for us can be more than change. Change can mean transformation—a whole new world and not just a change in scenery. We can start life fresh and new. That's what conversion is all about. We are no longer sinners, but stand before God as His children, presented by Jesus "holy, without blemish, and free from accusation." As God's children who sometimes stumble and fall, we can have our spiritual world reset and return to perfection. When our world seems to come apart at the seams, we can trust that God's grace is at work undoing Satan's messes and disasters, while working things toward our ultimate good. As we face each new day, God's faithfulness means His blessings and love are new and fresh every morning. Even in those long stretches of life when things get monotonously similar and it seems we're going nowhere, God is at work through His Spirit transforming us a little bit each day to become more like Christ.**

**So while our world is subject to change, we can take heart that as God's children, we're intended for transformation. Our destination, our goal, is assured because the Agent of Change is at work making us more like Him!**

**BRANDON TEEN WINS YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR  
AWARD**

**The Clarion-Ledger - June 20, 2006**

**Ashley Gunn, 18, of Brandon is one of five regional winners of the NFIB/Visa USA Young Entrepreneur Award. The overall winner of the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award will be announced tonight in Washington, D.C.**

**Gunn is the founder and chairman of Students Aiding Indigent Families (SAIF), a nonprofit organization that buys, renovates and sells abandoned homes to families in need at below-market value.**

**Earlier this year, she was also named one of nine winners of the BRICK Awards, granted to community service "rock stars," for her SAIF project.**

**She received \$10,000 from the sponsor of the prize; Do Something, a community service organization co-founded by actor Andrew Shue**

**ENTREPRENEURS-NO EXCUSES**

**Are you burying yourself in busywork to avoid really starting your own business?**

**Call it what you like. Procrastination. Fear. Necessary preparation. Regardless, the fact is that many new business**

**owners fall into the trap of spending days, weeks and months staying "busy" without actually doing business.**

**It's true that starting a business requires a certain amount of preparation, or as Robert Spiegel, author of *The Shoestring Entrepreneur's Guide to the Best Home-Based Businesses*, prefers to call it, "pencil sharpening." Luckily, we're here to give you 10 specific ways to move past pencil sharpening and put those pencils to work.**

### **ENTREPRENEURS-NEVER TO YOUNG**

**Only in America can a 19-year-old kid launch a million-dollar music business from his dorm room and two 17-year-old twins own a media empire worth close to \$1 billion. And while it's easy to watch with envy as young entrepreneurs continue to grow up around you and fulfill your entrepreneurial dreams, you really have two choices: You can seethe at their success, or you can put jealousy aside and listen to the advice they have to offer.**