

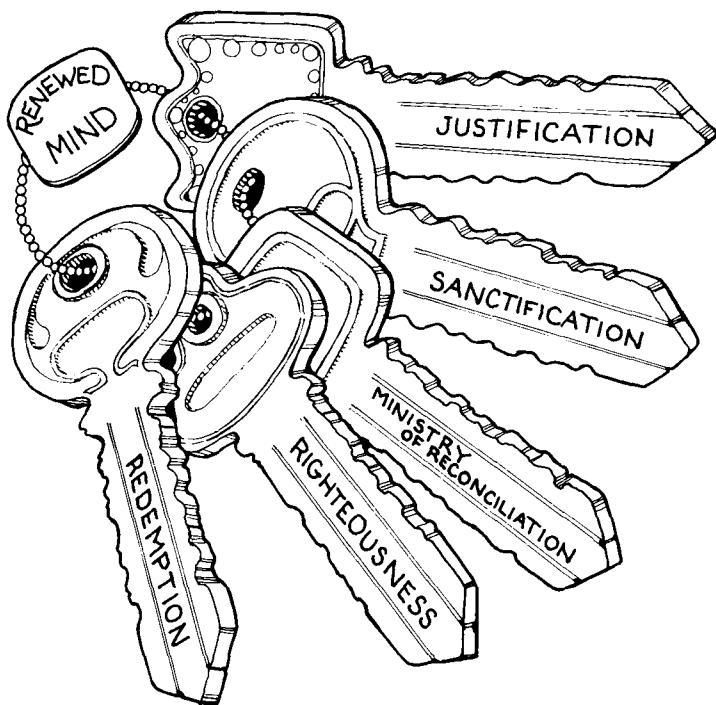
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## The Key to Power





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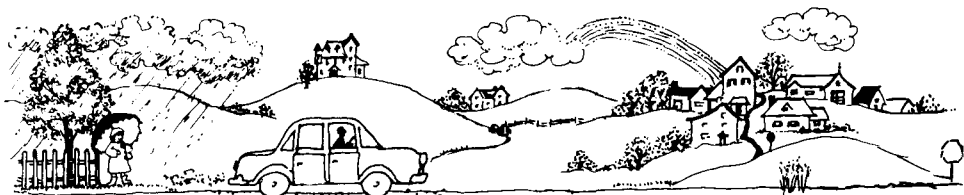


If you have ever seen someone drive a car, you have probably seen him drive it forward, around corners and maybe even in reverse. The reason the car can move in these directions is because of the powerful engine it has.

If the driver of the car were to park it and take the key out, the engine would stop running. That engine would still have the ability to work and be powerful, but it would not go until someone first put the key back into the car and turned it on. Then, the engine would start again and the car would have the ability to go.

The power God gave us when we were born again works much like the car engine. A person can be loaded with all the power of God on the inside, just like the car with the powerful engine. However, only to the extent that a person renews his mind will this power work in his life. It is the renewed mind that is the key to power.

What does it mean to “renew one’s mind”? It means “to hold the Word in mind and act accordingly.” Just as when you renew a library book you simply change (make new) the date when it is due, you renew your mind as you simply **CHANGE YOUR THINKING**. When you renew a library book, you do not throw it away, do you? No. You do not try to throw your mind away either. You simply replace negative thoughts with positive thoughts—the thoughts of God’s Word. Since you can only think one thought at a time, as you simply think about God’s Word the negative thoughts will go away. 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.”



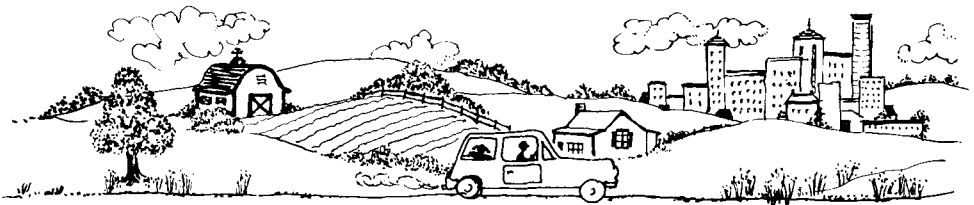
Psalms 18:33 teaches us how to “line up” our thinking with God’s Word. This verse says, “He maketh my feet like hinds’ feet, and setteth me upon my high places.”

A hind is a mother deer. When she goes up the side of a mountain with her young deer following her, she tests the ground for loose stones on the slope with her front feet. Then she takes her back feet and places them exactly where her front feet were first placed. If she did not test the ground with her front feet, the loose stones would cause her to fall down the slope and she could die. In the same way, we set our minds on exactly what the Word says. We read what the Word says and then we put those exact same words in our minds and believe them.

Once you become born again by confessing Romans 10:9, you are at that moment a born-again believer, a son of God. At that moment you receive the power of God in you. You are God’s child forever. I John 3:2a says, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God.” From that moment on you are God’s child and He will always be with you to love you and help you.

I Corinthians 1:30 tells us that once we become born again we have the ability to be wise, like Christ was. We can act wisely just as Christ did. We are also righteous. This means that we can stand boldly before God because God has made us perfect spiritually. We now belong to God and He always thinks positively of us. This verse also says we are sanctified, which means that we are set apart to be gathered together when Christ comes back some day. We will then have a new body and live with God forever.

It is God’s will that we know and believe these and the other promises to us. When negative thoughts come to our minds, we can quickly replace them with God’s Word. How thankful we can be to know God’s Word and have the ability to renew our minds. For it is God’s Word that tells us the real truth about who we are and all that we can do because we have such a wonderful heavenly Father!



Here is a crossword just for you. The sentences come right from the article on pages two and three. See how many you can do without looking back at the article.

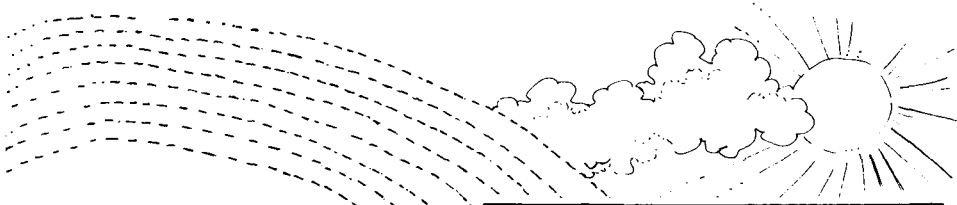
**ACROSS:**

1. I Corinthians 1:30 tells us that once we become born again we have the ability to be wise, like \_\_\_\_\_ was.
4. Just as when you renew a library book you simply change (make new) the date when it is due, you renew your mind as you simply CHANGE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A person can be \_\_\_\_\_ with all the power of God on the inside, just like the car with the powerful engine.
6. Psalms 18:33 teaches us how to “line up” our thinking with \_\_\_\_\_ Word.
8. When negative thoughts come to \_\_\_\_\_ minds, we can quickly replace them with God’s Word.

**DOWN:**

2. However, only to the extent that a person \_\_\_\_\_ his mind will this power work in his life.
3. It is the renewed \_\_\_\_\_ that is the key to power.
4. Since you can only think one thought at a time, as you simply think on God’s Word the negative \_\_\_\_\_ will go away.
7. Once you become born again by confessing Romans 10:9, you are at that moment a born-again believer, a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.





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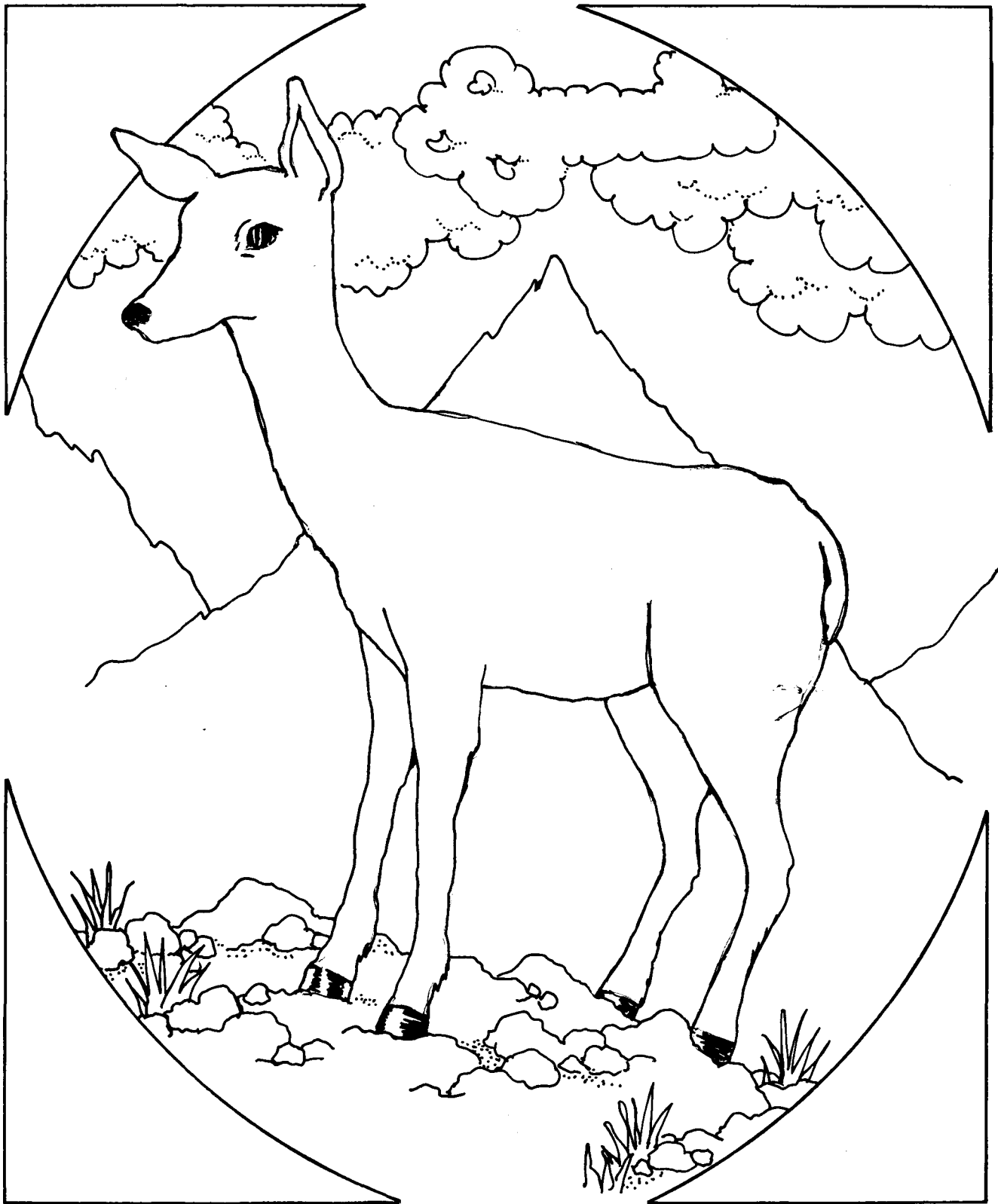
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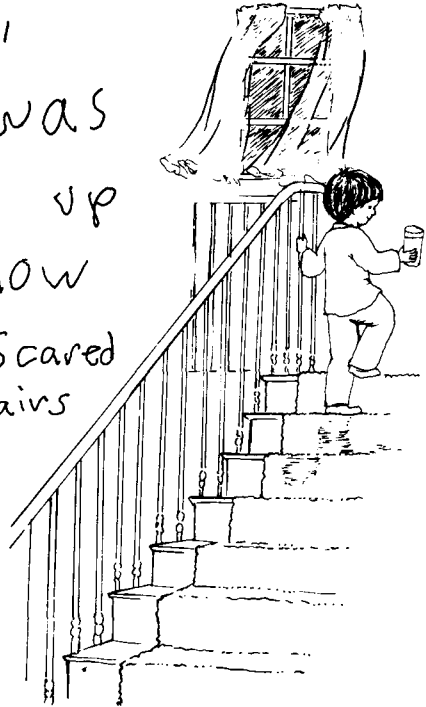




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# Heart Sharing

Dear Heart,  
Before I was  
scared to go up  
stairs But now  
I am not scared  
to go up stairs  
Jamie  
Basso  
Age 8.



This page is for you—the children in God's family! Each month this page will be set aside for you to share your heart with the other believers who read this magazine.

How has God blessed your life lately?

What have you learned from God's Word?

What have you been doing in your Children's Fellowship?

How have you been helping others?

Share your heart in whatever way you would like—a card, letter or poem. Be sure it is something that you have written yourself. Write to:

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# Secret Sentence



Look at the words in the box. Find these words below and color them blue.

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Now, find the mystery sentence. Color it any color you like and then write it on the lines below.

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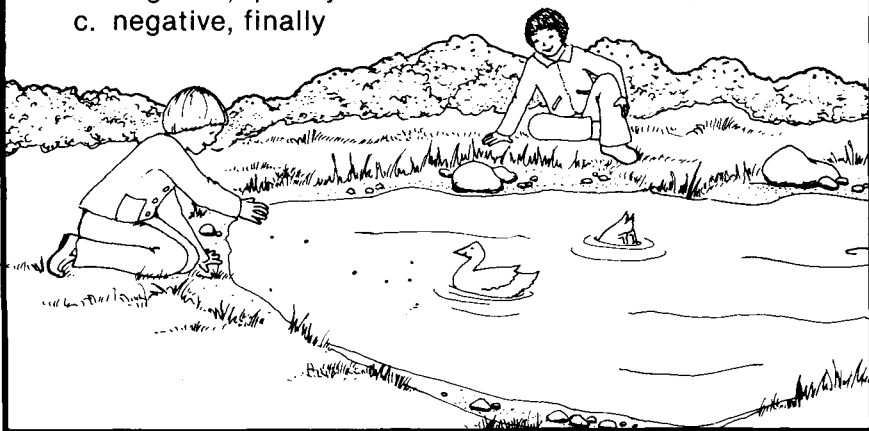
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# Quiz

1. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ mind that is the key to power.
  - a. unrenewed
  - b. old
  - c. renewed
2. Just as when you renew a library book you simply change (make new) the date when it is due, you renew your mind as you simply \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. CHANGE YOUR SHOES
  - b. ARRANGE YOUR THINKING
  - c. CHANGE YOUR THINKING
3. A hind is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. father deer
  - b. mother deer
  - c. mother fox
4. I Corinthians 1:30 tells us that once we become born again we have the \_\_\_\_\_ to be wise, like Christ was.
  - a. ability
  - b. disability
  - c. liability
5. When \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts come to our minds, we can \_\_\_\_\_ replace them with God's Word.
  - a. positive, slowly
  - b. negative, quickly
  - c. negative, finally



# He Lifted Me

Lord I know I'm born again:  
I've got Your spirit within.  
Yet sometimes Lord, I feel far from Thee.  
I know Your Word says I've been made free  
And I could walk much more powerfully,  
Help me see Lord once again that You lifted me.

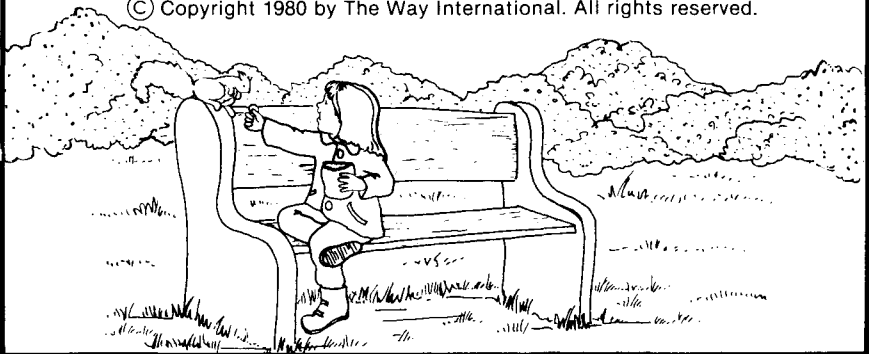
## CHORUS:

You lifted me, You lifted me,  
Out of the valley of human need.  
Oh Lord, I know You lifted me.  
You lifted me, You lifted me,  
Out of the valley of human need.  
Oh Lord, You lifted me.

You gave Your Son, he rose for me,  
Now I have life everlastingly.  
I can walk in his great victory,  
For the love that You have displayed  
There's no price that can be repaid.  
Thank you Lord for lifting me.

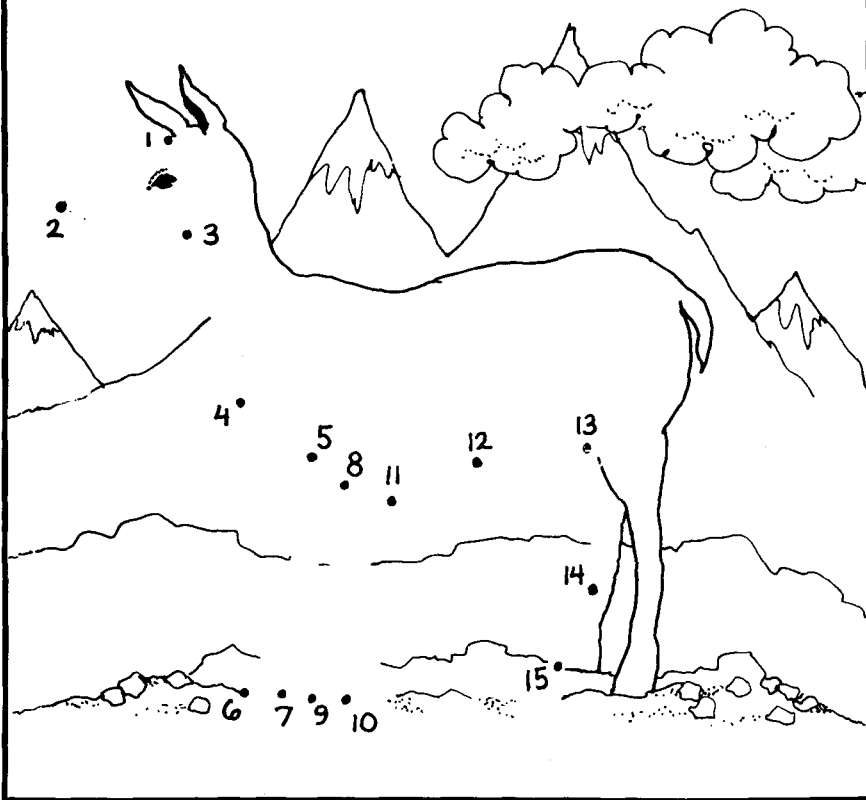
I will walk with You this hour,  
I will walk the walk of power.  
I will study Your Word and I'll believe.  
I will live for You and do my best,  
Your spirit I will manifest,  
And I'll remember that You lifted me.

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# DOT TO DOT

Follow the numbers from dot to dot. When you are done, you will have a complete picture of something you learned about in this month's article.



## ANSWERS:

page 4:

across: 1. Christ

6. God's

8. our

page 12: It is a picture of a hind.

4. thinking

5. loaded

down: 2. renews

4. thoughts

3. mind

7. son

page 9: You are God's child forever.

page 10: 1.c, 2.c, 3.b, 4.a, 5.b

page 12: It is a picture of a hind.

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