Sunday Preachers

I used to watch Sunday morning television preachers do miracles where someone who could not walk would go up, be healed, start dancing and no longer need a wheelchair. So here is how the four elements work in that scenario:

Person goes up to get healed. (Simplicity: Believers trust that a miracle will happen and are willing to witness the miracle thus establishing the realm of possibility.)

Pastor prays furiously and commands the evil to leave the person's body (Repetition begins: interfacing with the divine, establishing contact, maintaining contact with the divine.)

Pastor places his or her hands on the person's head. (Repetition)

Pastor asks person if they believe and are willing to give their life to God. (Realm of possibility: The miracle is not being performed by the pastor but through the pastor.)

Person tearfully proclaims that they will give their life to God in exchange for the miracle. (Realm of possibility)

Musicians ramp up the sound. (Transformation begins)

Church becomes frenzied. (Transformation)

Pastor announces that the miracle has happened and person is healed. (Transformation)

Person stands up and begins to move and concur that they are healed. (Surprise-miracle witnessed)

Shouts of “amen” and “thank you” ring through the church. (Transformation complete)

Pastor asks TV audience if they are willing to give their lives to God and prays for you. (Repetition)

Commercial plays that asks you for money in exchange for your very own miracle. (Repetition)