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## **THE POWER OF THE TONGUE: LIFE OR DEATH- ITS YOUR CHOICE**

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**Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.**

The word power in Hebrew is "Yad-Yawa" it means we have the open hand of God in our tongue (meaning when we speak in agreement with His word we cause the hand of God to perform what we say (He is performing His own words that we speak) .

The word power in Webster's Dictionary means an ability to act or produce an effect, permissive authority (God has given us permission to speak His word and to expect Him to perform it).

Do you realize that each of us has a remarkable power right under our nose? It is a power so great that it is capable of producing life or death depending on how it's used. Our words are so powerful that they can bless or curse, encourage or discourage, hurt or heal, tear down or build up. Our words can even influence the way we act and feel as well as determine our attitude and outlook on life. This powerful weapon is the tongue and its ammunition are the words we speak. The Word of God is alive and active and when it is spoken it is loaded with the ability to produce what is said. As we speak the Word of God over our lives, our Heavenly Father goes to work, He watches over His word to perform it His Word shall not return unto Him void. Do you realize things cannot happen until they are first spoken?

**James 4:2 You have not because you ask not.**

His plan will never be set into motion without someone's tongue. He is waiting on us to take hold of His promises and speak them over our lives. But the first thing we have to do is to believe He will do everything in His Word that He says He will.

**Numbers 23:19 God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He would change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill? If He does not lie, then we can believe every promise in His Word is for us and that it is His will that we prosper in every way.**

**3 John 1:2 Beloved I pray that you may prosper in every way and that your body may keep well, even as I know your soul keeps well and prospers.**

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Ok now that we've got that settled in our hearts that God wants only the best for His children and all His promises are yes and amen! Let's look at how we can get these blessings out of His word and into our lives. The spoken Word is the key to getting the promises active in our lives.

### **Angels: Gods secret agents.**

Let's look at how angels operate in our lives from the words we speak.

**Psalms 103:20 Bless the Lord, you His angels. Who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His Word.**

Angels respond to the words of life spoken by us. When we speak Gods promises and hope into situations we give these angelic beings something to work with to accomplish Gods will and promises. When you speak the Word, things happen in the spirit realm. Things get moved around and things begin coming towards you. Have you wondered what confessing the Word about prosperity or provision have to do with money coming to you? When you start speaking the Word, God begins moving and aligning things and people, and causing favor to come and it takes some time.

How many of you have had this happen to you before, you were needing a bill paid and you didn't have the money, but you were believing God for it and speaking His word over it. You open up the mailbox and there was a check that you didn't expect or someone blessed you with the exact amount you needed. This is our angels at work for us, moving on people's hearts. Or maybe The Lord laid it on your heart to bless someone and it's the exact amount they needed. We need to always be willing to do what The Holy Spirit lays on our hearts, in doing so we are an answer to someone's prayer.

### **We can speak life words or death words:**

#### **Let's look at the positive fruit that comes from positive words:**

They bring healing, they bring life, they bring goodness and peace and gentle words turn away anger and wrath. We can turn situations around if we would respond with positive words and actions. It's not always easy our flesh wants to lash out and get justice for the wrongs that have been done to us, but if we will walk in love and put it in The Lords hands we will see amazing things happen! When we stand on His Word He will stand behind His word. Our angels are waiting on us to speak The Word over our lives and situations so they can go to work. Let's use our words to build up not tear down.

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I heard a story a couple of years ago about this young boy named Fred who was considered a nerd and did not fit in with the cool kids. Every day when his mother dropped him off at school she would tell him he was the most handsome boy in the school in front of the other kids. They thought she was crazy for telling him this because they thought it was not true. Well fast forward eight years they are now in high school. And guess who has all the popular girls on his arm? Fred! Because he was told that he was handsome he believed it and acted like it and the guys who made fun of him were amazed that he was never without a date on Friday or Saturday night. Positive words are an investment which costs nothing yet yields very high dividends.

**Now let's look at the negative fruit that comes from negative words:**

They bring hurt, they bring death, they bring discouragement and harsh words stirs up anger. Negativity can change our moods. Here is a story that I read about how negativity can change your good mood to bad very quickly and I think we can all relate to this.

Yesterday I was checking my Facebook to know about the latest news. So many of my Egyptian friends we're having verbal fights about the integrity of the upcoming presidential elections. As I kept going through the News feed I got emotionally charged. After all it's hard to come across words such as liar, cheater, treason, killer, death, dying, traitor and many more without getting emotionally charged. So I wrote a status saying my opinion about the elections and within a few minutes I found that some of the verbal fights moved onto my wall. After a few minutes of debating I found myself getting angry, my mood started changing and I felt irritated. After sometime I decided to delete the status.

Let's look at the negative way you can respond to a bill that you don't have the money for. You start speaking doubt and unbelief over your situation, we are never going to get caught up, our lights will probably be turned off before we see any money around here! By saying this you have just taken your angels out of the picture. In the presence of those words of doubt and unbelief they have no choice but to bow their heads, fold their hands and wait for positive words to be spoken.

The words we use are like a computer code that becomes the software of your mind. You program your behavior with your words. If you don't like the results that you are getting in your life you need to change the software by reprogramming your mind and you your words.

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As I wrap this teaching up I have to talk about the one thing that is essential to seeing the blessings in your life come to pass and that is Faith.

Faith is belief with strong conviction, firm belief in something for which there may be no tangible proof. The word says it like this:

Hebrews 11:1 Now Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen: it gives us an assurance about things we cannot see.

No matter what it looks like we need to keep speaking life into the situation and not death. We have to walk by faith and not by sight. And we cannot waver either what does the word say James 1:6-7

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from The Lord.

So let's all make a conscience decision to start speaking life instead of death over our lives and situations that come up and hang on until our angel brings the answer.