

# WORDS

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## **PART 1: WHY OUR WORDS ARE SO POWERFUL**

### INTRODUCTION:

We will begin a study on words. God's Word, our words and other people's words that impact our lives. We will discover the reason why words are so powerful, how to chart the course for our lives through our words, the power of positive confessions and how blessings are released into our lives through the words we speak over other people. I believe this teaching will revolutionize our lives and enable us to walk in victory over the circumstances that flow in and out of our lives.

#### I. Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it for death or life.

Matthew 12:36 & 37 But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle, inoperative, nonworking word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.

- A. The Bible declares that we receive what we say.
- B. Why is the tongue so powerful?
- C. What makes the tongue so powerful that it will give each of us exactly what we say?
- D. Let's begin at the beginning.

#### II. Genesis 1:26 & 27

Let US make man in OUR IMAGE and in OUR LIKENESS, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created man in HIS OWN IMAGE, in the IMAGE OF GOD He created

him; male and female He created them. (read AMP and YLT)

A. God made man in His image and likeness by breathing into him the breath of life.

1. Genesis 2:7 The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

B. Our bodies are made of the same stuff that the animal bodies are made of, but we are also different than the animals because God personally breathed His own life into us, thereby making us into His image.

C. People erroneously think that man is created out of dust, but this is not what Scripture says.

D. To 'create' something is to make something out of nothing; however, man's body is formed from dust.

E. To 'form' something implies taking something that already exists and then gradually shaping it into something, much like a potter does to a lump of clay.

1. Dust already existed.

2. Man's body came from something that already existed.

F. The Bible tells us that mankind is different from the animals because humans are spirit-beings.

1. Man's spirit is the 'creation' of God.

2. Creation is to take something that does not exist and cause it to exist.

3. Mankind is created from God's breath--His Spirit. That took place instantly. Man's body was formed first and afterward, his spirit was created.

4. Notice again, God did not 'create' the body--He 'formed' it. He created the human spirit, though.

G. So creation is not the body, but the human spirit. Man was made in God's image the moment God breathed into him His own life and nature.

H. MAN IS LIKE GOD!

## II. John 6:63

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

- A. Words are spiritual forces.
- B. The moment God breathed into man His own life, the man was able to speak.
- C. Intelligent communication is what separates us from the animals and it is also what unites us to God.
- D. If you look at the story in Genesis, you will notice that the first job which God gave man was to name the animals.
- E. To name the animals requires speech.
- F. Man's first job was to speak.
  1. Jewish oral tradition teaches that when God told Adam in **Genesis 2:15** to 'work and guard' the Garden of Eden, that he was to 'work it' through the performance of positive commandments, and 'guard it' through the observance of negative commandments.
- G. The reason our words are so powerful is because our words are spiritual forces.
  1. They are not simply sound waves.
  2. Sound waves are not powerful--spirit is powerful.

### III. John 4:24

God is a Spirit [spiritual being] and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers.

- A. Since man is in the image of God, this means that man is a spirit.
- B. Man can act like God, because he, too is a spirit being.
- C. How does God act?
  1. Look at how God created the universe.
  2. He created everything with WORDS.
  3. Let's read **Genesis chapter one -- YLT.**
- D. God created everything by speaking it into existence.

- E. By repetition God emphasized how He made everything, not simply that He did make everything.
- F. 'How' is very important. How did He make everything? WORDS

#### IV. Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

- A. We see from this scripture that words--God's words--created the entire universe.
- B. God said it, and it came to be.
- C. This planet is here because of God's Word.
  - 1. The sun and the moon are here because of God's Word.
  - 2. The stars are here because of God's Word.
  - 3. He spoke the entire universe into being!
  - 4. We are to create our world in the same way.
  - 5. We are to work our garden with positive commands and guard our garden from negative commands.
- D. We can do this because we are made in His image.

#### V. Proverbs 18:20-21

Man is filled with good things by the fruit of his tongue. Life and death are in the power of the tongue. Man will live by the fruit of his mouth.

- A. We can now understand the significance of the story of the tower of Babel.
- B. It begins by revealing that the whole world spoke the same thing!
  - 1. **Genesis 11:1-4**
  - 2. And what did the whole world declare?
  - 3. They said to each other, 'Come, LET US make bricks...Come, LET US build ourselves a city.
- C. They used the same phrase that God used to create mankind, LET US.
- D. The people of Babel were imitating God.
  - 1. God believed that their words had the power to come to pass.

2. Listen to what God said: ‘The Lord said, ‘If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then NOTHING THEY PLAN TO DO WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM!’ (Genesis 11:6)

E. God knows the power of words. He declared that ‘nothing was impossible for them’, because they were speaking in unity.

F. Jesus said that nothing is impossible for him who believes.

1. This is true even for people who did not consider God.
2. Even the words of sinners are powerful.
3. How much more powerful should the words of Saints be?

G. The real power of the people of Babel lay in their words.

H. Their words created within them the power, wisdom and organization necessary to build a city.

I. Without their words, they were powerless. This is why God confused their language--God knew that they would never have the power to complete their goal.

J. Without a common language, God knew that they would never have the power to complete their goal.

K. God confused their language by His own Word.

1. Come LET US go down and confuse their language.
2. God used the same phrase that the people copied from Him. LET US. Genesis 11:7
3. God’s Word is ultimately much more powerful than the words of people and so His Word over-ruled their words.

L. Man’s words can produce much power, such as the story of Babel proves; however, this story also illustrates that man’s words have lost some of the original power that they once had before the Fall.

## VI. Genesis 2:19

And whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

A. Before Adam sinned, whatever name he gave to every living creature that was its name. That’s perfected power.

- B. Whatever he said to each creature was so.
- C. His words to the animals never failed to produce.
  
- D. His words stuck to every animal.
  
- E. Everything Adam ever said came to pass.
  
- F. The reason for this was because his spirit was completely alive.
  - 1. When Adam sinned, he died spiritually.
  - 2. His spirit was no longer alive; consequently his words lost the original power they had, because words come from the human spirit.
  - 3. Since Adam was dead spiritually, he would now produce thorns and thistles, instead of perfect fruit.
  
- G. What part of the body ate the forbidden fruit?
  - 1. The mouth.
  - 2. This is important!
  - 3. The forbidden fruit poisoned Adam's tongue when he ate it! His tongue was no longer going to speak life and blessings.
  - 4. He was now going to curse; and, as a result, he would reap the curses of his mouth!
  
- H. This is what Solomon meant in Proverbs 5:4; The tongue that brings healing is a TREE OF LIFE.
  - 1. The Tree of Life was the other tree in the Garden of Eden.
  - 2. This tree heals the tongue and causes the tongue to bring only health--not sickness, not death and not curses.
  - 3. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, sickens the tongue. It causes the tongue to speak both good and evil.
  - 4. This is why people can use the tongue for good and for evil.
  
- I. We are called upon to eat of the Tree of Life.
  - 1. Jesus is the Tree of Life.
  - 2. When we receive Jesus, our spirits come alive.
  - 3. And our words become even more powerful!

### CONCLUSION:

Our bodies were formed from the dust, but our spirits were created by God

when He breathed His Spirit into us. We were created in His image; we are spirit beings like Him. Words come from the spirit--they are powerful spiritual forces. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Adam had perfect power when he spoke because his spirit was alive to God. After he sinned, his words still had power, but not perfect power. When we receive Jesus, we partake of the Tree of Life and our spirits are made alive again and our words are powerful once again. We form our world the same way God formed the universe--through our words. Through positive commands we work in our world. We must guard our world against negative commands--either from our words or other people's words. .

WORDS ARE POWERFUL BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT JUST SOUND WAVES--THEY ARE SPIRITUAL FORCES THAT WORK IN THE UNIVERSE, BRINGING INTO YOUR LIFE EXACTLY WHAT YOU SPEAK. WORDS ARE SPIRITUAL FORCES AT WORK ALL THE TIME--FOR GOOD OR EVIL. WE CHOOSE.

## **PART II: CREATING OUR WORLD THROUGH WORDS**

### INTRODUCTION:

In our last study we learned why our words are so powerful. We went back to the beginning and discovered that it was our bodies that were formed from the dust that was already created. Man was created in God's image by God breathing into man His Spirit. Mankind is the first and only creature with God's Spirit. When His Spirit came into Adam, the ability to communicate intelligently came in, too. God creates with Words and that same ability now resides in mankind. Words come from the spirit--they are spirit and they are life. Words are powerful because they are not just sound waves, but they are spiritual forces with the ability to create something out of nothing.

#### I. Job 22:28

You shall also DECIDE and DECREE a thing, and it shall be established for you, and the light of God's favor shall shine upon your ways.

A. God says, 'Decide and decree a thing and you will get it.

B. A 'decree' is always made by kings.

1. A king makes a decree by declaring what is legal and illegal, and

everyone has to obey it.

2. His words are law. His words determine the future of his domain.

## II. Romans 5:17

For if, because of one man's trespass [lapse, offense] death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive God's overflowing grace and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ [the Messiah, the Anointed One]. AMP

A. You are meant to reign in life through Jesus Christ.

B. You can reign in this life as a KING, because you are a king.

C. Jesus has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father. [Rev. 1:6]

D. The Protestant Reformation brought us the truth of the 'priesthood' of every believer.

E. However, it neglected the revelation of the 'kingly authority' of every believer.

F. We are kings as well as priests! We need to act like it!

## III. Romans 5:17

Tells us that we reign in LIFE. Our domain of rule is here in this life. We don't wait till we get to Heaven to reign. We reign right here and now in this life in the Earth!

A. 'Reign' means to 'rule over'.

B. It is here, in the Earth, that we need the authority to rule.

1. We were created for that very purpose.

2. To rule the Earth.

C. We rule the spirit forces in the dark kingdom that would try to usurp the authority and power given to mankind.

1. It's these spirit forces that bring the curses of rebellion, sickness and poverty in this life.

- D. We rule them through law!
  - 1. Our words makes the law.
  - 2. What you DECREE is what will be established for you in this life!

#### IV. Matthew 18:18

Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven.'

- A. The word 'bind' means to 'declare unlawful'.
- B. The word 'loose' means to 'declare lawful'.
- C. We bind and loose through our declarations!!!!
- D. We DECLARE through our words!
- E. So how do you create your 'world'?
  - 1. First DECIDE what you want in life.
  - 2. Know God's promises concerning what you want.
  - 3. Then DECREE it! Speak it as though it were the law of the land!
- F. What do you want or need?
  - 1. If you're sick, you need healing.
  - 2. If you're confused, you need wisdom.
  - 3. If you're poor, you need money.
  - 4. If you're a sinner, you need salvation.
  - 5. If you're powerless, you need the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- G. Decide what you want and need. Be convinced that it's yours. Then declare with authority that you have it!

#### V. James 3:7

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man.

- A. James is taking us back to the beginning where God said to man, 'I give you dominion, and you are to rule the animals, the birds of the air and everything that creeps upon the earth.'
- B. God told him to rule the animal kingdom; yet Adam's dominion extended

beyond the animals.

C. God told him to rule EVERYTHING--that includes the devil and demons.

D. Now in James chapter 3, he shows us how mankind's dominion has been limited.

1. Man can make a lion lay down, but cancer can make him lay down.

2. He can make an elephant stand on one foot, but disease can make him lose his foot.

3. Why? Because there's one area that man can't control--his tongue.

4. Because of this, man can't rule like God intended him to rule. This is why we are so defeated in life.

\* Sickness can destroy him.

\* Poverty can pulverize him.

\* Natural catastrophes can demolish him.

#### VI. James 3:2

For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech--never says the wrong things--he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.

A. Think about this Scripture. If you never say the wrong things you are able to control your whole body.

B. But if you say the wrong things, then you are out of control.

C. If you are out of control, then that means that someone else is in control!

D. What wrong things do we say?

1. Anything that is contrary to the Word of God is the wrong thing to say.

2. However, if you say the right thing--the Word of God--then your whole body is lined up and under your control.

3. Your body will line up with the words of your mouth.

4. What you say with your mouth, your body will line up with.

5. Now you can understand why certain things happen.

E. Yet, the Bible says that if you never say the wrong thing, then you're a perfect man able to control your body.

F. This is dominion! This is control! And you can have it!

EXAMPLE: Suppose your doctor has given you a negative report. 'I'm sorry to inform you that you are going to have this pain for the rest of your life.' Let me tell you something: Your body is not meant to be under the control of someone else's words! It's meant to be under the control of YOUR tongue! You should simply thank him for his diagnosis, then declare, 'Jesus bore my sicknesses and carried my diseases in His own body, and with His stripes I am healed!' Shout the Word! As you begin to speak the Word, your body lines up to your words.

### VII. James 3:3-6

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example, although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

A. Don't verbalize your fears, instead verbalize your faith.

B. Decree by declaring, 'Every organ, every tissue of my body functions in the perfection that God created it to function in. I refuse to allow viruses, infection or allergies in my body. Anything bad that tries to attack my body instantly dies because my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Only good is in my body.'

C. Notice that James used three analogies to describe the tongue.

1. A rudder. Is used to determine the direction of a ship. The rudder will keep the ship going in the right direction irregardless of the direction the wind is blowing in. You don't have to be carried away by the storm. You can use your tongue as a rudder to keep you on the right track. Speak God's Word over your circumstance. Just as a rudder determines the destiny of a ship, so you are determining the destiny of your life by the words you speak. Your words are predicting your future--building the world

where you will live in the future.

2. A bit. The bit tells the horse where to go. The rider is in charge because he controls the bit. You are the rider. You are in control with your tongue. Your words can make your life better.

3. A small spark. Your tongue can also destroy your life. Your tongue can set the whole course of your life on fire. Your course is the future direction for your life. Your tongue determines the future of your life.

- \* Nothing ever works out for me
- \* I'm always getting sick
- \* I'm never going to succeed at anything
- \* I never have enough to get ahead
- \* These words are little sparks that will destroy your success.

### VIII. James 3:10-12

Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

A. You cannot say that you're healed and prosperous, and then also say that you are sick and poor.

B. That's being double minded.

1. You can't expect to receive anything from God.

C. Your negative words will always cancel out your positive words.

1. Salt water will always turn the fresh water salty.

D. The reason is simple: We live in a negative world that has been plunged under a curse.

1. The world is like a stream--water always flows downward.
2. It takes greater effort to go up stream.
3. This is why you can say MANY positive things, and then in a moment of doubt say ONE thing that's negative, and you'll end up canceling your positive confessions. This is why you must guard your tongue.
4. Put a muzzle on my mouth, so I don't sin against You.
5. Don't get under condemnation about the negative words already spoken.

6. Repent and put them under the Blood of Jesus.

## CONCLUSION:

It's time to begin creating a new world for yourself by seeking God's direction for your life, finding His promises and speaking words of health, words of prosperity, words of victory, words of success--all the time. And don't let any cursing -- saying the wrong things -- come out of your mouth.

## **PART III: HOW TO LIVE BY FAITH WITHOUT DENYING REALITY**

### INTRODUCTION:

We are talking about our words. They are powerful because they are not just sound waves, but actual spirit and life--forces that work in this world to create things out of nothing--just like God. That ability is in every human being because God put His Spirit in Adam the day He created him. We were created to reign in the Earth. Kings reign. And they exercise their dominion through decisions they make and decrees that are declared to be law. Kings declare what is lawful and unlawful in their world. They do this through their WORDS. What happens after you decree and declare? You must enforce the law that you just established. There are rebel spirits in your world that oppose your dominion. They want to rule your life. Stand firm in your faith. God's Word says that you are healed by the stripes of Jesus and that He will supply all your needs, yet, you are still experiencing the symptoms of sickness and the unpaid bills keep mounting up. You know that you need to continue to walk by faith, but you think to yourself, 'I really need to talk with a doctor, but how do I tell him my problems and still be in faith at the same time? Or maybe you're thinking, 'I need to talk with my creditors, but how do I tell them my financial situation without sounding like I'm doubting God's ability to supply all my needs?' Many Christians find themselves between faith and the problems. They want to embrace faith, but find themselves sliding toward the problems of life. How do we live by faith without denying the reality of what our circumstances are telling us? Let's look at Abraham's example to find out.

### I. Romans chapter 4

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him.

A. Without weakening in his faith, he FACED THE FACT that his body was as good as dead...

B. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God.

C. Notice that Abraham did not pretend that he was physically able to procreate.

D. He FACED THE FACT that he was impotent.

1. Face your facts.

2. Before you know where you want to go, you must find out where you are.

3. This is the starting point of faith.

E. F. A. C. T.

1. False Appearing Contradicting Truth

2. Don't confuse fact with truth.

3. They are not the same.

4. Facts can change--truth does not.

5. Facts relate to situations and circumstances; truth relates to God's Word.

\*\*\* Jesus said, 'Thy Word is truth.'

\*\*\* A doctor's report reveals only facts.

\*\*\* A bank statement tells the facts only.

\*\*\* God's Word tells you the truth!

## II. I Peter 2:24

He personally bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

A. A doctor's diagnosis can change depending on how the patient responds.

B. If it can change, then it is not truth, but fact.

C. Yet, God's Word continues to say 'by His wounds I have been healed.'

D. It will read that way no matter how we feel.

E. It will read that way today, tomorrow and to the next generation after us.

F. It will always say that we are healed.

G. That is truth--and it never changes.

### III. Philippians 4:19

My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

A. A bank statement may show a negative cash flow one month and then show a positive cash flow the next month.

B. It fluctuates depending on the income and outgo.

C. The statement shows only the facts.

D. Yet God's Word continues to say, 'My God supplies all my needs...'

E. It will say that today as well as tomorrow.

F. We can count on this Scripture never changing.

G. Men's opinion may change, but God's Word endures forever.

### IV. Romans 3:4

Let God be true, and every man a liar.

A. God's promises are permanent and they are reliable.

B. Can you see the difference between facts and truth?

### V. 1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and for which you confessed the good confession of faith before many witnesses.

A. If living by faith was easy and the results instant, then there would be no need to fight the good fight of faith.

B. Doubt, fear, and unbelief are great adversaries to faith.

C. They usually get stronger when the answer takes longer.

D. How do you fight the good fight of faith during long delays in God's fulfillment of His promises?

E. It's easy to live by faith when the promise comes quickly.

F. So, what do we do in the mean time?

G. The answer is right here in this Scripture.

1. Fight the good fight of faith!
2. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
3. Paul exhorts us to 'keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. (vs. 14)
4. What command do we keep?
5. The command to fight the good fight of faith.

H. How do we do this?

1. Simple: BY MAINTAINING OUR GOOD CONFESSION!
2. You see, the adversaries of your faith want to control your tongue.
3. The adversaries want you to speak doubt, fear, and unbelief.
4. They pressure you to make bad confessions.
5. A bad confession is based on the troubles and problems that you are going through.

I. What is the 'natural' instinct when trouble comes?

1. We want to gripe and complain!
2. We want to scream and blame!

J. But, instead--just hold on! Keep confessing God's Word!

1. It will come to pass if you don't give up.
2. God's Word is truth--it is the highest form of reality.

VI. Let's watch Jesus and see how He maintained His good confession, even though the facts said different. [John 18:33](#)

A. Jesus was being tried in court by Pontius Pilate.

B. Trying to get Jesus to respond, Pilate said, 'You are a king, then!'

C. Jesus answered, 'You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me.'

D. Jesus spoke the truth by declaring Himself to be king.

1. Yet, factually, His enemies could have argued with Him saying, 'If you are a king, why are you being tried?'
2. Where is Your throne?
3. Why don't You rule?

E. At that point in time, Jesus did not LOOK like a king, but in Heavenly places He was a King and in time, His Kingdom would be manifested to the world.

F. After 2000 years, over a billion people on this earth today claim that Jesus is their King, and more people every day are coming to realize this.

1. How many people today claim that Pilate or Ceasar is their king?
2. None. The fact was clear, Ceasar was king, but the truth is Jesus IS King. Truth won. Facts lost.

G. Jesus made the good confession as to who He was, even though it did not look factual.

1. But facts changed
2. Now more people claim to follow Jesus than anyone who has ever lived.
3. Jesus' confession changed the world!

## VII. Jesus is our pattern.

A. We, too can make our confession as to who we really are.

1. New creatures, righteous, saints, healed, prosperous, wise, victorious, world over-comers--and by doing this, we can change our own individual worlds.

B. We don't deny the facts, we simply believe that the facts will change and truth will prevail.

C. Because we know the power of God's Word, we can face the facts.

1. We can say, 'yes, the facts are that I'm feeling sick and my bills are piling up, yet the truth is, I am healed and prosperous.'

D. When we know that God's Word will prevail, we can go to the doctor and ask him for the facts.

E. We can talk with our creditors and tell them the facts.

F. But in all this, we know deep within our spirits what the truth really is and it is only a matter of time before the truth wins and the facts lose!

VIII. My concern is for Christian people who are terrified of the facts.

A. Consequently, they refuse to go to the doctor, claiming they are healed, when in reality, they are scared of finding out the facts.

B. Or they refuse to adjust their financial lifestyle claiming that God will supply all their need, but really they want God to supply their greed.

CONCLUSION:

When you understand that the facts are going to change, yet, God's Word is not, then you can face the facts with God's Word knowing that God's Word will prevail! Fighting the good fight of faith by maintaining your good confession!

## **PART IV: THE POWER OF CONFESSING GOD'S WORD**

INTRODUCTION:

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must enforce the law that you just established. There are rebel spirits in your world that oppose your dominion. They want to rule your life. Stand firm in your faith. Many Christians find themselves between faith and the problems. We live by faith without denying the reality of what our circumstances are telling us by maintaining our good confession of faith using the truth of God's Word (His promises) to change the facts of the circumstance.

### I. 1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

- A. We are talking about the power of confessing the Word of God.
- B. Words are like seeds. When we speak, those words are planted into our lives.
- C. Later, we reap the harvest of those words.
- D. At the same time, we know that not everything we say comes to pass.
  - 1. Why? Because of the Fall.
  - 2. Our words lost their original power.
  - 3. When Adam sinned, he died spiritually.
  - 4. Real power is in the human spirit, because when God created mankind, He put His very own Spirit in him.
  - 5. When God speaks, whatever He spoke comes into being.
  - 6. That same ability was in Adam until he died spiritually.
- E. In order to get back that original power of words, our spirits must be made alive again through what Scriptures call 'the new birth'.
- F. The new birth is a spiritual rebirth.
- G. It is still possible to be born again and not have much power in your words.
  - 1. Why? Your re-created spirit must be cultivated.
  - 2. Your spirit can grow just like your body and mind can grow and expand.
  - 3. The more it grows, the stronger it gets.

- H. At the moment of your salvation, you were born spiritually.
1. Your spirit was a newborn baby.
  2. You were complete, but not mature.
  3. In the natural, a baby is complete--with hands, legs, eyes, muscles, everything.
  4. Even though he has legs, he cannot walk, because the legs have not been developed enough to walk.
  5. In time though, he will walk.

- I. The same is true of our faith.
1. We can speak faith-filled words as a baby Christian and get some results.
  2. But, as we grow, our words will become more powerful, so that we will receive nearly everything we confess.
  3. The time between your confession and the time you receive will get shorter and shorter the more mature we get in our faith.

## II. Luke 1:26-38

A. The angel declared to Mary that she would be 'with child' and give birth and name Him Jesus.

B. Mary asked 'how will this be since I am a virgin?'

C. The angel answered that the Holy Spirit was going to overshadow her so that the one conceived in her would be the Son of God.

D. This sounds impossible.

1. Because of the impossibility of a virgin birth, the angel said, 'For nothing is impossible with God.'

2. The literal Greek text says it this way, 'For no Word from God is void of power.'

E. God's Word is not void of power; man's word is void of power.

F. The thing that makes ALL THINGS POSSIBLE is God's Word.

G. Without it, all things are not possible.

- H. God sent the angel Gabriel to give 'good news' to Mary.
- I. God didn't simply surprise Mary with the virgin birth, because He knows that the impossible can only be possible through His Word.
- J. God sent the angel to give Mary the Word of God.
- K. Mary made a very important statement that shows how she was able to conceive the Son of God.
- L. She said, 'I am the Lord's servant, may it be unto me as YOU HAVE SAID.'
- M. Mary believed the Word that God spoke through the angel.
- N. Consequently, that Word was planted in her spirit until it became flesh.
  - 1. This is how it works for us too!
  - 2. We hear God's Word to us, whether it be a logos or rhema.
  - 3. When we believe it, it enters our spirits until it materializes.
  - 4. This can only work by receiving God's Word.
  - 5. If we receive man's words, then our faith is only as powerful as that word.
  - 6. Always speak God's Word; they are still as powerful as ever

### III. 1 Peter 1:23

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.

- A. Peter calls God's Word is 'seed'.
- B. God's Word is imperishable seed.
  - 1. Imperishable means incapable of dying.
  - 2. Everything that God speaks is alive.
  - 3. No Word from God is dead.
- C. Natural words are perishable--subject to death.
- D. Everything in this world is subject to death, including words.

- E. This is why your words can fail to come to pass.
- F. There is only one thing in this world that is imperishable.
  - 1. The Word of God.
  - 2. God's Word is imperishable seed.
  - 3. It will come to pass....all the time.

#### IV. Isaiah 55:8-11

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways...So is My Word that goes out from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

- A. Instead of speaking the words that come from your head, you should speak the words that come from God's head.
- B. This is what God meant for you to do.
- C. God tells you not to speak what comes from your thoughts.
- D. Speak what comes from His thoughts, because your thoughts are limited and impotent.
- E. If we speak our thoughts, dreams, and hopes without discovering God's Word, then we might fail to receive them because our words are weak.
- F. God tells us to speak His Word instead of our words, so that it will accomplish and achieve the purpose for which God sent it.
- G. God sent His Word so that we could have something imperishable to count on.

#### V. Beyond God's Word

- A. The world has understood the power of words.
- B. This is why there are many self-help books on the market aimed toward the non-believer.

- C. Many of these books discuss the power of words.
- D. They even provide 'positive confessions'.
- E. They are false leaders teaching Biblical truths in a twisted way.
- F. We must not surrender these truths of the Bible to charlatans!
- G. We believe in the power of the positive confession of GOD'S WORD!
  1. It is not simply 'positive confession', that is powerful.
  2. It is the confession of God's Word that is powerful.

VI. Do not go beyond what the Bible promises.

- A. Stay with the Scriptures.
- B. When we advance beyond the Word in our confession, we often don't receive what we confess.
- C. There is a great example in the Hebrews 13:5-6 that shows how to make a positive confession.
  1. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, BECAUSE GOD HAS SAID, 'Never will I leave you and never will I forsake you.'
  2. SO WE SAY WITH CONFIDENCE, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid, What can man do to me?'
- D. Notice that the Hebrew writer took a verse from Psalm 118:6, which is a statement that God said to David, and applied it to the Church.
  1. He then says, 'Because God has said....So we say with confidence.'
  2. We can say because God has said it first.
  3. This is true Biblical confession.
  4. It is simply saying what God has already said.

CONCLUSION:

True Biblical confession is finding Bible verses that promise certain things--like health, prosperity, mental wholeness, and then appropriating them to

our case by confessing them. Doing this is thoroughly scriptural and has nothing to do with metaphysical practice. It also keeps us within scriptural bounds and makes our words imperishable! So we have a choice--whether to plant 'perishable' or 'imperishable' seed. Choose to plant the 'imperishable' seed, which is God's Word--and it will ALWAYS come to pass.

## **PART V: THE POWER OF SPEAKING BLESSINGS OVER OTHERS**

### INTRODUCTION:

We are talking about our words. They are powerful because they are not just sound waves, but actual spirit and life--forces that work in this world to create things out of nothing--just like God. That ability is in every human being because God put His Spirit in Adam the day He created him. We were created to reign in the Earth. Kings reign. And they exercise their dominion through decisions they make and decrees that are declared to be law. Kings declare what is lawful and unlawful in their world. They do this through their WORDS. What happens after you decree and declare? You must enforce the law that you just established. There are rebel spirits in your world that oppose your dominion. They want to rule your life, but we must stand firm in our faith. Many Christians find themselves between faith and the problems. We live by faith without denying the reality of what our circumstances are telling us by maintaining our good confession of faith using the truth of God's Word (His promises) to change the facts of the circumstance. There is something else that affects our confession: what we say about others. That is what we will be discussing tonight.

### I. 1 Peter 3:8-13

And finally, being all of one mind, having fellow-feeling, loving as brethren, compassionate, courteous, not giving back evil for evil, or railing for railing, and on the contrary, blessing, having known that to this ye were called, that a blessing ye may inherit; for 'he who is willing to love life, and to see good days, let him guard his tongue from evil, and his lips--not to speak guile; let him turn aside from evil, and do good, let him seek peace and pursue it; because the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears--open to their supplication, and the face of the Lord is upon those doing evil'; and who is he who will be doing you evil, if of Him who is good ye may become imitators?

A. 'Fellow-feeling' literally means 'to suffer along with an individual or companion'.

B. 'Love as brethren' literally means to 'love as loving a brother'.

C. 'Courteous' literally means to be 'friendly minded'.

D. 'Evil' literally means 'of a bad nature; not such as it ought to be; of a mode of thinking, feeling, acting; base, wrong, wicked, troublesome, injurious and destructive'.

E. 'Railing' literally means 'railing; reviling; to speak reproachfully; injurious speaking'.

F. 'Blessing' literally means 'praise, laudation; fine discourse; polished language; fair speaking; an invocation of blessing, benediction; a benefit'.

G. We could read it like this:

And finally, being all of one mind, be willing to suffer along with an individual or companion, love as loving a brother, compassionate, being friendly-minded, not giving back something of a bad nature, whether it be in your mode of thinking, feeling or acting even when you are on the receiving end of base, wrong, wicked, troublesome, injurious and even destructive behavior or injurious speaking; on the contrary, let praise, laudation and a fine discourse come from your lips, that the hearer may receive a benefit from your fine speaking; having known that to this kind of behavior and speech you were called, so that you may inherit praise, laudation and benefits...

H. Our words act as boomerangs and what we say about other people comes back to us, whether the words we speak are good or bad.

I. If we want God's blessings in our lives we need to start blessing others with our words.

J. When we learn to speak blessings over everyone, we will inherit a blessing, 'because to this we were called, so that we may inherit a blessing.'

## II. 1 Peter 3:9

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing...

- A. The word 'blessing' is the Greek word 'eulogia'.
- B. It is the same word we get eulogize from.
- C. At a funeral people come to eulogize the deceased.
- D. It doesn't matter what kind of a person they were, everyone tries to say something nice about them.
- E. Yet, when people are alive we often have very little good to say about them.
- F. When someone dies, it is too late to begin eulogizing them.
- G. We need to say good things about people while they are still alive, because by doing so, our words can be used of God to bring people into God's perfect plan.
- H. Plus, our words boomerang back to us and cause us to be blessed.

### III. Hebrews 11:20

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

- A. It was a common practice in Biblical times to gather one's children around the bed before the father died.
- B. He would place his hands on his children and bless them.
- C. Notice that Isaac blessed his sons 'by faith'.
- D. Too often people have trouble blessing others because they 'see' such bad things in people.
- E. Yet, we live by faith, not by sight.
- F. We have to live by faith in the Word of God if you are to bless others.

G. You can't go by what you see in others, you have to take God's promises for them and speak them over others regardless of how they look.

H. This is especially true of your children and family members.

I. Look at them through the eyes of faith.

#### IV. Words are powerful.

A. The ability to speak words shows that we are created in God's image.

B. The first thing that God spoke to the human race was a blessing.

1. Gen 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.'

C. Notice that God blessed them so they could be fruitful.

D. And like God, we have the power to bless others, too.

E. If you are having difficulty with curses in your life, check your words.

1. It may be because you are cursing others without realizing it.

2. It's time to take the 'blessing challenge'.

F. Decide to bless others--not just nice people--but even the people who insult you.

G. As you do, you will experience God's blessings in your life.