

7 Words Are Powerful!

There is an old saying that,

*'Sticks and stones may break my bones,
but words can never hurt me.'*

Nothing could be further from the truth. Many people are shaped by the positive or negative words said to them at home or at school in their developmental years. Such as,

'You have a great future ahead of you'

or

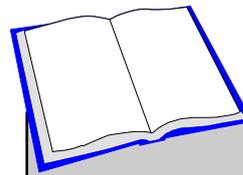
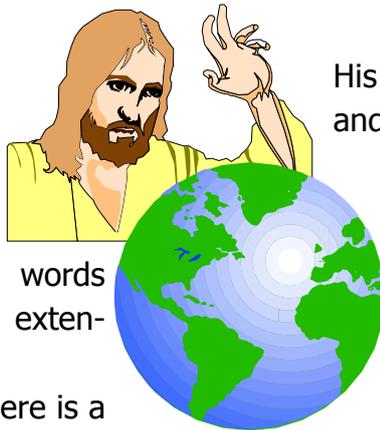
*'You will never amount to anything
just like your father.'*

Why is this so? Proverbs 18:20 says that, '

*'Life and death is in the power
of the tongue...'*

So why are the words we speak so powerful? We are created in God's image. God is Spirit and He created (spoke into existence) everything by using His words (Romans 4:17). He is a speaking Spirit (Genesis 1:3, John 4:24) and so are we. Words are powerful because words are spiritual and they are an extension of ourselves.

The Bible teaches that there is a real spiritual world with multiple levels (Ephesians 1:3, 6:12) that directly shapes the physical world that we perceive with our five senses every day. When we speak it makes things happen in the spiritual world which in turn directly impact the physical world. Wise people use their words wisely.



'This book of the Law (God's word) shall not depart from your mouth (you shall not stop speaking it) but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then (once you have done these things) you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.'

Joshua 1:8

So how can we redeem the use of our tongue? Christianity is known as the great confession for when we confess 'Jesus as Lord (God)' and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead we receive eternal life.

In the New Testament the original Greek word for confession is *homologeō*. Definitions for this word include:

- *to publicly acknowledge;*
- *to make a proclamation in a legal sense;*
- *to say the same thing and to affirm.*

God calls us to continually confess His word, in essence, to agree with Him and this carries the promise to invoke heavens blessings over our lives.

In the face of extremely challenging circumstances God encouraged Joshua (Moses replacement) to meditate in His Word and to continually confess it which resulted in supernatural breakthrough [overcoming giants and taking the promised land] (Joshua 1:8).

***'For as he thinks in his heart
so is he...'***

Pr. 23:7

Praise

The next way to redeem the use of our words is to continually thank and praise God.

'I will bless (thank) the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.'

Psalm 34:1

When Jesus died on the cross He not only died for our sins, He also defeated Satan and His army of fallen angels (invisible demonic powers that deceive and oppress mankind). When Jesus came back from the dead He appeared to John and said,

'I am He who lives and was dead and behold I am alive forever more. Amen and I have the keys (symbol of authority) of Hell and Death'

Revelation 1:18



Jesus' victory was complete and comprehensive over all the demonic powers and how they oppress mankind with

lies, disease, war, poverty and the like. The most effective way to partake of His victory is to celebrate it through thanksgiving and praise. This is called 'to triumph'. When we do this it changes the spiritual atmosphere over our lives which then lead to the manifestation of Jesus' victory in our circumstances. Praise is the language of faith which can lead us into dramatic supernatural encounters.

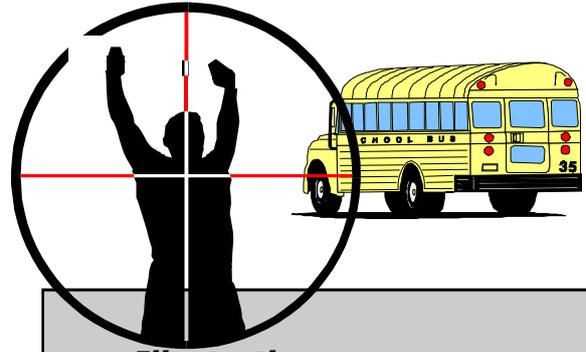
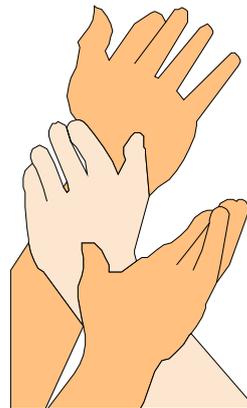


Illustration...

A personal friend of mine, a pastor from the southern Philippines, shared with me his unusual testimony when travelling on a bus in Mindanao. His bus was pulled over by terrorists and all occupants were ordered to get out and empty their pockets. The Muslims were ordered to separate themselves from the rest of the group while all others were ordered to raise their hands above their heads and move away from the bus. At this point this pastor started to look to heaven and praise God in a loud voice. He remembers people all around Him being shot with blood flying everywhere; he said it was like everything happened in slow motion. Suddenly he realised that he was the only one left standing with the gunmen looking at him in fear before they ran off and left him alone in the jungle covered with the blood of others. He believes their eyes were opened and they saw fearsome guardian angels sent by God!!!



Through the power of praise God supernaturally delivered King Jehoshaphat from certain military defeat (2 Chronicles 20:1-25), as well as setting the Apostle Paul and Silas free from a Philippian prison (Acts 16:25-34).

Speaking in Faith



The third way we can redeem our tongue is demonstrated when Jesus cursed the fig tree. He went to eat figs off of a fig tree and found no figs on it therefore He cursed it and by the next day it was completely withered. The disciples were amazed so Jesus taught them an incredible supernatural principle.

'And Jesus said to them "Have faith in God (other translations say have 'the faith of God').

For truly I say to you that whoever says to this mountain (seemingly large, immovable and impossible obstacles in our lives) be removed and cast into the sea and does not doubt in his heart but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he shall have whatever he says.

Therefore I say to you whatever things you desire when you pray, believe you have received them and you shall have them.'

Mark 11:22-24

Pause and meditate on this one! Many people say what they have whereas God says that you can have what you say!

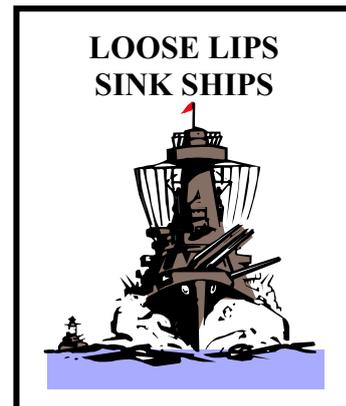
Many of the blessings in my life have manifested because I have called them into being. Let us analyse this passage and use scripture to interpret scripture.

Firstly, you must acknowledge the power of words and that they have *'life and death in them'*. You are a steward of your words and one day you will give an account to God whether you used words wisely (responsibly) or not (Mathew 12:36).

Secondly, Jesus said that you must believe what you say. The mouth has been designed to be connected with the heart.

These days we say too many things that we don't mean including lying and sarcasm. False words break the link between heart and mouth to the point where we don't actually believe many of the things we say.

Jesus says we must believe *what we say* if our words are to come to pass therefore we must discipline our mouth if we want to see the supernatural. This may take some time to cultivate. If you don't have anything good to say don't say anything! Blessings and curses are real for they are supernaturally empowered words that are truly believed by the person who spoke them.



Thirdly, we need to know what God has already provided for us on the cross so that we can 'legally' claim them and see them manifest. Remember that the Bible is clear regarding God's will on the provision of salvation for all people, healing, prosperity, the manifestation of His kingdom and presence on this earth among many other things.

Do not use the power of words to curse people and manipulate others for this goes against God's purpose and reveals a wrong spirit. Jesus came to save men not destroy them.

Can you find an example of 'What you are believing for' in the Bible? This is called finding a Biblical precedent.

Illustration...

In 536 BC Judah returned from captivity under the leadership of Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Due to difficult circumstances the rebuilding project stalled and discouragement set in.

Through an angelic messenger God told Zerubbabel that he would achieve this seemingly impossible task by the power of God's Spirit and that Zerubbabel would complete the rebuilding project to the shouts of '*Grace, grace to it!*'

God has called us to achieve seemingly impossible tasks that can only be achieved by faith, in the power of His Spirit to the spoken shouts of '*Grace, grace!*'

'So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power (physical ability) but by My Spirit', says the Lord of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone (finish the work) with shouts of Grace, grace to it!'"

Zechariah 4:6-7

Let me give you an example of how to apply this. Let's say that you have a sickness in your body.

Firstly you need to find in scripture that God has already provided this (healing) for you on the cross of Jesus.

Scripture demonstrates this in Isaiah 53:5 and 1st Peter 2:24.

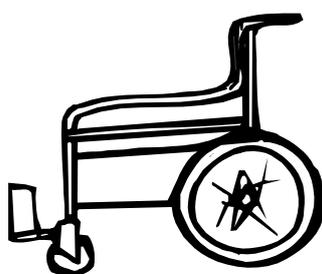
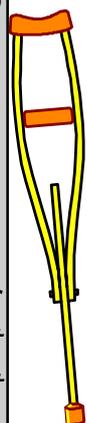
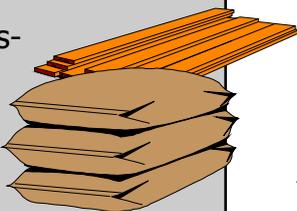
According to Jesus' words in Mark 11:25, 26 (look these up), you must be sure that you forgive all people that have hurt you and that you are not holding any grudges otherwise God cannot forgive you. Once you are sure that you have no unforgiveness in you then you can ask God to heal you in the name of Jesus and according to Mark 11:24, you must believe that you have received it when you ask.

Do not believe that God *will* do it but believe that God *has* done it. Hope says '*God will do it*' whereas faith says, '*God has done it on the cross and I receive it the moment I ask.*'

Hope deals with the future whereas faith is *now*. Many people see a change in their symptoms immediately whereas some people don't see an immediate result. Remember the key is believe and don't doubt (99% belief with 1% doubt will not bring any manifestation) therefore we may need some spiritual warfare.

For years people have not believed their own words but are more prone towards fear and unbelief so they need to do a crash course in faith. If sickness persists you don't go into denial that it (the sickness) isn't real, you merely deny it's (the sickness) legal right to remain in your body because Jesus bore your sickness on His body on the cross. If He bore it then why should you have to bear it? Speak to that mountain of sickness and drive it out.

A good idea is to then keep thanking God that you are healed (even before you feel it) while focusing on His finished work on the cross. This prepares our heart to believe while defeating any forces of darkness trying to oppose your healing. This is fighting the good fight of faith. Hallelujah!



Getting Started with Praise

- Start to write down a list of things in your life that you are grateful for. i.e. your parents, where you live, etc.
- Begin to spend 5-10 minutes a day giving heartfelt thanks to God for those things. Try and see how it affects your day.
- Begin to read the Psalms and write down praiseworthy things about God, His attributes and what He has done. Start to incorporate these points into your prayer life.

Questions

1. Do you think that most people are conscious of the power of the spoken word?

2. Why do you think that God puts such an emphasis on meditating on His word?

3. What is the most effective way to partake of Jesus' victory over the devil?

4. Why do you think Paul and Silas were praising God in prison (Acts 16:25-34)?

5. What are the three steps this study teaches about speaking in faith?

6. According to Mark 11:25-16 what must we do before praying for something in faith?

7. What does hope say?

8. What does faith say?

9. If sickness persists what should we do?
