

Dear Partners,**July 2018**

Proverbs 18:21 reads,

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

Our words hold power. Our words hold the power of life and death. As our daily walk with God is more and more filled with His Word, our mouth should be more and more filled with life-words also. Maybe you’ve heard people say (or have said it yourself), “I’m dying to try out that new restaurant”, or “I laughed so hard, I died”, or “My kid is so stupid, I don’t think he’ll ever pass English this year.” Every single time we say words like that, we begin to numb our hearts. Every time we say idle words like that, they have less and less meaning. It’s no wonder that when we speak those words daily and then we try to speak the Word of God, we don’t really believe it. It’s not easy to switch from, “I had a heart attack after I heard that” to “I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength and I’m believing God for my healing; I am healed!”

Jesus Himself said this about idle words in Matthew 12:36-37, *“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

You see, speaking the Word of God in Faith can be applied to anything in your life. Whether you’re believing God for healing, finances, breakthroughs in impossible situations or for your son or daughter to be saved, the Word of God spoken in Faith will produce results. Period. But not if you spend your days speaking idle words that are contrary to the Word of God. We have to be conscious of our words; regardless if we’re speaking to our coworkers or praying in our prayer closets. Do we really believe it when we say that we will die because we’re so excited to try out a new restaurant or see a new movie? Of course not! Do we really believe we will have a heart attack when we hear something? No! But unconsciously, **every idle word is making it just a little bit harder to believe what we say will actually come to pass when we mean it and really need it to count.**

“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak...” 2 Corinthians 4:13.

It is only by the power of the Holy Spirit through faith that we can confess and declare with our mouth things that we are believing God for. The words that come out of our mouth produce life or death. They will always yield results. For example, we know of several families who did not speak life-giving words over their children. In one particular case, the parents of 2 children spoke very different things over them. They constantly told their son that he would never amount to anything. They told him daily that he would always be a loser, that he was dumb, he wasn’t smart, he would be a failure all of his life and never amount to anything. They told their daughter that she was smart, she had a good head on her shoulders, she would someday run a business, etc. In their adult life, the son has amounted to nothing; he barely graduated high school, can’t keep a job and still lives at home. The daughter has a family, has a great job and God has done beautiful things with her life. Two very different extremes, that resulted in very different outcomes because of very different spoken words.

Doesn't that make you want to change your vocabulary immediately? We have been given a wonderful gift! We have been given a tongue that we can use for life or death! We have been given the same right as God Himself to speak words that will produce results! God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them with Words! He spoke the words and things appeared: light, land, trees, birds, sea creatures, etc. They are all a product of His spoken Word. What a privilege it is to have the same power released from our spoken words!

Mark 11:24 will be your key verse as you continue to stand on His promises without wavering, *"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."*

What are **you** believing God for? Do you need a better job with better pay and better benefits? Declare God's Word over it. Do you need healing in your body? Speak the Word over your body and declare healing scriptures over yourself DAILY. Do you need a new house or new car? Begin declaring God's Word over that specific request and believe you receive it! Are you facing a difficult situation with a creditor or has someone taken you to court over something? Dig into the Word and find the appropriate scriptures that apply to your situation and speak them over yourself and that situation DAILY. Immerse yourself in those promises and refuse to believe anything except what the Word says about it! But be careful! Be mindful of your words. Don't start cancelling out all the promises you've been declaring by speaking negative words. If you don't see it happen in the first day, the first week or month, don't stop! The worst thing you can do is doubt the Word and start looking at your situation through your carnal eyes. **Don't ever say**, "I'll never have a better job, it's been 2 months and I still haven't found one", or "I still have severe pain in my back, I haven't seen any results and I am not healed yet." Don't ever say, "I will never be out of debt, I'm in too deep and I'll probably carry this debt with me as long as I live." **DON'T SPEAK WORDS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO GOD'S WORD!** No matter what you see with your naked eyes.

The reason is that first of all you are negating (cancelling) all of the faith-filled words you spoke earlier, secondly you are putting doubt and unbelief into your heart when you hear those negative words coming out of your mouth and thirdly, you are letting Satan hear the words. When Satan gets a hold of your doubt and unbelief, he will begin to steal the Word of God out of your mind and heart. He will begin to sneak doubt-filled thoughts of failure, and sickness into your mind. You have the power to stop it. The power is in your tongue.

Romans 10:17 says, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Let's look at this verse in the amplified Bible so we can gain a better understanding of it:

"Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."

When we grasp this and when it settles into our spirits, we will begin to see the results that God intended for us to see. Our faith, spoken through our words, serves as the title deed for things that we do not yet see in the natural. But what do we do if our results don't come as quickly as we want them to? What do we say to people who ask about our situation and we still haven't received our breakthrough yet? We remain steadfast in His promises and refuse to accept what we see. We continue to speak God's Word of the situation until it produces the results we are expecting. We will answer all these questions in next month's newsletter!

In Christ,

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